

Bluewaterland Rotary is back with five more Friday dinners

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The Rotary Club of Sarnia Bluewaterland is returning with five more fundraising dinners. The first is on Friday, January 15. By coincidence that Friday Rotarians would normally be preparing for their annual Book Sale.

For the past 17 years Rotary Used Book Sales successfully generated funds to distribute to many local charities. Traditionally, it has been held on the second weekend of January, but the pandemic forced its cancellation. Profits have previously been distributed to support local groups including Inn of the Good Shepherd, Habitat for Humanity, Rebound, Sarnia-Lambton Humane Society, Sexual Assault Survivors Centre, Epilepsy Sarnia-Lambton, Cancer Society-Wheels of Hope, Huron House Boys' Home, O'Hana Landing, and Lambton Literacy Books for Christmas.

Being a creative, determined group, the Rotary Club pivoted to running curbside, pick-up meals in partnership with the Sarnia Golf and Curling Club. In the fall Rotary and the SGCC ran three successful fundraising dinners, and this month another series is being launched.

The first is the popular Pickerel Fish & Chips dinner with french fries, caper dill ranch sauce, traditional coleslaw and lemon meringue pie. Both wine and beer will be available. Wine choices include Echeverria Cabernet, and Sauvignon Blanc. Again, only three cars will be served dinners every 15 minutes, so order early to get a preferred pick-up time. The cut-off for ordering is January 12, by visiting rotarysarniabwl.org.

Rotarians are aware of the concern about venturing out with the current lockdown, so this will be one of the safest ways to enjoy a full course dinner. Prices remain the same, two dinners for \$60.00 including a \$25.00 tax receipt and one dinner for \$44.00 with a \$25.00 tax receipt. Served in an earth friendly take-out container with all the fixings, this is a great way to support the community while enjoying a delicious meal and staying safe. Are you feeling the stress of January and our current situation? If yes remember, stressed spelled backwards is desserts. So, order the Pickerel Fish and Chips dinner and try Chef Jill's lemon meringue pie.

And this is just the beginning. Future dinners will be held on February 12, March 12, April 16 and May 14.

Rotary dinners held last September, October and November raised more than \$7,000.00 and while they won't replace the \$25,000.00 in profits from the book sales organizers view them as a good start.

