

The Rotary Club of Hamilton

Celebrating 100 Years of Service



THE AMBASSADOR

October 2013

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Kevin Anstee
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Last Call for

The Event of the Century - November 2, 2013



The years of planning have flown by and it's finally time to celebrate our 100th anniversary in style. Be sure to get your tickets for the *A Century of Service* gala dinner and dance on November 2 at Liuna Station. You do not want to miss this historic occasion.

The evening promises to be spectacular. Held at the beautiful and historic Liuna Station, the gala promises a delectable menu, a host bar and awesome door prizes.

See the description of the door prizes that have been donated by generous Rotarians and friends of Rotary elsewhere in the Ambassador.

Tables at the gala will be for eight people although it is possible to arrange for a table of nine, 10 or even 11 (but that's about it). Please see Pearl Wolfe for these special arrangements. Please also advise if you have dietary restrictions.

Be sure to indicate on your ticket order form if you wish to be seated with other parties. Or, if you purchase a table of eight, please indicate who will be at your table. If you do not specify your tablemates, seating arrangements will be made for you.

Music will be by the Hamilton All Star Jazz Band and an up tempo Motown band which is guaranteed to keep you dancing into the night.

Many thanks to the energetic gala committee which has been working hard to bring you this spectacular event: Ike Ahmed, Maggie Clinton, Donna Commerford, Rosemary Knechtel, Marie Robbins, Julie Shea, Sandra Stephenson, Margarita Tsangarakis, Pearl Wolfe. Thanks to the committee, there are lots of other surprises promised for the evening.

Time is running out to get your tickets - this is an event that you won't want to miss! See the ticket order form in this Ambassador, contact Lisa Legacy at admin@rotaryclubhamilton.ca or go to our website www.rotaryclubhamilton.ca to order your tickets. Tickets are \$175/person.

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Great time – fabulous prizes

Details are starting to come in about the door prizes for the A Century of Service Gala on November 2 at Liuna Station. Thanks to our fellow Rotarians, we have a bunch of terrific door prizes!

Prince Edward County Package

- Donated by Bob Leek
- Two nights' accommodation for two at Loyalist Landing Bed & Breakfast
- Dinner for two at the Merrill Inn
- Private barrel tasting at the Norman Hardie Winery

Raptors Tickets

- Donated by Bob Munroe
- Two Platinum Seats with Platinum Club access for Saturday, January 25, 2014 vs the LA Clippers at the Air Canada Centre

Toronto Maple Leafs tickets

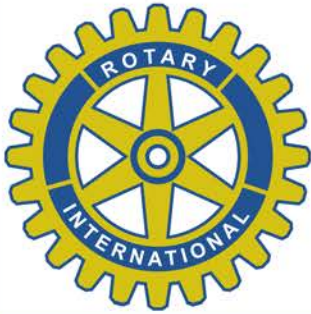
- Donated by Trevor Pringle:
- Two Red Seats for Saturday, January 18, 2014 versus the Montreal Canadiens.
- This is a Super Premium game.

BMW Get Away

- Donated by Gregg Crealock
- Enjoy this Falls & Wine Country weekend getaway, courtesy of Budds' BMW Hamilton.
- Get behind the wheel of a BMW 3-Series for a 4-day lease as you begin your adventure.
- Enjoy 2 nights' accommodations at the Marriott Courtyard, Niagara Falls.
- Test your luck on the tables at the Fallsview Casino Resort or take a drive through the Niagara Parks Commission properties to catch a breathtaking view of the falls. The attractions are endless.
- Then, you can wind down as you enjoy a Brazilian dining experience like none other. A dinner for 2 at the Braza Brazilian Steakhouse and Wine Bar.
- The following day, tour the vineyards of Niagara while wearing stylish BMW Lifestyle Fashions courtesy of Budds' BMW \$300 Gift Certificate. *Accommodations are subject to availability and will be confirmed in advance of your booking.*

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HAVE THE DATE
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2013

LIUNA STATION
390 JAMES ST. N., HAMILTON ON, L8L 1H5



NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ POSTAL CODE: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

PLEASE SEND ME _____ TICKETS @ \$175 EACH

UNFORTUNATELY I CAN'T PARTICIPATE IN THIS CENTURY OF SERVICE EVENT BUT PLEASE ACCEPT A DONATION OF \$ _____ IN SUPPORT OF FOR THE GIFT OF READING.

PAYMENT

CHEQUE ENCLOSED (PAYABLE TO ROTARY CLUB OF HAMILTON)

VISA MASTERCARD

NAME ON THE CARD: _____

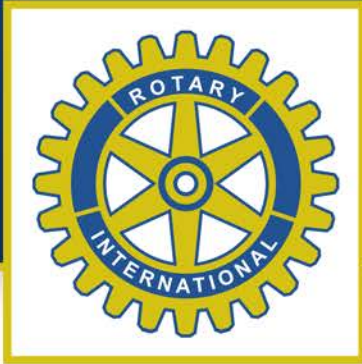
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The Stories in the Stones

October 31, 2013 Rotary Club of Hamilton Meeting

12:00pm

Lunch will be at the Coach House at Dundurn Castle.

After lunch we will go on a walking tour of Hamilton Cemetery.

Historian Guise Robin McKee will tell us about the Stories in the Stones

Free Parking is available. This is a great meeting to bring a guest or potential Rotarian.

Hamilton Municipal Cemeteries are like museums, with their headstones serving as a record of our culture and social history. Through an enduring stone, they reflect personal and national sentiment; speak of love, pity, and patriotism; summarize lives of remarkable longevity and remind us of lives lost through tragedy.

Many of Hamilton's colourful characters and history lie buried in our cemeteries. The cemetery tour – The Stories In The Stones - tells their fascinating stories through free guided walking tours at Hamilton Cemetery.

The Hamilton Cemetery is Canada's first and oldest municipally owned and operated cemetery providing a lasting memorial, permanent tribute and a final resting place to many loved ones.

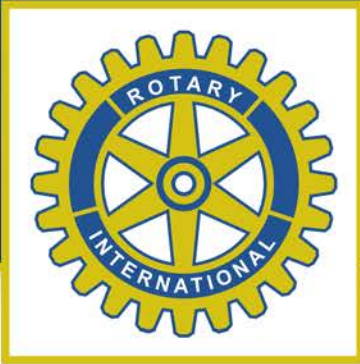
Hamilton Cemetery houses some notable burials. Early settlers such as Robert Land and George Hamilton, victims of the Desjardins Railway Disaster and a large number of past Mayors of Hamilton rest here. Former Senators and American Civil War Veterans (War of 1812) can also be found buried in this historical cemetery.

Cemeteries are sacred places where the dead are laid to rest with dignity. Therefore, visitors are asked to behave respectfully. Please follow the directions and instructions of your tour guide.



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We Get Mail!

The following letter is from Hamilton parents whose children thoroughly enjoyed their experience in our Summer Literacy Program.

Dear Rotarians,

For two weeks this summer our children participated in the Rotary Summer Literacy Program at Cathy Wever School. Our 9 year old daughter participated as a camper while our 12 year old son gained experience as a Leader-in-Training. We wanted to thank everyone involved in organizing this camp as our children loved each and every day.

Upon the completion of camp, our son stated how he "...loved taking responsibility, meeting new friends and helping kids read and write." He also spoke fondly of how the environment was very friendly and welcoming.

Our daughter stated that "I liked all the activities. I loved the reading responses and that you learned how to read and write a lot. All the activities were *soooo* much fun too."

As parents, we were somewhat apprehensive of how enthusiastic our children might be in attending an indoor camp where they focused on literacy skills – especially since they had spent the first three weeks of the summer on holiday exploring Newfoundland and the Maritimes. Our worries vanished the morning we dropped them off and we witnessed how Robert Blunsdon captivated a bustling gymnasium with his music and organizational expertise. For the next two weeks our children woke up excited to go to camp. When we picked them up they were full of stories about what fun they had experienced. When we read our daughter's reading responses, we could see that she was making excellent connections to the shared reading explored in the large group.

Robert Blunsdon and his fine team of student leaders and teachers made a positive impact on our children. Thank you Rotary Club for hosting such an excellent program.

Sincerely,

Michael and Julie Armstrong



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News from Youth Exchange

Emily Gibel:



Our out-going exchange student Emily Gibel is having the time of her life and keeping right up to date on all her adventures.

Goran Wendin, a Rotarian in Stockholm, contacted Ginny Mattuzzi about Emily's presentation to their club. He was extremely impressed with her and couldn't say enough about her. He also visited her school, spoke with the school's Master and Assistant Master and they were both very, very happy with Emily's work and behaviour. She is having a wonderful time, enjoying her new friends and school. Thanks to Ginny for keeping us up to date on Emily's exchange.



Nat Liangrisuk:

Nat was our student from Thailand in 2007/2008.

I was an exchange student from Bangkok to Hamilton in 2007-2008. If you can recall, John Clinton, who was president at the time, always had trouble pronouncing my last name. I have been in touch with Ginny Mattuzzi, who is the chair of Youth Exchange Program.

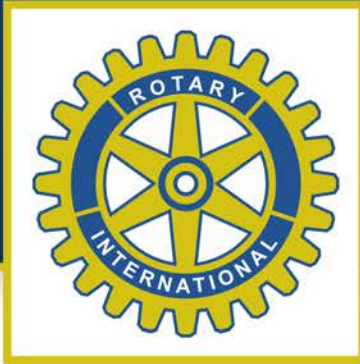
So I think it would be great for me to write to tell my reflection, or rather my side of story, to give you more thorough understanding of what this Youth Exchange is all about.

For me, Rotary Youth Exchange program is much more than just exchanging youths. It is also about exchanging cultures and values of different societies. I think that is also one of the core values of Canadian society; diversity, eh?!

I considered myself a very lucky student as I had the opportunity to stay with five different (host) families. Each family was unique and had different ways of living. And I learned immensely from them. Host families played an important role in my exchange year, and I am sure that goes the same with other students as well. When I first arrived, it was such an overwhelming experience; with language barrier and cultural differences. Without guidance and support from host families and also fellow Rotarians, it would have been more difficult. With host families, I had my first Thanksgiving dinner which was yummy. I had my first Christmas which was similar to Chinese New Year, I think. Instead of giving presents, they give money. Anyhow, I love both.

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News from Youth Exchange cont'd

Parting with Canada and friends was almost, if not as, difficult as the arrival. When I first came to Canada, I came as a boy, but I left, I was a bit of a grown-up, I think. I learned to be more responsible and thoughtful, that I thank the Rotary.

Currently, I am a fourth year student at Chulalongkorn University. I major in language and culture, and minor in Japanese. During my free time, I work as a freelance fixer for foreign journalists, covering topics from foods to social issues.

I would also like to use this opportunity to express my gratitude to Rotary Club of Hamilton

and Rotarians involved; John Clinton, Oksana Fisher, Ginny Matuzzi, Brad Spencer, Pearl Wolfe, Louisa Gembora, Christopher Cutler, Marie Robbins, my host families; the Kichis family, the Rice family, the Crans family, the Howes family and the Birmingham family.

And last but not least, all the fellow Rotarians who had offered me such the degree of hospitality that was hard to find in communities elsewhere. And I do have to apologize if I forget any of the names. In the end, I would to say that without Rotary Club of Hamilton and the members, I would not be standing where I am now. For that, I, greatly and truly, appreciated.



2013-2014

Board of Directors' Meetings

Dodsworth and Brown, Robinson
Chapel
**15 West Avenue North, Hamilton
ON L8L 5B9**

Second Monday of the month
at 5 p.m.

Tuesday, October 8, 2013

Monday, November 11, 2013

Monday, December 9, 2013

Monday, January 13, 2014

Monday, February 10, 2014

Monday, March 10, 2014

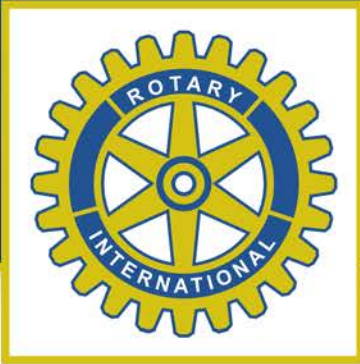
Monday, April 14, 2014

Monday, May 12, 2014

Monday, June 9, 2014

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This wonderful
calendar features the
decades of Rotary
service.

To buy your very own Rotary
Remembers 2014 Calendar,
please contact
admin@rotaryclubhamilton.ca

Make sure you get your 2014 Rotary Remembers Calendar while they last.

These calendars are selling quickly.

The entire cost to produce the calendar was covered by the 10 ladies in the calendar and cost the Club nothing, so 100% of sales of the calendar are profit for the Sunshine Fund.

Don't miss out!!!!

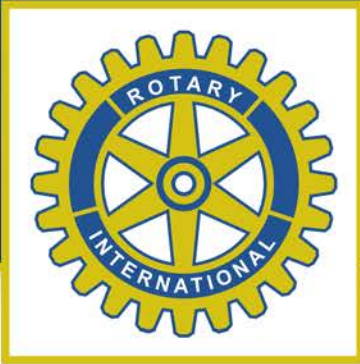


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Sunshine Fund Members Appeal

A new Rotary Year and it is the launch of the Sunshine Fund Members' Appeal.

We want to reach **100%** of members' participation during the 2013-14 Rotary year. To do so we need your contribution.

We need your support to continue the good work of Rotary. The Sunshine Fund Members Appeal is an opportunity for every Rotarian to confirm their commitment to the projects and initiatives that Rotary support.

Help us reach our goals of 100% members support and to raise \$15,000 to benefit our community.

New this year is the opportunity to include your Sunshine Fund donation as part of your membership dues. Complete the donation part of the dues invoice or this donor form today and help us reach our goals!

Thank you in advance for your support of the campaign. Every contribution makes a difference.

Alex Moroz

Chair - Sunshine Fund Appeal

[Pledge Form](#)

Name: _____

Yes I would like to support the Sunshine Fund Appeal

\$ _____

Payment by:

Please circle one option:

Cash Cheque Visa Master Card

Card# _____

Expire: ____

Signature: _____

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Rotary Reading Volunteers needed

The Rotary Reading Program at Cathy Wever School needs your help. Thanks to those of you who have already confirmed your participation this year. We have 13 volunteers signed up so far and our goal is 20 volunteers for this year. The teachers and the students really appreciate the assistance they receive from our volunteers. To volunteer, you just need to set aside one to two hours per week. You are assigned to work with one teacher and together you schedule the dates and times for your visits so there is lots of flexibility. It's very rewarding and is truly amazing the difference you can make to improve the reading levels of the children.

Please join us this year by contacting Rosemary Knechtel by e-mail to rosemaryknechtel@cogeco.ca or phone 905-648-1710 if you are interested or if you have any questions.



District Governor Kevin Crouse addressed the Club on Sept. 5.

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Telling Tales – Another Great Year!

