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History of the Bowmanville Rotary Club.

by Pres. David Penney & Past Pres. Ted Mann

where members meet regularly to perform charitable works either through direct hands-on efforts or by raising money for other organizations.

Rotary is one such service club. Rotary was founded, more than a century ago, by a young, lonely lawyer by the name of named Paul Harris who had arrived in Chicago to start a law practice.

In search of fellowship and friendship, he discussed with Gus Loehr, a mining engineer, Hiram Shorey, a tailor, and Sylvester Schiel, a coal dealer the idea of forming a club for mutual advantages and fellowship.

Shortly afterward a few other friends were drawn into their circle. The first meetings were informal, but the basic rules were adopted, and gradually the Rotary Club of Chicago was formed with the first official meeting

held on February 23rd, 1905.

Initially, the premise of the club was that members would help each other by promoting the business activities of each other. However, it wasn't long before they realized that with that premise, the Club would not survive. So, from that point on their efforts were directed toward community service.

Rotary quickly spread to other cities within the United States, and soon became international with the formation of the Rotary Club of Winnipeg in 1910. In 1911 clubs were formed in Europe and gradually the idea spread throughout the free world.

Eventually, the motto "Service Above Self" and the Rotary "Four-Way Test" became entrenched in the philosophy and culture that continues to motivate and guide Rotarians today.

- Is it the TRUTH?
- Is it FAIR to all concerned?

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- Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

The Rotary Club of Bowmanville was formed in 1924. The club's charter night was held on March 6th, 1924 at the Bowman House (located approximately at 71 King St W). At that time there were 17 charter members including the following Directors:

- President: T.S. Holgate (coal merchant).
- Vice-president: Dr. B.J. Hazelwood, (Medical Doctor)
- Secretary: R.F. Aitchison, (Banker)
- Treasurer: Claude Ives, (Boots & Shoes)
- Sergeant at Arms: George Chase, (Engineer)

Since the 1920's, Local Community Service has been in the forefront of the activities of the Club. The very first project was building change rooms to accommodate sunbathers at Bowmanville Beach. The second major project was helping fund the newly established Training School for Boys on the Drury Lands which later became POW Camp 30 during WWII. Some examples of the clubs local service include:



T.S. Holgate - 1st President of Bowmanville Rotary Club 1924

The Library Project:

Pre-1957 the Library operated out of one room located in the Town Hall. In 1957, a new Post Office was built, and the former Post Office located at the corner of King and Temperance was made available. The Town Council agreed to buy the property with the proviso that the Rotary club would undertake the renovations making it suitable for use as a library. The club's members completed much of the work on the library. This building was used until 1963 when a new building was erected on Temperance St. (now the Sarah Jane Williams Centre) to house the growing Library. The old building was then torn down and is now the location of the Bank of Montreal.

Memorial Hospital Bowmanville:

Beginning in 1927 with an initial donation of \$1200 to the local hospital and culminating with \$50,000 in the late 1990s, the Bowmanville Rotary Club has always been a strong supporter of our local hospital.

Park Projects:

In April 1930, a Special Committee of the club met with Town Council to discuss the possibility of establishing a park in the community. This meeting led to the purchase of a site on Queen Street at the foot of Temperance Street for \$450 from Mrs. Williams.

Another \$400 was spent for work to make it suitable for a park. At the annual carnival in 1931, the completed "Rotary Park" was turned over to the town.

During the ensuing years until 1948 when Memorial Arena was built, the club maintained the park. In the summer,



Rotary Park

a ball diamond, and in the winter an open-air rink, were available for use by the citizens.

When the new recreation complex was built in 1991, and the old arena was torn down, the Town Council decided to retain the land as a park and "Rotary Park" began life anew.

In 1965, the old Cream of Barley Mill and adjacent property located in Soper Creek Valley was purchased by Rotary for \$17,000. Extensive maintenance work was done immediately on the Mill, and the field to the north of the building was leveled making way for a ball diamond complete with dugouts and bleachers.

Three years later under the direction of Bud Fanning, the Recreation Director for the town the Mill was converted to a Drop-in center for the youth of the community. In 1973, the deed to the property was turned over to the town for the payment of one dollar.

The property is now a beautiful park with a paved walking trail extending north to King Street, and the Mill itself is now home to the Clarington Visual Arts Centre.

Special Children:

The care of children with special needs has been the longest running Community Service project the Club has undertaken. In January 1925 at our third official meeting, a report was tabled about a child in Kendal who was need of assistance. The Club helped this child and it turned out to be just the beginning of our work to help children with special needs. Since that time, we



Old Cream of Barley Mill

have collaborated with the Easter Seal Society to provide ongoing care. What is now perhaps our signature program is the Summer Respite Program whereby we provide relief for parents of children with special needs so that they may have a few hours break to rest or run a few errands.

This program is staffed by four University or College Students who are enrolled in related programs such as nursing, social service, or child care. The salaries for these students are paid by the Club.

First Nations:

A decade ago the Club started yet another important program, the Matawa First Nations Bursary and Literacy Initiative. This initiative began with an initial investment of \$4000 and has now grown to \$11,000 a year. The funding is used to provide University, College and Apprenticeship Bursaries to First Nations students, as well as literacy prizes to High Schools and Elementary Schools. Recently additional prizes have been awarded for proficiency in Indigenous languages.

International:

The Rotary International Student Exchange Program has been very successful worldwide. Since 1974 one of our high school students goes to a foreign country for a year as a guest of the local Rotary Club. In return, our club hosts a like number of students in Bowmanville. To-date, our community has seen 25 Student Exchanges with students from South Africa, Australia, New Zealand, Germany, France Spain Belgium, Holland Sweden Denmark, Brazil, Argentina, and Mexico.

Polio Plus is a Rotary International Program established in 1985 to immunize the children of the world against

polio and other deadly diseases.

In partnership with the World Health Organization, UNICEF, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, and various government agencies Rotary has actively supported this program, not only from a financial point but by individual Rotarians traveling to the developing world to help administer the vaccines to the children.

The Polio Plus Program has helped reduced polio cases by 99.9 percent worldwide.

Today polio has been eradicated from every country in the world except Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Nigeria.

To learn more about Rotary contact: Terry Witherspoon 905-410-4847 twitherspo@royalpage.ca



Archbishop Desmond Tutu expressing how close we are to eradicating polio worldwide.

There are a number of Service Clubs which have a deep-rooted history in our community. Clarington has benefited from the efforts of these community services organizations:

- Bowmanville Kinsmen Club (and Kinettes) since 1950.
- Lions Clubs (4) of Bowmanville, Newcastle, Kendal and Courtice since 1935. lionsclubofbowmanville@gmail.com
- Masonic Jerusalem Lodge No. 31 Founded 1849. bowmanvillemasons.ca
- Durham Lodge No.66, Instituted 1846
- Orono Lodge No. 325, Instituted 1874
- Knights Of Columbus St. Joseph-Bowmanville Council 6361 905-263-2611
- Courtice Rotary Club since 2002. 905-240-4015

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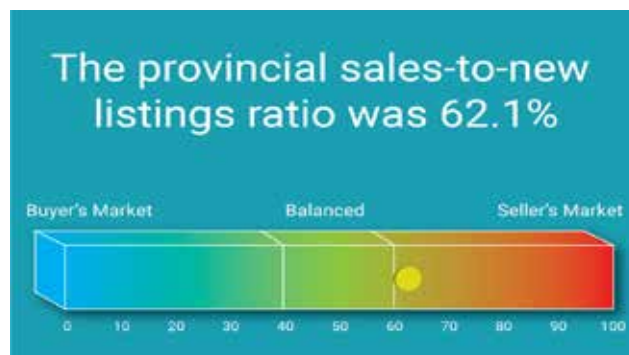
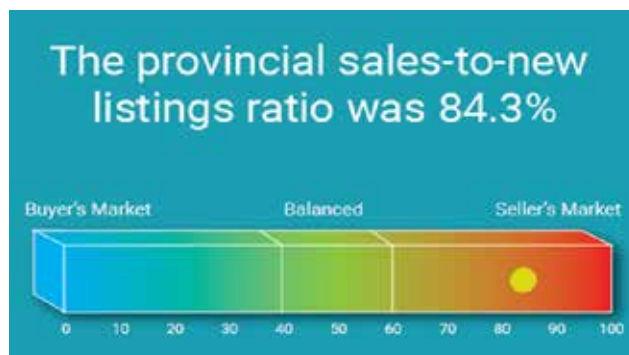
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Should you Buy, Sell or Hold ?

I entered the Ontario Real Estate Industry at the age of 26 years as a salesperson with what was, at that time, the leading Brokerage in Canada. Hard work, an understanding wife and a flare for marketing earned me a branch manager

owners have an advantage over buyers in price negotiations. **Balanced Market** is when neither the Buyer nor the Seller has an advantage over each other. The real estate market in the GTA has been an exceptionally

markets in April, mostly in British Columbia and southwestern Ontario. The GTA downshifted into the middle of the balanced range in April, while Greater Vancouver and the Fraser Valley have returned to sellers' market territory.



strong Seller's Market for the past few years resulting in double digit annual price increases.

In March 2017 the Durham Region the average annual selling price of a home increased to just under \$700,000. This was an unprecedented annual (year over year) increase of 42.5 percent increase. The likelihood of a repeat of another similar percentage increase is remote for two reasons:

1. interest rates are projected to increase, and
2. the average price of a home would be well above what the average family income could afford.

Currently, the GTA real estate market seems to be trending into a Balanced Market with the Ontario sales-to-new listings ratio dropping from a high of 86.1% in January 2017 to 62.1 percent in April 2017.

A Canadian Real Estate Association (CREA) press release issued on May 15, 2017 stated the following:

A sales-to-new listings ratio between 40 and 60 is generally consistent with balanced housing market conditions, with readings below and above this range indicating buyers' and sellers' markets respectively.

The ratio was above 60% in just over half of all housing

The number of months of inventory is another important measure of the balance between housing supply and demand. It represents how long it would take to completely liquidate current inventories at the current rate of sales activity. There were 4.2 months of inventory on a national basis at the end of April 2017, up slightly from 4.1 months in March when it fell to its lowest reading in almost a decade.

Although new listings surged in the Greater Golden Horseshoe, inventories remain tight at near or below one month across the region. Ontario's recent changes to housing policy were announced late in the month, so their full effect on the balance between supply & demand has yet to be determined. End Of Crea Statement

To read more current OREA statistics and other reports on National and Provincial Real Estate Trends visit: <https://www.orea.com/Buyers-and-Sellers/Insights>

History has shown that government intervention in free markets can have devastating effects.

In the early 1970's Ontario was experiencing a similar red hot real estate market with double digit annual price increases. On April 9, 1974 and without any warning the Ontario Provincial Government of the day introduced what was to become North America's first Land Speculation Tax.

This new tax was independent of any federal capital gains tax. The tax applied to all real property sales except family owned farms and personal homes.

The Ontario government eventually lowered the speculation tax to 20 per cent because Ottawa would not allow the tax as a deduction against capital gains.

The tax was eventually repealed in 1978 but the overnight effect after its introduction was a pronounced Buyers' Market with falling housing prices for many years following its introduction.

Since that 1970's experience the GTA has seen its real estate market rise and fall on more than one occasion. In each instance the market has managed to correct itself without government intervention.

My concern is that the recent sweeping measures the Wynn Government introduced last month may slow down the Ontario New Home Building Industry which continues to be one of the few private sectors driving our national economy.

Do I know what the future will bring to the real estate industry in Clarington?

Well, I feel pretty strong that Clarington is an ideal well-balanced growing community in which to raise a family, start or expand a business, and invest in real property for the long term. Cathy and I decided to make the Clarington area our home in the early 1980's. Our two boys chose to stay and raise their families here. My parents relocated here primarily for the quality of health care that is available thru the Lakeridge Health Organization.

JOIN THE BOWMANVILLE OLDER ADULT ASSOCIATION AT ROTARY RIBS & BREWS



Admission is free all weekend. Donations will be gratefully accepted and received by BOAA members as you pass through the gates. Profits to benefit BOAA & the Rotary Club of Bowmanville's various programs such as Summer Respite Care for Special Needs Children.

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I have always said that Clarington is a real Gem..... the Eastern Gateway to the GTA and there is much opportunity here. I don't think that is going to change.

However not until the Hwy 407 and Go-Rail extension to Courtice/Bowmanville are complete will we truly be an integral part of the GTA.

Perhaps our community should coin the phrase "Welcome to Clarington - Eastern Gateway to the GTA." This phrase may help remind our Provincial Government that our commu-

nity contributes to the well-being of the entire province.

Speaking of community, you and your family are invited to attend the 10th Annual Rotary Ribs & Brews event taking place June 9, 10 & 11 at Clarington Fields (soccer and baseball facility) located on Baseline & Green Roads in Bowmanville.

Here is a \$3.00 off dinner Coupon I encourage you and your family to cut out and redeem at the event. Note this coupon is good only on the afternoon of Friday June 9 until 4 PM.

Many of you will be pleased to know that this year all areas of

the event are "Family Friendly".

Also, there is no 7:00 pm curfew for children in the main food and Big Tent eating & entertainment areas.

So feel free to bring the entire family to eat some tasty ribs and a enjoy one of many craft brews available on site. Then kick back and be entertained at either of the two stages on any of the 3 nights with the great entertainers we have lined up for you.

Hope to see you there !



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Bowmanville Rotary Club Facilitates Packaging 1.1 Million Meals for Kids Against Hunger Canada

The Bowmanville Rotary Club has been quietly helping Kids Against Hunger Canada (KAHC) increase their effectiveness in fulfilling their mission:

To engage Canadians, especially youth, in helping to feed starving children in Canada and around the world.

"In 2010, an idea was floated by Sharon Chandra, one of our "rookie" Rotarians, suggesting our Club become involved with the Kids Against Hunger Canada organization" explained Bowmanville Rotary Club Past President Fred Mandryk.

Subsequently, numerous meetings and discussions took place before the Bowmanville Rotary Club committed the \$8,000 required to become a designated meal packing satellite station for the KAHC organization.

These funds covered the cost of purchasing the food packing equipment; and the packing supplies and ingredients necessary to pack the first 15,000 meals.

Fred looks back emotionally stating "as Rotary Club President at that time, I was very excited to partner with an organization which shared goals similar with Rotary - feeding families around the world.... and around the corner.

Fred exclaimed "Today, I am overwhelmed to think that in 6 years we have managed to package and distribute more than 1.1 Million meals to hungry kids, specially knowing that some of those kids are living in Communities right here in Ontario. But, I get excited thinking about how we can expand this program and help more kids."

Fred describes the 3-step program as simple, quick, economical and sustainable.



Fred Mandryk with KAHC organizer.

1. Raise the money
2. Package the food
3. Send it where it is needed

Any organization, company, industry, group, organization or individual can participate in this program as financial donors or as "hands on" volunteers assembling and packaging the meals..

Once the funding is place for the packaging event, the Bowmanville Rotary Club potable food grade packaging equipment is transported and assembled to the location of your choice.

Rotary provides production line supervisors to instruct and coordinate your employees and volunteers in setting up and operating the assembly line packaging process. Most participants find this a rewarding team building exercise.

The cost of one meal is 30 cents and consists of a package that weighs 400 grams and contains four ingredients: high quality rice, vitamin fortified crushed soy, dehydrated blend of six vegetables, and vegetarian vitamin & mineral powder.

Kids Against Hunger Canada distributes of all meals to locations where it is need the most, both in Canada and abroad.

Fred Mandryk has embraced the KAHC food packing project and has been the driving force behind the success of the 6 year partnership between Rotary and Kids Against Hunger Canada.

Rotary Clubs from across Ontario have taken notice of the successful outcome of this Bowmanville Rotary Club initiative and the impressive 1.1 Million meals packaged to date. Later this month Fred is attending the 2017 Rotary International Convention hosted by Rotarians in the City of Atlanta, Georgia. He plans to build awareness about the Bowmanville Rotary Club experience with Kids Against Hunger in the hope that Rotary Clubs across the USA will replicate the Bowmanville Rotary Club program.

The 2018 Rotary International Convention will be hosted by Rotary Clubs of the GTA at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. Thousands of Rotarians from around the world will descend on Toronto for this convention.

Fred is making plans to coordinate 1,000 Rotarians who will take part in one 2 hours packing session on the floor of the Convention Centre. The goal is to package 120,000 meals in 2 hours.



Volunteers assemble meals for KAHC.

When asked are you confident this can be done? Fred responded: "Piece of cake..... last month we supervised 776 volunteers who packaged 130,000 meals in 3.5 hours working in 3 shifts at the Peterborough Wellness Centre. It is very doable."

If you would like more information or to participate in this program contact Fred Mandryk fredmandryk@gmail.com or call/text 905-436-5959.

If you would like to make an online donation to Rotary specifically for this project go online to: www.funditclarington.com



WHAT IS NEXT?



by Peter Hobb

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In past articles, I have written about the reasons you need to plan for the eventual exit from your business, establishing goals for your exit and the need to have a contingency plan. But what happens when you retire? Then what? An important element of the exit planning process is to establish a plan for when you do step away from your business. While running and building your business your life had purpose and fulfillment. Your days were full. People relied on you to make the

proper decisions. You have developed a lot of great relationships. You worked hard to make your business a success and took great satisfaction in the results. Your business defines who you are. Pretty scary to potentially walk away from all this. How will you fill your time? Life after work should not mean your life will not have purpose, or be as fulfilling and rewarding as it was while you were at the helm of your business. To be able to do this, however, you need to plan your retirement as diligently as you planned when you were implementing a new growth strategy for your business.

Leaving your business, hopefully in good hands, will give you the freedom to pursue those activities you always wanted to try. It is an opportunity to branch out, try new things and experiment on your terms. We will assume that the plan-

ning you did for the exit from your business included financial planning and, as a result, you are set financially. You don't have to work for a salary to do the things you want to do in retirement.

Continuing to work could still be part of the plan, but not because you need the money. Work can play a very important role in keeping you healthy and living longer in retirement by keeping you engaged. However, if work is not part of your retirement plan there are many other activities that can help keep you healthy and living longer. It is important to have a clear idea what those activities will be.

Well before retiring you should develop your plan. The best starting point is to identify the goals you would like to achieve in retirement and strategies for achieving those goals. You should align your goals with your value system. What is most

important to you? What are you passionate about?

There is no reason why you cannot do the things you really want to do. What will give your life meaning and purpose? Do you want to spend more time with your family? Giving back to the community could be important.

It is likely your experience in running a business helped you develop skills that would be very useful to a charity or a community organization. Maybe you want to continue with your education to develop new skills that you could then use to start a new business.

Do you have a musical, artistic or some other talent that you have never had sufficient time to be able to fully develop? Now you will have the time to do that.

Maybe focusing on your health is more important. While running your business you might not have been able

to allow yourself the time to exercise regularly or eat properly. There is no excuse now. If this is something you haven't practiced in the past you will be amazed at how much better you will feel and how much more energy you will have.

This list is not exhaustive. There are many options. We have all heard that the biggest barrier to achieving our best self is mostly in our own mind. Your retirement years are a great opportunity to challenge this mind set.

Your goals and strategies are not static. At the end of each year review what you achieved in the past year. What didn't work? Tweak your plan accordingly. You may want to add a completely new goal you had overlooked in your original plan. The more exploring you do the more you will likely find additional things that you want to do.

You need to be prepared

when you turn over the reins of your business to the new owner or ownership group. It is normally a very emotional time but also a very exciting time.

You need to be mentally prepared for the next stage of life. It cannot be left to chance. If it is, it may not end very well. There is life after you step away from your business and it can be just as fulfilling and rewarding as your life was when you ran your business.

The success of your retirement years is up to you. Make the most of them.

If you wish to explore this topic further I recommend the following two books "Victory Lap – Retirement" by Mike Drak and Jonathan Chevreau and "Younger Next Year" by Chris Crowley and Henry S. Lodge, M.D. Enjoy!

BOATING SAFETY PRIMER



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The Rotary Ribs & Brews event marks the arrival of summer and what better way to honour the return of warm weather than by enjoying the province's abundant rivers and lakes? Boating is one of the country's most universally enjoyed pastimes, with about a half of all Canadians participating in the activity

each year. Most do so safely, but boating accidents remain a common source of injury and, in severe cases, death. By May 20, 2016, eight Ontarians had died in six boating accidents since the start of the season, three times more than the year prior. These six fatal accidents displayed several traits: none of the victims who died wore lifejackets, five of the six accidents involved alcohol, and several did not involve a motorized craft, which the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) says is quite common.

The vast majority of fatal boating accidents can be easily avoided by taking a few precautions. The Canadian Safe Boating Council lists a number of important safety tips on its website, including the following:

Wear Your Life Jacket

According to a 2015 press release from the OPP, 276 individuals lost their lives in 245 boating accidents between 2014 and 2015 in Ontario. Of these, approximately 80 per cent were not wearing life jackets. The correlation between wearing a flotation device and surviving a boating accident is abundantly clear.

Don't Drink and Boat

Alcohol plays a role in approximately 42 per cent of boating accident fatalities, and contributes to around 50 per cent of all boating deaths among men, who are four times more likely to drown than are women.

It is strictly illegal to drink alcohol on personal water craft. Indeed, the only vessels permitted to carry open alcohol containers are those with permanent sleeping, cooking, and washroom fa-

cilities, and then only when the vessel is docked or anchored.

Advocate groups like MADD have been instrumental in reducing rates of drunk driving in North America, and their messaging applies equally to boating.

Take a Boating Course

Quite simply, experienced, capable boaters are less



likely to be involved in accidents than untrained individuals. For that reason, any person operating a motorized boat in Canada is required to hold a Pleasure Craft Operator (PCO) card, much like a driver's license. The penalty for boating without one can



be up to a \$250 fine for first offences, though this law is sparsely enforced.

Be Prepared

Before you head out on a boat, make sure you understand how your vessel operates and take the time to ensure you are properly outfitted with safety equipment. Communicate to friends and family how long you plan to be away and where you're

going, and make sure to carry a charged cell phone. If you follow the Canadian Safe Boating Council's common sense safety tips, you're almost certain to have a safe, enjoyable boating season. Enjoy the 2017 Rotary Ribs & Brews and have a great summer !