

Activity with local Rotary Club of Sarnia – Kitty October 1 and October 2, 2018



I assisted the RC of Sarnia in a project to support the local Inn of the Good Shepherd with their Brown Paper Lunch project, scheduled for October 2.

On the Monday (October 1) I spent 3 1/2 hours washing, chopping, and packing veggies into snack bags to be included in the Brown Paper lunches purchased by the community. Five or six other Rotarians from the local club were involved with this preparation.

Everything was donated by the community. **Subway** donated all of the roughly 1100 sub sandwiches plus the cookies, the boxes, napkins, and condiments. **Sarnia Produce** donated all of the vegetables and fruit. Other groups donated the cans of pop and bottled water.

At \$10 per lunch, the Inn of the Good Shepherd made about \$10,000 on this event. Rotary donated manpower and lots of energy.

Here are some photos of the event on Monday and Tuesday!

I washed the celery – there were 3 huge boxes. What you see below is only about half of one of the large boxes!



Once things were cleaned and chopped, the vegetables were packed into snack bags.



There were absolutely no broken cookies, so we didn't even get a taste!

We started at 1:00 p.m. and were finished the prep work sufficiently that we could leave for home about 4:35 p.m. in the rain!

A total of about 1100 veggie snack bags were prepared and packed – ready for the next day!

On the Tuesday, October 2, we started at 8:30 a.m. at the local Dante Club, and we worked until 12:15 when the regular meeting of the Rotary Club of Sarnia started upstairs. The main floor of the Club was commissioned for the group to sort, pack the boxes, sort the boxes, and then fill the orders ready for pick-up.

It was a total of about 7 hours or rather constant work effort over the two days to help make this event a great success for the Inn of the Good Shepherd in Sarnia.

The production line to fill the boxes is shown below, along with a sample of the organization - the various tables sorted with the specific types of sub sandwiches – turkey-on-white or turkey-on-whole wheat, just to name two of the varieties available.



A few of the Rotarians were clearly visible with their *People of Action* shirts.



Once all the boxes were sorted and piled, the individual orders had to be filled, placed in plastic bags, and set out alphabetically for easy pick-up



By 10:30, most of the sorting was completed and we were ready for the public to arrive to pick up their lunches.



An extraordinarily excellent event – and a successful fund-raiser for the Inn of the Good Shepherd. Lots of community support!

Very well organized! A great deal of work accomplished in minimal time.

As an interesting point: On the Tuesday morning, my Fitbit recorded 2.3 miles just walking back and forth and back and forth piling the filled lunch boxes and sorting them onto the various tables.