



The Ambassador

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Annul Garden Party

Be sure to get your tickets for the Club's annual garden party. It will be held on Tuesday, June 11 at the Beverly Golf and Country Club, 1211 2nd Concession Road West, Copetown ON L0R 1J0. Reception is at 5:30 pm and dinner at 6:30 pm.

This is a chance to thank outgoing President Bob Munroe for his service this past year and to welcome incoming President Christopher Cutler for the 2013/14 year. We will also recognize two Paul Harris Fellows and name our Club's New Member of the Year.



Tickets are \$60.00 and are available from Lisa Legacy at admin@rotaryclubhamilton.ca



Rotarians and non-Rotarians came out to Copetown Woods to play nine, drink wine and dine to raise money for Club projects. May 30, 2013 will be a day to remember as a wonderful time of fellowship and fundraising! There were more than 80 golfers and lots of laughter. Many thanks to those who joined us for dinner and who volunteered at the event.



They called themselves the "Shagmisters" and they were only successful in *tying* for the Best Dressed foursome. L to R: Peter Qualgia, Adam Oldfield, Tom Loth and Alex Moroz add colour to the event.

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Order your tickets now!



A Century of Service
Gala Dinner and Dance
November 2, 2013
Liuna Station
360 James Street N.
Hamilton

Delectable menu
Host bar
Awesome door prizes
And lots of great surprises

Dancing to Hamilton All Star Jazz Band's *Motown Can Never Say Goodbye* band

Tickets are \$175 per person. Reserve yours today by contacting Lisa Legacy at admin@rotaryclubhamilton.ca or by going on line to www.rotaryclubhamilton.ca



Bob Munroe and Bill Lister recognize Ginny Mattuzzi for her 20 years of outstanding service to the Club.

Hei Suomesta (Hello from Finland):



I'm very sorry I haven't been in contact with you recently, April was a whirlwind.

I just got back from a week in Rome, with my Latin class.

It was absolutely amazing. There were 12 of us, 9 kids and 3 teachers.

The small size was fantastic, as we got to see and do so much more than if we were trying to function in a large group. We went everywhere too - the Vatican, St. Peter's Basilica (including both dome and necropolis!), the Colosseum, the Forum, the Trevine Fountain... Absolutely amazing.

Coming back to Finland, this past week has been a crazy too. All week, the city was crowded with drunken university students with their coloured pants (showing what branch they're studying). This is because May 1 was "Vappu", a celebration for "spring and education", from what my friends and host family have been saying.

Basically, it's a chance to get really drunk and blow up balloons and eat donuts and drink "sima" (a non-alcoholic homemade mead from brown sugar and lemon juice, or at least that was the one I had). A few of my friends were going to various clubs meant for teens and "young adults". How did I spend it? Playing singstar with my host mom and sisters and their friends until midnight. I think my way much better :).

The weather in Finland is pretty messed up right now. All the snow and ice is finally gone, and the rivers are flowing once more. Everything is very brown though, and sort of depressing. We've been getting days of gorgeous sunshine, and days it's been raining really hard. May 1, it was actually snowing again! But even then, the sun is starting to set later and later - last night I went to bed at 11:30 pm and it was still sort of light out!

Good news - I've been emailing back and forth with Konsta quite a bit. He seems very nice and is very, very excited to come in August. I quite like talking with him, we've been conversing in Finnish. He says he understands what I say, but my grammar is terrible! I can definitely imagine that, as my grammar in English isn't much better most of the time.

As always, thanks to the club for this incredible support and experience.
Jocelyn

Note: Jocelyn Cross is the club's outbound exchange student presently in Finland. She will be returning home within the next two months. Konsta, who she refers to in her report, is our club's new inbound student coming from Finland. Konsta will be arriving in Hamilton in mid-August. He will attend St. Mary Catholic Secondary School.

A tale of two Heathers

The Club would like to thank Heather Scott, our previous layout editor for the Ambassador, for her assistance with the last several issues. Heather has had to resign from the team due to time pressures from work. Thank you so much for your leadership in the past.

And we would like to welcome Heather Moroz as our new layout editor. Heather needs no introduction to most Club members as she served as 'First Lady' of the Club during husband Alex's year as President in 2008/09.

Calendar of Events

Tuesday, June 11 Annual Garden Party
Beverly Golf and Country Club,
1211 2nd Concession Road West, Copetown ON L0R 1J0
Reception 5:30 pm; dinner at 6:30 pm
Tickets \$60 from Lisa Legacy

Thursday, June 20 Tree planting
To mark the first meeting of our Rotary Club
Jackie Washington Rotary Park
Wellington Street North at Simcoe Street

Thursday, July 11 Summer Literacy Program BBQ
Cathy Wever School
160 Wentworth Street North
Barton at Wentworth

Thursday, July 18 Summer Literacy Program BBQ
Cathy Wever School
160 Wentworth Street North
Barton at Wentworth

Thursday, August 1 A birthday party celebration!
Don't miss this special meeting to celebrate the official day in 1913 that our Rotary Club received its Charter from Rotary International.

Thursday, August 8 Summer Literacy Program BBQ
Cathy Wever School
160 Wentworth Street North
Barton at Wentworth



Professor Liyakat Takim, spoke recently to the Club on "Islam in North America"

Upcoming Speakers for June:

- Thursday June 6 – Rob Blunsden, Rotary Summer Literacy Program
- Thursday June 13 – Cancelled due to Garden Party
- Thursday June 20 – Tree planting at Jackie Washington Rotary Park at noon
- Thursday June 27 – Dr. Adrian Upton, "Concussion in Sports"

Pioneers of Rotary – These vignettes showcase some of the contributions the men and women of the Rotary Club of Hamilton have made in the past century.

By Julie Shea

Reverend Crossly Hunter was President in 1940. As a Reverend of the First United Church, he achieved much success eventually becoming minister of Trinity United Church in Toronto.

What stands out in the life of this pioneer is his willingness to speak out against injustice during a time when many voices were silent.

An article in the Globe and Mail describes how Rev. Crossly Hunter spoke out at a rally to bring attention to the plight of the Jews after the pogroms of Kristallnacht. When many church and government leaders remained silent on this front, the Reverend did not.

During a rally of 20,000 he gained the loudest applause when he urged that Canada adopt an open door policy in dealing with the Jewish refugee problem. This pioneer's spirit reminds me of many of our contemporaries such as Chris Cutler and Matthew Greene.

Rotary Clubs are built not only through the donation of service and funds to the community but by the character and spirit of the members and the leadership they bring to our communities.

Through our willingness to speak out against injustice we help to build not only our club, but a city whose compass is aligned with the four way test.



Pres. Bob Munroe and Richard Allen re-introduce Jocelyn McKeown to membership in the Club. Jocelyn is a former member of the Club and recipient of the New Member Award. She is Gallery Manager of the Nathaniel Hughson Gallery in Hamilton. Congrats to Jocelyn and Kyle on the birth of their second daughter Isla.

Trivia Question – Which Statement is False?

- 1913-1920s
 - 1) In 1917, the President of the club was Bill Cooper – of W.H. Cooper Construction Company. He would later go on to be a 15 year chair of the Hamilton General Hospital – A citizen of the year in 1943 and a president of the Hamilton Chamber of Commerce in 1924.
 - 2) In 1917, Rotary decided to limit membership to 150 members – and keep a waiting list for potential new members.
 - 3) The club was frustrated with its attendance record – which averaged 80%

Answer on the next page

FAQs about The Ambassador

- When does the Ambassador publish? It publishes the first Thursday of the month (or thereabouts) and is sent to you by email. Even though we aim to go paperless, a few copies will be distributed at that week's meeting.
- How can I check back issues? Back issues of the most recent Ambassador are on our website: www.rotaryclubhamilton.ca. Go to Our Club and click on Newsletters.
- When is the deadline? The deadline is the last Friday of the month preceding publication.
- Can I submit something for publication? Yes! Submissions, photos etc. are welcome with complete information. Please send it to Pearl Wolfe at pearlwolfe@yahoo.ca
- Why is it important to read the Ambassador? To be informed, to find out about upcoming events and to see coverage about past events. You might see your picture in it!



ClubRunner Updates

How to get a Club Roster

Log into our Rotary Club of Hamilton's ClubRunner account

The easiest way to do this is to go to our website www.rotaryclubhamilton.ca and click on the link marked "ClubRunner" in the bottom left corner. (You should "bookmark" these two sites for future reference.)

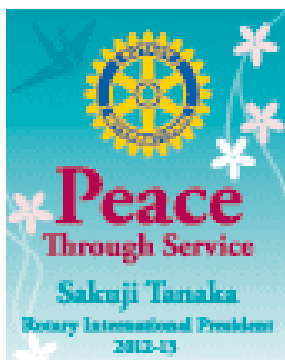
Click on the "eDirectory Reports 2.0" option in the "My ClubRunner" section.

You now have a number of reports. The one you probably want is listed under Standing Reports - All Members (with photos).

If you can't remember your ClubRunner login name or password let John Clinton know at jtclinton@slsh.ca and he'll reset it for you.



Answer to quiz - #3 is False - it averaged 65%)



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