

## Rotary Club of Palgrave?s Weekly Rotary Minute

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As winter seems to be loosening its grip, we wanted to take a moment to say thank you to all the volunteers who helped us maintain the skating rinks at the Palgrave Pond this year.

For many, the pond is a place to gather on a Canadian winter afternoon to take part in a game of shinny, learn to skate, drink hot chocolate on the sidelines and just gather to meet with friends and neighbours. For anyone who drives along Highway 50, I'm sure you share the same happy feeling in your stomach as you turn the bend in Palgrave and see the pond full of activity. It is an iconic image in our small village in Caledon.

For 16 years, the skating rinks were cared for by local Ice Angel Ken Hunt. This year, Ken is slowly passing the torch to the wonderful men and women at the Palgrave Fire Hall. With full support from the Palgrave Rotary to fund the project ? the firefighters donated their time to help maintain the rinks this year ? from flooding, to clearing, to signage ? it was a massive group effort.

We know there weren't many skating days this winter as Mother Nature took it easy on us this year, but we are looking forward to next year when we can again all join at the pond to skate, laugh and visit.

A very heartfelt thank you to all involved with the Palgrave Pond Project this year ? we couldn't have done it without you!

For an introduction to Rotary, please join us in Caledon East on Wednesday April 6 at St. James Anglican Church. Kindly RSVP to Club President, Jim Firth 416-884-4653 or at [rotarycaleast@gmail.com](mailto:rotarycaleast@gmail.com)

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