



# THE GATEWAY GAZETTE



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The Rotary Club of Wiaraton

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

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Meeting started at 6:00 p.m. Sharp with Pres. Mike McMillan at the helm. We celebrated in song (key of X sharp) the birthdays of Bill McKenzie’s wife Mary Lou, Donna Stewart’s, husband Peter and Rotarian Gay.

Our fine session was celebrated with many happy bucks the most notable being Randy Curran “Pancake Batter Potty”. A fixture designed by Randy and built by John Foris which will make the preparation of pancake batter a breeze.

Brenda Scott introduced us to a fundraising challenge to support the Bruce Peninsula Community Food Bank. The challenge is going out to local businesses, service clubs, churches and individuals to ‘Pitchin’ and pledge \$1000 per year for the next three years. She was looking to obtain the support of 12 organizations, with each to select one month of the year that they would make their \$1000 donation. She currently has six organizations signed up for this fundraising challenge

Trevor had tickets available for this years "Empty Bowls" Food bank fundraiser. Tickets will also be available from Trevor at our next 2 meetings. The event will be held on Thursday March 26 (no Rotary meeting that night) from 5 to 7pm at Peninsula Shores District School (PSDS) in Wiaraton. It is being run by the PSDS Leadership class with additional support from the Phoenix Interact Club. All the bowls are donated and Wiaraton Rotary is providing financial support to offset the cost of food. Tickets are \$30 each and all the funds raised goes to the Food Bank.

Program:

Our guest speaker was Kim Clark, Tourism Experience Development Specialist with Regional Tourism Organization 7 (RTO7). Kim helps to promote regional and local organizations (both business and service clubs) and helps them with marketing strategies and provides support to make them a "destination or activity of choice". There is a fee structure for their services.

**Attendance:** Unknown

**Guests:** Bob Vaillancourt, Brenda Scott, Kim Clarke, Bruno Rudolph and Tassja Martin

**Birthdays:**

March 1	Mal Williams
2	Peter Stewart
7	Tonya Miller
10	Gay Ratcliffe

**Anniversaries:**

16 Bob & Bev Thompson

**Upcoming Meetings:**

Feb 20	Jurgen VanDijken
Feb 27	Anna Forest
March 5	Kim Clarke
March 12	Christy Ronholm
March 18	Maple Magic preparation
March 19	Ella on life in Germany
March 26	Empty Bowls
June 19-21	District Conference, Port Elgin

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Kim highlighted four areas of focus:

Workforce:

They provide "Customer Service Training" to businesses and organizations. The training can be done in person or online.

Partnership programs:

For a fee they will provide three years of Professional support with advertising development of videos, digital marketing, finding French translation and web portal development

Implementation programs:

They will assist in implementation of the various strategies and ideas that they have helped to nurture. Kim mentioned if an organization develops and implements a program which benefits the community, (example environmental), her organization will provide, at no cost, an equal value in marketing. The organization only needs to provide receipts for the cost incurred.

Marketing and promotions:

They provide social media support including YouTube.

50/50 winner: Trevor

Reporter: Trevor

Albufeira weather: 20 degrees and always sunny (just ask Eric)



Holden Quan

Monthly Report #7

Hello Wiarnton Rotary. February has been a crazy month for me, and I am very happy with all that I have done.

From February 15-23, I travelled around Spain starting in Madrid, going through the southern and east coast cities and ending in Barcelona. Spain Tour was probably one of the greatest experiences I have ever had during my time here. I made new friends, saw so much culture and art and visited some of the most beautiful cities in the world! I experienced Flamenco dancing live, witnessed pure pieces of original art, explored famous buildings, toured cities by bike and even saw more beauty in the city which I live in and saw things I could never see in Canada. I have only seen Spain, but I can already tell Europe is beautiful.

Shortly after sending this report, I will be hiking the Valencian Mountains with some friends on a trip organized by a different company. We will hike and explore the mountains and get the chance to swim in natural hot springs which are constantly 25 degrees year round!

My philosophy teacher here has complimented me on my Spanish, saying that it has drastically improved since I had first arrived here. She told our class how proud she is that I can translate almost an entire philosophy exam from Spanish to English and answer the questions in Spanish. Nobody has really said much about my Spanish skills here, but I'm proud of myself for what I can achieve and I'm happy somebody has acknowledged that, especially a teacher.

March is the time in Valencia for Fallas, a celebration loaded with fireworks. I am excited!

I hope all is well back home.

Holden Quan