



# THE WHEEL

2008-2009

## What is Rotary?

Rotary is an organization of business and professional men and women united worldwide dedicated to providing humanitarian service, encouraging high ethical standards in all vocations, and helping build good will and peace in the world.

## Object of Rotary

The object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the idea of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

- The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
- High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying by each Rotarian of his or her occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
- The application of the idea of service by every Rotarian to his or her personal, business and community life;
- The advancement of international understanding, good will, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

## The 4-Way Test

Of things we think, say or do

1. Is it the truth?
2. Is it fair for all concerned?
3. Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

## Today's Meeting



**INDUCTION**  
**2009-2010 PRESIDENT**  
**Bill MacArthur**

## Our Local Projects

**In 2003**  
**The Children's Safety Village was built**

## Board of Directors

### Officers:

**President:** Romeo Girardi  
**President Elect:** Bill MacArthur  
**President Nominee:** Rick Caron  
**Past President:** Shari Cunningham  
**Secretary:** David Eady  
**Treasurer:** Jason Ilijanic  
**Sergeant at Arms:** Walter Willms

### Director Chairmen of Divisions:

**Membership:** Om Chandna  
**Public Relations:** Zora Sanson  
**Service Projects:** Nick Bibic  
**The Rotary Foundation:** Gordon Drake

### Director Secretaries of Divisions:

**Membership:** Mike Wills  
**Public Relations:** Don Marsh  
**Service Projects:** Gary Katz  
**The Rotary Foundation:** Kay Curtis

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**PROGRAM, June 29, 2009**

**The Kenya Literacy and School Repair Project**

Kay Douglas introduced our speaker, member Kay Curtis. Ms. Curtis began with a history of local fundraising for the Muruguru Primary School in Kenya. To date, these efforts have contributed over \$10,000 to the project. The school serves over 600 students.

Kay travelled to Muruguru in January 2009 to review the progress of construction. She summarized Kenyan literacy testing for Grade 8 students and described how achievement of higher grades was a gateway to higher education, comparing public school test results to those of better-funded private schools in the same area. Last year, 66 students at Muruguru Public School wrote the literacy test, with 9 students not qualifying to continue their education. Kay stated the project goal for all students to receive a literacy test score of at least 350, which would make the student eligible for admission to a government-sponsored provincial boarding school.

**President Romeo's Adieu**

Today's meeting was the last as President for Romeo Girardi. He remarked on the swift passage of time over the last year and recapped the 3 focal points of his Presidency: implementation of the new Club structure, recruitment of members and new fundraising initiatives. All three were judged a success. He asked all members to reflect on their participation and commitment to Club events and goals, especially given the continuing fiscal challenges and growing needs of the community. The highlight of the year was the groundbreaking for the John McGivney Children's Centre and Maryvale. President Romeo thanked the Club members, stating it was a true honour to serve as President for the past year.

Gerry Trottier, reporter

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Milton Grant introduced our guests and a visiting Rotarian, Mr. Bruce John of the Sunrise Rotary Club, the Cayman Islands. Mr. John presented President Romeo with his Club's banner.

President Romeo asked all members to check their envelopes for the second half fee invoice. He also confirmed that 11 Club members would attend the June 30 "Meet the Governor Night" sponsored by the Rotary Club of Harrow.

Joe Passa reported on the success of "Rotary Night at the Fireworks", held in cooperation with honorary member Tony Bahceli at The Bistro Restaurant in Dieppe Gardens. The event raised around \$3,000 for the Foundation Fund.

Jim Adkin reprised his *tour de force* role as Vito Corleone and promised to "pass the hat", both literally and figuratively, if our goal of 100% member participation for the in-house fundraising campaign was not met. Give what you can!

Jim also reminded members to think of businesses to approach which might purchase ad signs on the Children's Safety Village fence, in support of the Children's Fest.

Walter Willms introduced our newest member, Mr. Glenn Stresman, who was pinned by PDG Fred Sorrell and inducted by President Romeo. Glenn was a Director with the Rotary Club of Kingston in 2005-2006 and was President of the Rotary Club of St. Catharines AM in 1999-2000. He is the Executive Director of the WindsorEssex Community Foundation.

*Members who did not pick up their envelopes  
with invoices for Membership Dues  
last Monday  
are encouraged to do so today.  
Thanks.*

## MEETINGS

If you would like a committee meeting posted in the Wheel please notify Rotary Office (519-735-2422), or email at: [info@rotary1918.com](mailto:info@rotary1918.com)

### This Week's Meetings

Membership Committee on Monday July 6 at 1:30pm @ Caboto Club  
Art in the Park Committee on Tuesday, July 7 at 4:00pm @ Rotary Children's Safety Village  
Board of Directors on Wednesday, July 8 at 7:30am @ Rotary Children's Safety Village

### Next Week's Meetings

Finance Committee on Tuesday, July 14 at 4:30pm @ Rotary Children's Safety Village

Note that the **Website Committee** does not meet again until next Rotary year

\*\*\*\*\* BINGO \*\*\*\*\*

### Next Bingos:

Tuesday July 7th Thursday July 16th Sunday August 9th  
Friday September 4th Wednesday September 30

### Volunteers Needed:

8:00pm to 2:30am and 10:00pm to 2:30am on Sun August 9th  
2:00pm to 10:30pm, 2:00pm to 8:30pm and 4:00pm to 10:30pm on Friday September 4th  
8:00pm to 2:30am and 10:00pm to 2:30am on Wed September 30th  
8:00pm to 2:30am and 10:00pm to 2:30am on Thursday, October 15th

To **VOLUNTEER**, please contact **Walter Willms** at **519-739-0124** or [walter.willms@sympatico.ca](mailto:walter.willms@sympatico.ca)

**PLEASE UPDATE YOUR ROSTER AND WELCOME NEW MEMBER:**

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**On Next Schedule, July 13, 2009**

Reporter: **Catherine Bornais**  
Registrar: **Jeewen Gill**  
Front Door Greeter: **Randi Glos**  
Parent Ave Greeter: **TBA**

**RAFFLE CONGRATULATIONS**  
Dr. David Moon: \$76.50


**ROVING ROTARIANS**  
Shanti Rao - On-Line Make-Up

**PLEASE UPDATE YOUR MEMBERSHIP ROSTER**  
*Cindy Fuerth has resigned*  
*Graham Keogh has resigned*

**CLUB CELEBRATIONS**

**Happy Birthdays**  
 ✓ J.P. Hatnean ✓ Darren Luck  
 ✓ Gerry Pocock ✓ Ken Sherman ✓ Lou Valente

**Happy Club Anniversaries**  
 ✓ Gord Drake (9 yrs) ✓ David Eady (9yrs)  
 ✓ Nancy Leavoy (3yrs) ✓ Sheena McCabe (1 yr)  
 ✓ Shanti Rao (4 yrs) ✓ Gary Wintermute (29 yrs)



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