



The Ambassador

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FLORENCE'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

This week's guest speaker is Adam Oldfield, President of FPM Marketing and Design, on behalf of the Niagara Jazz Festival. The Troy Harmer Jazz Trio will perform. Adam will speak for about 10 minutes and then there will be a 10-minute performance by the jazz trio.

FUNDRAISING EVENT:

The Rotary Club of Hamilton's ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF TOUR-NAMENT:

Date: Tuesday, June 7, 2005
 Place: Dundas Valley Golf & Curling Club
 Time: 11:30 a.m. Registration & Light Lunch
 1:00 p.m. Tee Off (shotgun start)
 6:00 p.m. Cocktail & Fellowship Hour
 7:00 p.m. Buffet Dinner
 Cost: \$175 per person

For further information please pick up a brochure at the Rotary Luncheon.

A FRIENDLY REMINDER:

Membership Dues:

The balance of your membership fee for 2004-2005 is now overdue. Thank you to all of you that have paid your dues. If you have not, then please make your cheque for \$60 payable to the Rotary Club of Hamilton and submit it as soon as you can. Please note that you also have the option of paying by credit card (Visa or MasterCard).

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Luncheon Ticket Price:

\$18 per ticket
 \$180 for a booklet of 10 prepaid tickets (for those of you that purchased their booklets at \$150, please make sure that you compensate the Rotary Club by submitting the additional \$3 per ticket)

If you have a food allergy, please let me know so that I can inform the caterer.

HOPE TO SEE YOU ON THURSDAY AT THE ROTARY LUNCHEON MEETING AT THE RAMADA PLAZA HOTEL!

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ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

This year's Annual Charity Golf Tournament will be held on Tuesday, June 7th, 2005 at the picturesque and classic Dundas Valley Golf Club.

All Club members are urged to support this fundraising event whose proceeds will assist us in carrying out important Rotary service projects in our community.

Entry forms will be available at each Thursday luncheon meeting and members are urged to line up a foursome of business associates, clients or friends to ensure we achieve our goal of 144 golfers.

The entry fee of \$175 includes lunch, green fee, electric cart, sleeve of balls, the famous Dundas Valley Buffet Dinner and a chance to win a host of prizes including a 2005 Cadillac CTS for a hole-in-one.

A silent auction along with valuable raffle prizes will also be included in what promises to be an outstanding day of golf on one of Ontario's finest golf courses.

There are a number of sponsorship and prize donation opportunities which we ask you to consider to make this one of our most successful fund raising events of the Rotary year. These include:

- Corporate foursome - \$1,000
- Hole Sponsor - \$150
- Silent Auction Donor - \$100 and up
- Prize table Donor - \$25 and up

Make sure you register your foursome early as this tournament will fill up very quickly.

Project Caring

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Ike Ahmed on the passing of his wife, Shahnaz, on Monday April 18. Funeral arrangements to follow.

Bob Wilson

Jazz on Mars

The Inner City and Youth Initiatives Committee decided at the last meeting that due to issues beyond their control, that Jazz on Mars be cancelled for this year. The committee had planned to hold the event this June, however due to the work to rule order with teachers, it was seen as next to impossible to gather the bands and students in time.

The committee will use the time to re-group and look at all options and opportunities to hold another event next year.

New Member Proposals

The following has been proposed for membership in the club.

Week one Notification

Marvin Caplan:

Sales representative with Caldwell Banker Pinnacle real estate, previously a member of the club for 12 years.
Proposed by Bob Leek

Week two Notification

Carolyn Gray:

Vice-President, Community Services and Economic Development at Mohawk College.
Proposed by MaryLynn West-Moynes

If she is accepted as a member, it is intended that she will become the "regular" member for Mohawk College when it becomes a Corporate Member of the club.

These membership proposals will be published for two consecutive weeks in the Ambassador. If you have any comments about these prospective members, please contact the Membership Committee chair Geoff Stephenson



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Inner City Youth Initiatives Committee

The Summer Literacy Program was begun a few years ago to help children in Robert Land School improve their reading skills. This program ran for three weeks in August, in advance of the new school year, to help those children who needed to improve their reading ability. Teachers would refer the children to participate in the program and Rotary and the YWCA helped to obtain the necessary staffing for the three week period. Because the program was successful, it expanded to other schools beyond Robert Land.

When Robert Land was closed last year, we were fortunate to have Rob Blunsdon, a teacher at Bennetto School, to take on the task of running Summer Literacy at Bennetto. Last August the program was run at Bennetto School only, as the available funds were limited. Fortunately Rob, with the help of Rotarian Wendy Brawn, applied for funding to enlarge the program for this coming summer. Rob was recently advised that grants for this program were approved by the Hamilton Community Foundation and the National Child Benefit Program - City of Hamilton. It is expected that this additional funding will enable opening of the program in additional sites. Candidate sties for programs include: Bennetto, Gibson, Sanford, King George and Parkdale Schools. While last summer the program served some 75 students, Rob hopes that this summer the number will exceed 300.

The Volunteer Reading Program at Bennetto School is scheduled to begin on April 4 with an orientation for the 19 volunteers. The actual reading program will begin April 11. Michael Orlander met with Rob Blunsdon. Rob reported that on April 4 there will be an orientation. Schedules of classes and volunteers' time will be matched. The program is called the "All Star Reading Program" and it is in use in much of Ontario.

Sanford Avenue School: Linda Dayler met with the Principal of Sanford School who is in great need of community development work as the school, which has 800 students, has virtually no volunteers. The school is very interested in being part of Rotary volunteer reading program. They are also looking for volunteers to help with nutrition program. Mike Rehill, the Principal at Sir John A. MacDonald School, and a member of our Rotary Club, tries to get his students to volunteer but they need transportation to Sanford school.

Jazz on Mars: Alex Moroz reported that he met with the people from the Keith Neighbourhood Renewal Project. The group would like to see Jazz on Mars continue and suggestions were made to hold it on a Friday. The issue of logistics will have to be addressed as in prior years the proximity of Robert Land School made logistics a much simpler matter. The people in the neighbourhood very much want to see this event to continue. The event is scheduled to be held on June 11. For it to be a success, much work needs to be done and many volunteers are needed. Rotarians interested in helping with this project should contact Alex Moroz or Mike Rehill.

From our Scribe

America in Love! The Automobile

Your scribe really has never been an auto buff. Never owned a convertible, never owned a Cadillac, never even gone to an auto show. Have been related to the Dubois family of HMP fame for 63 years. Buick Le Sabre has been the car of choice. My first second hand Ford cost \$350.

With all the beautiful cars on Longboat, my interest has developed. I should have made my survey at the only super market on the Island where you see "Jags", Rolls Royce's, Bentley's, even a Bentley convertible. However, I did a survey at our home away from home Casa Del Mar. Out of 82 cars surveyed, five were more than 3 years old .

How did they stack up? I was surprised. GM led the pack, 31 out of 82. 14 Le Sabres, 11 Chev's, 6 "Caddy's". Ford 15, Chrysler 9, Lexus 2, Honda 4, Toyota 5, Nissan 5, Volvo 2, Suzuki, Mercedes, Hyundai, Mitsubishi, Mazda - all 1. 62 cars of the big three, 16 Japanese, Sweden 2 and Korea and Germany 1.

Out of the 82 (this is a surprise); there were 26 Vans, most of them huge suburbans. There were four beautiful 4X4's. Chrysler is having a style resurgence. Their new 300 is a stunning car, large and shiny with the finest dashboard your scribe has seen.

The newest cars seem to drop from rear to tip. Saw the newest Chevrolet "66" with the modern styling at a distance. It will be a hit.

They tell me competition in the area between dealers is dramatic. Every dealer has large lots crammed with new cars.

I must have the bug. Bring on the "Jag".

Your Scribe

P.S. Around town, the Lexus is a hot number. They have a handsome Suburban.

P.S., PS. The 2005 Le Sabre is the last. Being replaced by a hot new vehicle.

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Rotary Calendar of Events.

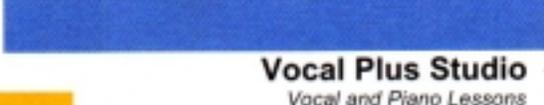
- 27-Apr Dr. Peter Steer Children's Hospital
- 5-May Exchange students
- 19-May Gordie Tapp
- 26-May Past President's Day
- 16-Jun John Fisher: Ontario's Garbage Crisis
- 23-Jun Swan Song - Paul Gibel
- 30-Jun Meeting cancelled : Garden Party
- April 5 Spring Uncorked
- May 7: Guess who's Coming to Dinner
- June 7 Golf Tournament

Official Greeters For 2005

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| March - Bill Filer | August - Cuppy Katz |
| April - Tom Gallagher | September - Alan McPherson |
| May - Doug Wright | October - Ginny Mattuzzi |
| June - Mike Orlander | November - Marie Robbins |
| July - Bruno Bricoli | December - David Simpson |

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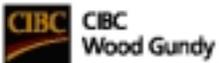
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