

Donuts, dinners and lawn signs

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Do you need to justify why you are eating donuts? If so, here is the best reason going this coming month.

From June 7 – 12, every Boston Crème Donut you buy at Global Donuts, 1603 London Line, Sarnia will add to the funds raised by the Sarnia Bluewaterland Rotary Club. Owner, Gus Pantazis is helping out the Rotary and jointly celebrating International Rotary Donut week here in Sarnia. He is making special Boston Crème donuts with either custard or crème filling (your choice) and ALL the proceeds are going to Sarnia Bluewaterland Rotary Club. We in turn will be using these funds to support our many Rotary activities in the community.

As part of the celebration we are sponsoring a photo contest. We want you to purchase your donuts, then find one of the many Rotary Wheel

Symbols in our community (hint they are usually at a project which Rotary has provided to the community, think parks) and take your picture. We are looking for fun ones, special shots with all your friends, with local personalities, your pets, or just plain out of the ordinary things you do while eating your donuts. Then follow up on Facebook and Instagram. Post your pictures and tag Rotary Club of Sarnia Bluewaterland along with your own social media sites. We will let you know how to claim your prize!

The man behind this generous fundraiser is Gus Pantazis. In 1980 he came to Sarnia and took over a struggling donut shop. He turned it around, and was the first in Ontario to introduce muffins, tarts and other desserts to the donuts only menu. Several years later he started doing Paczkis at the behest of a flour salesman, Bob Pearson. Today you can only get them the first Tuesday of the month. Recently, while a national competitor started serving small fancy donuts, Gus went the opposite direction and he now offers a 12-inch-wide donut. Many are ordering this as a unique birthday, or anniversary cake substitute. He is happy to write your message in icing on the top of it.

Since the early days of Global Donuts, he has been sponsoring little league teams and working with local charities to raise funds. On occasion he even creates specialty donuts for the group. Other times, he gives all the sales of a specific donut to the group, but always he does everything he can to help them be successful.

If you check out his website you will see that Global Donuts, has an active social media presence and continuously is paying forward with new things in our community.

The Sarnia Bluewaterland Rotary Club is a busy one this spring. Our monthly curbside, pick-up dinners will still be available May 14 and June 18. Both are the ever-popular Pickerel and Chips dinners, so get your orders in early at www.rotarysarniabwl.org.

While you are on our website, check out our cheeky lawn signs, with the Unapologetically Canadian slogan. Orders placed now will be available for curbside pick-up at the Rotary Flag Plaza the week-end of May 22, 23, and 24/21.

Global Donuts and Sarnia Rotary Bluewaterland Club hope you will drive in any time during June 7 – 12, purchase your Boston Crème donuts and give a big hello to Gus and his team. Then drive away without a guilty thought.

After all you are supporting a great community fundraising event!

