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THE ARGYLL AND SUTHERLAND HIGHLAND INFANTRY

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The idea for a full Highland regiment in Hamilton first took shape among the members of the St. Andrew's Society and the Sons of Scotland. Late in 1902 meetings were held and prominent members of the city's Highland-Canadian community were asked to "take hold of the matter."

James Chisholm and William Logie (a captain in the XIII Regiment), took a leading role in organizing locally and in lobbying Ottawa. With the support of local Scottish organizations and clan societies, a deputation was sent to Ottawa bearing a petition to the minister of Militia. The minister, Frederick Borden, was less than enthusiastic about the potential cost and the Highland character of the proposed unit wanting instead a militia in common uniform. Col. W. D. Otter, whom Logie canvassed for his opinion, was skeptical of the group's ability to "get either officers or men and if we got both [of] these we could not get the money..."

Hamilton's Scottish-Canadian elite moved quickly to fill the ranks of the officer corps and to raise the necessary funds to outfit the regiment in full Highland dress. Those who came forward included: Chisholm, Logie, J. R. Moodie, Walter W. Stewart, E. M. Dalley, Roy Moodie, E. F. Lazier, John Inglis McLaren, and many others from all walks of professional and business life.

A draft letter written to local MPs noted that the proposed "officers are a fine lot of fellows and of good standing and large influence in the community." The group obtained over 700 names for the rank and file. The "men are a particularly fine class, drawn chiefly from the better class of Scotchmen who own their own homes and have a stake in the community." Chisholm and Logie, well-connected within the Liberal Party, maintained steady pressure upon local politicians to forward the group's cause. Chisholm monitored all communications with Borden, and when the minister curtly informed a local lawyer to forward his support of the proposed Highland regiment "through the regular official channel," Chisholm promptly asked the minister of Militia for an explanation particularly as Borden had already written to Chisholm indicating that a Highland regiment would be raised. Borden denied having done so but by August 17th, 1903 he reported authorizing the establishment of a Highland regiment. Chisholm, Logie, and the Scottish community were unrelenting and in the end won the day.

The regiment was formed on September 13th, 1903 and gazetted three days later as the 91st Regiment Canadian Highlanders.

In winning the day, Chisholm and Logie used every reasonable tactic at hand. They were particularly adept at putting pressure at the highest possible level, usually the minister, thus circumventing the normal channels of the Department of Militia and Defence. They continued this newly established tradition after the Regiment was formed. When they wrote to the minister in 1904 concerning an account of \$9.55 for plumbing in the officers' quarters, an exasperated senior aide wrote to Logie suggesting that "your Regiment should come into line..." He went on to say, "It would be simply impossible to run this Department if other Regiments went about these matters as yours does." Nothing, however, changed.

Chisholm began his service with the 91st on September 16th, 1903 as paymaster holding the rank of honorary captain. For the rest of his life, the Regiment was a major part of his life. Logie served as the Regiment's first commanding officer until 1911. Two evenings a week, Chisholm could be found at the James Street Armouries, the 91st was quartered in the recently built addition (designed in part by his architect brother-in-law Walter Wilson Stewart, also a member of the 91st).

During the First World War, the Regiment acted as a training unit providing 145 officers and 5,207 other ranks for service in the numbered battalions of

the C.E.F., especially the 16th, 19th, and the 173rd Highlanders. Although the Argylls perpetuate both the 19th and the 173rd, it is the former which provides the Regiment its most intimate connection with the Great War. The 91st gave the 19th all four of its commanding officers and its Pipe Major, Charles Davidson Dunbar, DCM, a Pipe Major of international renown.

As part of the 4th Infantry Brigade, 2nd Division, the 19th went from the mud and misery of Salisbury Plain, England, to the mud and blood of Flanders. The Battalion saw its first action at Saint-Eloi in April 1916 and went on to serve on the Somme, at Courcellette, Vimy Ridge, Hill 70, Passchendaele, Drocourt-Quéant, and the Pursuit to Mons. In December 1918, its pipe Band played a victorious Canadian Corps across the Rhine and into Germany.

The 19th Battalion (Central Ontario), CEF was authorized on November 7th, 1914 and embarked for Great Britain on May 13th, 1915. It disembarked in France where it fought as part of the 4th Infantry Brigade, 2nd Canadian Division in France and Flanders until the end of the war, disbanding on September 15th, 1920.

The 173rd Battalion (Canadian Highlanders), CEF was authorized on July 15th, 1916. It provided reinforcements for the Canadian Corps until January 4th, 1917, when its personnel were absorbed by the 2nd Reserve Battalion, CEF. The battalion disbanded on September 1st, 1917. The 173rd Battalion was awarded the battle honour THE GREAT WAR 1916-1917.

From Normandy through Falaise, Moerbrugge, the Scheldt, Kapelsche Veer, and the Hochwald Gap to Friesoythe, the Küsten Canal, and Bad Zwischenahn, the Argylls were successful against the enemy with their losses (267 killed and 808 wounded) amongst the lowest in the 10th Brigade and their successes constant.


Cynicism is a soldier's rightful lot and the Argylls' never lost it throughout their service in WWII, their actions during peace time, to their service in Afghanistan between 2002 and 2014. The regiment contributed an aggregate of more than 20% of its authorized strength to the various Task Forces.

Community support has always been strong for this unit and its members in Hamilton and will continue to grow.

NOVEMBER MEETING RESPONSIBILITIES

	NOVEMBER 4	NOVEMBER 11
Setup/Take down	<i>The Usual Suspects & The Phantom Defendant</i>	<i>The Usual Suspects & The Phantom Defendant</i>
Greeter	Marguerite Ward	Doug Hall
Invocation	Sue Wunderlich	John MacRae
O' Canada	John Attridge	John Attridge
Intro./Thank Speaker		Sue Wunderlich

	NOVEMBER 18	NOVEMBER 25
Setup/Take down	<i>The Usual Suspects & The Phantom Defendant</i>	<i>The Usual Suspects & The Phantom Defendant</i>
Greeter	Ken Hall	Carl Loewith
Invocation	Nancy Hall	David LaCombe
O' Canada	John Attridge	John Attridge
Intro./Thank Speaker	TBD	Nancy Hall

A photograph of Amanda Wirtz, a blonde woman with her hair in a bun, wearing a blue dress and playing a violin. She is smiling and looking towards the camera.

Former Navy Code Breaker Forms World's First Facebook Rotary Club

By Arnold R. Grahl, Rotary News 18/09/2014

Motivational speaker and performer Amanda Wirtz, charter president of the United Services Rotary Club on Facebook, discusses why Rotary fulfills her desire to build a hope and a future for others, and how it is a gold mine of opportunity for those desiring to change the world.

When a life-threatening illness stripped away many of her professional ambitions, Amanda Wirtz, a former U.S. Navy code breaker and professional violinist, turned to humanitarian service and Facebook to give her life new purpose.

Wirtz was in her twenties and pursuing a career as a fitness trainer when a sharp pain in her abdomen sent her to the emergency room. Expecting something manageable like appendicitis, she instead found herself facing a rare tumor disorder that required her to undergo 30 surgeries over the next several years.

Forced to rethink her life plans, Wirtz began focusing on how to help others, a quest that led her to Rotary.

"I met an older man with a Rotary pin," Wirtz recalls, "and I said, 'I love Rotary.' Ten years earlier as a Rotary Youth Exchange student, Rotary had helped build a hope and a future for me. Now, I found that through Rotary I could build hope and a future for others. And doing that, I found that I actually received it myself."

Wirtz launched the world's first Facebook-based Rotary club last year, United Services Rotary, after being approached by Rotary leaders who were seeking ways to make membership more convenient for U.S. military personnel. Their need to travel and relocate frequently can make it difficult for members of the military to commit to the weekly attendance that most Rotary clubs require. The leaders came to Wirtz because of her passion for service and her military background.

The club differs from a traditional Rotary club in that members log in to Facebook at any time during the week to view a high-definition video that reproduces many of the elements of a typical meeting: The Four-Way Test, sharing of Rotary moments, announcements, and a presentation by a main speaker. If there hasn't been time to record an original program, the weekly presentation may be a TED talk or other video on a Rotary-related topic that's available online. Members keep in touch through Facebook updates and by posting on each other's timelines.

Wirtz admits that meeting online comes with some drawbacks. "There is nothing like being in the same room with another person. I don't think anything can replace one-on-one interaction," she concedes. "So it's, How can I get a sense of you truly to have the feeling of real fellowship in a remote location? And honestly, that's something we are continuing to work on." But she feels social media is too big a phenomenon for Rotary not to embrace it.

"I see a lot of missed opportunities, and my pain reminds me that time is short," Wirtz says. "Social media is a powerful tool. But it is more about embracing whatever strategy brings innovation, opportunity, and change. If we are to do anything about the mounting problems in the world, and the problems within Rotary regarding keeping members, we need to do whatever it takes to fully engage our evolution."

Wirtz brought the idea to life by using focus groups on military bases to discover what people would want in an online meeting. They didn't want to read

a lot of text, they wanted to communicate very quickly, and they didn't want to go to a lot of places to do that.

On all counts, a Facebook platform seemed to fit the bill. It was convenient: Members can sign in to Facebook from anywhere in the world and stay connected without having to attend an in-person meeting in a set location every week. It cost nothing to set up. And because there's no meal, the club can keep expenses down.

Wirtz said she expanded the membership target beyond the U.S. military because she wanted to have as big an impact as possible and promote peace among military personnel everywhere. Through the focus groups and by promoting the idea heavily on social media, she assembled a core of members in and around San Diego, California, USA. Members in other countries, including Afghanistan, Germany, and Japan, signed up as they learned about it. Though military personnel were the initial focus, she notes that membership is open to anyone who shares the club's vision of building hope through peace.

Wirtz's quest to help others has meant learning new skills. After working with an exercise physiologist to manage her pain, she enrolled at the University of Illinois to earn a degree in health education and graduated with top honors. She followed that with an advanced degree at the University of California, Santa Barbara. A motivational speaker, Wirtz now shares her story with audiences around the U.S., combining her new life philosophy with her other passion, playing the violin.

Before forming the Facebook club, Wirtz had already taken part in a trip to South America to help orphans find homes. She also participated in projects to rehabilitate a homeless shelter and distribute backpacks to low-income families.

"When I hear our motto Service Above Self, I am reminded of the words of Mahatma Gandhi, who said, 'the best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.' I feel passionately that by serving we answer the most important question – and that is, Who do we want to be?"

In its first year, United Services Rotary received a grant to build a memorial wall at U.S. Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton for those killed in combat. It has renovated elementary schools in San Diego and provided tsunami relief in Japan. It is also organizing a larger project that would gather Rotary members from all over southern California for an annual day of international service in Baja California, Mexico.

For other projects, members assist each other remotely.

"We have a member in Germany. If he wants to do a project for schools in Germany, I can find some way to facilitate that. Maybe some kind of exchange, maybe we get students talking to each other," Wirtz says. "It's a creative world. There are no restrictions to it."

"We are bringing social media and Rotary together in a way that has never been done before. Paul Harris said, 'This is a changing world; we must be prepared to change with it. The story of Rotary will have to be written again and again.' I think Paul Harris would have liked social media."

Visit United Services Rotary on the web:

<http://www.unitedservicesrotary.com/>

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ROTARY PEACE CENTERS SHAPE HUNDREDS OF CAREERS IN PEACE AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION



By Ryan Hyland and Paul Engleman, *Rotary News* 19/09/2014 – Photo from the 2012 Rotary Peace Centers Program Guide

With bloody conflicts raging in the Middle East, Eastern Europe, and parts of Central Africa, the message of nonviolence and reconciliation that nations worldwide will observe on September 21st demands more urgent and collective attention.

In 2001 the United Nations designated the September date as an annual International Day of World Peace “to be observed as a day of global cease-fire and nonviolence” according to a General Assembly resolution.

The day’s devotion to peace connects closely with what Rotary members have been fostering since The Rotary Foundation’s mission to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace, was proclaimed in 1917.

Rotary’s goal of worldwide peace and tolerance has been an unwavering pursuit: conducting global forums, hosting international peace symposiums,

advancing peace through its 60 year collaboration with the UN, as well as grass roots initiatives such as the Rotarian Action Group for Peace.

But Rotary’s most significant effort to wage peace is the Rotary Peace Centers program, established in 2002. Each year, the program trains some of the world’s most dedicated and brightest professionals, preparing them to promote national and international cooperation and to resolve conflict. They include graduates of a two-year master’s degree program and a three-month professional certificate program at Rotary’s partner universities.

Today, more than 900 peace fellows are applying their expertise in various fields. They’re settling border conflicts in West Africa, developing aid programs at the World Bank, drafting legislation to protect exploited children in Brazil, providing security for U.S. diplomats, and many other career paths devoted to peace.



ROTARY PEACE FELLOWSHIPS ALUMNI SHARE HOW THE PROGRAM HAS SHAPED THEIR LIVES:

David Chick, Director, Peace and Conflict Section, Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade – Duke/UNC 2005-2007

“It can really be a life-changing program. There is rarely a week that goes by where I don’t use the skills that I gained. My studies of conflict resolution and negotiation assist me in thinking through options to support preventive diplomacy in Australia’s neighborhoods. You never leave the peace program! After so many years of operation, there is a real community of peace fellows out there, dedicated to the cause.”

Jane Kellum, Chief of Party, Partners for Learning/Education, CARE International in Haiti – University of El Salvador 2007-2009

“Two of the practical courses provided me with the most valuable skills and knowledge that I use on a daily basis. The applied field experience provided me the opportunity to immediately put my newly gained skills and knowledge into practice. The cohort element (and resulting alumni network) of the peace centers is an extremely valuable aspect of the program. The connection with Rotary provides a valuable opportunity to be connected to all the opportunities, networks, that this caliber of international organization offers.

John Foster, Foreign Affairs Officer, U.S. Department of State University of Queensland 2005-2007

“My experience provided me with a thorough understanding of both the theory and practice of international relations, which has helped me serve more effectively at the U.S. Department of State. The greatest value of the Rotary Peace Centers program comes from the rewarding relationships that it enables participants to form with Rotarians, professors, fellow students, and other professionals through the applied field experience. Most important, it provides

them with an introduction to the family of Rotary and encourages them to think of Rotary as a lifelong partner in their peace-related endeavors.”

Taylor Stevenson, Design and Waste Prevention Specialist, Samdrup Jongkhar Initiative – International Christian University 2011-2013

“Rotary’s Peace Fellowship was a life changer. It left me with a clear vision, confidence in my abilities as a peacemaker, and an ever-growing family of friends and colleagues around the world. The fellowship allowed me the space and support to reorient my professional strategy to more seriously and capably embrace peace ideas. This program is an incredible opportunity, especially for people who are thinking outside of the box on peace issues.”

Abu Sufian Taj Elassfia, USAID, Libya – Duke/UNC, 2011-2013

“The Rotary Peace Fellows program has changed my life. Without having the opportunity to get the scholarship, I wouldn’t have been considered for the senior position that I hold. In my case, Duke/UNC offered courses taught by professors who are considered the best in their field, teachers who have not only the academic knowledge but also the practical experiences that enable them to provide advice and direction and connect students with different institutions and organizations. The world, indeed, is in a great need for more peace fellows who can work hand in hand with governments and communities to counterbalance the outbreak of wars and conflict around the world. The need has become even greater for institutions like The Rotary Foundation to provide the opportunity to young people to further their knowledge of peace and to increase their understanding of the world through active participation in issues like good governance, leadership, and peaceful coexistence between nations.”



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TALES OF YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

STARTUP WEEKEND MAKER'S EDITION HAMILTON

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The first ever Maker Edition of Startup Weekend Hamilton is happening on November 21st-23rd, 2014 at Mohawk College. Startup Weekend events are 54-hour weekend long events during which groups of makers, hackers, students, developers, business managers, startup enthusiasts, marketing gurus, graphic artists and more pitch ideas for new startup companies, form teams around those ideas, and work to develop a working prototype, demo, or presentation by Sunday evening where a panel of judges will select a winning team.

While Hamilton has hosted four previous Startup Weekend events since 2011, this will be our first ever Maker's Edition that is focused on creating physical products. Imagine designing and creating 3D printed products, Arduino based micro-controllers, wearables, robots and the endless hardware startup possibilities. Hamilton is a city with a legacy in manufacturing great physical products – it's time to bring the ambition back with a 21st century spin!

The winners of the event will receive a prize package courtesy of Mohawk College, the details of which will be announced soon. Those who place first will also have the opportunity to compete in the Global Startup Battle for up to \$500,000 in prizes, gain international exposure, and showcase the best of the Hamilton startup scene.

The Global Startup Battle was previously won by McMaster students Matt Gardner and Jason Moore as part of Groupnotes (now co-founders of Videostream which has 575,000 users). We want to see another Hamilton team take home the top prize!

Join us on November 21st-23rd, 2014 for the first ever Startup Weekend Hamilton Maker's Edition! For more information and to register check out at UP Hamilton:

up.co/communities/canada/hamilton/startup-weekend/4947

Also be sure to check out Software Hamilton:

<http://www.softwarehamilton.com/>

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THIS WHEEL'S ON FIRE

LAND OF HOPE AND DREAMS

By Daniela Garcia, Rotary News 10/10/2014



Photo Courtesy of Moonyeen King

Four years ago, Rotary member Moonyeen King decided to take action to help residents of the impoverished neighborhood of Tepehua, located in Chapala, Jalisco, Mexico, who faced daily struggles with crime, malnutrition, and limited access to health care. King, together with Susan Netherton and Gin Pelzl, fellow members of the Rotary Club of Ajijic, turned an abandoned building into the Tepehua Community Center. For its first year, the center provided a soup kitchen every Friday to feed over 200 women and children. That enabled King and her fellow Rotary members to gain the trust of the community, and before long, they had each family register and communicate its individual needs. Through that community feedback, the need for a women's health clinic became apparent.

In early 2012, in a trial conducted by the Tepehua center's board, 67 women were tested for sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) and other gynecological issues. Only five had normal results. King, who heads the Tepehua Community Center Board, estimated that 1,200 local women would benefit from a health care program addressing STDs, family planning, and cancer.

The project gained international support when members of the Rotary Club of Lincoln, California, heard about it through a former member who had moved to Mexico and joined the Ajijic club. The clubs partnered to receive a Rotary Foundation grant to establish a comprehensive maternal health program at the center.

"Through the maternal health program, women and girls are taking charge of their own destiny," King says. "Maternal health and family planning will be passed to the next generation."

Paul Radcliffe, a member of the Rotary Club of Lincoln, says the program results have been remarkable. In the first 15 months, 1,000 Pap smears and breast exams were conducted and 800 women attended family planning and counseling sessions.

"If women are healthy, able to plan their pregnancies and obtain good preventive health care, lives will be saved, a cycle of poverty can be broken, and children will be raised by their mothers instead of [those mothers] being lost to disease," Radcliffe says.

He adds that the success of the clinic resulted not only from word of mouth about positive experiences, but also from the fact that community members had been educated and helped to address cultural taboos surrounding sexual health. Encouraged by the program's success, the two clubs are looking to expand to surrounding communities in the Lake Chapala region through a mobile clinic.

"While mostly illiterate and uneducated, the women are learning quickly as they see the improvement of just a few," Radcliffe says.

In addition to the clinic, the Tepehua Community Center improves the quality of life for area families by providing education and counseling. Current class offerings include sewing, arts and crafts, computer skills, and English. The center also offers auxiliary nursing classes and has certified dozens of women as auxiliary nurses. A nursery and a playground were built to provide child care while the local women participate in the center's activities.

Says the Ajijic club's King: "This is probably one of the most rewarding projects I have ever experienced. Once you receive the trust of people, they are willing to learn, to grow, and take advantage of opportunity."



Alexandra Dawley (second from right) with teen volunteers in front of the mural they painted on the community center. The supplies for the mural and other art projects were funded by Rotary clubs in Vancouver Island, British Columbia, Canada.

Photo Credit: Courtesy Alexandra Dawley

By Daniela Garcia, Rotary News, 17/10/2014

When asked to describe his future, a refugee child from Iraq draws a picture of himself as a doctor. Another child uses colorful paints to depict happy memories of his former life in Iraq. Both children are among the 200,000 displaced Iraqis who now live in Jordan, a country that has become a safe haven for those fleeing oppression and war in neighboring Palestine, Syria, and Iraq.

Alexandra Dawley, a former volunteer with the Collateral Repair Project in Jordan, emphasizes how something as simple as an art project can help young refugees adjust to their new lives in a foreign country. With the support of Rotary clubs across Vancouver Island in British Columbia, Canada, and the help of teenage refugee volunteers in Jordan, Dawley implemented a children's art program to give refugee children a creative outlet for their dreams and ambitions.

Dawley cites as her inspiration the 10 life skills deemed essential by UNICEF and WHO for those coping with forced displacement. Those skills include problem solving, creative thinking, effective communication, empathy, and the ability to cope with emotions and stress.

"I am not a certified art therapist," she says, "but I recognized art as a way to make healing and life-skills development accessible and fun for kids."

Dawley, a Rotary global grant scholar from Nanaimo, Vancouver Island, recently received a master's degree in social development from the University of Sussex in Brighton, England. Her three months of volunteer work in Amman, Jordan, in 2014 counted toward her graduate research.

Dawley says the art program not only helped kids be kids but it also enabled the teenagers who helped her implement the classes, giving them the chance to develop and practice their leadership skills. "These teenagers genuinely care about their community, and developed important mentorship roles with children who need it," she says.

The teens also helped brighten up the community center in Jordan where the Collateral Repair Project hosts community-building activities and educational programs for refugees. As part of the art program, Dawley organized a mural project for the teens, who painted a wall at the center in vibrant colors.

"Due to the generous Rotarian donations, I was able to leave a wealth of supplies for the teens to use as they continue running the art program," she says. "The mural on the side of the center was a source of stress relief

and a source of pride for the teens who designed it and the children who volunteered with us as we painted it."

Founded in 2006, the Collateral Repair Project is a nonprofit organization that helps refugees create a sense of community in Jordan. It runs an emergency assistance program to ensure that basic nutrition and housing needs are met, and through the community center, offers a variety of programs and learning opportunities including computer courses, English classes, and a women's craft co-op.

"The Collateral Repair Project is working hard to overcome sectarian tensions, building community... and promoting life skills that can help children and youth cope with the challenges they face," Dawley says.

Dawley traces her interest in helping refugees to her time as a Rotary Youth Exchange student in Budapest, Hungary. While there, she volunteered at a local orphanage, using art and drama to connect with children. She also helped to lead an English class for American Corner, a nonprofit organization that promotes the development of English-language skills. "The [Youth Exchange] program sparked my interest in global issues and shifted my life trajectory," she says.

Barbara Cameron, scholarship chair for District 5020, which includes part of British Columbia, served as Dawley's mentor throughout her scholarship application process and volunteer work in Jordan. A member of the Rotary Club of Saanich, Cameron also helped Dawley organize presentations to Rotary clubs throughout Vancouver Island about her work with refugees. In the process, Dawley raised more than \$2,000 for her art program.

Having completed her studies in England, Dawley is back in Canada, planning to work with refugees and recent immigrants while continuing to raise awareness and support for the Collateral Repair Project. She hopes someday to return to the Middle East and pursue a doctorate in forced migration studies. And ultimately, she wants to help formulate policies to support holistic development programs that expand the capabilities of refugees, rather than leave them reliant on government aid.

"Much of our world is in conflict, many of our international communities are displaced, and people need policy that allows them to voice their needs and reach their potential," Dawley says. "This is what drives me and this is what I'll work toward."



By Arnold R. Grahl, Rotary News 22/10/2014

Erin Mills had just finished teaching for the day in Montevideo, Uruguay, when her smartphone buzzed with a message.

An impromptu gathering to watch Uruguay's World Cup soccer match was being organized. Through the power of a mobile messaging app, a majority of the Rotary Club of Plaza Matriz had soon assembled at a member's home to munch on baked goods and chips while rooting for their national team.

That enthusiasm and ability to draw a crowd has made the club, which just received its charter in July, a success in the country's capital city. Made up almost entirely of young professionals, it is the kind of club Rotary is eager to have more of. It has also served as a bridge back to Rotary for former members of Rotaract, who must leave the program when they turn 30.

Mills says she could tell the club had something special by its third meeting. "It turned into a brainstorming session of all the projects we wanted to do. No idea was too large or too small."

The club has partnered with PORSALEU, a local charity that provides a place for leukemia patients and their families to stay close to the hospital when they travel to the city for treatment. They held their first fundraiser during the World Cup, auctioning off a jersey signed by Uruguayan footballer Cristian Rodríguez – through social media. And they're planning a Rotary award night to recognize and encourage humanitarian service, which they are calling the "Golden Wheel."

"It's like an Oscars for Rotary," Mills explains. "Clubs that enter have a chance to win a Golden Wheel in categories such as best outreach program for new members, best service project."

Members are conducting workshops to teach other Rotary members in the city how to use social media to their advantage. For Mills, the club has also offered a way to get reestablished in Uruguay. She came to Montevideo in

2008 on a scholarship sponsored by the Rotary Club of Casa Grande, Arizona, USA, and joined the Rotaract Club of Paso Molino.

After completing her scholarship, she returned to Arizona and began a long-distance relationship with one of the Rotaractors she had met during her studies. Realizing that her heart was in Uruguay in more ways than one, she completed an advanced degree in bilingual education and returned. She is now teaching future English language educators at the University of Montevideo and middle school students from around the world at an American International School.

Finding a new group to connect with wasn't initially easy. She looked for a Rotary club to join but couldn't find one that "had the right vibe." They either were too far from her home or didn't offer the sense of family she was searching for as an expatriate.

About the same time, Nicolas Ortiz, a member of the Rotary Club of Montevideo and chair of the district's New Generations committee, began running into many of Mills' old friends. He realized that all of these former Rotaractors and the former Rotary Scholar would be the ideal core for a new club, so he encouraged them to start one.

"We were all a little intimidated by the responsibility. Where do you even start? And then there's the financial responsibility involved," Mills recalls. "But he helped us and got his club to sponsor many of our costs, and his club eventually became our sponsor club."

From there, district leaders took the group under their wing. Past District Governor Antonio Nocetti Ruiz got other district officers together to advise them on the steps they needed to take to found the club and even attended many of the unofficial planning meetings.

"We're excited to bring Rotary into the next generation," says Mills.

**FINDING
A NEW GROUP
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INITIALLY EASY**

A Sea of Ceramic Poppies Honors Britain's WWI Dead



by Ari Shapiro, August 16/08/2014

How do you memorialize an event that happened 100 years ago? Almost nobody who witnessed the start of World War I remains alive. In England, at the Tower of London, an unusual artistic commemoration is blooming. Its name “Blood Swept Lands And Seas Of Red” was inspired by the account of an unknown soldier from Chesterfield, who died in Belgium during the conflict and described how he lay in a ‘blood-soaked’ Flanders field surrounded by his dead friends.

The Tower of London was built in the 11th century, and for most of the years since then its moat was full of water. But today, operations manager John Brown looks out and describes the sight: “In effect, a green field surrounding the castle, and within that, we have started to build this huge artistic installation of 888,246 ceramic poppies.”

That’s one flower for each soldier from Britain or the British colonies who died in WWI. Each is handmade, and volunteers plant each poppy in the soil by hand.

The red poppy is a symbol of remembrance for a reason: In Western Europe, it is the first wildflower to appear when soil is churned up. So after a war, fields where soldiers fell become vast expanses of crimson blooms.

The ceramic poppies at the Tower of London are not planted in orderly rows. They look like an undulating sea from afar. Up close, each bloom is unique. Droplets cling to them from a recent shower. Against the walls of the tower, they crest like a wave of water — or, given the color, like a wave of blood. They cascade from one of the tower windows to the ground like a waterfall, and a 30-foot curl of red poppies crests over the tower’s main entrance.

The concept came from a ceramic artist named Paul Cummings who enlisted the help of 35 others to help hand craft the poppies, which take three days each to create. He decided to make the flowers, but he had no place to put them. “So we said, we have the real estate,” explains Brown. A British theatrical designer, Tom Piper, provided the design and interpretation of the idea.

“Every morning when I walk through the site just to make sure everything’s ready, you get your own moment of inner peace for yourself,” says Jim Duncan. He’s one of the Yeoman Warders, the iconic beekeepers who live and work at the tower. For the next three months, he will be overseeing the planting project.

“You get the goose pimples. You get the lump in the throat,” he says. “And then you get a great bunch of people that come in, work hard, work together as a team. It was raining this afternoon — nobody left.”

The sound of hammering comes from the corner of the moat where rain-soaked volunteers are working in matching red shirts. They pound metal stakes into the ground, then place a red ceramic blossom on top, supporting each one with small rubber plugs.

Lynne England came from the New Forest on England’s southern coast to plant poppies with her husband, Arthur, in honor of her great-uncle. He was awarded the Victoria Cross for holding his position while under fire during WWI. “He was shot three times, but he held position. And because of that, he saved a lot of British lives. So we felt we had to come and plant a poppy for him today,” she says.

“I’m almost in tears just talking to you now,” she says. “Just look at it — every single poppy, every poppy you hold, is somebody’s life.”

“And the fact that they’re all handmade and they’re all individual,” says her husband, “it’s not like you’re doing some process and repeating something. Each time feels very, very special.”

The first of these flowers was planted Aug. 5, the first full day of fighting in the war. The last one will be planted on Nov. 11, Armistice Day, when the guns fell silent. They’ll come down after that.

Even though each blossom represents a British or colonial life lost in the war, a staffer pointed out that more than 100,000 Americans died, too. So as we concluded our interviews, she handed me a red poppy, and I planted it in the soil at the Tower of London.

The Blood Swept Lands and Seas of Red *By Anonymous (Unknown Soldier)*

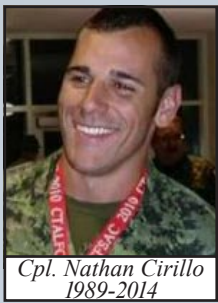
*The blood swept lands and seas of red,
Where angels dare to tread.
As I put my hand to reach,
As God cried a tear of pain as the angels fell,
Again and again.*

*As the tears of mine fell to the ground
To sleep with the flowers of red
As any be dead*

*My children see and work through fields of my
Own with corn and wheat,
Blessed by love so far from pain of my resting
Fields so far from my love.*

*It be time to put my hand up and end this pain
Of living hell, to see the people around me
Fall someone angel as the mist falls around
And the rain so thick with black thunder I hear
Over the clouds, to sleep forever and kiss
The flower of my people gone before time
To sleep and cry no more*

*I put my hand up and see the land of red,
This is my time to go over,
I may not come back
So sleep, kiss the boys for me*



Cpl. Nathan Cirillo
1989-2014

FATHERS... SONS... BROTHERS... SOLDIERS... HEROES

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Warrant Officer
Patrice Vincent
1961-2014

*"He's the kind of friend, he would be there for you no matter...
He's a caring person he cares about everybody. He's a great father."*
Joshua Veres, a childhood friend of Nathan Cirillo.

*"He was the kind of guy who was devoted to everybody...
always ready to help, always smiling... I never saw him in a bad mood."*
Sylvain Guerette, cousin

Corporal Nathan Cirillo was born on December 23rd, 1989, and grew up in a difficult household, after the divorce of his parents, with his mother, two sisters and his step-father in Hamilton, Ontario. He attended Sherwood Secondary School, and from an early age demonstrated a passion for the military, enlisting in the Canadian Armed Forces Primary Reserve in 2006 with The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders of Canada (Princess Louise's), just prior to his graduation of high school in 2007. Following his first two years of service, he was promoted to the rank Corporal in 2008.

Nathan Cirillo was an active member of the regiment, participating not only in regular training, exercises, and ceremonial events, but also was involved with The Argyll and Sutherland regimental hockey team, was the unit pugil-stick fighting champion in 2013, and participated with the Land Force Central Area shooting team in 2010. Outside of the regiment, Cpl. Cirillo often performed other tasks in support of training in Petawawa, as well as in support of the Cadets at Camp Blackdown at Canadian Forces Base Borden. Cpl. Cirillo was passionate about his involvement in the military and often commented that it was a positive influence on his life and provided excellent motivation for personal improvement. In his final year of service he had progressed to a junior leadership role as the second in command of his section, leading other soldiers.

In his civilian life, he was extremely active and demonstrated a strong zeal for fitness, achieving high personal standards and demonstrating strong personal discipline. This served him well as a personal trainer at a local gym, as well as security duties at some of the local establishments in the Hamilton area. Cpl. Cirillo was a hard-working and capable soldier, Cpl. Cirillo demonstrated the kindness and character expected of a Canadian Forces soldier, and an Argyll. At the regiment he won the respect and friendship of his peers and leaders – his absence will be strongly felt by both his family and the regiment.

Cpl. Cirillo's family will remember him as a father to his young son, who was a part of his motivation to constantly improve his performance and involvement with the military, as well as a loving son and brother. His mother, whom he had only recently reconnected with, will be caring for his son Marcus Daniel Cirillo (6 yrs) who only just started kindergarten and Nathan's two dogs. The child's mother, who had the baby while Cirillo was still a teenager, is no longer in the picture. Nathan's father has been in Costa Rica for several years and Nathan had also tried to reconnect with him a few years ago.

The Soldier
by Charles M. Province
*It is the soldier, not the reporter
who has given us the freedom of press.*

*It is the soldier, not the poet,
who has given us the freedom of speech.*

*It is the soldier, not the campus organizer,
who has given us the freedom to demonstrate.*

*It is the soldier, not the lawyer,
who has given us the right to a fair trial.*

*It is the soldier who salutes the flag,
who serves under the flag,
whose coffin is draped by the flag,
and who allows the protester to burn the flag.*

Warrant Officer Patrice Vincent had been a member of the Canadian military for 28 years when he died October 20th, 2014 after being hit by a car driven by a suspected homegrown terrorist that the federal government said is "clearly linked" to Islamic terrorism.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper said Vincent had provided "distinguished service" in the military. "He served all across the country. Obviously, our thoughts and prayers are with his family members, his friends, and his colleagues," Harper said during question period October 21st.

Warrant Officer Patrice Vincent served in his career as a firefighter in the Royal Canadian Air Force. He was part of 438 Tactical Helicopter Squadron based in St-Hubert, Quebec. He enlisted in the Canadian Armed Forces in May 1986 and during his career he was posted to Valcartier (Que.), Comox (B.C.), Halifax (NS), Trenton (Ont.), Esquimalt (B.C.), Edmonton (Alta.), North Bay (Ont.), Montreal (Que.), and Saint-Hubert (Que.). Warrant Officer Vincent served aboard Her Majesty's Canadian Ships CALGARY, ALGONQUIN WINNIPEG, OTTAWA and ST. JOHN'S.

The family of Warrant Officer Patrice Vincent is struggling, especially his mother and twin sister, to come to terms with his death, dealing with both grief and anger. "It's actually hard for us... When it happens to somebody else in Canada – you hear that on the news – personally it touches me, but when it's closer to your family, it's harder to accept that," said Vincent's cousin and former soldier Sylvain Guerette.

The 53 year old had been serving in the military for 28 years. He had recently undergone open-heart surgery, according to QMI agency, and was considering the next phase of his life. Vincent's cousin Sylvain Guerette, a former soldier himself, told CBC News that Vincent was thinking about retirement. Guerette said his cousin was considering working with him as a cabinetmaker.

"Patrice loved life; he was well liked by everyone and he always spoke passionately about his involvement with the Canadian Armed Forces. Serving was his way of making a difference in our world," said his family in a statement to the press, "To the family and close friends of Corporal Nathan Cirillo, know that we share your pain and we are with you in our hearts." they continued "Our thoughts are also with the Couture-Rouleau family during these difficult times." His colleagues remember him as an upright man – honest, generous, loyal and helpful. He was always the first to arrive and the first to volunteer.

A campaign set up to raise money for the families of Vincent and Cirillo has already raised more than \$45,000 through donations from the public. Rogers Communications has also pledged \$25,000 for the fund and Canada's banks have committed \$100,000. Prince Charles has made what is being described as a substantial donation to the families of the two Canadian soldiers killed recently in separate attacks. Their is also a separate trust being set up for Cpl. Cirillo's young son Marcus.

These two grievous losses in the deaths of Warrant Officer Patrice Vincent and Cpl. Nathan Cirillo at the hands of domestic terrorists has given us, at great cost, insight into the dangers our military face both abroad and now at home. The events were well covered by the media, focusing on their contribution not only as soldiers but as people. These soldier were, are, and will always be heroes not only in the memories of their family and friends but in the hearts of all Canadians.