

THE GATEWAY GAZETTE

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April 1, 2021



Rotary Opens Opportunities

The Rotary Club of Wiarton

District 6330 Chartered 1938
Dinner Meetings –6 P.M. Thursdays
Royal Canadian Legion Branch 208

It was nice to be meeting in person. Thanks to Nick and Ron for making all the arrangements.

We had 12 in the room and another 4 on Zoom.

.-Birthdays, we had a few. Nick paid for 10, including his own, Charlie's and most of his family. April is a big month in their family. Gay paid up for a grandchild.

Mike reported that so far we have sold 131/200 bags of pancake mix. We need help promoting the promotion of Social Media and word of mouth to friends and family.

Ron B paid for getting his Covid Vaccination. Others acknowledged receiving theirs (without paying).

Our Guest speaker was Mike Simpson of the Owen Sound chapter of Toastmasters International. This is a worldwide organization that promotes Personal and Professional Development by making its members better communicators. They have partnered with Rotary to develop 8 courses that are specifically for Rotarians. We can gain access to these courses by visiting the Rotary web site and selecting learning resources.

The 50/50 was won by Greg.

The timing of future meetings is flexible. For the next two, they will be on Zoom due to the latest Provincial shut down.

Attendance: 12 plus 4 on Zoom

Guests: Mike Simpson, David Bray

Birthdays:

April 4 Nick Torra
8 Charlie Torra
16 Marianne Williams
26 Donna Rudell
30 Dale Robinson

Anniversaries:

April 23 Bob and Ruthann Carson
28 Richard and Cris Bouillon

Upcoming Meetings:

April 15 TBA
April 22 Executive Meeting
April 29 Rotary Business Meeting

Upcoming Events:

April 19-23 "April Wine"

OFFICERS & EXECUTIVE 2020-21

PRESIDENT	Gay Ratcliffe
PAST PRESIDENT	Mike McMillan
PRESIDENT ELECT	Trevor Hathaway
SECRETARY (Executive)	Gay Ratcliffe
SECRETARY (Recording)	Jackie Drawbell
TREASURER	Scott Elliott

DIRECTORS

ADMINISTRATION	Ron Balsdon
SERVICE PROJECTS	Kathryn Christie
MEMBERSHIP	Randy Curran
FOUNDATION	Trevor Hathaway
PUBLIC IMAGE	Mike Mason
FUNDRAISING	Eric Robinson
SAFETY & STRATEGY	Nick Torra

Rotary Remembers

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Providing amenities in Bluewater Park for the enjoyment of all residents and visitors has long been an objective of the Club. With its \$20,000 commitment, many Rotarian hands and support from the TSBP, the Boardwalk was built in 2009. The Rotary Lookout and benches were added in following years. Sadly, recent high water level damage means a major rebuild will be required.

Another "Hands-on" project of the Club!

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MEMBER PROFILE



I am a fairly new member to the Wiarton Rotary Club however, I am not new to Rotary. I was a member of the Stoney Creek Rotary Club for 10 years and when we recently moved to Red Bay the first thing on my list of "things to do" was to become a member of the Wiarton Rotary Club.

So what is it about Rotary that drew me in and kept me there? For me it is the ability to give back not only within the community but also the world. It is also about the fellowship which is a big part of mine and my husband's life and over the years we have made so many special Rotary friends. I am pleased to be a member of the Wiarton Rotary Club and as things start to open up again I look forward to the opportunity to serve this community.

Jackie Drawbell

Proud
Rotarian
for
10 years!

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A few years ago, I saw an ad in the Owen Sound Sun Times highlighting projects that the Owen Sound Rotary Club was involved in. The projects looked interesting to me, and I thought, "Why don't I find out more about Rotary and what it does?" That led me to join their club where I discovered an interesting group of people who share a common thread of wanting to do something good in the world. A couple of years later, I transferred to the Rotary Club of Wiarton because I felt more connected to the people and that club's projects. Rotary Clubs differ in their traditions, fundraisers and projects and it is great that you can choose to find the best fit for yourself. There are traditional formats with meals & meetings, but also options like the Passport Club which schedules meetings online. I was part of District #6330's Rotary Friendship Exchange to South Africa in November 2019 which gave me the opportunity to get a better understanding of the world and Rotary's international presence. I met the 12 outgoing participants from our District 6330, and then the dynamic members of our three South African host clubs. This journey was definitely one of my best Rotary experiences and I look forward to continuing to learn and grow by participating in Rotary's many projects & opportunities.

Joanne Veerman

Proud
Rotarian
for
5 years!