



# The Ambassador

The official weekly publication of the Rotary Club of November 3, 2005 edition

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## Weekly Message to Club Members

November 3, 2005 Regular  
Luncheon Meeting:

The Luncheon meeting of the  
Rotary Club of Hamilton will  
be held at 12:00 noon in the  
Pavilion Room at the Art  
Gallery of Hamilton.

The Chair is Treasurer Nor-  
man Preece and the Sergeant-  
at-Arms is Pearl Wolfe.

Duty Roster duties are as  
follows: Badge Board: Keith  
Green, Guests and Visitors:  
Norm Levitt, Attendance:  
George Guest, Draw Tickets:  
Ram Kamath, Grace: Bob  
Leek, Lunch Ticket Sales:  
Bill Lister, Lunch Ticket

Collector: Alan Livingston

Guest Speaker: Hits of the Blitz - Remembrance  
Day Program

Tammy Martin  
Club Administrator  
Rotary Club of Hamilton  
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## Guess Who's Coming to Dinner

No fund raising, just 3 enjoyable dinner parties with fellow  
Rotarians and their partners. You will host one dinner party  
and be hosted for two more.

The fun is that you will not know who you are hosting  
until you open the door and you will not know where you  
are going until I call you on the Saturday morning of the  
dinner.

This is a great opportunity for both new and seasoned  
Rotarians to get to know their fellow members better and to  
enjoy a social time.

The dates chosen for 2006 are as follows:

Saturday January 14, 2006  
Saturday February 4, 2006 and  
Saturday May 6, 2006.

Consult your diaries and your partners now and get  
registered for this fun time. Let's get more members signed  
up for this since there is lots of time to plan your schedule.  
I'd like you to sign up for all three dates but if you can't  
make all three, participate anyway. I'll figure things out.

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**Rotary Club of Hamilton  
Board of Directors' Meeting  
Monday September 19, 2005  
Ronald McDonald House  
1510 Main Street West, Hamilton**

**Present:** Keith McIntyre, Robert Beres, Wendy Brawn (recorder), Pearl Wolfe, Paul Gibel, Cynthia Janzen, Pauline Mitchell, Madelaine Steller Cain, Jim Commerford, Adrienne Davidson, Norm Preece, Joe Urban, Tammy Martin

**Regrets:** Oksana Fisher

**1.0 Welcome:** The President, Keith McIntyre, welcomed Tammy Martin (Club Administrator) and Members. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. Agenda approved by Pearl Wolfe and seconded by Adrienne Davidson. Carried.

**2.0 Minutes:** The Minutes of the August 15 meeting were approved by Cynthia Janzen, seconded by Joe Urban. Carried.

**3.0 Business Arising and Unfinished Business:**

**3.1 AGH Contract:** Pearl Wolfe reported she emailed Jeannine at AGH with feedback about luncheon menus. Keith McIntyre noted we were promised a bbq outside and that has not happened. There are some members who are very disgruntled with the luncheon arrangements and this will certainly affect morale. It has only been three months since we arrived at AGH and Keith McIntyre suggested we document our concerns and have Pearl Wolfe let Jeannine know we are dissatisfied and report back to Board.

**3.2 Club Administrator:** President Keith made reference to Tammy working on updating attendance records. Her office door is now identified with a Rotary sticker. Tammy has office operating now as well as her home office and email. President Keith expressed the Club's gratitude to Paul Gibel's office who has been looking after the accounts payable in the interim and Allan Wright who is looking after the banking. Tax receipts are being prepared for Memorial and Sunshine Club.

**3.3 Invoicing Members Dues:** Paul Gibel confirmed that the membership invoices are ready to go out.

**3.4 Preliminary Budget Allocations:** Norm Preece provided copies of Draft Budgets, one for Sunshine Fund and one for Regular Operating Fund.

Sunshine Fund:

Norm Preece noted that the Sunshine Fund does not support Regular Operating Funds and that the Administration Fee last year was \$15,000 and this year is zero. Norm Preece also identified that the Golf Tournament shows \$25,000 when in fact it is \$20,000 because \$5,000 goes directly to sponsor's choice of charity. The \$5,000 is not in the audited statements and therefore it is something that the Golf Committee should revisit for next year as suggested by Adrienne Davidson. It was noted that the memorial fund for Rick Broadfoot was not budgeted. There is a surplus of \$14,800 in the budget plus the \$80,000 Bequest and \$30,000 from the Gift of Smiles. The Board is looking to Adrienne Davidson and Oksana Fisher for recommendations from their committees as well as Cynthia Janzen and Adrienne Davidson will explore having funds housed at Hamilton Community Foundation. To be put on next agenda.

General Operating Fund:

Norm Preece reported that there may be a modest surplus but a break even situation for the club is being budgeted. Invoices went out for membership but did not include credit card or post dated cheque choices. The Board in February 2005 passed a resolution that we accept monthly as well as quarterly payments. It was noted that we are almost at the first quarter.

**MOTION:** Revise membership dues payment to be annually and quarterly. Moved by Adrienne Davidson and seconded by Pearl Wolfe. Carried

Credit card and post dated cheques will be accepted as form of payment.

Motion to adopt budget and have Paul Gibel set up meeting to change signing officers for current positions of President, President Elect, Secretary and Treasurer from previous signing officers. Moved by Jim Commerford and seconded by Joe Urban. Carried.

**3.5 Gift of Smiles:** Adrienne Davidson is just waiting for transaction to take place re letter of request to Hamilton Health Sciences Foundation regarding transfer of funds.

**3.6 Harassment Policy:** Madelaine Steller Cain and Cynthia Janzen reported on the policy development and provided a handout of recommendations and comments. Madelaine Steller Cain and Robert Beres suggested we get outside party to mediate if we have an issue. What should the preventative and responsive measures be? We need to clearly identify who you go to and whether or not they are in conflict of

interest. Keith McIntyre suggested we have a speaker from the District come and get us started. The Stoney Creek Club has hired a lawyer and will share information. The Board adopted District 7090 policy but it is not tailored to our Canadian Clubs and each club must modify it from model to adopt or do our own. It was noted that we did notify the District June 30 that we adopted the Harassment Policy in principle and intend to develop our own. Cynthia Janzen suggested that the committee should be larger with more representation. Potential committee members were suggested who could be great resources.

**3.7 Terms of Reference for Honourary Membership:** Defer to next meeting.

**3.8 Terms of Reference for club's Service above Self Award:** Keith McIntyre reported that there are a variety of "service above self" awards available through RI and that there is no restriction for club to use or to use a different name. Pauline Mitchell will continue to work on this and feels that it could be a retention tool for membership.

**4.0 New Business:**

**4.1 Club Service:** Previous resignations were referred to along with the announcement that Geoffrey Stephenson has resigned. It was noted that one of our new members had not been seen in awhile a Rotary. Jim Commerford will follow up.

**4.2 Sunshine Fund:** Paul Gibel will prepare an update report.

**4.3 Memorial Fund:** Defer to next meeting.

**4.4 New Fundraising Event:** Joe Urban reported that to hold a November event it would be small and would raise about \$2-3,000. Keith McIntyre suggested that there were members interested in being on the Fundraising Committee and that Joe Urban brings back from the committee some suggestions about a major fundraising event that possibly could include partnerships as Adrienne Davidson suggested.

**4.5 2006 BBQ Event:** The board agreed to hold the 2006 BBQ during an evening of the second week in August and allow it to be the official meeting for that week. An exact date of the BBQ that week is to be confirmed by the BBQ committee.

**4.6 Club's Goals for 2005-2006:** Norm Preece moved to accept the 2005-2006 Club goals as presented by President Keith McIntyre and seconded by Robert Beres. Carried.

**4.7 New Orleans Disaster Relief:** When RI organizes something like this we can ask what they need and how we can help and then it comes back to the board for approval. Tammy will send a message to the membership. Pearl Wolfe and Adrienne Davidson will report to the members in the Ambassador. Hopefully we can present a cheque to the District Governor during his visit.

**4.8 Preparation for DG's Visit:** Board members to prepare committee reports prior to the meeting with the DG and the Board of Directors to be held one hour before October 6 luncheon meeting.

**5.0 Other Business:**

**5.1 Nominating Committee:** Committee has 7 vacancies. Usually consists of Past Presidents, President, President Elect and 2 other members. It was suggested that Pauline Mitchell, Wendy Brawn and Jim Commerford be part of the committee.

**5.2 PR & Communications:** Pauline Mitchell reported that she attended a PR session for Rotary that was very interesting.

**5.3 Exchange Student:** Jim Commerford reported that Joanne Albert's registration was late for English as a Second Language and Hillfield Strathallan kindly waived the fees.

**5.4 2005 BBQ:** Proceeds from the BBQ netted a profit of \$956.23.

**6.0 Date of Next Meeting:** Monday, October 17, 2005

**7.0 Motion to Adjourn:** at 7:30 p.m.

## *Summer 2006 Fellowship Barbeque*

The board of directors has approved our club's summer fellowship event, the annual Bar B Que, to be held on WEDNESDAY evening, AUGUST 16, 2006 at Bodo Luehmann's farm. There will be no luncheon meeting that week.

This information is being provided to members well in advance so members and guests may give priority to reserving this date on their next year's calendar.

Reserve the date NOW and PLAN to attend!

## Youth Exchange

### My Experience So Far!

So its been about two and a half months since I have arrived, and let me tell you, the time has flown by. This is by far the best experience of my life. The first week I arrived, one of my host sisters boyfriends took me to his soccer practice, and the scout watched me and asked me if I would like to join the team. I think that was the best thing that has happened to me so far because I was able to meet many people, and keep busy doing something I love. I recommend to anyone that has a passion for a sport or hobby to join a team or a club, it will help you so much along the way to being the best exchange student you can be.

I went to Croatia for a week with my host parents, and it was very relaxing. It gave me the chance to get to know them alot better, because it was only my third week there. It was very nice sitting on the beach and relaxing under the Medditerranean sun.

School started a couple weeks later and it was a shock going into the class the first day. Everyone was looking at me weird, my german was really terrible at that point in time. I hardly knew any words, and this made it alot harder to communicate. The first period was really difficult because I didnt really know where to sit, but then I saw one of the players from the younger team so I sat with him. The class president took me under his wing, and I was able to shadow him for the day. Im surprised how close the class is with each other. They have been in the same class for 4 years so it was hard to join the family. They were really accepting, and after about a week or two when they knew I was for real, they let me join that family.

This school system is so much different than in Canada. You only get a small amount of choice, whether you would like to major in sciences or languages. School starts at 0735 and goes until 1245. Some days we have midday school, which means we have school from 1300 until 1535. It is hard to learn the German language at school because the teachers talk very quickly. The Rotary club set up german lessons here for the three exchange students. We have been taking them since the first week and we are nearly finished.

My first host family is absolutely amazing. They are very supportive of everything I do, and try to help me as much as possible with the language. The children are all female, two of them are twins age 21, and another my age 18. I really have been able to bond with all three because each has one of the qualities that my real sister has. They also try to help me as much as possible, because they have all spent a year abroad. One in South Africa, one in Australia, and one in USA. The food here is great, very

filling and tasty, but I still havent been able to put on weight. The first 2.5 months have been amazing, hopefully the rest of the year will follow suit.

In the end of November, I am going with my councillor here and his Music class to Vienna Austria. It will be great because I have heard wonderful things about Austria. I also plan on going on the Europetrip which runs from mid-March to mid-April. After that, my class is going to Rome for a week so I will also be joining them. There is alot to look forward to but I don't want it to come! The slower the time goes, the better, because Im living the best days of my life, and I just dont want to look that far into the future when I know I will have to leave all my friends.

Talk to you soon

Mike Puchalski

### New Member Proposals

The following has been proposed for membership in the club.

#### Week one notification

Joan Haworth  
Educational Consultant, Binattech System Solutions  
Proposed by Cynthia Janzen

#### Week two notification

Christopher Cutler  
Executive Driector, Volunteer Hamilton  
For the classification "Association - Volunteer Hamilton"  
Proposed by Jim Commerford

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 Jim Commerford.



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## From our Scribe

### End of an Era

Walking down Bay Street last Friday, I watched as a crane was lifting down the Hamilton Motor Products sign on the Bay street entrance of the 69 year operation, owned and operated by 4 generations of the Dubois family. Folks don't come downtown to buy expensive automobiles so the operation has moved to Rymal Road and Highway 20.

It was my experience and pleasure to know very well the founder and original owner of H.M.P. In 1936, General Motors offered him the opportunity to build and operate a new dealership at Main & Bay Sts. Those were tough years, but E.L. was a strong man, built by the depression (as were Hugh Hilton at Stelco, Banker Bates at Lifesaver, The Sherman Brothers at Dofasco, and J.M. Pigott in construction.

In 1938, E.L. was given the opportunity to take over City Chev at Main & Catharine. All was going well under his strong leadership until the War started in 1939. No new cars, no tires. The resourceful E.L. obtained contracts from Ottawa to build equipment for the army in both the dealerships.

At the end of the war, General Motors agreed they would not open new dealerships for 5 years so there would be no competition with the dealers that lasted during the war. For 5 years, H.M.P. and City Chev brought all GM cars into Hamilton. Amazingly, one of my friends was able to get a new Chev in 1946 without tires. He came across a service station operator who found four tires for him.

### The Collected Works of Your Scribe

Books are available for sale at each meeting, \$10 each. Most of the cost of producing the book was donated by Rotarians and by Hellingman Communications and St. Leonards Society. Sale of these books is a fund raising project for the Sunshine Fund.

Besides making a fortune, E.L., with his beautiful wife Olive, sired five boys and four girls, eight of whom are still alive. He was a pioneer in moving to Carlisle where he bought a farm on Cedar Springs Creek and established a wonderful apple orchard.

In 1964, he sold H.M.P. to his son Richard who in turn in 1990 sold it to his son Michael. Michael's son Jeff is now General Manager of H.M.P., a very capable manager and probable successor to Michael. Our wishes for success in the new location go out to Michael and Jeff.

Your Scribe



## School Clothing Drive

Sanford Avenue School and  
Sir John A MacDonald Secondary  
are in need of the following items to help  
their students.

### Sanford Avenue School

Students are in grade 1 to grade 8. These are the items requested by the Principal.

- The biggest needs are for winter coats, Age 5-14.
- Winter hats, gloves, scarves, mitts for smaller children.
- Winter boots in any size

### Sir John A MacDonald Secondary

Students are in Grade 9 to grade 12. These are the items that are in greatest need by the students.

- Men's underwear and socks - all sizes
- Coats, boots, running shoes, blue jeans
- Women's socks, underpants, coats
- Toiletries - toothpaste, shampoo & conditioner, shaving cream, mouthwash, and hairbrushes



Please bring your new and used items to Rotary. We will collect all the items and then deliver them to the schools.

Clothing Bags will be on sale at Rotary for the next 2 weeks!



## 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.

Janet McNaught (janet.mcnaught@gmail.com)

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## Rotary Calendar of Events.

- 13-Oct **Darrell Skidmore** United Way
- 20-Oct Donna Cripps, St. Peter's:  
Changes in Long Term Care
- 3-Nov Hits of the Blitz -  
Remembrance Day Program

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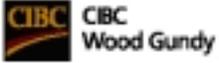


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