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Summer Member Tom McKee introduced guest speaker Harry Morrison, a retired school principal here and in Okotoks, to talk about the Burundi school where he is now occupied as a volunteer.



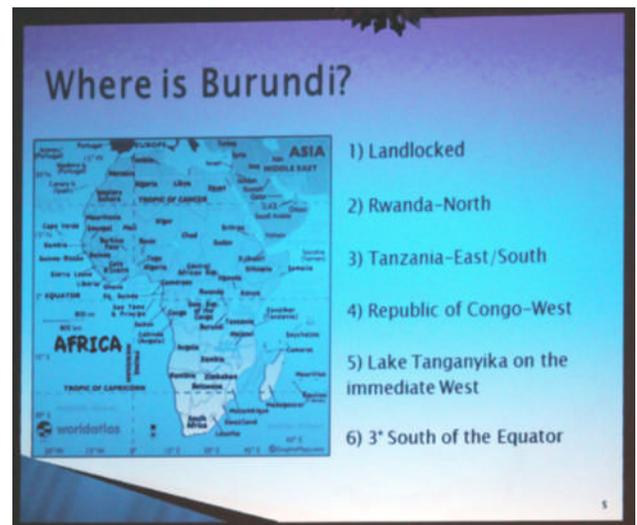
Harry had been 28 years as an educator, his wife was in the same profession, and he retired in 2005. Shortly after retiring he felt he needed something to do as a volunteer and read an article in the Alberta Retired Teachers Magazine about an English school in Burundi so he phoned for information.

In February 2010 he went to Burundi which is a landlocked country in the middle of Africa near the equator. He finds it a beautiful place to be, not too hot despite the location. His wife Linda has been a big help in this project, and they live in a comfortable house near Lake Tanganika which is a very large body of water.

Burundi has five centuries of history and for a time, Rwanda and Burundi were one country composed of Twa, Hutu and Tutsi people. At one time this was a German colony but with the treaty of Versailles, it was turned over to Belgium.

There was a serious conflict between the Hutu and Tutsi people as the latter were perceived the leaders while the Hutu were the labourers. There was a push for independence starting in the 1950s which was achieved in 1962. The major ethnic wars resulted in 300,000 deaths. (This is far short of the 800,000 in Rwanda in 1994.) It was noted the country's flag has 3 stars denoting Unity, Work, Progress. Also drumming is big in Burundi.

The school is called the Burundi English School and was started in 2008



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Meeting Minutes



August 30th, 2011

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Chairman of the meeting today was Vice-President Terry Green. As there was no piano player, Lou Pomerance led the singing of the National Anthem and the Rotary grace with considerable gusto. (He mentioned he is only age 79 but will be 80 tomorrow.)



Lou Pomerance

Linda C. introduced the guests and visiting Rotarians, and once again Lou led the singing of the Welcome song.

Sunshine reports that Don Mc. and his new knee are getting along well together at home.



Our YEX, Barb

Exchange student Barb reports she went to school on Tuesday to select subjects for study, and she went to Drumheller on Wednesday.

Garth Sabirsh updated us on the Spruce Meadows Masters which starts on Wednesday, September

7th, and outlined the specific needs for each day. It seems Friday is the chief problem so if possible please consider if you can help that day. There are other requirements as well and it is hoped the web page will be operating.

Our guest speaker drew the 50/50 ticket which was won by Terry Green who handed the proceeds to our Exchange student.

Bart was SAA today and started with Linda who was Bart's co-greeter today but was evidently a bit tardy in arriving. She had a lengthy excuse but that didn't seem to matter. He also fined Dick F. who evidently wanted the meeting to start earlier than usual, and also Lou for having an 80th birthday tomorrow. Good/Bad news bucks came from Rob W. for the flowers he received when in the hospital recently, Dale P. on behalf of Chuck Bury for help from members for his medications, and Dunc McK. for the fall taken by his wife which prevents them from taking a planned trip to Europe soon. That is indeed bad news.



Tom McKee

Summer Member Tom McKee introduced guest speaker Harry Morrison.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

BURUNDI PROJECT

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by the Friendship Force of Volunteers and founder Jean Marie Bizanana. It is a private non-profit school with all teachers Burundi natives. They adopted the Western Canada Curriculum, currently teaching Kindergarten to Grade 4. They started with 13 students and now have 34. They need 40 students to break even. The motto is Excellence in Education.

The goals of the school are:

- 1) to become the best English School in Burundi
- 2) add a grade every year
- 3) provide superior education to all students
- 4) create opportunity for all those who cannot afford to pay for education
- 5) turn the school over to Burundian administration by 2012

The school is governed by a Board of Directors many of whom provide funds for operations. All volunteers pay their own expenses including, for example, travel costs. The school provides room and board for the volunteers.

The Burundians use their native language and French which came from their Belgium leadership following WW2, but as the country is now part of East Africa, the prominent language is English so that is what is taught. Burundi is one of the poorest countries in the world for education. The tuition here is \$1,000 per year for each student. There is a need for funds to help students, to provide a proper playground, a basketball court and to purchase up to date technology. We are asked to consider assisting the school financially.

During question period we learned the major industries are coffee, sugar and tea. The GNP is about \$150 per person per year compared with about \$35,000 in Canada. There are 8 million people in Burundi, one of the 10 poorest countries in the world. There are several Rotary clubs, with one of them having been a partner with the Okotoks club in building a water facility.

Following the lengthy question period, the Chairman presented the usual certificate indicating a resident of the Dominican Republic has been assisted financially.



Upcoming Events



New Generations Month

September 6th	David Haughton, Director of Marketing, Canadian Sport Centre
September 13th	Wayne Coristine, Community Relations Co-ordinator, Money Mentors
September 16th - 18th	Waterton-Glacier Peace Park Assembly
September 20th	Rotary Exchange Guests from England
September 27th	Tom Flanagan, Political Scientist, U of C
September 28th & 29th	Casino

Vocational Service Month

October 4th	Rick Hanson, Calgary Police Chief
October 11th	District 5360 Governor Mike French
October 18th	TBA
October 25th	Randy Crosson, Operation Christmaschild



Golden Jubilee Citizenship Medal Award

The Rotary Club of Calgary Chinook supports an Interact Club at Henry Wise Wood High School. Over the years we have had many fantastic students participate, and it has been an exceptional program for them to be involved in. One of these outstanding students is Daria Tilimpea, the HWHS Interact Club's president in 2009/10. (see our August 2nd issue of the Arch for a report on her accomplishments and achievements)

In June, Daria was presented with a "Golden Jubilee Citizenship Medal" by the Queen. Daria was unfortunately unable to attend since she was out of the country. What an accomplishment for our Interact student!



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Queen Elizabeth II Citizenship Medal Ceremony
Government House, Edmonton, Alberta
Friday, June 17th, 2011

Programme

Introduction	Barb Walline
Arrival of the Vice Regal Party	
Vice Regal Salute	(Please do not sing) Heidi Kuhse, Pianist
Welcoming Remarks	Colonel (Ret'd) The Honourable Donald S. Ethell Lieutenant Governor of Alberta
Remarks	Lois Hawkins, Deputy Minister of Alberta Culture & Community Spirit
Presentation of Awards	
Royal Anthem	
Reception	
Departure of Vice Regal Party	

Royal Anthem

God save our gracious Queen
Long live our noble Queen
God save the Queen

Send her victorious
Happy and glorious
Long to reign over us
God save the Queen

2010 Medal Recipients

- **Heidi Armstrong:** Graduate of Lloydminster Comprehensive High School, Lloydminster.
- **Chelsey Boyne:** Graduate of Peace Wapiti Academy, Grande Prairie.
- **Regan Coyne:** Graduate of Jasper Place High School, Edmonton.
- **Finola Hackett:** Graduate of Strathcona High School, Edmonton.
- **Jenalyn Myggland:** Graduate of Blessed Sacrament School, Wainwright.
- **Brady Olsen:** Graduate of École Secondaire Lacombe Composite High School, Lacombe.
- **Stephen Reimer:** Graduate of Fort McMurray Composite High School, Fort McMurray.
- **Daria Tilimpea*:** Graduate of Henry Wisewood High School, Calgary.

* Will not be receiving her medal at this ceremony.



THIS AND THAT



September is New Generations Month

The commitment to getting youth and young adults actively involved in Rotary was strengthened in April 2010, when representatives at the Council on Legislation approved New Generations as the fifth Avenue of Service.

The new Avenue of Service improves the value of youth programs and their impact on Rotary's future. New Generations isn't just important to the future of Rotary but also our communities and the world.

New Generations Service acknowledges the positive change implemented by youth and young adults involved in leadership development activities, community and international service, and exchange programs that enrich and foster world peace and cultural understanding. Programs include RYLA, Rotaract, Interact, and Rotary Youth Exchange.

Focusing more on youth is crucial for Rotary to thrive and survive. It's one of the reasons why Rotary has programs on literacy, leadership training, and ethics for young people.

New Generations joins Club Service, Vocational Service, Community Service, and International Service as an Avenue of Service. Before starting a project, Rotarians are asked to think broadly about how their club and its members could contribute within each avenue.

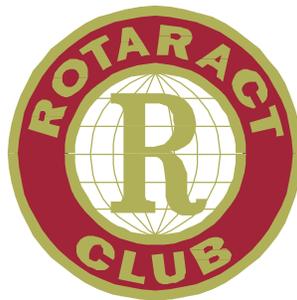
District 5160 Mentoring Program

"Linking New Generations programs keeps participants on track to becoming Rotarians"

A mentoring program in District 5160 (California, USA) helps incoming college freshmen – particularly those who are Interact alumni – get connected with university-based Rotaractors. It's just one example of the efforts undertaken by many districts to keep Interactors, Rotaractors, RYLarians, and Rotary Youth Exchange participants in the fold – and on track to become Rotarians.

"It's important to recapture people who fall through the holes, such as an Interactor who graduates from high school, moves away to college, and has trouble finding a Rotaract club," says Joanna Kwong, Rotaract District 5160 representative. "We often refer alumni or recent graduates to the next relevant program. Interactors pool from RYLA and Youth Exchange, and Rotaractors seek membership from former Interactors."

Building relationships between New Generations programs is the first step toward ensuring successful transitions. Whether it's Interact, Rotaract, RYLA, or Youth Exchange, it's important to let everyone know that these programs all flow together.



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