



# The Ambassador

July 2019



## From the President

Welcome to a new Rotary Year!



I would like to start by thanking Nancy for all of the time, energy and work she put into her presidency. Thanks for a great job and year. YOU were the Inspiration!

I would also like to say welcome to all of our new members from the Hamilton Mountain Club. We are extremely excited to have you as part of our Club and to be able to continue your good work on the mountain and expand our Club's reach within the City. This is an exciting time for our Club and we are lucky to have you all as members!

The theme for 2019-2020 is Rotary Connects the World. If you have ever been to a District or RI event you can't help but know that this is true. We all have a "Rotary Moment" where we truly understand the power, impact and reach of Rotary, and mine came long before I was a Rotarian in 2008. Alex and I attended the Rotary International Convention in Los Angeles. Walking into the opening ceremony and seeing all of those people, there, for a singular purpose, to make the world better was overwhelming. Even more overwhelming was when they did the parade of flags, it truly made me understand the reach of Rotary and how it really does Connect the World.

As Rotarians, we have the capability not only to Connect the World but also to Connect our Community. YOU CAN and DO make an invaluable difference in the lives of some of the most vulnerable people in our City. My hope for the coming year is for folks that may have become disconnected from Rotary that they remember their "Rotary Moment" or discover a new "Rotary Moment" that helps them feel reenergized and wanting to participate. My hope for folks that continue to be active and participate in multiple activities that they feel valued and know their hard work is noticed. My hope for long standing Rotarians is that they understand they are appreciated and bring a wealth of knowledge that we can all learn from.

I am honored and humbled to be able to serve as your President and I promise I will do my best to live up the honor, tradition and amazing work done in the past by this Club and its members.

-Heather

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## **Rotary Summer Literacy is back for another Summer of Fun!**

The Rotary Club of Hamilton is proud to offer children in Kindergarten to Grade 5 the Rotary Summer Literacy Program. This **free** program will run from Monday July 15<sup>th</sup> to Friday August 2<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at Cathy Wever Elementary School, located at 160 Wentworth Street North.

If you are interested and wish for your child to attend, please complete the online registration at our website  
[www.rotaryclubhamilton.ca](http://www.rotaryclubhamilton.ca)

## **Rotarians go back to school! Rotarian of the Day**

What better way to start your day off with energetic and enthusiastic children who attend our Rotary Summer Literacy Program.

The Rotarian of the Day will help greet parents and children at the Rotary Summer Literacy Program. After attendance, the Rotarian of the Day will be part of the morning read along.

The Rotarian of the Day needs to be at the program for 8:00am till 9:30am. It is a fun way to start your day and you will get to help launch our Rotary Summer Literacy Program each day! Sign up forms will be available soon!



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*The Rotary Summer Literacy Program is a free after program that focuses on literacy providing participants with an engaging modeled of shared, and guided independent reading and writing activities.*

*Children who attend the program maintain and/or improve their literacy skills. The Rotary Summer Literacy Program is designed to engage, enrich, educate, and excite, creating a truly special learning experience for one and all.*

*The Rotary Club of Hamilton is proud to provide this program.*

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Community**



# Welcoming our New Members & Celebrating Our Merger with Rotary of Hamilton Mountain!

## New Members for July 2019:

David Elliot  
Judi Emerson  
Clement Feierabend  
Bilal Mirza  
Peter Murray  
Jay Parmar  
Jim Thomson  
Bruno Uggenti  
Lois Brabant (Honourary)  
Brenda Campbell (Honourary)  
Tony DiSilvestro (Honourary)  
Edward Waldes (Honourary)  
Earl Inglis (Honourary)

The Rotary Club of Hamilton Mountain was chartered on October 17, 1975. Our sponsor at the time was the Rotary Club of Hamilton Mountain. We have come full circle with our June 30, 2019 merger with our original sponsor club to continue as The Rotary Club of Hamilton.

The 1970's were the heyday of Rotary expansion and 25 "charter members" founded the Mountain Club. Of those 25, three are still with us and continue as honorary members (Tony DiSilvestro, Earl Inglis and Ed Waldes). At its peak in the mid 1990's membership in the "Mountain Club" exceeded 75 members. We were the self-proclaimed "Rotary Club that the Others Look Up To" and our motto was "Fun, Fellowship and Fundraising". Like all Rotary Clubs the new millennium saw an ever-continuing decline in membership until with just 13 members this spring the remaining members made the bold decision that for Rotary to survive on the Mountain that a merger with the other Hamilton club was necessary. We were welcomed with open arms and we appreciate that. By merging, vs dissolving, the Mountain Club continues to exist in the new stronger merged club, everyone benefits. The majority of our active membership (10 of 13) are continuing their membership in the Hamilton Rotary Club. They are Paul Boschler, David Elliot, Judi Emerson, Clement Feierabend, Bilal Mirza, Peter Murray, Jay Parmar, Jim Thomson and Bruno Uggenti. The following past Rotarians were awarded honorary members for their meritorious and longtime service to Rotary: Lois Brabant, Brenda Campbell, Tony DiSilvestro, Earl Inglis and Ed Waldes.

Many of you will recall that the Mountain Club met for many years at the Hillcrest Banquet Centre on Concession Street with their fabulous smorgasbord, the best lunch in Rotary. When that venue closed we moved around a fair bit never staying long at a single location until the last few years where our final home was the Mall Road "Fortino's", Second Floor Community Room.

Over its 43-year life as a club, the Rotary Club of Hamilton Mountain served the mountain community in a myriad of ways.

**-Bingo** was and continues to be a major fundraiser. At one time as many as 15 Rotarians were required to run each bingo. Now a bingo requires 3 Rotarians. Clement Feierabend and 2 others for an evening. We hope to continue this in the merged club

**-McQueston Park Clean Up:** in recent years the Mountain Club adopted this large park on Upper Wentworth as a "hands on project" pursuant to the City's "Adopt a Park" program. For 5 lunches during the summer we meet for a short lunch under the picnic pavilion and then spend an hour cleaning the park using the City's trailer of supplies. We hope to continue this project. We note that there is no meeting on the first Thursday of each month and that would be the perfect time to keep this tradition alive. With that in mind we have already reserved the "trailer" for the first Thursday's of August, September and October.

**Christmas Party & Turkey Roll** (aka raffle): For as long as I've been in Rotary the Mountain Club has held a Christmas Party for its members, families and friends and in conjunction with this event we hold a raffle for frozen turkey's (and more recently Fortino's gift cards). We usually hold this at Michelangelo's in early December. It's very much a social and /con't

**It does not matter**  
if you are a Rotarian or not,  
you have benefitted from Rotary!

Rotarians are making the  
world a safer, healthier,  
more peaceful and  
better place to be.

**If you only knew**  
what the Rotary Club of Hamilton  
has done, you would consider  
it your favourite charity.



Of the things we think, say or do

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

Happy July Birthday to:



July 1st - Randy MacDondald

July 3rd - Larry Woods

July 26th - Nancy Baker

July 31st - Paul Takala

Happy Birthday!!!!



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event and we raise a couple thousand dollars or so for local Rotary projects/charities. Tickets are sold for the dinner in advance and its quite reasonable, approx. \$40 per person for the dinner. Attendance in recent years has been about 80. It is very much enjoyed, and we can have a discussion in the fall as to whether it is something that can continue.

Nevada Tickets: Another fund raiser we have is "Nevada Tickets" which are sold at a specific convenience store. This raises a thousand or so per year with minimal effort by the club. A project worth continuing.

Summer BBQ: A social fellow ship event that we've traditionally held is a summer bbq. This event is for Rotarians, spouses and families. In recent years this event would be held at a member's home, at Bruno's trailer on the Grand and in the case of last summer, at the RHYC along with our international Rotarian guests attending the RI convention.

Major Fundraiser: Historically the Mountain Club had a Major Fundraiser every year, being some sort of Gala Dinner and Auction that at its peak had attendance of several hundred and profits in the twenty-thousand-dollar range. Unfortunately, with declining membership it became impossible to continue this project and 2015 was the last year this event was held.

Hamilton Mountain Citizen of the Year: Similarly, for many years the Mountain Club held a Mountain Citizen of the Year Award Dinner at which a deserving Hamilton Mountain resident and youth were awarded Paul Harris fellow.

Again, declining membership doomed this event which was last held in the early part of this decade.

The Mountain Club used its fundraising efforts to support a myriad of local charities over the years with donations over our 43-year life exceeded several hundreds of thousands of dollars.

International Projects: Over the years we also made significant donations to International Projects, particularly to "eye sight" projects. Our most recent project was a joint one with the Rotary Club of Navsari, Gujarat, India for the purchase and operation of a mobile eye clinic to serve the poor villages of that part of India. Our donation of \$10,000.00 along with matching grants etc. supported a project that was almost \$100,000.00 in total!

We were a 100% club and included the \$100US Foundation donation amount in our clubs' annual dues.

The Rotary Club of Hamilton Mountain has a long history of service. We look forward to continuing that tradition in our new club.

Submitted by David Elliot,  
Current Secretary Rotary Club of Hamilton Mountain  
Past President 2000-2001, 2015-16;

### 2019-2020 Board Meetings

All meetings start at 5:00 p.m. at Dodsworth and Brown Funeral Home  
Robinson Chapel (15 West Ave N) Hamilton

Monday, July 8, 2019  
Monday, September 9, 2019  
Monday, November 11, 2019  
Monday, January 13, 2020  
Monday, March 9, 2020  
Monday, May 11, 2020

Monday, August 12, 2019  
Tuesday, October 15, 2019  
Monday, December 9, 2019  
Monday, February 10, 2020  
Tuesday, April 14, 2020  
Monday June 8, 2020 (location TBD)



# ROTARY FALL CLASSIC GOLF TOURNAMENT

— REGISTER NOW! —  
**SEPTEMBER 12, 2019**

**SOUTHBROOK GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB**  
4349 REGIONAL RD 56, BINBROOK, ON L0R 1C0



Registration is open for our annual Rotary Fall Golf Classic. A great event of golf, networking and FUN! This is not your regular golf tournament...think Caddie Shack!

The Rotary Fall Golf Classic includes 9 holes of golf, cart, buffet dinner plus food, drink or prize on every hole! Not a golfer come for dinner and enjoy the silent auction or become a hole sponsor. All the information and registration form is on our website [www.rotaryclubhamilton.ca](http://www.rotaryclubhamilton.ca)



We have a great line up of speakers and events for the summer months of Rotary. All of the details are on the events page on our website [www.rotaryclubhamilton.ca](http://www.rotaryclubhamilton.ca). Here are just a few of the highlights:

**July 11th** - Our first meeting of the 2019-20 Rotary Meeting. President Heather Moroz will be welcoming our new members from the Rotary Club of Hamilton Mountain.

**July 18** - We will be celebrating 100 years of Service with the Rotary Club of Welland.

**July 25th** - No regular lunch meeting but our summer fellowship BBQ at Marie Robbins House. There is no cost. Bring your spouse or partner. encourage a donation to the Sunshine Fund. BBQ, Fellowship and you get a tax receipt!

**August 1st** - Hands on Service Project. We are doing a park clean-up during lunch at TB McQueston Park.

Don't forget the **Rotary Summer Literacy Program**. We hope that every Rotarian will sign up and be a Rotarian of the Day. What a great way to see Rotary in action as over 250 children & youth benefit from our signature program each week. The Program runs July 15th - August 2, 2019.



*Pictured:*

*Empowerment Squared (L) & Dr. Joan B Heels (R) were two of our Paul Harris Fellows for 2018-2019*

# Duty Roster

Here is the Duty Roster for the first few months of Rotary. It is important that each of the roles are filled weekly. Remember if you are unable to do your duty, it is your responsibility to find a replacement. Please let your Srgt at Arms John Clinton know of the switch...to avoid a fine! If you are on Duty, you should be at Rotary before Noon to help with set-up.

	<b>Greeter</b>	<b>Guests/Visitors &amp; Draw Ticket Sales</b>	<b>Attendance Record &amp; Lunch Ticket Sales</b>	<b>Grace</b>	<b>Business Administration Table</b>	<b>Introducing Speaker</b>
<b>July 4</b>	No Meeting					
<b>July 11</b>	Larry Paikin	Brad Spencer	Nancy Baker	Alan Livingston	Andrew Jubenville	Mark Mindorff
<b>July 18</b>	Joan Heels	Paul Gordon	David Simpson	Leo Johnson	Alex Moroz	Chris Cutler
<b>July 25</b>	No Lunch Meeting – Dinner BBQ @ Marie Robbins					
<b>Aug 1</b>	No Meeting					
<b>Aug 8</b>	Kevin Anstee	Nancy Baker	Chris Cutler	Tyler Davey	Mike Yamamoto	Laura Farr
<b>Aug 15</b>	Paul Gordon	Joan Heels	Leo Johnson	Ram Kamath	Tim Galvin	Alan Livingston
<b>Aug 22</b>	Randy MacDonald	Mark Mindorff	Mike Orlander	Larry Paikin	Andrew Jubenville	Peter Quaglia
<b>Aug 29</b>	Marie Robbins	David Simpson	Brad Spencer	Paul Takala	Alex Moroz	Paul Van Rizen
<b>Sept 5</b>	No Meeting					
<b>Sept 12</b>	No Lunch Meeting – Rotary Golf Classic					
<b>Sept 19</b>	David Elliot	Judi Emerson	Clement Feierabend	Bilal Mirza	Mike Yamamoto	Peter Murray
<b>Sept 26</b>	Jay Parmer	Jim Thomson	Bruno Uggenti	Kevin Anstee	Tim Galvin	Nancy Baker
<b>Oct 3</b>	No Meeting					
<b>Oct 10</b>	Chris Cutler	Tyler Davey	Laura Farr	Joan Heels	Andrew Jubenville	Paul Gordon
<b>Oct 17</b>	Leo Johnson	Ram Kamath	Alan Livingston	Randy MacDonald	Alex Moroz	Mark Mindorff
<b>Oct 24</b>	Mike Ordander	Larry Paikin	Peter Quaglia	Marie Robbins	Mike Yamamoto	Brad Spencer
<b>Oct 31</b>	Paul Takala	Paul Van Riezen	David Elliot	Judi Emerson	Tim Galvin	Clement Feierabend
<b>Nov 7</b>	No Meeting					
<b>Nov 14</b>	Bilal Mirza	Peter Murray	Jay Parmer	Jim Thomson	Andrew Jubenville	Bruno Uggenti
<b>Nov 21</b>	Kevin Anstee	Nancy Baker	Chris Cutler	Tyler Davey	Alex Moroz	Laura Farr
<b>Nov 28</b>	Paul Gordon	Joan Heels	Leo Johnson	Ram Kamath	Mike Yamamoto	Alan Livingston



*Pictured: Susan Richardson awarded Paul Harris Fellowship Award (L), Members pose with Leo Johnson at Empowerment Squared Ride for Change*

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