

Rotary Club of London Hyde Park Has Another Successful Fundraiser- with help from their friends

Our May 5, 2023 Wine & Food Pairing celebrating the cool climate wines and foods of Ontario was another successful fundraiser for the Rotary Club of London Hyde Park. We could not have done it without the help of our sponsors: Family Law Group, Parkway Garden Centre, Sterling Marking Products, Oxford Dodge Chrysler, Sunningdale Dental Centre, Remark Fresh Markets, Moffatt & Powell RONA, Reith & Associates Insurance & Financial Services, Bentley Hearing Services, Unique Training & Development, Oakcrossing Retirement Living , White Hills Animal Hospital and Diamond Estates Wineries, our auction donors, West Haven and of course our guests.

Once again, our 120 guests were treated to six fabulous dishes prepared by West Haven's executive chef Darrell and his staff and delivered to the tables by the waitstaff in a timely fashion. All dishes were perfectly paired with Ontario cool climate wines. This year the participation of wine maker Rob Power from Diamond Estates Wineries was a special treat. Circulating, talking with guests and answering questions about wine in general as well as about the wines we were tasting with each dish motivated a number of guests to reconsider trying Ontario wines for a future wine purchase.

Based on income from our sponsorships, silent and live auctions, our raffle, plus gifts in kind, we will net \$17 876 - the best outcome yet in our 7 years holding a wine & food pairing event. This revenue will allow our small Rotary club to have the funds to continue to do good both in the local and international communities-such as:

- providing local high school students with leadership training opportunities,
- helping with food security and
- making the art of preparing meals safer for the preparers through the use of properly vented Justa stoves and of course
- eliminating the scourge of polio from the world. Thank you.

Congratulations to Claire Capaldi of London who was our raffle winner of a six course dinner for 8 complete with food, wine, chef, wine expert and wait staff, valued at \$1500.

The response to continuing this fundraiser was so positive that our club has decided to hold an 8th Wine & Food Pairing fundraiser. Save the date of May 3, 2024 for next year's event at West Haven Golf & Country Club. Details to follow.