



# The Ambassador

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## Happy New Year! A Century of Service!

By Alex Moroz

100 years ago this year, the Rotary Club of Hamilton was founded. The first meeting of the Rotary Club of Hamilton was on June 23 at Young's Café located at 26 William Street.

By the turn of the 20th century, Hamilton, Ontario was home to nearly 200 factories; and by 1913 more than 400 industries.

The Mayor of Hamilton in 1913 was John Allan and the population was 88,918.

The Rotary Club of Hamilton was chartered by Rotary International in August 1, 1913 and was numbered 82 in the world. The Rotary Club of Toronto was the sponsoring club.

Bruce Carey, Russell T. Kelly, Arthur Bell and Charlie McCallough were the four gentlemen who started the formation of the club. Other friends attended a lunch meeting to help organize the club - Bill Peace, George C. Copley, Harry Russell and Bill Seymour.

What started in 1913 has made a huge impact on our city and in the world.

As we celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our Rotary Club in 2013, there will be celebrations, fellowship events and fundraising opportunities.

The 2013 Committee has been working hard over the past 18 months to help mark our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary...as we give the gift of Rotary.

Throughout the year, we will be recognizing significant dates and projects, events and yes - celebrating the achievements of our Rotary Club.

We have set an aggressive goal to raise \$100,000 in addition to our current fundraisers. The proceeds of the gift of literacy will be used to support the

Rotary Summer Literacy Project, an international literacy project and an investment into the Rotary Forever Fund, so our gift of literacy will be continued for the next 100 years.

There are not many organizations that have reached the accomplishment of 100 years, and even fewer that can say they have made a substantial contribution to our local and international communities for that many years.

Join in celebrating the achievement and accomplishments and look forward to what a difference our Rotary Club can and will make in the next 100 years!

Happy Anniversary Rotary Club of Hamilton!!!

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### Board of Directors:

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# Rotary Makes Magic Happen!

The annual Christmas Party for the children at Cathy Wever School on Dec. 13 was a huge success. Rotarians and friends made magic happen that day. There were goodie bags for all the children, a hot turkey dinner and plenty of entertainment. It was a magical day – a day that filled tummies and hearts. Thanks to all the volunteers and especially to all the Rotarians who purchased the Christmas Stockings. You made sure that more than 680 students had a taste of Christmas Spirit!



*And of course, the star of the show - Santa arrived to the delight of all the kids, young and old. Thanks all for all of your efforts for the children at Cathy Wever.*



*Here's a happy group of elves at the Cathy Wever Christmas party on Dec. 13. L to R are Nancy Harkness, Tina Edukatis, Janet Walsh, Lourissa McLaurin and Claire Harkness*



*Bruiser made the scene much to the delight of all of the kids.*

## World Community Service Committee

*Submitted by Rebecca Beatty*

### Get Ready, Get Set, Get Reading!

Regularly scheduled meetings will commence in January on a monthly basis with the Run Committee for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Run, presently set for 5 October 2013.

### The Kenyan Project:

The Kenyan Project (Usoma Water Sanitation Project) is moving ahead and we are looking forward to installation of drinking water and toilet facilities soon. We will also receive

some photographs of the same sometime in the new year.

### Project Muso:

Based on a brief report provided by Ari Johnson, the peace and security situation in Mali has not had a major impact on Project Muso, which is on track for completion by 31 December 2012.

### ABCs and Rice:

The project score card for ABC's and Rice in Cambodia is nearly complete. The school helps 200 children with food every day, and has strived to

achieve sustainability by building a farm inside the school (the "Full Belly Farm"). Any funding provided to the project is directly invested into the school, without any 'overhead' deduction. The committee has received a copy of ABC's and Rice Strategic Plan, which focuses on the eventual transfer of the operations of the school to the locals. Rotary funding (likely \$1,500) will be used to support the food program.

### Peace through Service:

Peace is a primary Rotary agenda for this year. The

WCS Committee supports the idea of a "peace" speaker and perhaps a day-long event at AGH. Any suggestions or thoughts on this proposal can be directed to Chris Cutler.

# Telling Tales Fundraising Support Reaches \$60,000 Over Four Years

Telling Tales Festival grants for 2012 were announced at Hamilton Public Library's Barton Branch on December 6. The Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board's Rotary Summer Literacy Program received \$5,000, while Early Literacy Hamilton's Read to Your Baby Program and the Hamilton Literacy Council each received \$2,500. The donation to the Rotary Summer Literacy Program will enable 1,000 children to attend the popular Hamilton summer camp for six weeks.



## Broadfoot Circle



The Club recently honoured members of its Broadfoot Circle in the Rotary Forever Fund. Pictured are President Bob Munroe, co chairs Randy MacDonald and Cynthia Janzen and Terry Cooke from the Hamilton Community Foundation.

New inductees to the Broadfoot Circle are: Ute and Phil Winer, Mindy Tweedle and Jacqueline and Glen Norton.





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### Rotary Board Meetings 2012/2013

5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Monday, Jan. 14, 2013  
Monday, Feb. 11, 2013  
Monday, Mar. 11, 2013  
Monday, Apr. 8, 2013  
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

Wednesday, Feb. 13, 2013

The Paul Harris Awards Dinner  
MC Dana Robbins (Hamilton Spectator Publisher)  
Michelangelo Banquet Centre  
6 p.m. Cocktails; 7 p.m. Dinner  
For tickets contact Chris Cutler [christophercutl@gmail.com](mailto:christophercutl@gmail.com)

Tuesday, Apr. 23, 2013

Spring Uncorked  
Royal Botanical Gardens

Thursday, May 30, 2013

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

Tuesday, June 11, 2013

Annual Garden Party

Saturday, Oct. 5, 2013

Road Race

Saturday, Nov. 2, 2013

A Century of Service Gala  
Liuna Station



## 50 Years of Service



Membership committee representative Bill Lister presents Norm Levitt with his service award for 50 years of membership in the Rotary Club of Hamilton. Congratulations Norm and thank you for all of those years of service.