



The Ambassador

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FLORENCE'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

Sorry to have missed last week's meeting with Gordie Tapp but I injured my back during the last office move and I went home sick on Tuesday morning with President Paul Gibe's approval. I hope to be at the Rotary Luncheon this week.

I need your immediate help!!! I am asking for volunteers...the Rotary Office needs to be organized so that I can work in a functional office that is safe. It is extremely difficult to proceed with my daily work in the confined office space that we have at the Art Gallery when there are storage boxes piled high, books, binders, numerous pictures, etc. all around me that need to be unpacked, sorted, filed and/or archived or simply moved out of this office (chairs, trophies, etc). Please help me to create a safe working environment.

I am therefore asking for volunteers to help with the unpacking and the reorganization of the office. Please note that there will be some lifting involved.

Your immediate help in this matter is extremely appreciated.

- Rotary Club of Hamilton Officers
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- International Service Adrienne Davidson
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- Club Service Geoffrey Stephenson
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The Past Presidents' Planning Committee has planned a special Rotary Luncheon meeting for you this week.

The Chair of this special Rotary Luncheon Meeting is

Past President Sandra Stephenson. The Sergeant at Arms is Past President Phil Winer.

The speaker is Past District Governor Ron Denham. Ron hails from Toronto and is currently actively involved in Rotary's initiatives in connection with water conservation...he was profiled in the April issue of The Rotarian. Please read last week's Ambassador for Ron's bio.


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.

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ROTARY CLUB OF HAMILTON

Rotary was initiated in Hamilton on June 26th, 1913. The Charter was received from Rotary International on the first day of August, 1913.

PAST PRESIDENTS

* Russell T. Kelley	1913 – 1914
* Dr. Bruce A. Carey	1915
* Stuart H. Lees	1916
* W. H. Cooper	1917
* Rev. W. H. Sedgewick, D.D.	1918
* A. T. Enlow	1919
* J. C. Hodge	1920
* W. J. Westaway	1921
* W. R. Drynan	1922
* W. M. Logan	1923
* P.W. Gordon, O.B.E.	1924
* W. H. Lovering, O.B.E.	1925
* L. R. Greene	1926
* G. R. Lloyd	1927
* F. Kent Hamilton	1928
* C. H. Cunningham	1929
* H. D. Thomas	1930
* John Parkin	1931
* Allan R. Lancefield	1932
* Lt.-Col. L. H. Millen	1933
* R. K. Palmer	1934
* Dr. Jas. A. Simpson	1935
* Kenneth G. Brown	1936
* Gerry Moes	1937
* Frank E. Penney	1938
* Dr. M. Banker Bates	1939
* Dallas W. Bates	1940
* Rev. E Crossley Hunter, D.D.	1941
* Al J. Park	1942
* John I. Flatt	1942
* Frank L. Appleford	1943
* Norman A. Eager	1944
* John J. Enlow	1945
* Rev. Donald H. MacLennan	1946
* D. R. Briggs	1947
* Dr. J. P. Fawcett	1948
* Dr. C. E. Vaughan	1949
* T. W. Oates	1950
* J. L. Coburn	1951
* Gordon Mann	1952
* Addie Tallman	1953
* C. L. Brown	1954
* Wilf Carter	1955
* R. H. 'Tug' Tugman	1956
W. T. Mason	1957
* Dr. W. L. Whitelock	1958
* Dr. F Basil Bowman	1959
* Rev. Dr. A. Lorne Mackay	1960
Jack F. Reesor	1961
* Harold K Embree	1962
* Percy W. Hankinson	1963
* T. A. Rice	1964
* Jack H. Moore	1965
* John W. Rowley	1966
* W. Ross Roger	1967

* Dr. Hugo T. Ewart	1968
Alfred U. Oakie	1969
* Charlie M. Birkett	1970
* Dr. Bob H. Wettlaufer	1971
David R. MacLennan	1972
* Dr. J. B. Osbaldeston	1973
* Art A. Buckley	1974
Don M. Mann, Q.C.	1975
Tom E. Lamb	1976
* Steve M. Fletcher	1977
Bob A. Davey	1978
Bob G. Wilson	1978
Dr. John I. Frid	1979
* Bernie W. Gillespie	1980
Barry D. Nicol	1981
John F. Shea	1982
Leo P. Sauve	1983
Bob G. Forsythe	1984
Vic Hryhorchuk	1985
Bruno K. J. Bragoli	1986
Reg J. Whynott	1987
Bob H. L. Patterson	1988
Rev. Alan M. McPherson	1989
David E. Seldon	1990
T. Michael Conoley	1991
Michael J. Torsney	1992
Douglas C. McAuley	1993
Len G. Saltmarsh	1994
Harvey R. Smith	1995
John Logan	1996
Brian Fortune	1997
Robert N. Leek	1998
* Jill Rumble	1999
David Simpson	2000
Phil Winer	2001
Anne Bermingham	2002
Sandra Stephenson	2003

* - deceased

New Member Proposals

The following has been proposed for membership in the club.

Week two 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

Inner City and Youth Initiatives Committee

Summer Literacy and Volunteer Reading Programs: We will be partnering with other organizations in the Summer Literacy Program to which Rotary will be making a financial contribution. Rob Blunsdon, the Bennetto School teacher who runs this program has successfully solicited funds from other sources. These contributions will permit expanding this program beyond the limits of Bennetto School to which it was confined last summer. An attempt will be made to obtain sufficient additional funds to permit the expansion of this program to the entire North East area of the city.

Rob coordinates the Volunteer Reading Program at Bennetto School. This program began in May with a "kick off" assembly. We currently have 12 volunteers participating in the program. New volunteers are expected to join later this year or next once their police checks have been cleared.

Sanford School is considered one of the highest need schools in the city. There are 70 children in their nutrition program and the school has run out of money for this year. The Inner City and Youth Initiatives Committee (ICYIC) will make an immediate payment of \$1,000 to Sanford School towards their nutrition program.

Sanford School has no community volunteers at present. Rob Blunsdon will endeavour to set up a volunteer reading program at Sanford for next year. The intent is to set up an After School program during the year and have the Summer Literacy kick in during the summer.

Keith Neighborhood Renewal Project: The City is still pursuing the purchase of the former Robert Land School property. If this effort is successful the local community is hoping to access a portion of the school as a location for a resource centre. An effort is also underway to raise money to locate a splash pad in the neighbourhood park. The community received a small grant from Canadian Cancer Society to run a smoking cessation program called Seven Steps to Health.

Inter Club: Plans are underway for representatives of the Hamilton A.M. Rotary Club and our own club to meet quarterly in an effort to work together on joint issues. As a part of this plan, Graham Meredith participated in the ICYIC committee meeting to gain a better sense of our activities and plans.

Sir John A. MacDonald School: There is a need to provide assistance to help a group of Somali families who have over 90 children at this school. Many members of these families speak little, if any, English and receive some funding from Canada Immigration for only one year. They are completely

outside their own culture and customs and have no support system to assist them. There is a serious concern that without intervention these kids may become prey to the city's criminal element.

Preece School Trip: Rotarian Norm and Rita Preece have agreed to receive a class trip from Bennetto School at their farm. This trip will be held on June 15, 2005. As in the past, Rotary volunteers will be needed to help with the children who will be fed lunch and taken on the local area trails.

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 had 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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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.

Rotary Club of Hamilton Website
www.rotaryclubhamilton.ca

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From our Scribe

A Sad Week

The 17th week of 2005 saw the passing of three fine people whose funerals your scribe attended with regret and thanksgiving for their fine lives lived.

On Monday, we said goodbye to Adam Farrell, the grandson of long time friends, Dr. Bill and Cecelia Farrell and son of Jim and Leslie. Adam, age 21, was killed by a brain tumour, which developed about 8 months ago and which the top brain specialists in Hamilton and at John Hopkins in Baltimore could not control.

We were so impressed by the huge crowd at the Funeral home and at the lovely St. Ann's church in Ancaster. Hundreds of young couples and handsome singles were there to pay tribute to the friendship and leadership that Adam showed at St. Mary's High and Western University. Taken in his youth, he still left a great mark on hundreds of young people. So sad for his parents, grandparents and siblings.

On Friday at Temple Anshe Sholom, we attended the solemn tribute to the renowned and much loved and respected Marjorie Baskin, deceased wife of our Bernard. The Temple was packed with friends and admirers of Bernard and Marjorie.

The Cantor's chanting, the readings of the Testament were beautifully done. Marjorie's three talented children paid well-deserved tributes to her in their Eulogies, as a wife and mother and in her work at McMaster and dedicated service to the community. We are so sorry Bernard for your loss. You were blessed with a wonderful soul mate for so many years.

On Saturday, we said goodbye to a friend and member of the Sister's of St. Joseph's of Hamilton, Sister Margaret Graf, who died suddenly. She had worked tirelessly in the Hamilton Diocese for her 52 years as a Nun. She nursed both at St. Joseph's Hospital in Hamilton and Guelph. The funeral masses in the stunning chapel at the Mother House are always reverent and beautiful. The Sisters for 150 years have given marvellous service in teaching, nursing and operating their many institutions for the love of God and the good of those who they serve. Sad to lose a Sister. Their numbers are falling.

May they rest in peace.

Your Scribe

Ambassador Printing

Are you a Rotary Club member who signed up to receive printed copies of the Ambassador? Did you pick up your copy from the file folder at the Attendance desk? If not, please go pick up the Ambassadors waiting for you in the folder with your name on it. These will be mailed to you, and you can save the Club mailing costs if you pick them up at ever meeting.

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.

HELP NEEDED: We have a team of volunteers who print the Ambassador for you each week. If you are able to join this team, and print approximately 50 copies to bring to the meeting each week, for a couple of months each year, please let me know. Thanks to Bob Leek, Paul Gibel, Ed Giancola, and Irene Hubar who have been printing for the past year.

Janet McNaught

THE ROTARY CLUB OF HAMILTON: DUTY ROSTER NOTICE

DATE	June 2	June 9	June 16	June 23
BADGE BOARD	Judy Vanderwal	Sarah Murphy	Michael Howes	Tim Galvin
GUESTS & VISITORS	Wendy Brawn	John Clinton	Michael Farrell	Tom Gallagher
ATTENDANCE	Adrienne Davidson	Oksana Fisher	Russ Weil	Louise Gembora
DRAW TICKETS	Bill Davies	John Duffy	John Frid	Ed Giancola
GRACE	Harry Banfield	Rick Broadfoot	Dave Buckley	Jim Commerford
LUNCH TICKETS	Kevin Carson	Bill Filer	Rick Giuliani	Paul Gordon
LUNCH TICKET COLLECTOR	Emil Fusaro	Wilf Gerofsky	Allan Greve	George Guest

NOTE: IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO PERFORM YOUR DUTY, IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO FIND A REPLACEMENT AND TO ADVISE OKSANA FISHER (522-3304 EXT. 228 or oksana@contacthamilton.ca) OF THE NAME OF YOUR REPLACEMENT.

PLEASE ARRIVE NO LATER THAN 11:45 AS YOU ARE REQUIRED TO BE READY TO RECEIVE MEMBERS AS THEY ARRIVE.



The Ambassador

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The newsletter is distributed by email each Thursday, and printed for distribution the following week.

You can help save the club money for mailing and printing costs if you are able to download the electronic version, and no longer need to pick up a printed copy at our weekly meetings.

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Rotary Calendar of Events.

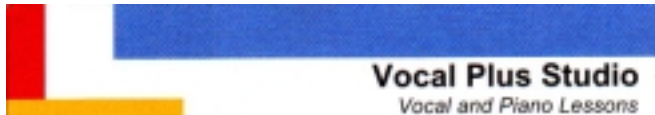
- 26-May Past President's Day
- 2 - June Dr. Michael Atkinson: Bodies by Design: Men, Science and the Politics of Appearance
- 9-Jun Dr. Mark Loeb: "Emerging Infectious Diseases"
- 16-Jun John Fisher: Ontario's Garbage Crisis
- 23-Jun Swan Song - Paul Gibel
- 30-Jun Meeting cancelled due to Garden Party
- 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 Bragoli | December - David Simpson |

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