



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES



The Rotary Club of Warton

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

June 2, 2022

The Gateway Gazette

President Trevor called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

And what a meeting it was. For several years now, the Rotary Club of Warton has held a Paul Harris Night at Evergreen Lodge at Red Bay.

After an excellent meal of whitefish or ribs, it was time for business.

We needed to do a little catching up on activities that had been put off during the past couple of years.

First item of business was the presentation of the Warton Rotarian of the year (or more correctly two years). Ashley Gunn made the announcement and presented the award to Patricia Cavan. She has been very active in guiding the club through the pandemic and keeping the Club active and progressive through the past two years. It was well deserved and will look nice on the shelf beside the same award she won a few years ago.

This is the evening that Warton Rotary honors members of our community with a Paul Harris Award in recognition of their contributions to the community.

This year, Paul Harris Awards were presented to Shirley Leeder, , and Nancy Inch. Their pictures and bios follow in the next pages.

Warton Rotary traditionally presents its Past Presidents with a Paul Harris as well. Doing some catch up work here as well, awards were presented to Mike McMillan 2019-20, Gay Ratcliffe 2020-21 and Trevor Hathaway 2021-22.

Attendance: 37 Rotarians and Guests

June Birthdays:

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

June Anniversaries:

20 Bill and Mary Lou McKenzie

Upcoming Meetings:

June 9th U Know I...Laurie Leonard
Andy Walker (Outbound
Exchange Student to France)

Upcoming Events:

June 13-17 Wine Survivor 7
July 7 BBQ Laurie and Sparky's Leonard

July 21....BBQ Pat Cavan

August 18..BBQ....Jackie and Dave
Drawbell

OFFICERS & EXECUTIVE 2021-22

PRESIDENT	Trevor Hathaway
PAST PRESIDENT	Gay Ratcliffe
PRESIDENT ELECT	Pat Cavan
SECRETARY	Gay Ratcliffe
TREASURER	Scott Elliott

DIRECTORS

ADMINISTRATION	
SERVICE PROJECTS	Mike Mason
MEMBERSHIP	Ashley Gunn
FOUNDATION	Kathryn Christie
PUBLIC IMAGE	Mike Mason
FUNDRAISING	Eric Robinson



SHIRLEY LEEDER

In March of this year we said goodbye to our much beloved and respected Red Leeder. He was a Past President, Paul Harris Fellow, Rotarian of the year 2017, previous club secretary and director as well as long time club bulletin editor and music leader including piano player in the day. In 2021 he marked 70 years as a Rotarian.

As an old adage says.....BEHIND EVERY SUCCESSFUL MAN IS A STRONG WOMAN.

So who is this woman? Shirley Leeder was born in Linberlost....the second oldest of 9 children to Roy and Ruth Ashcroft. She attended school in Linberlost and later at Wiarton High School where her and her sister boarded in town with Mrs. Hatt. She started teaching at a one room school house in NBP in 1949.

She married Red on June 28, 1952 here at Evergreen Lodge. That's almost 70 years of marriage.

They moved to Shallow Lake and both taught in a 4 room school house then moved to Wiarton in 1954 and lived there ever since except for 2 years in Ajax in 1962-64. They started a family in 1957 with the birth of Steve, 1958 with Bert and 1959 with Maureen. Unfortunately they lost her in 1999.

After starting their family, Shirley continued to do supply teaching and she took on a few longer term assignments as well. She is the grandmother of 4 and great grandmother of 5.

In her spare time, Shirley served as a Wiarton town councilor in the late 70's and early 80's and was instrumental in forming one of the first regional fire departments for the town and surrounding area. She has also been and still is a member of IODE and has been active in her Church as a Sunday school teacher, lay minister, and anything relating to children and women's groups.

In Rotary, Shirley was involved in everything that Red was involved in...such as Village Fair, Easter Seals and any other fund raising endeavour. She was also very involved in the train station with the moving it to Blue Water Park as well of maintenance etc. For many years the Train Station Ladies fed us a meal on one of the Village Fair set up evenings. She and Red developed many lifelong friendships everywhere they went.

The Ashcroft family ran the pie booth at VF for many years. The family was also drafted to help Red with the corn booth...shucking and cooking and when necessary off to the Limberlost farm to pick more corn. On another note...the Club and Red & Shirley sent their son Steve to Sweden on the first Rotary exchange in 1974. And of course they have hosted students in the past.

THEREJUST A SHORT GLIMPSE OF THAT STRONG WOMAN AND THEREFORE MORE THAN WORTHY OF THIS VERY SPECIAL AWARD THAT IS BEING BESTOWED UPON HER.



Guido Hafer
Connaisseur Food Concepts Ltd
Guido and Ralph Hafer

Connaisseur Food Concepts is the result of an idea being acted upon; a risk being taken! Utilizing his Food Industry experience, Connaisseur's Patriarch, Henry Hafer, initiated the development of a Waffle Program.

- An idea that a product well established in Europe could be success in Canada.
 - **1977** – Henry's Waffle Program is introduced to the Canadian Hotel & Restaurant Industry. The Program includes a quality Waffle Mix along with the machines to make them.
 - Success of the Waffle Program leads to consideration of other concepts.
 - **1994** – Connaisseur's Premium Buttermilk Pancake Mix is launched.
 - Now Sold throughout Canada & the US including Hawaii.
- 1998** - Sons Ralph & Guido take over the business following Henry's death.

2012 – Warton Rotary approaches them to supply their pancake mix for use at Maple Magic.

Recognition:

2012 – 2014: They donated all of the Mix used at Maple Magic.

2015 – Present: As the event has grown, they continue to donate a portion of the requirements while providing wholesale pricing on the rest.

Estimated contributions of product in-kind to be \$10,000.

2020/21 - As the pandemic continued, Maple Magic was cancelled. At the same time, Connaisseur's business took a huge hit.

- In an attempt to generate new business, a 1KG retail pack size for on-line sales was introduced. **2021** - Connaisseur provided the Club with the 1KG retail size at wholesale pricing.
- In an effort to keep the Maple Magic name in the Public's eye & allow us an opportunity to earn some funds, the Club ventures into retail sales.
- Established locations include: **Lamblicious (Wiarion & Sauble Beach), Wiarion SA Thrift Store & Handicraft House**. Also approached by Wiarion Foodland for product to be included in a commercial customer's Xmas employee gift basket.

So..., it is with great pleasure that our Club recognizes the significant contribution that Connaisseur Food Concepts has made to our Club & to the success of Maple Magic by presenting a Paul Harris Awards to Guido & Ralph Hafer. Unfortunately, Ralph was pre-booked elsewhere & is unable to join us this evening.



Nancy Nice

Nancy has a strong sense of community: how to build it and how to keep it alive. She has done this, over the thirty years since she moved to Lion's Head, by invitations to hike the Bruce Trail with her and her friends. Wednesday mornings every week at 10:00 a.m. is hike time.

Every week she sends out invitations to meet up to hike. She sets up a rendezvous site because not everyone is comfortable driving the back roads to find the Bruce Trail alone. She adds people to her list if she or friends hear of someone wanting to hike. Sometimes the list has been over 100 people. Sometimes the individual hike numbers have been up to 30 people.

Nancy's ability to be connected and build this community is based on caring for others. She connects with each hiker, knows all the names and often knows if life has had recent challenges for some of the hikers in the group.

Hiking in this group has helped people recover and rebuild after life altering conditions: death, divorce or illness in the family, mental health recovery or returning to hike after a serious health condition. At least one of her hikers had Alzheimer's disease but he still was welcomed and helped to socialize in any way that he was able. Everyone looked out for him in the group.

I must say "Nancy has saved many lives" by her kindness and inclusivity for all these years. Every hiker knows how much it means to be part of the group.

Nancy also volunteered for Meals on Wheels, delivering to many people for several years.

Nancy also took on a section of Highway 6 after a fellow hiker who organized this for many years died. This is completed with fellow hikers every year in memory of her friend.



Trevor Hathaway and Ashley Gunn present Patricia Cavan with the
Rotarian of the Year Award



Patricia Cavan presented Paul Harris Awards to our last three Past Presidents

Mike McMillan 2019-20
Gay Ratcliffe 2020-21
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