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#### PEOPLE YOU MAY KNOW



Adeel Zafaar Director of International Service



Chelsea Crealock Director of Program/Fellowship



**Glen Norton** Director of Club Service



#### Join in at Telling Tales - you will love it!

**Telling Tales is coming up** on *Sunday, September 15* and we need to fill *123 volunteer* spots to make this event a success.

It is a great promotional event for Rotary and the more volunteers we have working the crowd,

the more money we can raise for literacy. Telling Tales

has come under the management of our club. We traditionally provide the bulk of volunteers and this is kind of "our baby".

We are looking for volunteers. Do you have teenage children or grandchildren who are looking for volunteer hours? They are welcome. Are you interested in attending the event? You can volunteer for a shift and then stroll around the festival.

The shifts are painless ...no more than three hours.

*Busy on the Sunday?* You can be part of the set up crew that gets together on the Friday and the Saturday.

Here is as summary of the volunteer times and positions.

FRIDAY September 13: set up crew

SATURDAY September 14: represent Telling Tales at SuperCrawl/ set up crew

**SUNDAY**: choose from three shifts: 9 - 12/11 - 2/1 -4



#### The Rotary Club of Hamilton Board of Directors 2013/14

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Telling Tales cont'd

\* represent Rotary in the Rotary tent

\* ride the buses as a bus Ambassador to read scripted information about the day to the people on the way to the festival

\* greet people at the main gates



\* sell programs

We need all hands on deck people so if you can spare three hours at some point during that weekend, that would be very helpful.

It is a very fun event and you'll meet lots of Rotarians from the other 18 clubs that are helping out.

Please contact Julie Shea at if you can participate. jshea@personalmortgage.ca

She will need the following information:

Name/ Contact Phone Number/ Preferred Task/ Preferred Time/ Emergency Contact Name and Number (required by Westfield )



It's not a birthday without cake! The Rotary Club of Hamilton celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of receiving its Charter at a special meeting August 1.



Margarita Tsangarakis was one of several Rotarians who provided reminiscences of their experience in the Club over the years.



Joan Heels is a festive attendee at the Club's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday party.

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### The Event of the Century

#### <u>November 2, 2013</u>

Have you heard the buzz?? Excitement is starting to build about the *A Century of Service* gala dinner and dance on November 2 at Liuna Station. It's definitely time to get your tickets now.

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 BMW's door prize of an amazing weekend get-away elsewhere in this Ambassador. There are also hints of sports tickets and a get-away to a lovely b & b in Prince Edward County.

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.

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.

And the music, well, the music is bound to keep you on your feet most of the night.

Our club has partnered with the Hamilton All Star Jazz Band (HASJB) which has a mission of providing musical opportunities for youth in Hamilton. The music promises to be classic, memorable and definitely "up-tempo". For those who love Motown and the music from the 60s and 70s, make sure you have your dancing shoes on! Music will include a jazz combo at the reception, dinner music by the Hamilton All Star 20 piece Big Band and "party music" after dinner by a Motown Group.

The Hamilton All Star Jazz Band and the Motown Group are under the direction of Dr. Russ Weil, a former member of our Club and one of the best conductor / band leaders in southern Ontario. Russ has worked tirelessly for youth in the Hamilton area for many years including 30 years as founder and artistic director of the Hamilton All Star Jazz Band organization.

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 <u>admin@rotaryclubhamilton.ca</u> or go to our website <u>www.rotaryclubhamilton.ca</u> to order your tickets. Tickets are \$175/person.

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Gala Dinner & Dance	AVE THE DATE SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2013 LIUNA STATION BOJANES ST. N., HAMILTON GR., LAL INS Chartered 1913
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□ 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.	
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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 one of our major supporters, Budds' BMW Hamilton and Rotarian Gregg Crealock for this incredible door prize. Stay tuned for details on other exciting door prizes.

#### **BMW Get Away**

- 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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#### **President's Message**

"May Rotarians continue to be ambassadors of good-will to high and low, rich and poor, to all races, to the devotees of all religious faiths and to members of all political parties, purveyors of tolerance, forbearance, justice, kindliness, neighborliness and friendliness to the inhabitants of this snug little world, the best little world of which we know." Paul Harris

Recently I received an email from the Rotary Global History Fellowship indicating that they were celebrating, each month, a club from the "First 100" Clubs of Rotary List. There are only 4 clubs in all of Canada that precede The Rotary Club of Hamilton on that list, Winnipeg, Toronto, Vancouver and Halifax. Halifax was issued their charter on the same day and year and so precedes us only alphabetically on the list. So here we are continuing the celebration of our historic 100<sup>th</sup> Year during the 2013-14 Rotary year, a proud member of Rotary's First 100 sharing the place of the fourth club established in Canada with our friends in Halifax.

History is something we make every day. Our club continues to grow and to occupy a central role of service in the life of our city as it has done for all of those 100 years. Our work in the inner city, thanks to the foresight of club members, which preceded the Code Red series and the City's Neighbourhood Strategy by more than a decade or two, continues to make a significant difference in our inner city. Our work in literacy has positioned our club as a preeminent contributor to children's literacy in Hamilton. The Rotary Summer Literacy Program regularly serves as many 2,000 children each summer. The club has taken on the responsibility of working with a host of other clubs in delivering the annual Telling Tales Festival considered by many as the single most significant festival of its kind in all of Canada.

It is not just here in Hamilton that Rotary history continues to be made. It has been announced that the 2018 Rotary International Convention will be held in Toronto. This will be a wonderful opportunity for Rotarians from our club and district to attend a convention if they have not already. For those who have attended in the past they can attest to the experience of realizing just how much we are part of a movement much bigger than ourselves. Our club is looking at some ways in which we can be a significant part of this history making convention.

"Service above self" when embraced as a part of our daily lives can only serve to make our community a better place. May our next 100 years of service be as fruitful and as historic as our first.

**Christopher Cutler** 

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### Hello returning, new and interested reading volunteers



It's time to plan the Rotary Reading Program at Cathy Wever School for another school year. It would be great to welcome back all our experienced volunteers from past years and also welcome those of you who have indicated an interest in joining the program.

The teachers and 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 it's truly amazing the difference you can make to improve the reading levels of the children.

Please advise Rosemary Knechtel, Co-ordinator, Rotary Reading Program, if you would like to be involved this year. <u>rosemaryknechtel@cogeco.ca</u>

#### Rotary.org

A new website design has been unveiled by Rotary International. The new RI website is very user friendly.

### WELCOME TO ROTARY

We are neighbors, community leaders, and global citizens uniting for the common good. With you, we can accomplish even more.

You can browse the site to find out news about Rotary around the world, interesting opportunities to chat and share ideas with others and many great resources.

Take a few minutes and visit www.rotary.org



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### **Upcoming Speakers:**

Check out the great line up of speakers in the next few weeks. Any of these weeks would be a great time to invite a guest to join you at Rotary.

September 5 – District Governor Kevin Crouse visits the Club

**September 12** – Exchange students – Jocelyn Cross – presenting on her year in Finland and Konsta (new inbound student) – presenting on his country

**September 19** – Donna Stevenson – Boomer Match to Business - Who are the next generation of volunteers

**September 26** – Susan Austin – Roux Commissary – new business and Lions Lair

**October 3** – Will Key – Hamilton Tiger Cats – New Stadium Development update

**October 10** – Earl Basse – City of Hamilton Integrity Commissioner

October 17 – Scott Warren – Global Spectrum



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.

Monday, July 8, 2013

Monday, August 12, 2013

Monday, September 9, 2013

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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#### **7090 District Conference**

The Rotary Club of Hamilton will once again be hosting a hospitality suite at this year's 7090 District Conference.

The Club won the competition last year for best hospitality suite and has again come up with an amazing theme for the hospitality suite. Be sure to attend the conference and stop by our hospitality suite on Friday October 25<sup>th</sup>. You won't want to miss it.

For details on the conference please visit Rotary District 7090 web page.

Please plan on joining everyone in the District on October 25 - 27 when we celebrate our **Family of Rotary** at the **2013 Rotary District 7090 Conference** at the **Marriott Gateway on the Falls Hotel** in Niagara Falls, Canada. There are early bird specials for registration.



Members of the Club enjoyed a sunny trip on the Hamilton Harbour Cruise on August 14.

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Nancy Harkness, Robert Roth and Peter Ormand enjoy the fellowship and learning about Hamilton's harbour.

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Trevor Pringle is presented with the Presidential Award of Merit for his contribution to the Club by Past President Bob Munroe.



Marcel Mongeon presents a service award to Larry Paikin for 50 years' membership in the Club.



Adeel Zafar presents a banner to President Chris from the Rotary Club of Bugolobi in Uganda.

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#### DON'T MISS THE 5TH ANNUAL FESTIVAL SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2013

10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Westfield Heritage Village, Rockton, Ontario

#### Free Admission

- Free Parking and Shuttle from Rockton
- Fairgrounds (No Parking at Westfield) • Programs for Children of All Ages –
- from Bables to Teens
- Activity Centre, Book Swap and Shop,
- Historic Characters, Contests, Prizes
- and More!
- Donations to Literacy Welcome

Featuring:

Robert Bunsdon • Creative Theatre Company • Marle-Louise Gay Hamilton Public Library Puppeteers and Storytellers • An Instrument for Every Child • Jude Johnson • Lynne Kiltredge-Fox • Andrew Larsen Loris Lesynski • Joanne Levy • Robin Baird Lewis • John Lukasik Evan Munday • Kenneth Oppel • Gillian O'Reilly • TURKEY Rhubarb Ablgall Richardson-Schuite • Itah Sadu • Ken Setterington • Jocelyn Shipley • Studio Babette Puppet Theatre • Kevin Sylvester • Meg Tilly Vikki VanSickle • Eric Walters • Wildflower Singers Drumming Circle



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#### **Dear Rotarian**

All of us in Rotary are looking to change the world – why else would we be Rotarians? We believe that our world can be happier, healthier, and more peaceful, and that we can create a better world –locally & internationally - through our service.

Because of your generosity, Rotary is making our community –both locally and around the world - a better place. The Rotary Sunshine Fund is the charitable arm of our Rotary Club. The funds raised through our special events, weekly fines and our annual Sunshine Fund Member's Appeal are pooled together to support the many local and international projects that are Rotary Club participates and leads each year.



The Sunshine Fund Member's Appeal is our annual opportunity to personally support the good work of Rotary. As Rotarians we should be proud that we are close to irradiating Polio in the world, that we help improve literacy through our Rotary Summer Literacy Program, and that we help bring fresh water and sanitation to a community thousands of miles away. These are just a few of the projects and initiatives that are funded through the Sunshine Fund.

Enclosed is the 2013-14 Sunshine Fund Appeal Pledge Form. We encourage each and every Rotarian to participate. The Sunshine Fund Member's Appeal is an opportunity for each and every Rotarian to personally contribute and support the many projects and initiatives of our Rotary Club.

Our goal is to have 100% of our membership participate and to raise \$15,000 (\$125 per member if we have 100% participation). Your consideration and support of the Sunshine Fund is the goal – 100% of our membership supporting the Sunshine Fund during our 100<sup>th</sup> year anniversary would be a great achievement! Your donation will assure that our Rotary Club can continue the work to make our community a better place! It will help provide nutritional snacks to inner city children, camperships and fight Polio and so much more. We thank you in advance for supporting the Sunshine Fund Member's Appeal!

Yours in Rotary,

Christopher Cutler President Alex Moroz Sunshine Fund Chair

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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:

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Yes I would like to support the Sunshine Fund Appeal

Payment by:

Please circle one option:

Cash

Cheque

Visa Master Card

Card#\_\_\_\_ Expire:\_\_\_\_

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Signature: