



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

March 9, 2009

Mr. David Morley
President and Chief Executive Officer
Canadian Save the Children Fund

Our Local Projects

OUR PAST PROJECTS INCLUDE:
Supporting hospital construction
Benin, Nigeria
Art Leadley Library
Jirapa, Ghana

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**PROGRAM GUEST SPEAKER:
LINDA AZZOPARDI**

Dieppe Gardens Spring Planting

Karen Mingay introduced our guest speaker, Linda Azzopardi, City Horticulturist, who educated us on events encompassing the planting and planning of the city's beautiful Dieppe Gardens. Linda has entered her 31st year as an employee of the City of Windsor. Following her graduation from St. Clair College she became the first female to work for the Windsor's Parks and Recreation department. The Horticultural aspect of Parks and Recreation utilizes its budget of \$1.5 million to maintain all community centres, arenas, City Hall, clean-up of litter throughout the city, grass trimming, and for dressing up *all* of the city boulevards. They are involved in planting the shrubs, trees and flowers, as well as creating approximately 24 foliage displays annually for the city. The preparations for spring begin in October as plant cuttings are taken and grown in a greenhouse. Linda indicated 70% of the stock is ordered in and that 10% of the plants fostered in the greenhouse comprising specialty items. In mid-April measures are taken to clean up the litter and rake leaves. Perennials from the previous year are cut back, tulip bulbs are dug out, and the ground is prepared for planting.

On the weekend proceeding May 10th the annual Paul Martin Garden Sale is held. Fifteen horticulturists provide their knowledge and assistance for the crowd that attends. This event runs from 8am -2pm, but Linda warns that the large line-up begins at about 6:30am. Proceeds from this sale are used to decorate the Willistead Park. Then on May 10th the annual plants arrive at the greenhouse, with planting commencing between May 12-15th. Linda strongly recommends waiting until after the Victoria Day weekend to plant at home to ensure missing any frost. She also suggests fertilizing four times a year.

The arrival of the summer months usher in the maintenance period needed for weeding and water the plants. Linda reported that although she sometimes receives not very pleasant criticism for having to block city streets to garden and maintain the grounds, it is a price that she is willing to pay in order to beautify our city.

Lisa Macari, Reporter

ANNOUNCEMENTS on March 2nd

1. President Romeo began with updating the health status of our fellow Rotarians. He reported that Evelyn Slobasky was expected at today's meeting, however her attendance was missed. Any updates on her would be appreciated. Bev Lounsbury is resting at Malden Park Hospital. Although he prefers no visitors, cards are welcomed. John McGivney is still in the hospital. He would not like visitors at this time, but is thankful for the cards received. Walter Hadden is ill at home. Brenda Cohen suffered a heart attack on February 16th and received a double bi-pass operation in London on the 20th - She has thankfully been released from the hospital on Sunday and is recuperating at home.

2. President Romeo introduced Colleen Menard, who has been hired to help during Brenda's absence. She is being well trained by Walter Willms, but her hours have not yet been finalized.

3. President Romeo reminded us of the Polio Eradication Dinner at Crystal Gardens in Southgate Michigan. The guest speaker at this event will be Wilf Wilkinson and the cost is \$35.00/ticket. Following this event (the next day) will be the District 6400 Assembly.

4. Peter Hrastovec reminded us of the Rotary Night at the Theatre on March 10, 2009. He reported that tickets are selling quickly at \$20.00/ticket - with \$10/ticket sold benefiting the Windsor 1918 foundation fundraising efforts.

5. Bill McArthur welcomed Colleen Menard. Then he asked us to remember the upcoming 2nd Annual Virtual Indoor Golf Tournament. Interested members should know that tickets are \$50.00 and the event combines the enjoyment of golf with beer and pizza.

6. President Romeo concluded the announcements with a reminder of the upcoming Rotaract Fashion Show with proceeds going towards the fight against Polio.

MEETINGS

If you would like a committee meeting posted in the Wheel please notify Lex McCrindle (519-735-2422), or email at: lex@mccsteel.com

This Week's Meetings

Membership Committee on Mon Mar 9th at 1:30 pm at the Caboto
Children's Assistance Committee on Mon Mar 9th at 1:30PM at the Caboto
Finance Committee on Tues Mar 10th at 4:30 pm at CSV
Board of Directors on Wed Mar 11th at 7:30 am at CSV
Website Committee on Thurs Mar 12 at 8:00am at Cadillac Motel

Upcoming Meetings

Youth Services Committee on Mon Mar 23 at 1:30PM at the Caboto
Foundation Fund Directors on Tues Mar 24 at 4:00PM in David Boyd's office

***** BINGO *****

Next Bingos:

Tuesday, March 10, Friday, March 20, Wednesday, April 29, Tuesday, May 12,
Saturday, May 30th and Wednesday, June 24th.

Volunteers Needed:

8:00pm to 12:30am on Wednesday, April 29th
8:00pm to 2:30am, 8:00pm to 12:30am and 10:00pm to 2:30am on Tuesday, May 12th
8:00pm to 2:30am, 8:00pm to 12:30am and 10:00pm to 2:30am on Saturday, May 30th
2:00pm to 10:30pm, and 4:00pm to 10:30pm on Wednesday, June 24th.

Please contact Walter Willms at 519- 739-0124 or walter.willms@sympatico.ca to volunteer

On Next Schedule, March 16, 2009

Reporter: **Joe Passa**
Registrar: **Bev Cyr**
Front Door Greeter: **Marcella Diaz**
Parent Ave. Greeter: **Mark Donlon**

CLUB CELEBRATIONS

Happy Birthdays

Janice Bellemore
Louis Mayrand
Norm Wheeler

Happy Club Anniversaries

Rosalie Turner, 13 yrs

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Monday March 16th

St. Paddy's Entertainment Theme
Fellowship Committee

Monday, March 23rd

Speaker—Sheila Widsom, Executive Director
United Way, Windsor and Essex County

Rotary Night at the Theatre
Tuesday, March 10, 8PM

At Theatre Windsor, Market Square
Walker & Ottawa



The play—**AFFECTIONS OF MAY**—
by Canadian Playwright Norm Foster.

Tickets—\$20.00—are available only from Peter Hrastovec and must be bought by the end of our meeting March 9. An after glow will be held at Past President Shari Cunningham's home. \$10.00 from each ticket goes toward our McGivney/Maryvale Projects.

CONGRATULATIONS

Last week's raffle \$73.00

Winner - Don Spafford

ROVING ROTARIANS

Leo Meyer, Cocoa Beach, Fla. (2)

Shanti Rao, On-Line Make-up (1)

**2nd Annual
Indoor
Golf
Tournament**

When: Saturday March 14
Register: 11:30am, T-Off: Noon
Where: On the Green Indoor Golf
Tecumseh

Why: Have Some Fun
Support Rotary
\$50.00 per person includes
Pizza & refreshments, door prizes
Proceeds to the Foundation Fund
For John McGivney Centre
and Maryvale Projects
See Bill MacArthur for details


Rotaract Club of Windsor (1918) is presenting a "Black Tie" fashion show at the University of Windsor, March 19. Tickets are \$25.00 and are available from Alex Kais, President, at our meeting. Proceeds for Polio Plus.

**ROTARACT
FASHION
SHOW**

Amherstburg Rotary announces their 22nd Annual Pasta Dinner to Kick-off their 2009 Easter Seal Campaign. Dinner is Wednesday March 11 from 5PM to 8PM at KofC Hall, 190 Richmond Street, Amherstburg.

Tickets \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children 10 years and under.

More info—call Martin Breshamer at 519-736-6973.



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