



The Ambassador

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Celebrating Rotary ... Save the Dates!

By Alex Moroz

It wouldn't be an anniversary without a party and a lot of exciting events to celebrate 100 years of service!

The big party will be our Gala on November 2, 2013 (get your tickets now), but we also have a number of other dates to celebrate our 100 years.

On May 16th we will have our Past Presidents' Day....we hope to have as many Past Presidents attending as possible. The Past Presidents will have a presentation celebrating 100 years of projects. You will be inspired by the many projects that our Rotary

Club have been involved in over the past 100 years!

On June 20th we will be honouring our first meeting of the Rotary Club of Hamilton in 1913 by planting a tree at Jackie Washington Rotary Park followed by hosting our meeting in the park.

During the early years of Rotary, Rotarians held picnics and BBQs rather than regular meetings in the summer and during our 100th anniversary year we will be doing the same. During the Rotary Summer Literacy Program, we will be hosting a BBQ and will celebrate the work of our Summer Literacy

Program. The BBQs will engage the community and participants involved in the Rotary Summer Literacy program on July 11, 25 and August 8.

It wouldn't be a celebration without cake, and we will have a large Rotary cake to celebrate the official day our Rotary Club received its Charter from Rotary International. One hundred years ago we became official and the date lands on a Thursday this year so August 1st will be a special meeting.

There are many exciting events and celebration activities. Mark your calendars as we celebrate 100 years of service!

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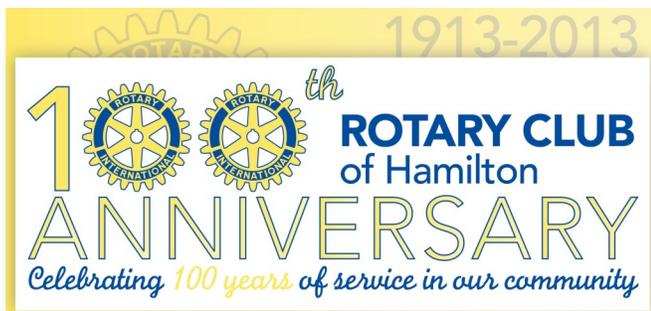
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Spring Uncorked A Great Success!

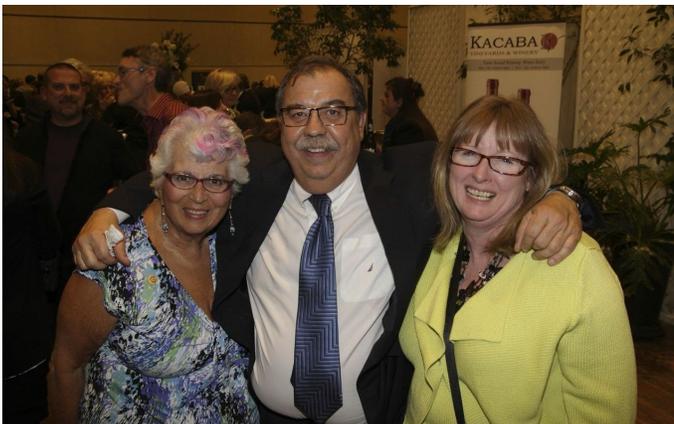
Spring Uncorked, held at Royal Botanical Gardens on April 23, was another great success with more than 250 attending this annual festival of food and wine. Many thanks to the committee and the exhibitors for their contribution.



Gregg Crealock congratulates Kate Bliss, the winner of the Falls & Wine Country weekend getaway courtesy of Budd' BMW Hamilton.



Spring Uncorked is a fabulous celebration at the end of a long winter.



Joan Heels and Deborah Barfknecht share a smile with a guest at Spring Uncorked.



This happy gang enjoyed the food and fellowship at Spring Uncorked.

Sharon Lacey, Shendal Yalchin and Sandra Stephenson share a smile.



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.

Leland D. Case: The Great Defender

By Julie Shea

While he wasn't a Hamilton Rotarian, Leland D. Case deserves a mention in this 100th year, because he was the great defender of Rotary International. This might be shocking to some, but during the early days there were some very vocal, high profile critics of Rotary.

During the 1920s and 30s, authors as powerful as Bernard Shaw and Sinclair Lewis were making very public and disparaging comments about Rotary with statements such as " Who was the first Rotarian? He was the first man to call John the Baptist 'Jack'."

Bernard Shaw was noted to have said, "Where is Rotary going? It is going to lunch". While most of the criticisms were parodies and pot shots, Leland D. Case, editor of the Rotarian, finally had enough and took action.

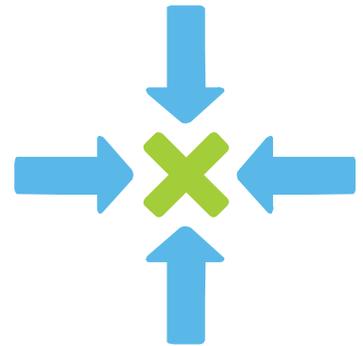
He drove from Chicago to Vermont and surprised Bernard Shaw at his summer house. During their conversation, Mr. Case explained Rotary to Mr. Shaw. After the visit, Bernard Shaw was sold. When Case returned to Chicago, he found a letter from Shaw that said, "your visit made me approve of Rotary". Later Case persuaded Shaw, Lewis and other previous critics to actually write for the Rotarian.

Instead of creating a war of words and escalating the situation, he dealt with Shaw face to face. By educating Shaw and

making Rotary relatable, he turned an adversary into an advocate.

In this world of Facebook and Twitter "wars of words" are common place.

Sometimes you need human connection to truly communicate and see each other's point of view.



News from World Community Service

By Rebecca Beatty
Chris Cutler, of the WCS Committee, addressed the club in March to update us on the committee's activities and initiatives around the globe. He was joined by Amber Oberc (by Skype) from Washington D.C. who shared some wonderful photos and stories of her experiences with Project Muso and explained in detail the successes in Mali. The committee has received a new proposal for this year and has approved additional funding for Project Muso.

The Committee also met recently with Leo Johnson of Empowerment Squared, to hear about the progress on the Liberian Learning Centre. The Committee is looking to support the project through partnerships and programming to meet the immediate literacy needs of the community. The proposed model will be similar to the summer reading program at Cathy Wever School. Chris Cutler presented on ABC's and Rice, the school in Cambodia run by Tammy Durand (who

presented to the club last year). The funding, which the committee recently approved, will be used to help create a sustainable farm which has been developed in part to feed the children, and in part to send rice home with the kids to ensure they return to school instead of being sent to work.

Four Way Test

- Is it the TRUTH?
- Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- Will it build GOODWILL and FRIENDSHIP?
- Will it be

Hello from Finland!

Hello and Happy Easter!

I hope you both had a wonderful holiday. I know I did - I went up to my new family's cottage in Syöte for the four-day weekend. We went skiing and tobogganing and hiking, among other things. The Finnish "winter-spring" here is extraordinarily lovely. We had great weather, and the scenery was beautiful.

So I have just switched families for the last time. I am now staying in Oulu, about 5 km from the city center, in a lovely big house with a mom and two younger girls. Even though I've only been

here a few days, it's been quite a pleasant time and I think the rest of my exchange here will go quite smoothly. Only four months left! Such a scary thought.

Just finishing exams in school again - one more jakso to go. Next jakso I'm taking History, two Math courses, art and dance. I'm not sure how excited I am for the dance course: it should be fun, but I'm a terrible dancer. Ugh. Well, trying new things and all that.

Big things coming up next are the Rome trip with my Latin class at the end of the month and going on

the Eurotour in June. I think this summer I'm also going to be traveling a bit with my family - Helsinki and maybe to Estonia, but I don't know yet.

The Finnish language is getting better. I understand most of what's being said, but it's difficult to actually respond sometimes. Progress is slower than I would have liked, but I'm still confident in what I'm doing, so that's good.

Hope all is well with you!

Jocelyn

Youth Exchange Program Note

Ginny Mattuzzi wants to remind members/new members that Jocelyn Cross is our club's outbound exchange student. Jocelyn is spending her year away in Finland. She will be returning home in July and in late August our new inbound exchange student from Finland will be arriving.

TALL SHIPS® Hamilton

The TALL SHIPS® Hamilton event is part of the City of Hamilton's War of 1812 Bicentennial Commemorations.

The excitement will begin June 28 with the Parade of Sail and Opening Ceremonies. Daily June 29 and 30 visitors can go aboard the ships and sail on selected ships (for a fee).

Everyone can enjoy an outstanding experience down by the water at Pier 8 and emerge entertained, engaged and enlightened! Be transported back to

1813 and explore naval history and the traditions and trades of the time.

Kids, teens, and adults alike will enjoy a wide variety of free and unique activities such as historical boat building, nautical printmaking, a Bicentennial themed quilt exhibition, a curated craft show, and artist-painted tattoos.

Featuring several interactive theatre experiences and live historical music performances, festival-goers will feel that they

have stumbled through a time warp to an 1813 wharf! Sea shanties will give way to modern rock, indie and soul acts on the Waterfront Stage each evening and spectacular Canada Day Fireworks at nearby Bayfront & Pier 4 Parks, July 1st at dusk.

Date: Friday, June 28 to Sunday, June 30, 2013
Time: Parade of Sail Friday 2:00 to 4:00pm.
Ship deck tours and activities Saturday and Sunday starting at 10:00 a.m.

Ages: All
Cost: Ship deck tours \$10 per person, child under 5 free, Harbour Cruises \$30 per person, children under 5 free
Contact: 905-546-2424, ext. 5771, 1812@hamilton.ca, www.1812hamilton.com





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**Rotary Board Meetings
2012/2013**
5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Monday, May 13, 2013
Monday, June 10, 2013

Location of meetings:

Dodsworth & Brown
Robinson Chapel
15 West Ave. N.,
Hamilton, ON L8L 5B9

Upcoming Events

Thursday, May 30, 2013

Wine, Nine & Dine
Copetown Woods Golf Club
Early bird registration April 15

Tuesday, June 11, 2013

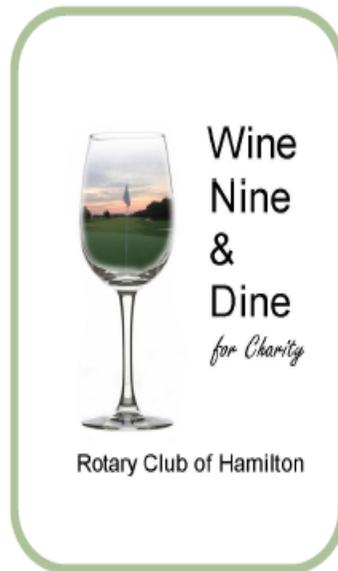
Annual Garden Party

Sunday, September 15

Telling Tales Festival
Westfield Heritage Village

Saturday, November 2, 2013

A Century of Service Gala
Liuna Station



Thursday, May 30, 2013

Copetown Woods

2:45 p.m. Registration

3:30 p.m. Tee-Off

6:00 p.m. Reception 6:30 p.m. Dinner

Two 9's set aside one for men and the other
for the ladies

All meet back up for dinner and prizes

Golf Package Includes:

9 Holes of Best Ball Golf

Buffet Dinner

Silent Auction

Prize for Best Dressed, Best Whine Heard

Other Fun Prizes

Winning Team Trophies

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