



THE GATEWAY GAZETTE

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The Rotary Club of Warton

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

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Rotary Opens Opportunities

And they said it wasn't possible!! But Nick and Charlie did it!!

Sixteen Rotarians, partners and Watson were welcomed to the Tamarac Island home of the Torras for a real mask to mask Rotary meeting. It was nice to talk to people.

President Gay welcome everyone and thanked Nick and Charlie. As the Rotary Club's Safety and Strategy office, Nick explained the rules of engagement in place for the evening.

Gay read a note from Al Leeder re Village Fair. See next page.

Like Mason outlined a 'Hands on Project' at the Foodbank some Rotarians are working on. More work will be done next week and help will be needed. Check for an email from Mike.

Our local Warton Foodland has offered to help the Warton Rotary Club generate some income this weekend. Ron and Mike have Rotary banners on display in the store and Bev and the rest of the store front staff will be asking Foodland customers to support Warton Rotary with a small donation at the checkout counter. Previous campaigns by Warton Foodland to help the Food Bank and the Warton legion have been a financial success. If you happen to be going into the store, you might consider wearing your Rotary apparel to help support the effort.

A delicious BBQ was enjoyed by all.

Announcements:

For Rotarians and Friends, your Rotary dues are due. Please send them into Scott immediately.

Bob

Ps: As a write this on Sunday morning, we just received 3 inches of rain this morning. I wonder what the intended site of the Rotary Village Fair in Bluewater Park looks like. I bet it resembles its neighbor, Georgian Bay!!

Attendance: 16 Rotarians and Partners

Guests:

Birthdays:

Aug 9 Trevor Hathaway
21 Kathy Christie

Anniversaries:

August 6 Donna and Dave Rudell
19 Mike and Kathy Mason

Upcoming Meetings:

All meetings are cancelled till further notice
Next Zoom meeting

OFFICERS & EXECUTIVE 2020-21

PRESIDENT	Gay Ratcliffe
PAST PRESIDENT	Mike McMillan
PRESIDENT ELECT	Trevor Hathaway
SECRETARY (Executive)	Jackie Drawbell
SECRETARY (Recording)	Donna Stewart
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

To my Rotary Friends,

It is not possible for me to be with you tonight. However the invitation from Nick triggered a memory that kept me awake the other night. So, I decided to demonstrate what a fevered mind can recall.

It was Village Fair time in the late 1950's (or early 60's). The rain had driven us into the old arena where we set up the booths and games on the cement floor there. Harvey Taylor dreamed up a brand new, never before invented fund raiser – turtle racing. A few details: he collected 10 turtles – each one about three inches across. A circle was drawn – diameter about 12 feet. Each turtle had a number on its back using chalk. The turtles were put in a box, which would be lifted allowing the turtles to run free. The turtle which crossed the circle first would be declared winner. Meanwhile, the onlookers could purchase a ticket between 1 and 1 as to which turtle would win. Harvey had purchased several rolls of silver dollars as prizes. The game was on! On the first race, Turtle #7 won. On the second race, Turtle #7 won! The bets increased on #7, so Harvey changed his number. Nothing stopped the outflow of the silver dollars, and our fundraiser lasted about 20 minutes. I say “our” because I was Harvey’s assistant. So when I see a road-sign saying: TURTLE CROSSING – I wonder whether any of Harvey’s turtles have descendants!

Al Leeder

Harvey was one of four Taylor brothers who were Warton Rotarians. Harvey lived to be 100 years old and passed away in 2019.