



THE GATEWAY GAZETTE

SERVICE ABOVE SELF



The Rotary Club of Warton

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

June 10, 2021



Rotary Opens
Opportunities

President Gay welcomed 10 Rotarians and one Guest, Charlie Torra, to this week's meeting. Always willing to try something new, our Guest Speaker for the evening was the incoming 2022-23 Rotary International President-elect, Jennifer Jones from Windsor Ontario.

Jennifer had made this presentation on a District 6330 "Noon Zoom" meeting a few months ago. We have been planning on having this as a program at an in-person meeting so everyone could listen to her, but that has proven to be impossible.

Jennifer will be the first woman to head Rotary International and we are all proud of what she has accomplished. Her topic was "Diversity, Equity and Inclusion". These are three areas that the record of Rotary International and many individual Rotary Clubs do not receive passing grades.

When it comes to assessing our club, are we doing a good job of having a club that looks like our community? In some areas, for example including women, we are doing a lot better. In other areas, such as reducing the average age of our membership, not so good.

You can hear Jennifer's presentation by following this link:

<https://youtu.be/8E0bwsCQqoY>

The rest of Jennifer's talk highlighted our own Charlie and Nick Torra by recognizing them as "Major Donors to the Rotary Foundation. In District 6330, there have now been 87 individuals who have contributed at least \$10,000 US to the Rotary Foundation.

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Attendance: 10 Rotarians

Guests: Charlie Torra

Birthdays:

June 12 Ron Balsdon
16 John Foris
26 Holly Hathaway
29 David Dean
29 Sheila Gatis

Anniversaries:

June 20 Bill and Mary Lou McKenzie
28 Al and Shirley Leeder

Upcoming Meetings:

June 24 Changeover meeting

Upcoming Events:

TBA

OFFICERS & EXECUTIVE 2020-21

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

DIRECTORS

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

Nick joined the Rotary Club of Windsor/St Claire in 1982. In 1987, Nick and Charlie started to make small, monthly contributions which were supplemented by the occasional larger annual gift.

Trevor passed on the congratulations from the Senior Major Gift Officer, Carolyn Ferguson of TRF Canada as well as thanking Nick and Charlie for always being there for the Rotary Club of Wiarton. Trevor categorized as "Under the 'B' for BEST!"

Remember Dues are due.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50.



The graphic is a vertical poster with a blue background. At the top right is the Rotary International logo. To its left, the word "Rotary" is in large white font, with "Club of Wiarton" below it. On the left side, "Sponsor Spotlight" is written in a large, stylized, blue script font. In the center is a photograph of the Home Hardware Building Centre Wiarton store, which has a red corrugated metal roof and a sign that reads "Home hardware building centre". Below the photo is a red banner with the Home Hardware logo and the text "Locally owned. Genuinely Canadian." with a small maple leaf icon. Below the banner is the website address "www.wiartonthhbc.com". At the bottom, there is a paragraph of text and a closing statement in italics.

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Sponsor Spotlight

Home
hardware
building centre
WIARTON

Locally owned.
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www.wiartonthhbc.com

As a cornerstone of our community, WHHBC continues to help build and unite the community. Home Owners not only helping home owners but helping local organizations make our community a better place for everyone.

Thank you, Wiarton Home Hardware Building Centre, for your support of the Club's events and projects!

Rotary Remembers

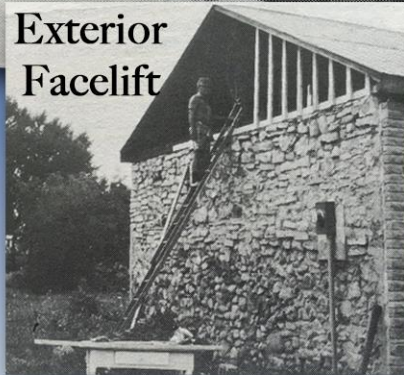
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Before



Present Day



Exterior
Facelift



After Renovations

In 1976, the Club renovated the old "Coal Sheds" that had sat unused for many years. The Sheds originally stored the coal used by Wiarton residents as a source of heat for their homes and cooking. Coal remnants were cleaned up followed by a major facelift. Many Rotarian hands made for light work! By September, the project was complete, serving as storage for both Rotary and the Town's Parks Department. Following additional upgrades, it is no longer recognizable as the old Coal Sheds. Today it is the home of Dockside Willie's Bar & Grill, Wiarton Willie's Summer home and office space.

Another "Hands-on" project of the Club!

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MEMBER PROFILE



I rejoined Rotary because it provided me with a great opportunity to give back to our local community. Rotarians working together in our club are involved in supporting a great number of local causes ... everything from supporting our local hospital foundation and local food banks, to tree planting at our local school. Rotary membership also enables me to support larger international projects like PolioPlus and Hand Up.

Richard Bouillon

Proud
Rotarian
for
1 year!

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Many years ago, a former Rotary District Governor, Oliver Strap encouraged me to join the Rotary Club of Wiarton. I had been a shy kid and, as a farmer, I was rather autonomous. Rotary helped develop me as a person and gave me confidence in my leadership skills. Attending District Conferences allowed me to meet people from various backgrounds and provided many fellowship opportunities. I especially enjoy the hands-on projects that Rotary does. Digging up cedar trees and planting the cedar bush by the old grocery store was one of my favourite moments.

Ron Gatis

Proud
Rotarian
for
56 years!