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Hamilton Rotary Clubs Honour Local Community Leaders

Area Rotary Clubs celebrated local community leaders by presenting the prestigious Paul Harris Fellowship Awards at the annual Paul Harris Dinner February 13 at Michelangelo Banquet Centre.

Paul Harris Awards were presented to Terry Cooke, Colin Millar and George McCarter. The evening was hosted by Dana Robbins, a 2012 award winner.

The Rotary Club of Hamilton, the Rotary Club of Hamilton AM and the Rotary Club of Hamilton Mountain, came together for an evening of acknowledgement of community leaders who contribute by helping others.

The Paul Harris Award is named after Paul P. Harris, founder of Rotary International. Paul Harris formed the world's first service club, the Rotary Club

of Chicago on February 23, 1905. His intention was to recapture, in a professional club, the same friendly spirit he had felt in the small towns of his youth.

The Paul Harris Award is a highly prestigious award, as illustrated by the esteemed recipients. Terry Cooke is CEO of the Hamilton Community Foundation, Colin Millar is the former Chief of Police of Hamilton and George McCarter is the President of Pearson Dunn Insurance & Financial Services.

Each of the recipients has demonstrated, in an exemplary fashion, Rotary's motto of 'Service Above Self'. Their work has been deemed by others to have brought hope and understanding to our local and/or international community.

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Previous years winners include:

2012 Recipients

Dana Robbins
Julie Brooks
Duane Dahl
Marita Zaffiro

2011 Recipients

Mark Chamberlain
Ron Foxcroft
Becky Kellar
Mitchell Kawasaki

2010 Recipients

Dr. Judge David Marshall
Bryan Prince
Jan Lukas
Jeff Paikin

2009 Recipients

Connie Smith
Gerald Polmanter
Ronald Barr
Peter Kagoma

2008 Recipient

Paisley McNab
Bill Hogg
Rev. Sue-Ann Ward
Sandra Jennis
Jennifer Middleton

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World Community Service Committee

Submitted by Rebecca Beatty

Project Muso, Mali

The final report on the completion of the funded project in Mali has been received. The Committee is looking forward to sharing the successes of the project with the club on March 14, when Amber Oberac of Project Muso will join us at our weekly Rotary meeting by Skype.

The Kenyan Project

The project is getting close to a "bricks-and-mortar" phase of deployment. We have requested a Rotary sign or plate is displayed once the drinking water/sanitation unit is completed.

Some comments from Dr. Corinne Wallace:

COHESU has been working with the young men in Usoma village to train them in brick making for the block that is being built. While this may seem a small step, it will create ripples in the community far beyond the existence of the water and sanitation block itself. First, through our early community assessment, it was clear that many community members were concerned with the young men in the village; their lack of education was contributing to alcohol abuse and general troublemaking. By asking the youth to be

involved in this community project, they are seen as contributing members to the community while learning a valuable skill that can be used in other construction work in the Kisumu region, providing a sustainable means of supporting themselves and their families. The bricks themselves are a new material and design that is far cheaper to make and requires less mortar when building due to the interlocking design. Moreover, the sand and soil required for the

manufacturing process is being donated by the community itself, another step towards community solidarity that we hope will be an outcome of this initiative.

I strongly believe that 2013 will be a very good year for members of Usoma village, in no small measure due to the generosity and support of the Rotary Club of Hamilton and would like to take the opportunity to wish you and your Rotary colleagues best wishes for the New Year.

ABC's and Rice

A draft budget was submitted by ABC's and Rice for their proposal to set up a school farm. This farm would allow for food production for up to 200 children. The farm set up would include such purchases as compost, a rainwater collection system, fruit trees, hens and ducks. The committee has approved the grant, subject to the signing of a mutual agreement.



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.

Ready ... Aim ... Fire ... Russell T. Kelley

The Rotary Club of Hamilton was founded by a man of action. As many of you know, Russell T. Kelley, of the famed Kelley Advertising, founded our club. He was attending a music festival in Detroit and attended a Rotary Club meeting while he was there. So inspiring was this

meeting, that upon his return he called together a group of friends and started the Rotary Club of Hamilton.

Those friends were: Bruce Cary, Arthur Bell, T. Shannon, G.J Guy, and C.R. McCulloch.

How many times have you gone to an inspirational presentation or workshop and vowed on the way to the parking lot that you were going to make big changes and implement everything that you learned and then forgotten that vow by the time you got home?

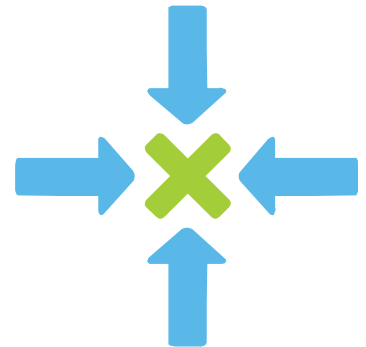
How lucky we are that Mr. Kelley was not that sort, that he turned his inspiration into action and made the efforts to recruit the first five members to form this club.

One of our recently departed Rotarians used to remind unsuccessful sales agents that they had a lot of "ready aim...aim" but no fire.

Lucky for us R.T. Kelley had that "ready aim fire" attitude that not only made the Hamilton Rotary Club a reality, but can be an example to us today to do the same.

Four Way Test

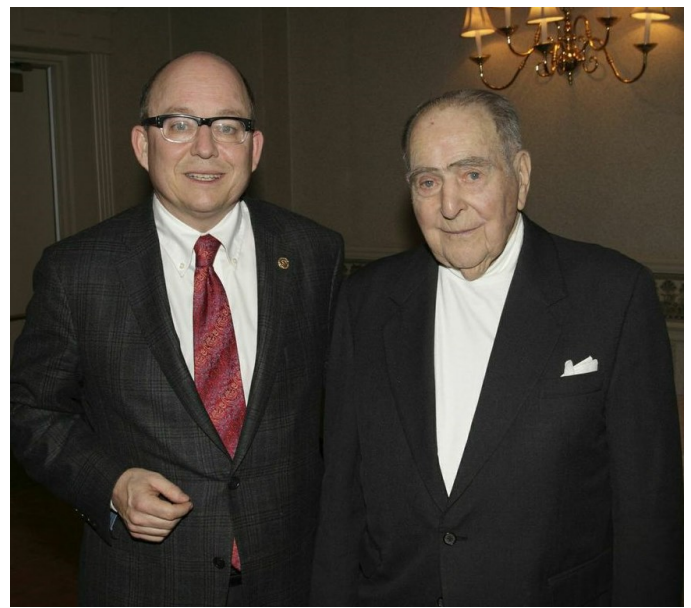
Is it the TRUTH?
Is it FAIR to all concerned?
Will it build GOODWILL and FRIENDSHIP?
Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?



Paul Harris Dinner Photos



The three recipients of the prestigious Paul Harris Fellowship: Terry Cooke, CEO of the Hamilton Community Foundation; Colin Millar, former Police Chief and George McCarter, President of Pearson Dunn Insurance and Financial Services.



Terry Cooke and grandpa Frank, a long-serving member of our club.

Letter from Finland

Happy Belated Groundhogs Day! I made the mistake of mentioning that to my host family, and had to spend half an hour explaining why Canadians thought it would be a good idea to use small mammals as weathermen. Anyway, that's beside the point.

As always, I'm having a great time here in Finland, and, as always, time is flying by way too quickly. I have now officially booked tickets to come home - I will be arriving in the Toronto airport on July 28. That gives me five days before my visa/insurance expires, and almost exactly a year in Finland, four months with each host family.

Speaking of which, I met my last host family a few weeks ago, and they seem lovely. A mom and two girls, aged 7 and 9. The girls are quite shy, but I'm sure they'll open up soon. The mom was actually an exchange student herself when she was in her teens, to New Zealand I believe. So she knows what it's like to go through the experience.

Several things have been happening all at once, most of them good and exciting. I actually just got back from a Rotary event yesterday - the students in

our district went to go and see the Snow Castle in Kemi. It wasn't a huge event, just a few hours of walking around and then eating pizza, but it was nice to see everyone again. And, I must admit, the snow sculptures were incredible.

Right now in school I am just finishing up the third jakso - I have my last exam tomorrow - and will start the fourth (out of five) on Wednesday. Overall, I've had decent marks in school, although this time around I don't think I did very well in either Russian or German. I made the mistake of taking the two courses without taking the introductory levels first (they were offered in a prior jakso) and got really confused going between Russian/German, Finnish and English. But I tried them once, and I don't have to do them again. I did pretty well on Latin, though and I think that I will do well in Religion. I'm actually quite proud of myself, as I have just finished a two-page essay entirely in Finnish, in which I only looked up a few words in the dictionary. My host dad proofread it for me, and said it was entirely understandable, which, to be perfectly honest, was all that I was really going

for, as I know content-wise it could use a little more.

Actually, as far as the language goes, I got an email about registering for a test that will take place early April. I'm planning on signing up for it tomorrow, so we'll see how well that goes. Some days I feel like I've learned a lot in Finnish, and other days I feel really stressed out and pathetic that I haven't learned that much at all, although my host dad says I understand more than I think I do. I'm determined to come home conversationally fluent, at the very least.

What else is going on? Plans for the Rome trip with my Latin class are moving along steadily - flights and hotel have been booked, and now we're just figuring out what exactly we are going to do each day. The hotel is actually getting us free tickets to see the Pope (public viewing, not actually meeting him face-to-face) and afterwards we're going below to see the catacombs! I can't wait - I'm ridiculously excited for this trip.

I've also applied for the Eurotour, so we'll see how that goes. I'm not sure if I've gotten accepted yet or

not - there was a little trouble, as for some reason everyone else got their application packages before me, and as it is on a first-come, first-served basis, I don't know if I sent mine in on time. All I can do is wait and see.

The next big event for me now is the "vanhat tanssi" or "Oldies Dance" - basically the Finnish prom, but choreographed and you have to take dance lessons with the school for one full jakso in order to attend. It's on the 15th, so quickly coming up. I'm dancing with another girl, and lucky me gets to be the boy. Which, to be honest, is probably a good thing as I've discovered I'm not overly talented on the dance floor, and the guy's part seems slightly easier. I'll have to send you another email and some photos after the event!

Once again, thanks to you both and to the entire club for sponsoring me and letting me have this wonderful opportunity.

Jocelyn

The Dance of the Century—Nov. 2, 2013

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.

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. 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. In return, HASJB is putting together a one-of-a-kind show to help celebrate our 100th anniversary at this signature gala event.

The music at the *A Century of Service* gala 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 affiliated with HASJB Inc. known as Motown Can Never Say Goodbye. The Motown Singers seem to play to sold-out crowds every time they play!

The Hamilton All Star Jazz Band and the Motown Group are under the direction of Dr. Russ Weil, a former member of the Rotary Club of Hamilton 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.

The partnership with HASJB Inc. includes an extension of the successful summer and fall and winter music series. This concert series enriches the lives of our community by bringing some of the best Canadian professional musicians to Hamilton including Pat LaBarbara, Adrean Farrugia, Sophia Perlman, Darcy Hepner, Chris Gale, Jack DeKeyer, Tyler Yarema, Harrison Kennedy, Danny Marks and Heather Banbrick.

Get your tickets early - this is an event that you won't want to miss! Contact Lisa Legacy at admin@rotaryclubhamilton.ca or go to our website www.rotaryclubhamilton.ca to order your tickets. Tickets are \$175/person.



Some of the entertainers from the Hamilton All Star Jazz Band who will be performing at the *A Century of Service* gala on November 2.



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5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

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

Tuesday, April 23, 2013

Spring Uncorked
Royal Botanical Gardens
Got to: www.springuncorked.com

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



Spring Uncorked, Again

Put Tuesday, April 23 in
your calendar!

event at the Royal
Botanical Gardens.

Join us, and bring your
friends, to Spring
Uncorked, our popular
food and wine tasting

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!
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