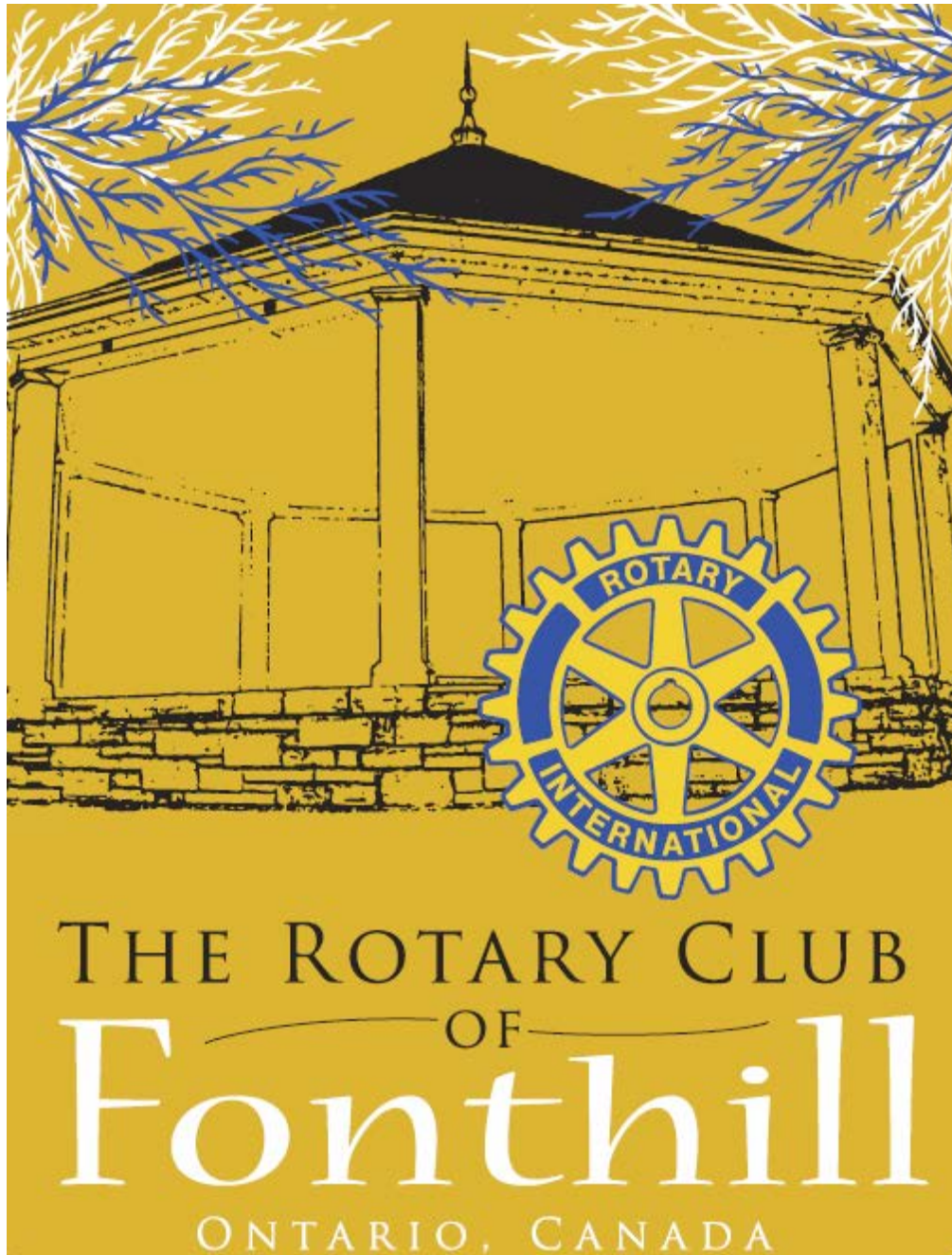


Report to the District Governor

October 2012

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## **The Rotary Club of Fonthill**

### **2012-13 Board of Directors**

President – Robert Eamer

President Elect – Michael Lewis

Past President – Andrew Larmand

Secretary – Tove Bowman

Treasurer – Randy Momot

Rotary Foundation – Geoffrey Maguire

Membership – Lance Wiebe

Public Relations – Carolyn Mullin

Youth Services – Michael Taylor

Club Administration – Tia Taylor

## Club Structure

### Five Avenues of Service Committees



<b>CLUB SERVICE:</b>	Club programming	Tia
	Registration/attendance	Gail
<b>CHAIR:</b>	Banking	Gail
Tia Taylor	Membership	Lance
	Media	Carolyn
	Club administration	Tove
	E-Club	Annie
<b>COMMUNITY:</b>	Canada Day	Lance
	Golf	Hugh
<b>CHAIR:</b>	Summerfest	Lance
Roy Kirkup	Car Rally	Roy
	TV Auction	Hugh
	Pelham Cares	Carolyn
	Temperanceville Display	Randy
	Family Fun/Run Walk	Michael L.
	Band shell Service Night	Gail
	Community Clean-up	Randy
<b>VOCATIONAL:</b>	Mayoralty debate	
<b>CHAIR:</b>	Vocational Presentations	Andrew
Carolyn Mullin	Friendship Exchanges	
	Mentorships	
<b>INTERNATIONAL:</b>	Foundation	Geoff
<b>CHAIR:</b> Geoff Maguire	International Projects	Andrew
	Grants	Geoff
<b>NEW GENERATION:</b>	Interact Club	Pat
	Youth Exchange	Mike
<b>CHAIR:</b>	RYLA	Pat
Mike Taylor	Colouring Book	
	Slapshot	Mike
	Early Act (Public School)	Mike

## Year-to-date selected highlights

The Fonthill Bandshell Committee asked for our help with their Booster Buttons campaign for the 2012 season.



We also sponsored one of the summer concerts (see Event Highlights).

Pictured are Gayle Baltjes-Chataway (left), RC of Fonthill's first president, and current Bandshell Committee Chair, and Fonthill Rotarian Annie Holtby. Annie also serves on the Bandshell committee.

In the Orchard's Angie Geiss accepted a \$500 cheque from our club to offset the cost of materials for her many art classes and projects, all involving youth in our community. Doing the honours are Mike Taylor, left, chairman of the New Generations avenue of service, and Bob Eamer, president.









One hundred golfers came to the prestigious Lookout Point Country Club on an awesome sunny July day to play golf and help eradicate polio. Special guest players included Pelham's Mayor Dave Augustyn, left, along with Coun. Peter Papp, second from right, and the town's new CAO, Darren Ottaway. The Rotary Club of Fonthill is able to donate \$3,000 to END POLIO NOW because of the generosity of our guests that day.



The Rotary Club of Fonthill plans to keep up the strong membership drive in 2012-13, as we did in 2011-12. In May, we officially welcomed two new Rotarians.

## **Event Highlights to Date – Community Service**

The Rotary Year in Fonthill starts off with great fanfare on the very first day of July with four of our major community service events held in the month of July.

### **July 1 – Pelham's Annual Canada Day Celebration**

Lead by Rotarian Lance Wiebe the Organizing Committee's year long planning comes together with huge family fun from 10 in the morning until fireworks complete the night at 11:00 pm. The Club's contribution to this excellent celebration is well recognized in the community. Every year the event gets larger and busier. A list of this year's activities is at [mypelham.com/articles.php?id=6122](http://mypelham.com/articles.php?id=6122)

### **July 19 – Band Shell Service Club Night**

The Club sponsored and presented this evening of great "Elvis" music as part of the Fonthill Bandshell at Peace Park. The Fonthill Rotary Club banner was showcased at the front of the stage. Club members distributed free water (on a very rainy evening) to the very large crowd gathered to enjoy their evening at the Bandshell. The event is the opening event for the four-day Pelham Summerfest celebration.

### **July 19 to 22 – Second Annual Pelham Summerfest**

The success of the original Summerfest in 2011 led to the event becoming an annual and expanded celebration. Fonthill Rotarians worked along side members of three other local service clubs throughout the celebration. Streets were closed to traffic in the downtown of Fonthill for the entire day on Saturday with street vendors and entertainment for all ages. Rotarians volunteered at the beer tent and selling 50/50 raffle tickets. Our portion of the proceeds are still not finalized, however are expected to have increased significantly over last year (more than \$1,500).

### **July 30 – 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Golf Tournament – Lookout Point Country Club**

Another beautiful weather day treated golfers at one of Niagara's most prestigious and challenging private course for the Club's largest solo fundraising effort. We experienced a healthy increase in attendance with over 100 golfers plus friends and family sitting down to dinner. The tourney raised net earnings of approximately \$5,000. Next year's tourney is booked for July 29, 2013.

After such a busy July we took a breather with regular scheduled club meetings. The August 8<sup>th</sup> meeting was an evening social event with our spouses where we inducted the new board of directors.

Activities resumed in September with the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Pelham Family Fun Run/Walk championed by Rotarians Michael and Jeannette Lewis on September 8<sup>th</sup>.

### **Rotary Interact Club – E.L. Crossley Secondary School**

On September 12<sup>th</sup> the Rotary Interact Club of E.L Crossley Secondary School launched its 19<sup>th</sup> year with meetings for both Senior and Junior groups. Approximately 34 students attended the meetings. The new leaders presented to the Club on Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>, reporting they have activities planned for every month of the coming year. Events they are participating in include Christmas Cheer, 30 Hour Famine, Canvassing for Diabetes, Canvassing for Heart and Stroke, Food drives, Terry Fox Run, Running events for Cancer research and contributing volunteer hours to Rotary Club events, such as the TV Auction, road cleanup, etc. The arrival of a school Staff Advisor will certainly serve to ensure the growth of this Interact Club. Rotarian Pat Duncan provides her enthusiasm and guidance to the Club members throughout the year.

### **International Service Committee**

Four members of the club attended the recent District 7090 Foundation Grant Management Seminar. The timing of the grant seminar came at a very opportune time as our International Service committee will be undertaking a strategic review of our clubs past international service projects and our capacity to undertake any new projects.

*Please also see: Foundation Committee report, page 15*

### **Planned Involvement 2012-13**

The remainder of the 2012–13 Rotary Year will see the members of the club continue their involvement in community and Rotary events including:

- Keep Pelham Beautiful Community Clean Up
- Rotary District 7090 Conference/Foundation Dinner
- Pelham's Volunteer Recognition Social
- Paul Harris Fellow Awards Night
- Remembrance Day Memorial Services
- Rotary Foundation Support (\$100 per member commitment)
- Polio Eradication Campaign
- Rotary TV Mega Auction Multi Club Event
- Golf & Travel Lottery
- continue to be co-sponsors for SOWNY e-club
- Recruit GSE applicants through media advertisement



## **Report from the President**

Due to my coming late to the role of President, and the very heavy activity level in the first month of the new Rotary year, we did not have the opportunity to develop a strategic plan to identify new goals for the 2012-2013 Rotary year.

As such I communicated goals to the Board and the membership that I thought would serve to sustain the Fonthill Rotary Club's history of successes and position it for sustainability. To date my Board has not mutinied.

Specifically I committed to:

- Assist the President Elect to prepare for his coming year of leadership to the club,
- Recruit a president designate for the subsequent Rotary year,
- Increase membership by a net of 3 new members,
- Initiate a strategic review of our club's capacity to undertake an International project.
- Ensure our members have fun in this Rotary year.

The enthusiasm and participation of the members of the Fonthill Rotary Club make the President's job far less taxing than it could be. The core group of long serving members are very good at ensuring new members feel welcome and included in the club's projects. Quite simply they put them to work.

As a means of ensuring new members are afforded the opportunities to learn about Rotary and the full scope of Rotary activities, plans are in place to jointly host "fire-side chats" with two of our neighbouring clubs. Our plans are to ensure these events are informative but also social in nature to build relationships.

Sometime ago the Rotary Club of Fonthill sponsored an "EarlyAct" club at the A.K. Wigg elementary school that became dormant. The Chair of our New Generations committee is taking the preliminary steps to re-active this club.

We have enjoyed early success in our efforts to recruit new members; however it is our intention to continue to focus our attention to increasing our membership throughout the year. All club members are encouraged on a regular basis to invite personal and business associates to breakfast and explore potential membership in the club. Due to health issues we have awarded "honorary membership" status to one of our past presidents.

Submitted by Bob Eamer

October 1, 2012

### **Treasurer's Report to the District Governor**

We enter into our 2012/2013 year with accumulated fund balances of approximately \$41,000. Total fund balances represent \$20,000 of cumulative fundraising restricted for our contribution to Pelham Cares, our local food bank.

The remaining surplus represents our operational budget for the year. This approximates about one year of operational funds for the club, based on existing programs and commitments.

Our fundraising budget for the year provides operational funds for next year's board. (2013/2014)

The current year fundraising target is:

Summer golf Tournament (completed)	\$6,100
Summerfest Beer Corral estimated	3,000
Joint TV Auction	9,000

Total fundraising budget of \$18,100

The club will meet its target of \$100 per member contribution to the Rotary Foundation estimated at \$2,500.

The club has also designated \$3,000 of the Golf Tournament funds raised as our contribution to the Foundation Polio fund.

Typical controls are in place for a small club. We have a budget and a periodic board review of our financial position and year to date fundraising and expenses. Bank statements are reviewed periodically by the directors.

2 members are involved in bank deposits,  
2 directors must authorize all disbursements by co signing cheques

We maintain charitable status and use our ability to issue tax receipts sparingly

Submitted  
Randy Momot  
Treasurer

## **Report from the Secretary**

- Take notes at meetings, regular and board meetings.
- Take weekly attendance and document on club runner.
- Write short stories about our speakers, and post them on our website.
- Calculate monthly attendance average/make-ups, and forward to District 7090.
- Calculate number of members plus guests, present during each month, and send result to treasurer to compare for payment of breakfasts served.
- Help with reports to Rotary International and District 7090.
- Enter new members into the system, and report to RI.
- Remove members who resign or transfer, and report to RI.
- Keep website and club bulletin current.
- Pick up mail, and bring it to whoever's attention it is appropriate.
- Forward important e-mails to club members.
- Keep member information up to date.
- Bring requests, invites, etc. to club's attention at club assemblies/business meetings.
- Order supplies e.g. nametags, pins, membership material, etc.
- Help with fundraisers during the year.
- Attend secretary seminars.

Submitted by Tove Bowman

## **Report from Public Relations**

This portfolio has been part of my regular volunteer work in the community for a number of years (at least 10), and as such, I have developed a close relationship with the local print media, and a new online presence in town ([mypelham.com](http://mypelham.com)). For the most part, we have coverage of our events, either through news representatives providing the coverage, or through submissions made by our club.

We have set a goal of receiving local press coverage at a minimum of once a month, whether for special events, new member inductions, or to share information with our community regarding district, national or international initiatives.

Examples of recent coverage include several articles (in different media outlets) of our 21<sup>st</sup> annual golf tournament, our participation in Canada Day and Pelham Summerfest. We recently had an article on page 3 of the local community newspaper, calling for applicants for the Friendship Exchange program.

Plans for 2012-13 include keeping pace with this goal, and increasing it when possible, through both more coverage in the traditional outlets, and a concerted effort to use new and social media opportunities. We have permission to upload submissions to [mypelham.com](http://mypelham.com), which means we control the message, and the webmasters then deliver this message in a newsletter once a week to 2,000+ subscribers via email.

At the beginning of 2012, we started a Facebook page. While it has had a slow start, there are currently 38 “likes” and several people who redistribute the postings to their walls as well; that is the power of social media; the few share with the many, who share with the many more.

I also plan to train/mentor another member of the club, or more than one member, so that we have more involvement from newer members, and so that we have continuity in this portfolio, should I decide to step back from it for a while.

Yours in Rotary

Carolyn Mullin



**Local/community projects supported  
by the Rotary Club of Fonthill in the past year:**

Brantford Rotary Literacy project	\$500
Niagara Nutrition partners	\$250
In the Orchard Youth Art program	\$500
Fonthill Bandshell Summer Concert Series	\$500
Crossley Scholarships	\$2,000
Canada Day supplies, crafts, bouncers	\$750
Pelham Library	\$500
Summerfest Support in people power	\$
Pelham Cares	\$500*
Army Cadets for Vimy Ridge trip	\$200

*(\*total in reserve approx. \$20,000 as commitment for permanent home)*

**Report from Vocational Service**

Within this portfolio we plan a number of “field trips” to see our fellow Rotarians in action in their work environment. For example, one of our Rotarians is a trial lawyer, so he is looking into a tour of the historic Welland courthouse – purportedly the last place of hanging in Canada before the law was changed.

We have also decided to investigate opportunities for mentoring, linked with the local high school, since we already have a strong link through the Interact Club. We will work with guidance services to identify an informal program in which senior students can be matched with our Rotarians for a “job shadow” for a specified amount of time, so that the students may learn hands-on about that profession.

We will continue to hold periodic Who’s Who talks in which Rotarians share the ins and outs of their vocation with the members, during the guest speaker slot at regular weekly meeting.

## **Report from Club Service and Administration**

### CHAIR OF CLUB SERVICE:

We are privileged to have such a dynamic and strong group of individuals who go above and beyond to promote goodwill in the community, each other and everyone around them. The Rotary Club of Fonthill is blessed to have them and they are instrumental to our club's strength and success.

A brief comment on this great team:

- Registration & Attendance: Gail Levay: Never misses a beat and always greets each and every member, potential members, guests etc. with a great smile. Accurate & stays up to date.
- Banking – Randy Momot: Bang on with the numbers and keeps an accurate detailed account of financials & continues to offer/provide professional input to financial matters affecting our club.
- Membership – Lance Wiebe: always on the hunt for potential new members and continues to put out the challenge to fellow Rotarian to invite & look for potential members.
- Media – Carolyn Mullin: Always ahead of the game promoting with pride and accuracy Rotary events, and she started the Fonthill Rotary Facebook page that she updates regularly.
- Vocational & International Services – Andrew Larmand: As past president, I am more than confident, that he will excel in this area. A truly great diplomatic guy!

### ADMINISTRATION:

As each new year begins, so does forming the Pods, their leaders and responsibilities. Each pod leader is given a schedule of pod responsibilities and asked to finalize their guest speakers well in advance (for the benefit of the president & members) weekly responsibilities are to be delegated and forwarded to the President in advance.

I feel that fellowship within the club is extremely important as a happy supportive group of individuals that know one another, work very well together and thus strengthen the club. Examples of promoting club fellowship:

- FALL 2011 POTLUCK SOCIAL
- PAUL HARRIS AWARDS & CLUB'S 20TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER
- WINE TASTING 2012
- VALENTINE SOCIAL SPRING 2012
- SOCIAL INTRODUCING THE 2012-2013 ROTARY PRESIDENT & DIRECTORS

PLANS FOR CONTINUED FELLOWSHIP:

- MURDER MYSTERY – NOVEMBER(?)
- CHRISTMAS SOCIAL – TBA
- PAUL HARRIS DINNER - TBA
- BEAT THE WINTER BLUES - FEBRUARY
- TRIVIA NIGHT - MARCH
- SPRING SOCIAL - MAY

Respectfully Submitted

Tia Taylor

## **Report from Foundation Committee**

The 2012-2013 looks to be an exciting year for the Foundation Committee. With the implementation of the Future Vision approach, club President Bob Eamer, has asked that we assemble a committee to address a number of components of the program. First, we look to clearly understand the requirements and process for Rotary Foundation District Grant and Rotary Foundation Global Grant. This understanding will be shared amongst the committee so that we have a level of redundancy.

Second, we will be proactive in identifying specific programs (international or local) which the club may have an interest in supporting. These programs will be reviewed with the general membership and put into action given a consensus.

Third, we look to successfully execute the District Grant process during the 2012-2013 year. To support this process, we are engineering our Memorandum of Understanding and look to have this submitted by Nov 30th, 2012. In addition to the management of the Future Vision program, the committee will also be tasked with re-educating the club members on the significance/importance of the Foundation.

We look to review the 6 areas of focus that the Foundation has including; Peace & conflict prevention/resolution, Disease prevention and treatment, Water and sanitation, Maternal and child health, Basic education/literacy and Economic/Community development. In addition, we will continue to review the "Every Rotarian Every Year" initiative and encourage the membership to make contributions to the Foundation.

Respectfully Submitted

Geoff Maguire

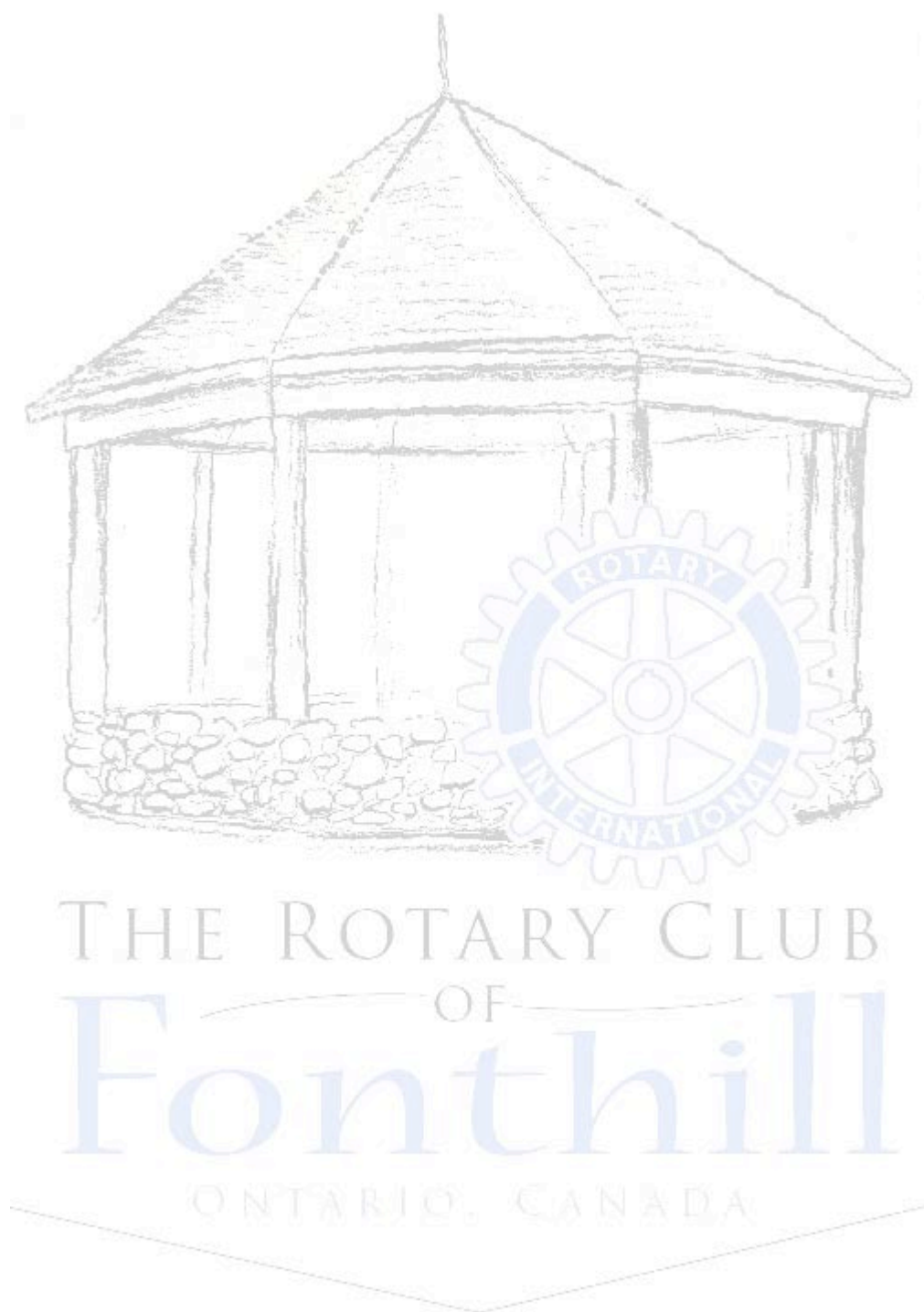


## **Our Club's History**

The Rotary Club of Fonthill was chartered in 1991. It is one of several service groups operating in Pelham. The Club currently has a membership of 21 regular members and two honorary members. Although small in number, the Club has made an impact on the community.

The largest fundraising effort by the Club was the 2005 drive to raise \$100,000 for the provision of new uniforms and instruments for the E. L. Crossley S.S. Marching Band. Other past successes are the construction of the welcome sign for Fonthill and Club participation in the creation of the Steve Bauer Trail, a recreational trail for walking and cycling, which passes through the community and links to Welland. More recently, the Club was involved in securing a Trillium Grant for the sound system for the Fonthill Bandshell. In summer, free music performances of all types are offered on Thursday evenings for the whole community. Rotary also sponsors one of these very successful events. In fact, the Club chose to feature a representation of the bandshell on our new Club banner, created in 2010.

The Club is very proud of the annual Canada Day Rotary Event in the Park which has grown since 2005 to be *the* place to bring young children for fun games, "bouncey castles," and simple crafts, both before and after the Canada Day Parade. Since 2008, the Club has committed to providing funds to seek a permanent home and funding for Pelham Cares, a community service organization that includes a local food bank, transportation to medical appointments and subsidy programs for sports and camps for underprivileged children. Project Pelham Cares was spear-headed by the Rotary Club of Fonthill and quickly drew support from many others in the community. The project is ongoing as the search continues for a suitable home. We continue to support literacy in the community by donation of funds to the local library to be used as best required.



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