

THE GATEWAY GAZETTE

SERVICE ABOVE SELF



April 29, 2021



The Rotary Club of Wiarton

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

Well!. We had another Zoom Meeting. And, they are getting better!

President Gay welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Kathy Christie introduced our Guest Speaker for the evening. Heather Sheldrick is the Executive Director of the Women's Centre Grey Bruce.

The Women's Centre provides assistance for women and children who are in an abusive relationship and need to receive counselling, shelter and/or safety.

They operate a 20 bed emergency facility to families seeking shelter and counselling. Hopefully they will only need to in the facility for a short period of time.

They also operate a 2nd stage housing unit. This 10 townhouse unit consists of 2 and 3 bedroom units where families can stay for up to a year will they are getting their life stabilized and hopefully back to normal. This facility is own by the County of Grey.

They just started a new program in conjunction with the Provincial Government to address Anti Human Trafficking amongst youth.

When first established in 1982, the Centre was a 13 bed emergency unit funded by the Provincial Government. Today, they only receive funding for the same 13 beds, even though the demand has increased and the program has been expanded to 20 beds. Thus, Fund raising can be a big issue.

Much more information is available at:

<https://www.thewomenscentre.org/>

Heather was thanked by Nick.

Attendance: 12 Rotarians

Guests: Heather Sheldrick
Lynn Prentice

Birthdays:

May: 16 Mike Mason
21 Joanne Veerman

Anniversaries:

May 6 Trevor and Holly Hathaway

Upcoming Meetings:

May 13th Wes For Your Youth On-Line
May 27th TBD....any ideas?

(ZOOM or LIVE????)

Upcoming Events:

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

Bob discussed a beginning of a plan for Wine Survivor moving forward. With our two major fund raisers, Maple Magic and Village Fair not operating again this year, it is going to be necessary for everyone to pitch in and help to organize and deliver on wine survivor.



Richard, Pat and Bob have developed the policy and procedures for the event. Up until now, they have been doing the work, It was hard to ask others for a lot of help when they were not sure how the event would operate.

Now that there is a format established, everyone needs to get involved and do what they can. If we break the job into many small tasks, no one should be asked to do more than their fair share. Bob will distribute a document outlining the tasks and ask everyone to indicate where they would like to lead and assist within the next week.

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MEMBER PROFILE



I am a proud Rotarian. Participation in volunteer opportunities and the remarkable community building spearheaded by the Wiarton Rotary Club are a source of great pride for me. I feel part of an ongoing success story. Other members are kind, supportive, innovative and push the boundaries of possibility. These are the characteristics of a club and organization with the resilience to face the future as the world changes. I have been recognized by Rotary for my contributions and I will continue with my Rotary friends forever. The commitment and fellowship are dear to my heart.

Maldwyn G. Williams

Proud
Rotarian
for
19 years!

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The sudden death of a good friend & business partner in 1988 motivated me to fill the void that he left behind in the Rotary world. His commitment to both Rotary & his community inspired me to join the Bramalea club in 1989. Upon retiring from the GTA & moving to the Bruce Peninsula in 2008, I joined Warton's club. Over the 30 plus years of my association with Rotary, I have enjoyed participating in both hands-on fundraisers & community projects. Several stand out & make me exceptionally proud to be part of Rotary; establishment of Brampton's Lifeline program, hosting Exchange Students, participation in Deaf Student Exchange, the expansion of the Bruce Peninsula Community Food Bank & establishment of the Phoenix Interact Club at PSDS. A career in the Food Industry allows me to contribute skills to the Club's major fundraisers. In 1993-94, Rotary's theme was "Believe in What You Do & Do What you Believe In", something that I follow each day in helping to make our community a better place for everyone.

Mike Mason

Proud
Rotarian
for
30 years!