



# The Ambassador

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## Happy 2013! Ways to get more out of Rotary!

A New Year means a chance to look back on the previous one and to set resolutions for the coming year. But we, as Rotarians, should be looking forward...2013 is our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Rotary Club of Hamilton!

Looking forward to 2013, we will be celebrating our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in several ways; with a Gala Dinner & Dance on November 2, 2013; with fellowship events marking our first meeting of a Rotary Club and in August the date we became an official Rotary Club number 82!

We also have embarked on a campaign to raise \$100,000 for literacy projects locally and internationally, today and for the next 100 years! In addition to maintaining our current fundraising goals, this additional \$100,000 called the "Gift of Literacy" is a substantial opportunity to improve the lives of children and families today and for years to come.

A New Year always provides us with an

opportunity to think about ways we can get more out of Rotary. Challenge yourself to celebrate 100 years of Rotary in Hamilton by:

- Publicize the good work of Rotary - Use your social media (twitter, Facebook) and share what you do at Rotary with your network. Post a photo of a speaker, share the experience of reading with a child at Rotary Summer Literacy, or what it was like at the annual Christmas party for 680 plus children at Cathy Wever School.

- Network - Meet new members, re-introduce yourself to established Rotarians. Try to sit at a different table each week and enjoy the fellowship of Rotary.

- Wear your Rotary pin during Rotary Awareness month in January. Be proud of your association with Rotary and engage people to ask questions about Rotary and the good work that we do

- Be part of the celebrations, invite guests, co-workers and family to Rotary meetings, special events

and join us at the Gala Dinner & Dance. Come to Spring Uncorked, laugh at Wine, Dine & Nine, our new fundraiser, or enjoy birthday cake to celebrate our Century of Service.

- Connect with past Rotarians, Alumni and Exchange students. Invite recipients of Paul Harris Fellowships to a Rotary meeting or invite key leaders in the community who have benefited from the efforts of Rotary to join us during the celebrations

- Help complete the puzzle, invite a potential new member to join our Rotary Club.

The past 100 years have been filled with much success for Rotary, Rotarians and the many good causes that we have supported. We should be proud of the past, while we look forward to celebrating 100 years and raising \$100,000 for the gift of reading. Happy New Year!

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## Rotary News In Photos!



*Exchange student Jocelyn with her host sisters at Christmas.*



*Contestants in the Ugly Sweater contest at Christmas were Peter Qualgia and Jocelyn McKeown. Jocelyn walked away with the big prize. Judges were: Keith Green, Marvin Caplan and Mindy Tweedle.*

*Howard Elliott, managing editor for web and commentary at The Hamilton Spectator spoke to the club on Jan. 24 about news and information gathering, technology and transmission in 2013.*



## World Community Service Committee

*Submitted by Rebecca Beatty*

The final Rotary Summer Literacy report for summer 2012 shows that the program continues to be a success. In spite of costs related to challenges with staffing from the Board of Education, we managed to stay within budget. The program in 2012 saw several successes: average attendance per day was up; there were increased numbers from Cathy Wever School; parent engagement was stronger

and the Rotarian of the Day was greatly appreciated by parents.

The program for 2013 is well in the planning stages and we are working to increase the brand awareness and success of the Rotary Summer Literacy Program.

The literacy programs at Cathy Wever School are moving forward with great success as 17 Rotarians are participating in the All Star Reading Program.

The Wever Hub has started an "Eye Sight"

research project. It is with the support of the Hamilton Community Foundation and McMaster University and St Joseph's Hospital. The project is linked to literacy as without good eyesight many students have difficulty reading and learning.

A partnership with St Leonard's and the Hub will be launched in January. The first part was the donation of computers made during the Christmas Party. The second phase will be a

computer repair clinic during the WAVE After School Program for youth and families. Computers can be repaired and fix or rebuilt at no cost.

# We Will Continue Telling Tales

Telling Tales is currently looking for assistance with its 2013 fundraising campaign. The key period for this work is February, March and April. We are searching for three to five literacy champions to join the team.

Can you help us out in any of the following areas?

- Assisting chair with Strategizing - Co - Chair needed!
- Letter writing - using a set template - customizing letters for key prospects
- Grant writing - using a set template -

customizing letters for prospects and assisting with on-line applications

- Do you have general

skills in the communication area, proofing or general admin? They are needed!



*It's a family affair: Susan Jasper, centre, joined the club and was welcomed by her sponsor and sister Anne Bermingham and President Bob. Susan is the creator of the wonderful Telling Tales festival.*

- Do you like to sell - do you enjoy PR!
- Can you help us with Rotary Club liaison work supporting our Captain of Rotary exciting our other clubs to help throughout the year?

Please contact Susan Jasper - [sjasper@sympatico.ca](mailto:sjasper@sympatico.ca) or 905 9736478 - she can't wait to hear how you would like to help!

# Computer Problems A Thing Of The Past!

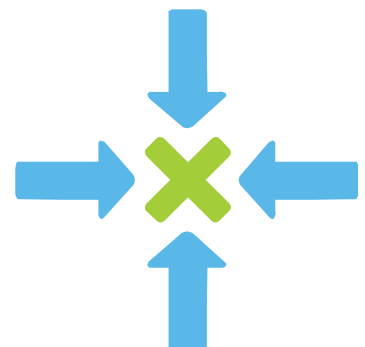
Here's some exciting news from our partners in the community. The Wever Hub is partnering with the St. Leonard's Society of Hamilton on a unique program. St. Leonard's is a not-for-profit that has operated in Hamilton since 1972. In 2001, they launched the GreenBYTE Computer Training program. The program does three things. It collects computers and diverts them from landfill by

returning them to a good useable condition. It trains clients to fix and repair computers so they can gain well-paying, meaningful employment. And, it runs a small business enterprise that markets refurbished computers. They are interested in starting a computer repair program at WAVE for kids who are attending WAVE and/or live in the area. These kids would have computers that are

not working and they would like to get them repaired. The program would be free and repairs would be made and legal operating systems and virus software would be installed. More details will be available soon. Come to WAVE and watch for further information.

# Four Way Test

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





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

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 <a href="mailto:christophercutl@gmail.com">christophercutl@gmail.com</a>
Thursday, Feb. 14, 2013	No regular meeting
Tuesday, Apr. 23, 2013	Spring Uncorked Royal Botanical Gardens
Thursday, May 30, 2013	Wine, Nine & Dine Copetown Woods Golf Club Early bird registration April 15
Tuesday, June 11, 2013	Annual Garden Party
Sunday, Sept. 15, 2013	Telling Tales Festival Westfield Heritage Village
Saturday, Nov. 2, 2013	A Century of Service Gala Liuna Station



## Spring Uncorked, Again

Put Tuesday, April 23 in  
your calendar!  
Join us, and bring your  
friends, to Spring  
Uncorked, our popular

food and wine tasting  
event at the Royal  
Botanical Gardens.

This is one of our club's  
major fundraisers,  
supporting literacy and  
leadership projects for  
children in Hamilton's  
inner-city. The kids  
depend on us, so buy  
your tickets and  
encourage others to do  
so.

For one year only, we are  
dropping the ticket price  
to \$100, in celebration of  
our 100th anniversary!  
Tickets will be available  
online very soon, so stay  
tuned.

