



## The Gateway Gazette

March 2024

### **It's been a very busy quarter with the Rotary Club of Warton!**

FUNDRAISING - With saying goodbye to the "Rotary Village Fair" as we have known it for 8+ decades, the club really had to change our way of thinking about how we could fundraise. Shortly after that realization, we were then faced with not hosting Maple Magic in 2024. Village Fair and Maple Magic have been our top two fundraisers. It felt like we would need to re-invent ourselves in some ways.

The club always rises to the occasion when the going gets tough! Mike Mason and Jackie Drawbell pulled representatives from most service clubs in the area to start brainstorming ways that we could all work together in some way. There are so many small groups, all trying to fundraise so what if we worked together toward a community event?? This group started to meet in November, with the initial thought to plan an event for Civic Weekend 2025, however the meetings and brainstorming have been so successful that we will all be hosting the first annual Warton Homecoming weekend in 2024!

Along with the WHC weekend, our club will once again be running the Shore to Shore Race and runners and walkers are already signing up. Thank you to Pat Cavan who organized this event for many years and this year she will be walking the route. Rebekah Larter is now organizing with help from Nora Walden.

Wine Survivor #11 is in the books and proceeds went to the Warton Hospital Auxiliary. Wine Survivor #12 will be taking place the week of May 27<sup>th</sup>. Thanks for taking the lead in this Bev Garinger.

Warton Rotary donated 3 family skate days at the Warton arena over the holidays to ensure that everyone had the opportunity to skate for free.

### **Upcoming Meetings:**

**Mar 28** – cancelled

**Apr 11** – Mediterranean dinner. Lorna Gunning Fratschko– membership

**Apr 25** –Alzheimer Society

### **Upcoming Events**

**Mar 21** – Fireside chat

**Mar 28** – Fashion Show

**Apr 18** – Membership event at Revell

**May 2**-Stratford Festival

**May 23**-Paul Harris evening

**May 27-31**-Wine Surv.

**June 21-23** Dist. Conf Owen Sound

**Aug 3-4** –WHC event

**Aug 5** – Shore to Shore

**Sept 8** – Rotary Golf Tournament

### **Rotary Links:**

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Warton Rotary will be hosting our very first golf tournament at Pinewoods Golf Course. Our very own Glen Barnett is a golf pro who works at Pinewood and he is organizing this event!!! The tournament will be held on Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup> so stay tuned!!!



Also along the thread of partnering and with the end of Village Fair, our club has gifted the Crown & Anchor wheel to the Lion's Club as they used it every Warton Willie Casino night. They were very appreciative!

Our club once again sponsored the Santa Claus float in the Warton parade and also entered our own float thanks to members volunteering their equipment, supplies and time!

We had a very enjoyable Christmas dinner/party at The Dunes, in Sauble Beach. The evening was planned by Jackie Drawbell and Bev Garinger who are obviously wonderful party planners!!



**MEMBERSHIP** - Our membership committee has also really stepped up efforts to attract new members and retain existing members. This committee consists of Pat Cavan, Glen Barnett and Jackie Drawbell. Their first project was to roll out a brand new Corporate Membership program. There was a nice turnout to this event/information evening with several businesses showing interest. To date, we have two new Corporate memberships ready to join us soon! The committee also invited the businesses to join a meeting anytime, just to get a feel for what Rotary is all about and a few have taken advantage of this.

The membership committee has also re-started our Fireside Chats where new and experienced members get together at a members home and have open discussion about Rotary, ask questions, make suggestions. The first one was held in the fall and our next one is March 21 at Nora Walden's home at 7pm.

All members provided a list of prospects for membership which resulted in a good list of excellent prospective members that will be invited to an information session on April 18 at 6pm at the Revell Cooperative. This will be a casual information event. It really is all about thinking about people we know who might be good Rotarians and asking them! Each new member must have a sponsor, club approval and will be assigned a mentor to work with them. Our newest member was inducted into the club on March 14, Armen Vahramian. Welcome Armen!

**DISTRICT GRANT** - This year our club applied for a District Grant to work with the Canadian Mental Health Association to provide mental health programming for 3 local schools. Peninsula Shores District School, Sauble Beach Community School and Kikendaasogamig Elementary School at Neyaashiinigiing. The CMHA team visits each school monthly with a variety of programs. Glenda Jamieson and Bev Garinger are going to Kikendaasogamig March 18 to observe/participate and will be booking into the other two school in April or May. Mental health is one of RI president Gordon McNally's focuses this year and is so needed.

Our club voted to be the sponsoring club for a Global Grant initiated by the Hand Up Committee(started by Bob Carson). Pat Cavan has been visiting Guatemala for a few years and saw the need and the fact that there was a very active NGO working in the Santa Cruz area on Lake Atitlan. She met with them. Last year, Hand Up assisted with getting women started in running their own small businesses and this year, the grant application is to help with a tutoring project in Santa Cruz. Glenda Jamieson visited Pat in Guatemala and they met again with the NGO, attended the Panajachel Rotary Club meeting (host club) to discuss the project and had the opportunity to travel up into the mountains to visit 3 of the businesses started last year. These included an organic egg farm, a honey business and an oyster mushroom business, run by Mayan women. Every woman indicated that with our support, their business is allowing them to feed and clothe their children and provide education opportunities!



Rotary Exchange Student Emanuely Noletto Boesing

Our Rotary Exchange Student is Emanuely Noletto Boesing from District 4440 in Brazil did a marvelous presentation on Brazil, her family/friends and her interests in February. Thank you Manu!.



Our two outboud Rotary Exchange Students are having a marvelous year abroad, Sophia Hepburn, Belgium and Katie Lewall in Taiwan. Thank you Donna Rudell for being such a support to our exchange students! Mike McMillan and Nick Torra are also part of the Youth Exchange program committee.



**PUBLIC IMAGE** – Our PI committee is doing a fantastic job of promoting our club on Facebook and on our webpage! The information is always up to date and changing all the time, always interesting posts that are really making Rotary stand out! Thank you Mike Mason, Rebekah Larter, Nora Walden and Greg Hollinger!

**INTERACT** – This club has been kept busy all year and recently attended a South Bruce Peninsula Council meeting to present the municipality with a cheque towards the accessibility project at the Wiarton arena! They also ran a booth to provide hot chocolate by donation at the Wiarton Willie Festival. This group of high school Interactors is overseen by Trevor Hathaway, Rebekah Larter and Mike McMillan!



Nick Torra and Rebekah – thank you for making sure our meetings included informative speakers over a range of topics this year!

Ron Balsdon and Greg Hollinger – you always have the meeting room all set up and ready for our arrival to meetings. Ron you are also our liason between the Legion and the Club! Greg – thank you for ensuring any presentations are ready to be shown and anyone can join via zoom each meeting!!

Scott Elliott has announced his intention to retire from the position of Treasurer at the end of this Rotary year. Scott, thank you for all that you continue to do to keep our financials in order, always going

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above and beyond to help! Starting in the new Rotary year, Heather Brush will be taking over the Treasurer role – thank you Heather!

Spring is almost here and the days are getting longer!!

Yours in Rotary

Glenda Jamieson, Secretary