



# The Ambassador

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## FLORENCE'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

Greetings Members & Friends:

The location of the Rotary Luncheon Meeting this week is at Liuna Station . The speaker is Dr. Peter Steer from the Children's Hospital.

### Next week's program:

The exchange students will be giving their presentations on Thursday, May 5th at the Ramada Plaza Hotel at 12 noon.

Please plan to attend this Rotary Luncheon Meeting. The students are always such an absolute delight to listen to! So, please come to this very special meeting next week.

### Shelagh Gill

If you have not already heard, it is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of one of our cherished members, Shelagh Gill.

Please see MaryLynn West-Moynes email message to the Rotary mailing list for details on the signing of the books of condolences at the various Mohawk College campuses, the memorial service in Bracebridge on

April 28th at 2:00 p.m. at the Bracebridge United Church and the reflection service at Mohawk College's Fennell Campus on Tuesday, May 3rd in the McIntyre Theatre at 3:00 p.m.

### FUNDRAISING EVENT:

The Rotary Club of Hamilton's ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT:

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).

### 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.

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Fellow Rotarians

It with much sadness that I share with you that we lost a valued friend and colleague on April 22 after a valiant fight with cancer.

I have attached the information about the family service in Bracebridge and a Reflection service at Mohawk College to celebrate Shelagh's life.

You are welcome at either or both.

At Mohawk, we have taken strength from Shelagh courage, tenacity and spirit over the last year. Now we will focus on celebrating her life and accomplishments as she has requested.

In fellowship  
MaryLynn West-Moynes

We regret to inform you that Shelagh Gill, Mohawk College's Vice President of Enrolment Management and Student Services and for many years our Vice President Academic passed away on Friday, April 22, 2005. Together, we mourn a significant leader who contributed enormously to our success over the past 27 years.

The family has planned a memorial service to be held on Thursday April 28th, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. at the Bracebridge United Church in Bracebridge, Ontario.

Books of condolences will be available for signing in the following reflection rooms from 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. from Monday until end of day Thursday:  
Fennell Campus: Staff Lounge  
Mohawk-McMaster Institute for Applied Health Sciences: Room 202  
Stoney Creek Campus: Room 82:  
The Hawk's Nest  
Brantford Campus: Room B103: Ab-original Student Lounge

A Reflection Service to celebrate Shelagh E. Gill's contribution to Mohawk and the community has been planned for Tuesday, May 3rd, 2005 in the McIntyre Theatre, beginning at 3:00 p.m. Friends and colleagues of Shelagh who wish to join in by sharing personal reflections, or a

special reading, or poem, or musical selection are requested to contact Carolyn Gray at ext. 2400 or carolyn.gray@mohawkcollege.ca or Rachel Mathews at ext. 2116 or rachel.matthews@mohawkcollege.ca

Shelagh was a valued teacher, colleague, mentor, leader and friend. An invitation is extended to all staff to share in the Reflection Service on Tuesday, May 3rd.

#### SHELAGH E. GILL BIOGRAPHY

Shelagh E. Gill was the Vice President of Enrollment Management and Student Services at Mohawk College as well as the Vice President, Academic from 1997 to 2004. She started her career at the College in 1978 as a Professor of Political Science, and before becoming Vice President, she was the Chair of the Social Sciences Department and the Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences & Human Services. Shelagh Gill also had extensive responsibility for the development of the Mohawk-McMaster Institute for Applied Health Sciences. Most recently, she provided outstanding leadership and expertise as the Chair of the Academic Bargaining Team for the colleges in Ontario. Shelagh had a Bachelor of Arts and a Master of Arts from McMaster University, and she did other post graduate work at the University of Toronto. In addition to her duties at Mohawk College, Shelagh Gill was also a member of the Board of Governors of Hillfield-Strathallan College, serving as the Chair of the Education Committee, a member of the Board of the Industry-Education Council of Hamilton, the L.I.U.N.A. Scholarship Committee and a member of the Rotary Club of Hamilton. Shelagh Gill was a valued teacher, colleague,

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## New Member Proposals

The following has been proposed for membership in the club.

### Week two Notification

Marvin Caplan:

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

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

## Guess Who's Coming to Dinner

May 7th, 2005, 7.00 PM

Hosts: Plan your menus and be ready by 7.00

Guests: Wait by your phone Saturday morning at 10.00 on the 7th to hear your mystery destination.

Enjoy.

Dave Buckley.

## 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.



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## ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

This year's Annual Charity Golf Tournament will be held on Tuesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 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.

## Ambassador Printing

If you are a Club member who does not use email, and require the Club to provide a printed copy of the Ambassador, please let us know. We will continue to print hard copies to guarantee that everyone receives the Ambassador in a suitable format. We will continue to mail to people who are on the "print" list who are absent from meetings. .

If you received the Ambassador by email, and can either read it on screen, or print a copy for yourself, and have signed up for a printed copy, please let us know that you don't need our volunteer printers to provide a copy for you.

## *Youth Exchange*

Bonjour à tout le monde au CANADA!

C'est moi, Lauren Geloso, and I'm in Belgium! I hope you all haven't forgotten about me just yet. I also hope that you all know that I have not at all forgotten about all of you and everyone back home. I owe a million thanks to Rotary for this amazing opportunity because I am having the time of my life and learning so much. It's really hard to explain, as being an exchange student is something that you have to experience, not just hear about, but I will try my best to update "Lauren's Belgian Adventure" as best as I can.

Where to even start? The places and countries I've seen? The absolutely amazing and unforgettable people I have met? There is just so much. Let's touch briefly on them all.

Currently I am living in eastern-central Belgium, in the province of Liège. I know the country almost like the back of my hand as it is very small (in comparison to our vast Canada!) and the train system is the greatest mode of transportation possible! Out of the country I have been with the Rotary on trips to London, Paris and Berlin. Outside Rotary, I have managed to organize trips with fellow exchange students (with Rotary Permission, of course) to Dublin, as well as to Madrid. I have seen so much and I will never forget anything. I have found that I have a great passion for exploring and observing, no matter where I am. Future plans for travelling are Rome, hopefully Hungary, and my Euro Tour, which visits all over Germany, Czech-Republic, Austria, Italy and the south of France. I am really looking forward to being able to see as much as I can and getting the most out of it all.

As for the people I have met, I wouldn't even know where to begin. Alone at school I have created friendships that I am already started to be scared of leaving. At my school there are 4 exchange students, me and three other girls. Katie, from Nova Scotia, Marina, from Brazil, and Andrea, from Mexico (whom I actually live with right now) are I am always together. We get along great and I think I would have had a much harder time integrated without the help of these girls. Not only them, but I had the chance to end up in a really awesome and welcoming class. We can call anyone up whenever and do something with them if we wanted to. We are more than just exchange students to them, we are individuals, and not just countries, and that counts for a lot. The other exchange students are absolutely great as well. I have to say that because the majority of them are North American I am not really scared of leaving them all, because the chances of meeting up with them again are really high,

but it still seems to amaze me how you can know someone for such a short amount of time, but just know that you will always have some kind of strong connection with them. I love that.

The people and the places are all just so amazing...it really is hard to find words to describe everything - especially when my english vocabulary has shrunk a lot since I left. At least my french has become a lot better! I wouldn't say that I'm completely fluent, because I think that takes years, but I am very confident and I enjoy learning new words and belgian expressions.

I would just like to thank the COOLEST Rotary Club of Hamilton for giving me this unforgettable experience. Without this chance I wouldn't have seen all of these places, or met all of these people. It truly is a very unforgettable experience, something that I will never forget. Belgian is the country of chocolate, beer, waffles, lace and thanks to you all, I get to experience it all! Merci BEAUCOUP!

My plane ticket is set for August 3!  
Until then, take care!

Your Belgian Trooper,  
Lauren Geloso

P.S. I am aware that there is a Belgian exchange student coming to our lovely club next year! I have already met Joanne Albert once at the Outbounds Weekend, and I plan on making her feel just at home! What other nationality are we hosting next year? I would absolutely love to help out and stay involved! Thanks again!

So, its a little more than a few paragraphs, but its really hard to summarize 8 months in a couple short blurbs. I'm sure you understand. I hope Mark is having an amazing time, but I don't doubt it for even a second. I would really like to know more information about our future inbounds. And like I said, I would really love to stay involved as much as I can (even though school is definitely going to be a priority!! then basketball and the school play and a job...then maybe a social life! hehe)

Thanks so much for everything as well Marie! You rock!

bisous de la Belgique\*  
-Lauren

## *From our Scribe*

Dedication, Hardships, Covenant Keepers, Happiness!

For 19 years, Bishop Anthony Tonnos has held a Diocesan wedding mass on the first Sunday in April for married couples in The Diocese of Hamilton in celebration of their 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and over anniversaries of their marriage.

Mrs. Scribe and I have never participated until this year. Hitting our 50th seemed reason to participate. We reserved at the last minute. We were amazed to hear that 450 couples have indicated they would be present. What a wonderful tribute to married life.

The couple married 71 years took their vows in 1934 in the middle of the worst depression in history. They lived through the war and the post war. Their youngest child would have been age 20 in 1964. If the groom was 20 at the time of marriage, he is 91 now. If he retired at age 65, it would have been in 1979, 26 years ago. The couple certainly have grandchildren, great grandchildren and great, great grandchildren.

There were about 129 couples married for 50 years. Certainly all of us have had great happiness. We have had difficult times. We never thought of ending our marriage. We were together constantly. Saw our children grow up and achieve their own families. It has been great.

If only young couples would really work at marriage, do nothing to put it in hazard and make it the important thing

in their lives, they would find out, that as our wedding anniversary provides, their marriage will provide the maximum happiness to be enjoyed in this world.

Oh yes, what about the other couples:

65 year + over	8 couples
60 ? 64 years	36 couples
50 years	129 couples
40 years	129 couples
25 years	128 couples

I wonder how many offspring. Back in the 40's, 50's 60's and 70's, large families were in order. I would venture an average of 4 - total 1,800.

The mass and ceremony presided over by Bishop Tonnos in the gorgeous Cathedral was elegant and uplifting.

Your Scribe

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#### **THE ROTARY CLUB OF HAMILTON:**

#### **DUTY ROSTER NOTICE (May 2005 )**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>May 5</b>	<b>May 12</b>	<b>May 19</b>	<b>May 26</b>
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Thank you,  
Oksana Fisher



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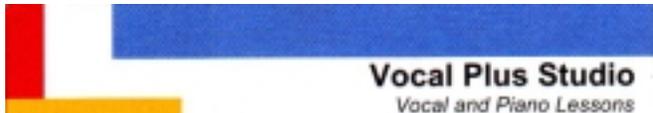
- 31-Mar McMaster University's expansion plans
- 7-Apr Duncan Gillespie, What's happening at HECFI?
- 14-Apr Honorable J. Gerritson  
Greenbelt Legislation
- 27-Apr Dr. Peter Steer Children's Hospital
- 5-May Exchange students
- 19-May Gordie Tapp
- 26-May Past President's Day
- 16-Jun John Fisher: Ontario's 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   |
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