



**HAPPY INTERNATIONAL**

## Today's Speaker:

Was billed as a talk by DG Elect Sandhya Maini, but there was a glitch in coordinating calendars, so Sandhya will be rescheduled for a future meeting.

However, as Ribfest is key to the success of RCO fundraising, Mike stepped up to bring everyone up to date on progress in planning for Ribfest 2022 - thanks, Mike:



**Women's Day!**

## Ribfest 2022

### Back to Live and In-Person! (fingers crossed!)

The Sub-Committees have been hard at work and planning is progressing nicely. The great news is that the Campfire Poets are signed up to headline Saturday Night again this year - so get your dancing shoes ready!

The Site Plan has been reviewed in detail and lots of improvements are being incorporated:

- Entry Tent is moved east to be centred on the major activities,
- Room for more Food Vendors and fewer Non-Food vendors,
- KidsFest, Midway, Stage & Beer Tent remain as in 2019,

Stay tuned as the planning proceeds and new details will follow!



## The President's Corner:

*"Loved all the enthusiasm tonight! Let's keep the excitement going!!!!"*

*Sincerely, Taunya*

## Social Media Corner:

*Be sure to check our Posts often, and share them with all your followers*

## Important Dates:

### Club Zoom Meetings

Tues. Mar. 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:15 Zoom only

*Local MP Kyle Seeback - Speaker*

Tues. Apr 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:15pm (Maybe Hybrid?)

*Speaker tba + Ribfest*

*(Links and details will follow)*

### Board Zoom Meeting

Tues. Mar.15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

## March Birthdays

Nancy Frater - Mar 1<sup>st</sup>

Danny Brackett - Mar 11<sup>th</sup>

## March Anniversaries

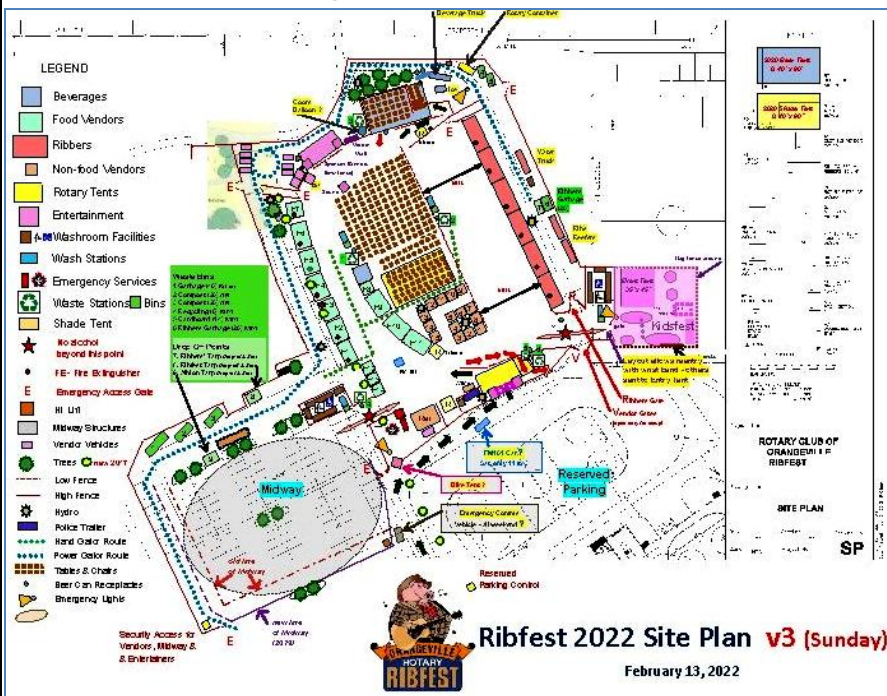
Lorna & George Hashem - Mar 9<sup>th</sup>

## Happy Bucks

No Sgt tonight, so save up for next meeting - Sgt. Josh will return!

## Attendance

On Zoom - 14 members, and Honourary Member Dori.

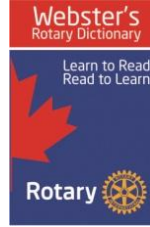


## Club Business

### Dictionaries:

Today was Dictionary pickup day at the Hall. Thank you to delivery volunteers (Bill, Fred, Josh, Nancy & Devonleigh).

Amy also delivered some - just one of the many tasks she undertook in organizing the Dictionaries distribution this year - great work, thanks Amy!



### News from Haiti:

Bonnie, our contact with Friends of Ile-a-Vache, provides the following news:

*"Bruce, another member of Friends of Ile-a-Vache, announced after Christmas that he was keen to sail to Haiti to oversee the projects. Take some supplies with him.*

*He has some solar panels to take with him as well as there are some already down there. His plan is to get the fish ponds with better aeration to help the fish grow faster and fatter.*

*I have found a organization in Haiti that is called KORE, I spoke to them about our issues with chickens and disease. They have been successfully setting up chicken farms throughout Haiti for yrs now.*

*They understand our issues and have some answers for us.... They use a particular type of bird and they give support to the farmer till they have the farm running without issue. We have been able to set up a visit with them possibly before Bruce arrives and then when he is there also.*

*The guy who is coming also is a fish farm expert and will advise on that as well as other aspects of Petite Eden.*

*Our goal is to have our projects work to their fullest potential and it will certainly help with having boots on the ground from Bruce and expert help locally. Right now there could be better outcomes on all fronts and we really want to see these projects flourish as they were planned to do. With some guidance I think this is the next step to more success.*

*KORE seems keen to get in there and help, often they do not have the coups all ready and functioning, so this in their eyes is a bonus.*

*Estel is Haitian, and Christian speaks French and Creole also so communication will be easy.*

*Haiti has had some Covid but seems mostly Omicron at this point. Bad coughs, fever, long lasting fatigue. One of our students had a tough time as she has asthma.*

*Well that is all the news for now.*

*Take care and say hello to all the Orangeville Rotarians for us."*

Bonnie

## Club News: RCO Supports this Fundraiser



Now until end of March 2022

**Donations to date \$825 of our \$1,000 goal!**

**Thank you to those who donated!**

**Donate now to support the RCO Team:**

**to donate:**

<https://www.canadahelps.org/s/nm5AS8>



### CNOY Update

Charles & Ingrid did a great job organizing contributions on behalf of our RCO Team this year. Happy to report that \$2,000 was raised by the Team! Well done!



Raffle #2 continues and the pot is growing, so please continue to participate - love to see an RCO member or friend win the pot!