

September 2026

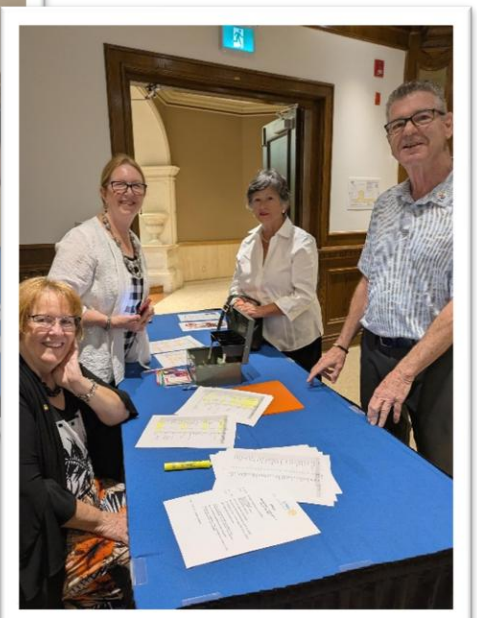
Basic Education & Literacy



*Oh what a night it was...September 10, 2026...
the Rotary Club of Canada South was officially chartered!*

Sixty Rotarians and friends gathered at the Ciociaro Club for an evening of celebration and fellowship. We were honoured to have representation from 12 other District 6400 Clubs, including:

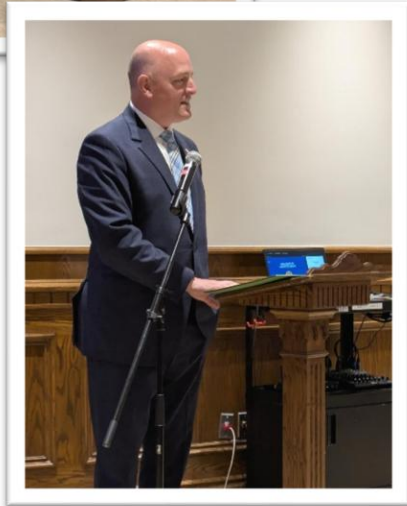
- Windsor Roseland – our sponsor Club
- Windsor Walkerville
- Windsor St. Clair
- Windsor WIDE
- Tecumseh Lakeshore
- LaSalle Centennial
- Kingsville Southshore
- Detroit
- Northville
- Plymouth
- Woodhaven Brownstown
- Trenton





President Ann Hetherington welcomed special guests and shared the story of how the Rotary Club of Canada South got started.

Back in June 2025, a group of individuals met at Anne Chetty's home to talk about how we could grow membership in Rotary and create a new club that fit the needs of a changing demographic landscape. The concept of a "satellite" club was presented to Windsor-Roseland and through President Charles Frank's leadership and support, and the blessing of the Board, the Club agreed to be our sponsor.



The original group of 7 Rotarians were joined by 6 new members and 2 returning Rotarians. On December 5, 2025, 15 people were inducted into the Rotary Satellite Club of Windsor-Roseland, Canada South (that's a mouthful!).

Mayor Drew Dilkens, a former member of Windsor-Roseland, said a few words of congratulations and then it was time to enjoy the delicious buffet.



After dinner, the formal part of the evening began with an address from Windsor-Roseland's President Charles Frank who congratulated our new Club and pledged his support for our continued growth and success. As the Sponsor Club, he then presented a wonderful gift of a new Club banner. He expressed his hope that our two clubs would find opportunities to collaborate on projects that were of mutual interest.



District Governor Kim Spirou then did the honours of presenting the official charter of the Rotary Club of Canada South to President Ann.

DG Kim then formally inducted each member into the new Club and presented everyone with 2 pins – Create Lasting Impact (Rotary International's theme) and Be A Difference Maker (District 6400's theme).





What a very special honour it was for our Club to have Jennifer Jones, Rotary International Past President and Rotary Foundation President, attend to officially induct the members of the Board of the Rotary Club of Canada South.

President: Ann Hetherington
 President Elect: Paula Talbot
 Treasurer: Anne Chetty
 Secretary: Karen Mingay
 Membership Director: Wendy Asher
 Past President: Gisele Seguin

President Ann closed the evening by sharing a quote from John Hewko, General Secretary and CEO of Rotary International and the Rotary Foundation.

*"How does Rotary attract more members? By creating an experience people want to be a part of, because it is the **experience of service**, not the service itself that people gravitate to."*

We look forward to building a tremendous and rewarding Experience of Service!



Attendees at our Charter Night were invited to bring a donation of diapers and other baby supplies to be given to the Welcome Centre, shelter for women & families.

Rotarians, as always, were generous and the carload of supplies were promptly delivered. The organization was all smiles to receive the donation.

Many thanks to all those who contributed.

Windsor Basketeers 2026 campaign is on!

Submitted by Mary-Ann Stark

For the second year in a row, our Rotary club is backing Windsor Basketeers. This non-registered charity was launched locally in 2019 as part of a national organization that started in Toronto more than 20 years ago. There are 11 chapters in total, with all but two located in Ontario.

"Baskets" of essential household items are provided to women who are transitioning from Hiatus House, helping them start over as they break free from violent domestic relationships.

Last year, generous Rotary members from RCCS, Windsor-Roseland and Tecumseh-Lakeshore contributed items and a cash donation to fill 14 baskets!

This year's drop-off day is scheduled for **Saturday, November 21st from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon at The Safety Village in Forest Glade**. I am hoping that some of our members will volunteer to receive "baskets" and then help transport them down to Hiatus House.

Please reach out to Mary-Ann Stark at fourreds@outlook.com if you can help!

Looking forward to discussing how our club will be contributing this year!





Words Out a Big Success!

Submitted by Gisele Seguin

Peter Hrastovec, Windsor's Poet Laureate and member of the Rotary Club of Windsor 1918 recently hosted a sold-out event called **Words Out - Betwixt and Between** on September 17th at Sho Studios in Windsor. The event celebrated the work of former Poet Laureate, Mary Ann Mulhern. Three actors performed a dramatic reading of a selection of Mary Ann's work accompanied by Cellist, Andrew McIntosh.

Some months ago, Darren Winger, member of the Rotary Club of Windsor-Roseland approached the club's literacy committee about sponsoring an event called Words Out. Sadly, Darren passed away suddenly and was not able to see the event come to fruition but the club kept their commitment to sponsor the event in his honour. The wonderful leaders at Sho and Peter Hrastovec picked up the pieces and hosted a wonderful celebration of local talent.

The good news is that plans are underway for more of these events in the future.

Rest in Peace Darren - It was a wonderful evening!



Peter Hrastovec, Windsor's Poet Laureate,
Mary Ann Mulhern, Former Poet Laureate and
Marty Gervais, Windsor's Poet Laureate Emeritus

Social Events

On Saturday, September 12, 2026, members of our Club along with family and friends, met at the Canadian Aviation Museum for a private tour and BBQ lunch.

Organized by Wendy Asher and hosted by Paula Talbot, the group were treated to an in-depth tour by Volunteer Tour Guide, Tony Doucette.



One of the most interesting parts of the tour was learning about the Legend of the Lancaster named "*Bad Penny*". During WWII, the German occupation of Holland had cut off the food supply and thousands of Dutch people were dying of starvation every day.

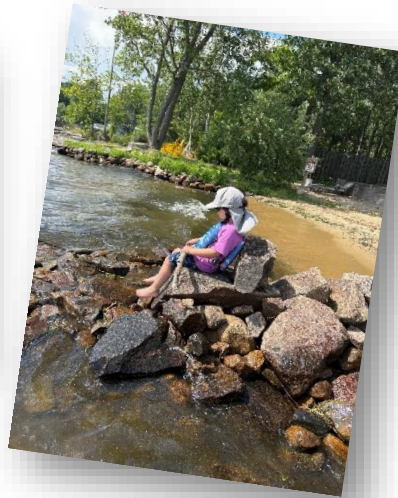


A bad penny always comes back!

Windsor native, Flight/SGT Bob Upcott and his south-western Ontario crew volunteered to conduct an extremely hazardous mission: fly in low, drop food and not get shot down! Passing over the fields near The Hague, they waved at a young boy who was searching for food. They were able to drop their load of 20,000 pounds of food – the beginning of "Operation Manna" during which 11,000 tons of food was dropped in 10 days. As fate would have it, years later some members of that crew were reunited with the boy in the field.



My Family Vacation



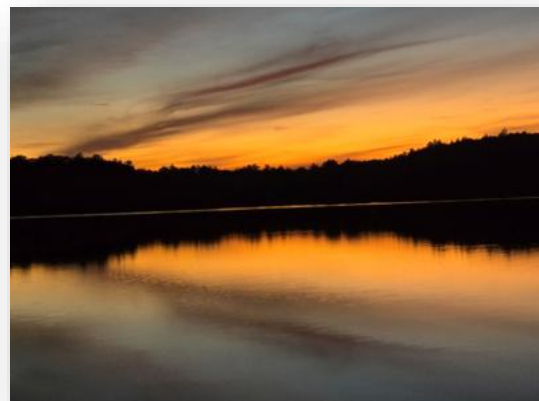
Submitted by Wendy Asher

I spend a month every summer on Lake Nipissing in North Bay, where our youngest grandson, Coleman, lives with his parents. A wonderful time of family and refreshment.

Submitted by Ann Hetherington

Just back from Beech Lake in the Algonquin Highlands.

Always find my Zen there when watching the gorgeous sunsets! And cooking on the Blackstone BBQ!!





Gatherings of the Rotary Club of Canada South are held on the first Thursday of each month at the Ciociaro Club.

Mix & Mingle: 5:30pm – 6:00pm
Dinner & Meeting: 6:00pm – 7:00pm

Thursday, October 1, 2026

DG Kim's Club Visit
Thursday, Nov.5, 2026



Celebrating Birthdays in October:

Anne Chetty – October 17



The Steering Committee has approved the application for membership from

Marie Merschback & Mike Clark.

As per our by-laws, any objections by our members should be registered with our Membership Director, Wendy Asher, by October 8, 2026.



In support of World Polio Day, we encourage all members to support events and activities of our fellow Rotary District 6400 Clubs.

Rotary Club of Windsor (1918) | We're Inclusive, Diverse and Equitable

PICKLEBALL FOR POLIO

and other Rotary humanitarian causes

**SAT & SUN
OCTOBER 3 & 4
10 AM - 6 PM**

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Games played at Primetime Pickleball, 6140 Morton Industrial Pkwy, LaSalle ON

Rotary Club of Windsor (1918)

BITES & BREWS

TUES, OCT 20, 2026
6PM- 9PM

WALKERVILLE BREWERY
525 ARGYLE RD
WINDSOR, ONTARIO

Great food and drinks, fellowship, and fun, all for a great cause!

TICKETS \$40 EACH

Email info@Rotary1918.com to get your tickets!

END POLIO NOW

WINES FOR THE WORLD

OCTOBER 23, 2026
OUTSTANDING WINES AND CULINARY DELIGHTS
St. Clair College Centre for the Arts

SAVE THE DATE
tickets go on sale Sept. 2

Rotary Supporting Windsor-Roseland Charities
www.roselandrotary.com

Dueling Pianos Event

featuring Mark Calcott
In Support of Rotary Service Projects and Kiwanis Camp Sunshine

Giovanni Caboto Club 2175 Parent Ave., Windsor
Thursday, October 15 - doors open at 6pm

Tickets \$125 + \$1,125 for table of 10

Dueling Pianos is a unique, high-energy music and audience interactive show. Two pianists and two musicians play and sing and encourage audience participation as they make it fun.

A delicious meal prepared by the chef at the Giovanni Caboto Club will be served for an evening of enjoyment. Tipping to get your share of the fun and all proceeds from the go-fund-it go to the Rotary Club of Tecumseh Lakeshore and Kiwanis Club of Windsor.

For information contact: Madison at ruthannoburnerrotary@gmail.com (226.346.5872) or Dan at waterfrontguy@icloud.com (519.919.9339)

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Rotary Club of Livonia
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Community Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

DINE-IN OR CARRY-OUT

**Wednesday, October 28, 2026
5:00pm to 7:00pm**

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church
14175 Farmington Rd. Livonia

Adults: \$20
Scan QR Code for PRE-SALE \$2 OFF!
Children under 12: \$5
Gluten Free Pasta Upon Request

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