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Groves**  
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**Rebecca Beatty**  
Rotarian



**Joan Bell**  
Rotarian



## Message from Emily Gibel

I cannot believe it is December! I have no idea where the time went, I feel like I stepped off the plane yesterday. Everything is still going great here!

My school is awesome, and the people in my class are really turning into my best friends! I have now made a small connection with everyone in the class and feel that I truly belong there! I have a smaller group of really good friends that I can trust and have fun with. The actual schoolwork is good, and I am keeping up with everyone in the class and trying my best in all the subjects. My teachers are very nice and still really helpful when I don't understand something.

My host family is still wonderful and we get along really nicely. They are now just family instead of a host mom and host dad. I have met with my second host family yesterday for the first time, and they seem really nice. They have a nice big backyard with a forest behind it and reindeer in their garden sometimes! I cannot see myself having a problem with them at all. I am going to move in either January 4 or 5 but I will keep you posted on that.

I have soccer three times a week, which is a lot more than I did at home, but I am enjoying it. I am learning a lot about the game this year, and also making really good friends. I feel so comfortable with my teammates and already know it will be really hard to leave them at the end of the year, but I'm not thinking about that yet!

The exchange students celebrated "American Thanksgiving", which was a lot of fun. Everyone brought a dish from their home country. It was very cool to taste the different foods. Also, it was the first time for some of the exchange students to have Thanksgiving, and watching their faces during the meal made me feel so happy. One girl didn't know what maple syrup was so I made her try it right away, and she loved it!

## The Rotary Club of Hamilton Board of Directors 2013/14

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## Emily's message cont'd

With Christmas fast approaching I am looking forward to what will come. I have had a few moments of homesickness but nothing that lasts long, and is easy to control. I want time to slow down but also hurry up at the same time. This place is defiantly now home to me and I can't believe all of the opportunities I have been given. I hope all is well with you and everyone back home! Happy new year!

Best Wishes,

Emily

## We made magic again this year!

If you ever wonder what your donation to the Sunshine Fund does or why you attend Spring Uncorked, you would understand if you attended the Christmas Celebration at Cathy Wever School on Dec. 12. More than 680 students from one of the neediest communities in our city had a few hours of fun, joy and each one filled their tummy with turkey, potatoes and stuffing.

Thanks to the Rotarians who helped set-up, serve the food and clean-up. If you ever wonder why you are a Rotarian and why we raise money, this party is a great example of Rotarians in action.

The students all had reindeer antlers, enjoyed the music and entertainment, had a great lunch and all received a goodie bag. The Christmas spirit was alive and well at Cathy Wever School.

There are many individuals to thank for their hard work and efforts in putting together this special day. To everyone who purchased a stocking, volunteered and who continue to support the many good projects of our Rotary Club, thank you! We have posted some pictures on the Rotary Club of Hamilton's Facebook page.

This is a short Thank you from Cathy Wever School:

## **"This Christmas dinner is fantastic!**

**Every year I am amazed at the time/effort/hard work/donations/enthusiasm/etc., etc. that Rotary members put into this event. Thank you very much!! Sometimes I'm not sure that you realize how important you and your events are to the children. They love their Christmas dinner and everything else that they experience on that day - from gifts to entertainment to smiles and conversation with adults who value them and are role modelling what respected and respectful adults do! I'm rambling (I'm not very good on email, catch me at the dinner and I'll tell you in person how great you are-and how great it is that you do the things you do for these unbelievably needy cute faces). Thank you, thank you!"** Laura Laverty





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## Cathy Wever Christmas Party



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## 2013-2014 Board of Directors' Meetings

Dodsworth and Brown, Robinson Chapel  
**15 West Avenue North, Hamilton  
ON L8L 5B9**

Second Monday of the month  
at 5 p.m.

Tuesday, October 8, 2013

Monday, November 11, 2013

Monday, December 9, 2013

Monday, January 13, 2014

Monday, February 10, 2014

Monday, March 10, 2014

Monday, April 14, 2014

Monday, May 12, 2014

Monday, June 9, 2014



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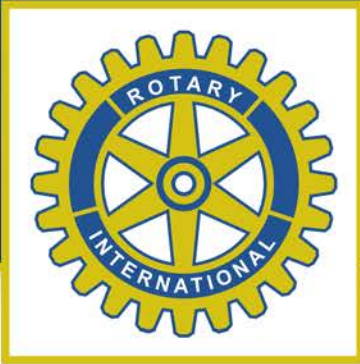
The entire cost to produce the calendar was covered by the 10 ladies in the calendar and cost the Club nothing, so 100% of sales of the calendar are profit for the Sunshine Fund.





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## Fundraising Opportunities

The Rotary Club of Hamilton is a very busy club and that's because we do so much good work! Some members may be confused by the number and kinds of events and fundraising activities we have going on. So Fundraising Director Kevin Anstee has created a chart to explain all of the wonderful opportunities there are to become involved. Please feel free to speak to Kevin or any member of the board if you would like more information. This month we are highlighting The Rotary Foundation and the Sunshine Fund.

Name of Fundraiser	Description	Where Does the Money Go	How to Donate	Benefits of Donating
<b>Rotary Foundation</b>	<p>The Rotary Foundation consists of three areas: Paul Harris Fellowship, Rotary Foundation, and PolioPlus Fund.</p> <p>November is Rotary Foundation month where there is a pledge awareness campaign.</p>	<p>Local/international projects.</p> <p>Advance world understanding, goodwill, peace through the improvement of health, support of education, and the alleviation of poverty.</p> <p>Funds are used to eradicate polio worldwide.</p>	<p>Contribute to the Rotary Foundation yearly.</p>	<p>Each dollar donated is put toward a Paul Harris Fellowship award.</p> <p>For members who contribute \$1000 US, they receive a Paul Harris award and begin collecting points toward for the next year toward a Paul Harris Fellowship award.</p> <p>Half of the contribution comes back to the club to spend on local/international projects.</p> <p>There is a tax receipt for the donation.</p>
<b>Sunshine Fund</b>	<p>The Sunshine Fund is the year-round charitable arm of the Rotary Club of Hamilton.</p>	<p>To support local and international projects and initiatives.</p>	<p>Weekly fines and happy dollars.</p> <p>General donations to support projects and initiatives.</p>	<p>Donations over \$10.00 are provided with a tax receipt.</p>