



The Ambassador

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PREECE BBQ

We are pleased to announce that, due to the generosity of Norm and Rita Preece, we are able to continue our annual Rotary summer BBQ for inner city kids.

For the past few years this event was for children from the former Robert Land School. This year 25 children from Bennetto School will attend the Preece home in Grimsby for a wonderful day of games, hiking on the Escarpment, and good food.

We invite Rotarians to attend as helpers. There's not a lot of helping to do, but it's a great day to show the kids we care, take a turn on the barbie and pass out a few dogs. The children will be supervised by their teacher and activity staff from the YMCA, thanks to Rotarian Jim Commerford. Peter Rice will be on hand to give a guided walk along a short section of the Bruce Trail.

The date is Wednesday June 15th. The bus will leave Bennetto School at 10:30 and return by 2:45. Take a free ride on the bus or contact John Clinton for directions.

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- International Service Adrienne Davidson
- Club Programme & Fellowship Cynthia Janzen
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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.

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Exceptional Speaker on Past Presidents' Day-26 May 05

The Centennial Rotary International President Glenn Estess identified Water as one of the high priority topics for investigation and action during his year. He chose PDG Ron Denham of the Rotary Club of Toronto Eglinton as the General Coordinator of the Study and Action group for this critically important topic. Ron heads a group that includes representatives of every Zone in the Rotary world. Their 80 page report is most comprehensive. They decided not only to study and investigate but also to establish three models of water projects in different countries of the developing world and secure the necessary funding--not just from Rotary but also from corporations and private foundations.

Ron has been involved in many other leadership roles in Rotary around the world. I am proud to know him as an admired friend. His will be a memorable presentation on what Rotary can do, and should do, in the world we live in.

Please consider inviting your spouse, partner, or a colleague to this special meeting. If you do plan to invite someone please let Florence know so that catering can be arranged

F. Ronald Denham

General Coordinator, Water Resources Task Force, 2004-2005

General Coordinator, Water, Health and Hunger Resource Group, 2005-06

District Governor—7070—1993/94

Discussion Group Leader—1995, 1996

RIMC—2001-04

Ron Denham received his education in England where he obtained a B.Sc. and Ph.D. in mechanical engineering.

In 1961, after obtaining an MBA in Business Administration, he entered the management consulting profession, eventually becoming Senior Partner and Vice Chairman of KPMG Management Consulting, Canada's largest management consulting firm. In this capacity he directed the international consulting practice and played a major role in development projects in Peru, Afghanistan, Nigeria, Egypt, Greece, Algeria, Senegal and Ghana. Subsequently he joined A.T. Kearney where he is Director responsible for developing the Canadian practice. He is currently on the board of and/or advisor to a number of Canadian hi-tech companies.

Throughout his busy career he has been active in the community and his profession. He was appointed Professor in the Faculty of Administrative Studies, York

University, Toronto. He was elected Trustee of the North York Board of Education, Chairman of the Ontario Region of the Engineering Institute of Canada and President of the Institute of Management Consultants of Ontario. He was Chairman of the Stewardship Program at his church and was on the Board of the Royal Canadian Academy of Arts.

A Rotarian for over 40 years, he first joined in 1958 in Welland. After moving to Toronto he joined his present club—Toronto-Eglinton—in 1964. He was President in 1973-74 and, after being director of several district programs, including Vocational Service, Public Relations and Community Service, was elected District Governor for the year 1993-94. He was elected Paul Harris Fellow in 1988 and is a Benefactor and Major Donor to The Rotary Foundation.

He was a member of the R.I. Task Force on Community Concerns in 1994-95 and Zone Coordinator for Family and Community Concerns in 1995-96. The following year he was Coordinator of the New Generations program. He was Discussion Group Leader at the 1995 and 1996 International Assemblies for incoming District Governors, and also Zone 22 trainer in 1995 and 1996. He has been Rotary International Membership Coordinator Zone 22;- Canada, St. Pierre & Miquelon, Alaska and Siberia for the Rotary years 2001/4. He was also Canadian Chairman for the global Private Sector Appeal to Eradicate Polio.

He has recently been appointed General Coordinator of the Water, Health and Hunger Resources Task Force for the year 2005-06. This follows a very successful year as General Coordinator, Water Resources Task Force.

He has been active with Rotary clubs in Siberia and the Far East since 1997. He participated in the chartering of clubs in Novosibirsk, Komsomolsk-na-Amur and Omsk and has participated in PETS and Conferences in Barnaul, Novosibirsk and Khabarovsk. With support from clubs in District 7070, Canada, he coordinated the sponsoring of the Rotary Club of Kemerovo

He was Discussion Leader at the Nice, Calgary, Glasgow, Anaheim and Indianapolis International Institutes and participated in panel discussions at the Calgary and Glasgow International Conventions.

In recognition of his contribution to Rotary, he was elected one of "Rotary's 10 Best" by President Luis Giay at the International Institute in Glasgow.

Ron is married to Lynn. They have three children and nine grandchildren. When not working for Rotary or practicing his profession they take time out to ski and travel.

New Member Proposals

The following has been proposed for membership in the club.

Week one Notification

Murline Mallette: Proposed by Dan Lawrie
Owner of Liaison College in Hamilton, President of the
Players Guild in Hamilton.
Proposed by Dan Lawrie.

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

Historical Note

Paul Harris, the early years

From a speech to the Hamilton Club made by Charlie Complin, while District Governor for 1982-1983...

His father had been a druggist who had gone broke when Paul was a three-year old boy and Paul was brought up on his grandparent's farm in Vermont. When he graduated from the University of Iowa, he began five years of wandering around the United States and then Europe. For a time he was a newspaper reporter, he did manual labour on a fruit ranch, worked in a raisin packing plant and was a teacher at a business college in Los Angeles. He was an actor with a stock company in Colorado and a cowboy on a ranch. He was the night clerk at a hotel in Florida and later a traveling salesman for a marble company in Vermont. He left for England working his way across as a cattleman on a boat that took him to Liverpool.

In 1896, at the age of 28, he returned to Chicago and for a time began to build his law practice. He noted that there were quite a few people that had migrated to Chicago from towns and farms all over the Midwest. In 1905 he and three others decided to form a group based on a formula of fellowship and cooperation in business matters..... and the rest is history... (no pun)

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From our Scribe

Rotary in Action

Your Scribe was young once a long time ago. One summer afternoon while sitting on our porch on Aberdeen Avenue, he watched the neighbours across the street walk down the long stairs of their lovely yellow brick mansion at the corner of Aberdeen and Turner. They were leaving the mansion to move to a more super mansion they had built in a park in Burlington, now known as The McNichol House in Paletta Park, one of Burlington's finest.

The head of the family was J. J. McKay, a Hamilton Rotarian for years. His wife was a non-smiling Victorian, looked like Queen Mary, wife of King George V. She always wore huge hats. Along with J.J. and his wife was Dorothy their beautiful daughter, an only child. (Poor little scribe couldn't get a date).

Why this story? During the First World War our Club had a Soldier's Family Committee. Each Rotarian was assigned to a family whose father was overseas in the Army. It was the responsibility of the member to help the soldiers' children.

J.J. McKay was assigned to the Woods family and especially to the son, Sid Woods. At some point sometime, J.J. took Sid into his firm J.J. McKay Land Surveyor.


In 1934, Sid moved to Timmins to work for a Land Surveyor there (depression years). He then became a Deputy Land Surveyor for the CNR in Toronto and was with the CNR until 1950. In 1949, he turned down the job of Chief Land Surveyor for the CNR in Toronto. In 1950, Sid came to Hamilton and opened his firm Sidney W. Woods Engineers & Land Surveyor. In 1980, our Larry took over the firm, selling it in 1987 because of poor health.

Then in 1987, Larry returned to his career under the name of L.G. Woods Surveying Inc. where he still is a busy man.

Larry's father, on returning to Hamilton, joined our Club and was a member for many years. He was the only one of the Rotary war children that became and stayed a Rotarian.

I'm sure J.J. McKay never knew when he volunteered during the war that he would change a family's life for two generations.

Your Scribe



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Rotary Club of Hamilton Board of Directors' Meeting

Monday April 18, 2005

MacGillivray Partners

33 Main St. East, Hamilton

Present: Robert Beres, John Clinton (recorder), Adrienne Davidson, Oksana Fisher, Paul Gibel, Cynthia Janzen, Norm Preece, Florence Rosato, Geoffrey Stephenson, Medelaine Steller, and Sandra Stephenson

Regrets: Peter Quaglia and Keith McIntyre

Absent: Joe Urban

Guest: Richard Broadfoot

Welcome: The President, Paul Gibel, welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Financials: We are still without financial reports and hope to have ready for next meeting. We also discussed those members who have yet to pay the increased fees.

Club Service: Geoffrey Stephenson reported. There has been no change in membership since the last Board Meeting and there are five proposed new members. Pearl Wolfe has asked to be relieved from the position of Membership Chair in order to manage her new responsibilities. Jim Commerford and Geoffrey have approached Cal Haddad to take over this position effective July 1st.

Adrienne Davidson asked about Hillfield School becoming a Corporate Member. This would take us to a total of four Corporate Members.

Estate Bequest: Sandra Stephenson distributed an excerpt of the Fuller Estate Will. We have the money and are subject to the constraints in Section "a" which state "capital costs of a facility or program designed for handicapped children within Hamilton-Wentworth environs." Several options were discussed. We also discussed funding a portion of our Donations Advisory Committee's donations that fit within these criteria. Oksana Fisher will discuss with Donations Advisory Chair, John Millar.

Ambassador Distribution: The new process to distribute copies of the Ambassador to members without e-mail should be in place for Thursday's meeting.

Terms of Reference: We agree to change the Committee Accountability too the Director in all of the Terms of Reference documents and that each committee needs to appoint a Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. We agreed that we would update the changes to the ICYIC Terms as a template. Paul Gibel will circulate a complete package by Thursday.

World Community Service: Adrienne Davidson reported on the Gift of Smiles Program. We recently received a request through McMaster that would be something tangible to work with but we agreed we need more information before we can make a decision. Adrienne is working on getting more information and will forward to the Board when available.

New Business:

Gallery Contract: The Contract with the Art Gallery is still not signed. We agreed to sign the Contract in the good faith that we can work our any issues as they arise.

Spring Uncorked: There were a total of 275 tickets sold for Spring Uncorked and it was a successful event. We are booked for next year on April 4, 2006. We agreed that we are close to the right number and should target 300 tickets for future events. There was lots of positive feedback and the Board expressed there appreciation to Robert Beres for his efforts.

Adjourned at 6:45 p.m. to the In-Camera Meeting.

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 on the "print" list who are absent from meetings. .

Your copy is reserved for you in a file at the Attendance desk. Please pick up your Ambassador from that file. If you miss any meetings, you will receive your Ambassadors by mail, approximately once a month.

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**Our website is located at www.rotaryclubhamilton.ca
We now have back issues of The Ambassador archived on the web site, which you can download by clicking on the links.**

More back issues will be posted every week, and eventually we should have a fairly extensive set of Ambassador back issues for you to look at.

Rotary Club of Hamilton Board of Directors' Meeting

Monday March 21, 2005
MacGillivray Partners
33 Main St. East, Hamilton

Present: Robert Beres, John Clinton (recorder), Adrienne Davidson, Oksana Fisher, Paul Gibel, Cynthia Janzen, Keith McIntyre, Norm Preece, Peter Quaglia, Florence Rosato, Geoffrey Stephenson, Sandra Stephenson, Madelaine Steller and Joe Urban

Regrets: Florence Rosato, Geoffrey Stephenson, Peter Quaglia

Welcome: The President, Paul Gibel, welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m.

IN CAMERA SESSION: The Board held their In-Camera Session at this point in the meeting.

Report from the In-camera meeting: We had a discussion about the Administrator's Job Description. The ad hoc Personnel Committee (Paul Gibel, John Clinton and Keith McIntyre) met with the Administrator (Florence Rosato) to discuss the revised draft job description. The committee will report further developments to the Board.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: The Minutes of the February 21, 2005 were accepted as presented.

FINANCIAL REPORT: The Board was informed that we are still unable to produce financial reports. The multiple office moves have resulted in damage to the computer and these two events have delayed our setting up the new accounting software. The Board expressed their appreciation to John Clinton and the GreenBYTE program for the assistance with the computer difficulties.

CLUB SERVICE REPORT: The Club Service director reported that Dave Bailey's cheque is in the mail and that he would like to remain a member. David Low is requesting a Leave of Absence (LOA) until May 20, 2005 for employment purposes. Ike Ahmed has asked for a 3 month LOA as his wife is in ill health. These LOAs were approved by Board Motion.

SALEM LITERACY PROJECT UPDATE: Adrienne Davidson reported that we are close to an announcement on approval of our Salem Literacy Project. John Frid and Adrienne are speaking to the Spectator about media coverage. Adrienne expressed a lot of frustration with the Rotary Foundation for the way they have dealt with our application. This process has taken an unwarranted amount of time. A letter was sent to the Club membership to encourage 100% participation in our Foundation Drive. We are hopeful that

the response will push us closer to our goal. Adrienne reported that Florence was very helpful in getting this letter out.

SPRING UNCORKED: Robert Beres reported that we are struggling to get a good turn out at Spring Uncorked. The promotional material will go to the media within the next week.

CENTENNIAL PROJECT UPDATE: Keith McIntyre reported that the Hamilton Community Foundation (HCF) is happy to support our initiative, but they cannot support an "endowment fund". Their advice is to start the fund right away and grant some bursaries in order to generate interest in the project. We are considering several options: (Option 1) keep the project within our Club, and not make it our Club Centennial Project, and start now with a plan to have the banquet in February near the RI anniversary date. (Option 2) Make the project a co-operative area club initiative with a February 23rd dinner. Option 1 was approved by Board Motion.

Draft Contract with the Art Gallery: A copy of the Draft Contract with the Art Gallery was circulated to the Board who were asked to comment on via e-mail.

COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE: A Terms of Reference outline was circulated and we agreed to continue working on the Terms of Reference initiative for next meeting.

Motion to Adjourn: 7:10 p.m.

Another Language:

We have a scribe in John Shea, but in the other world of words of today there are those who speak a language not necessarily found among Rotarians writing in the Ambassador. Sometimes it is useful to know, when you come across them, be it in business, government or politics what their words mean in plain language.

Those with computer internet access will find this website both informative and often even strangely amusing.

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Ciao Bruno Bragoli



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Rotary Calendar of Events.


- 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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