

RELAY Team renovates Mozambique school

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(2010-08-25) On the 28th of July a new section of the EP.1. De Benguerua Primary School on Benguerua Island was opened. The ceremony was attended by the school children and staff as well as select members of the community including Joao Luis Muzazayila, a representative for the FRELIMO party on the island, who also voiced his appreciation.



MOZAMBIQUE: Michael Duben surveying the work of the RELAY Team at De Benguerua Primary School

This recent building project was an enthusiastic team effort between Marlin and Benguerua Lodge and the Rotary Club of Windsor-St.Clair, Canada. The school suffered substantial damages after Cyclone Favio of 2007, and so renovations and enhancements have been ongoing ever since.

This latest opening saw the following welcome additions to the school complex:

- ▶ The construction of a new school building to be used as additional classroom and library.
- ▶ The construction of a new ablution building.
- ▶ The building of a volleyball court and provision of goal nets for the soccer pitch.
- ▶ Sporting equipment which included frisbees, footballs, volleyballs, skipping ropes, pool noodles for games and cones for relay races.
- ▶ Stationery which included craft scissors, coloured craft paper, glitter glue, crayons, colouring books, paper plates for making masks and various other craft items.
- ▶ A new Mozambican flag for the school grounds.

In attendance were Rotary Club of Windsor St.Clair members Ruth Coursey, Shelly & Michael Duben, and Carl & Ann Fama and Mary Knauer from Michigan.

Shelly and Michael Duben, on a previous visit to Marlin Lodge, identified a need at the community school and decided to return at a later date to try making a difference here. As Rotary Club members of Windsor-St Clair, Canada they have assisted in similar community projects in Kenya, Ghana and Ethiopia, raising the needed funds under their own initiative named RELAY.

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COMING EVENTS

September 18	Past President's Party
September 22	District Governors Golf Outing
	Northville Hills Golf Club
September 26	D6400 Family Fun Day, Mic Mac Park
September 27	Bingo at Breakaway Gaming Centre
September 30	WFCU Concessions-Spitfires vs. Greyhounds
October 17	Ganatchio Trail Walk



OUR PELEE ISLAND ADVENTURE: President Phyllis Charbonneau (Centre) and Ruth Coursey, thank Pelee Island Mayor Rick Masse (Left) for hosting the Windsor St. Clair trip to the island last month. A good time was had by all but the island won't be the same again!

Message from the PRESIDENT



Phyllis Charbonneau

Greetings Rotarians:

Another month has flown by and many exciting things happened in August. I was away the first week of the month with Alan taking to the podium for the first time since his retirement. You were treated to our guest speaker, Rod Peterson, talking about the brand new David Suzuki school. I've heard many good things about this talk and wish I could have been here (vacation was good too).

Our second speaker was called out of town and we had the pleasure of hearing "This is your Life" from both Amie and Ilias. Again, we learn so much about our own members when we hear where they've been and where they're going.

Chelsea, our rebound exchange student told us of her travels to Germany and we saw how one year away can make such a difference in someone's life.

At our club celebration, Alan & Chris spoke about TV Auction which is coming up in 10 weeks. We were reminded to do our best to get our items in quickly and to think about any sponsors for the auction. Since

this is our main fundraiser, and we've resigned from concessions come December, it's really important to raise as much as we can so we can continue to do all the great work both here and internationally. Without everyone supporting the auction in some way, we'll never make our target.

Kids of Steel Triathlon

A number of our Rotarians made a splash handing out water at the annual Kids of Steel Triathlon in Tecumseh. For our donation of \$1,500, we got tremendous exposure and our name was mentioned over and over again during the event. Thanks to Bruce, Amie and husband Mike, and Paul who joined me on that muggy Saturday morning.

Thank you to Charles, Bruce, Lea-Ann and Ruth for stepping forward and working bingos this month. With little effort, we raised close to \$800.00 in the 2 sessions that we worked this month.

Committee Meetings

All of our committees met this month, most for the first time. Thank you to all Chairs for energizing your teams and helping to make this a great Rotary year. Money was donated to The Bulimia Anorexia Society, Children of Nicaragua and the Governor's Golf outing. The membership committee has planned quite a few fun events for us in the upcoming months.

Our club welcomed our new exchange student this past week as well. Claudia, from Ecuador, will be living in LaSalle the first semester and attending Sandwich Secondary School. We all need to make her feel welcome; please take the time to get to know her and sign up on the weekly list to

spend some quality time with her this year. It can be as simple as dinner at your home, Tim Horton's for a coffee, apple picking or travelling to a far away place like New York. These exchange students come here to learn our culture and if we don't show them how different we all are, they go home thinking we're all the same. Claudia may also need a ride to school some mornings, so please keep that in mind. Claudia's *Excerpts from Ecuador* will begin this coming week.

On Sunday, 19 Rotarians and family members made their way across Lake Erie to Pelee Island. The sun was shining, the temperature was HOT, the wine was cold and the company was great! All who participated had a wonderful fun filled day. Thanks to Ruth and her committee for organizing this event. I wanted to have FUN this year and we sure did on Sunday. I look forward to all the other events that will be planned throughout the year and hope that you'll join us in fellowship.

Please keep in mind that Saturday, September 18 is the Past President's Party at Hyland Farms. It's a casual, fun filled evening with our Rotarian friends from Essex cooking for us. If you missed last year, try not to miss this year. The cost per person is \$20.00 and that gets you quite a meal! Remember your blind auction gift - one per Rotarian - and proceeds will go to the charity of Alan's choice. Come on out to help celebrate Alan's year.

Picnic at Mic Mac

Lastly, keep Sunday September 26 open for the Governor's Fun Day Picnic at Mic Mac Park. Details are on the district web site.

Until next month, remember to keep Rotary in your life every day.

Our newest member...



In August, we welcomed Anna Jurak into our club. Anna transferred from the Windsor Roseland Club and will be a great asset to us.

Welcome, Anna!

CELEBRATIONS

Happy Birthday...

September 10 Alynn Anglin

September 18 Al Santing

Happy Anniversary...

September 13 Dino and Angela DeSimone

September 24 Andrew and Allison McAvoy

September 26 Arnie and Kathy Charlton

September 29 Sherry and Glenn McCourt

September 30 Caro and Ken Lepain

Club Anniversary...

September 1, 1994 Caro Lepain (16)

September 4, 2008 Ruth Coursey (2)

September 6, 2007 Ann Fama (3)

September 6, 2007 Carl Fama (3)

September 7, 2005 Barb Porter (5)

September 19, 2002 Dennis Arrand (8)

September 21, 2005 Diane McKinley (5)

September 25, 2008 Alynn Anglin (2)

Bursaries awarded to area high school students

The Rotary Club of Windsor St. Clair recently awarded five high school students with bursaries to assist with their post-secondary education costs. The Principal and Guidance Departments at secondary schools in the Windsor St. Clair area were asked to select 2 potential candidates from their grade 12 student body. Students came from Riverside, St. Josephs' Herman and École secondaire l'Essor. The \$700 bursaries were awarded to: (Below: left to right) Osama Warsi, University of Windsor; Michelle

Mouawad, University of Ottawa; Tina Suintes, University of Windsor & Alexandra (Lexi) McKeon, Nipissing University. Absent: Danish Ahmed In making the awards, the committee tasked with selecting the winning students considered academic achievement, volunteer activities, financial need and future goals. The \$3,500 in bursaries came from bingo revenue which represents 9 sessions of bingo or 9 Rotarian's volunteering 2 hours of their time. Congratulations to all!



Welcome to Canada, Claudia!

Windsor St. Clair will have a distinctly South American flavour for the coming months - and that's a good thing! Claudia arrived from Ecuador at the end of August as part of the Rotary Youth Exchange Program and will be hosted by a LaSalle family. Rotarians and friends are asked to keep Claudia in mind when planning activities and attending events. A sign up sheet is available to help members schedule activities and check free time.



She is looking to learn as much as she can of Windsor, Essex County and Canada.

Celebrate the past Rotary year with Alan Drouillard

Join us on Saturday, September 18 and celebrate a fantastic 2009-2010 Rotary year with Past President Alan Drouillard at Hyland Farms in Essex. A full dinner and dessert will be served,

as well as a glass of red wine with dinner. All you have to do is BYOB and snacks. The fun begins at 5 p.m.

Please remember to bring a secret auction gift worth approximately \$20. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m. Attendees are advised to drink responsibly.

A map is also posted in the Documents Section of the website with directions to Hyland Farms. Please register online and pay Caro Lepain in advance. A tip jar will be available for members and guests to express their thanks to the Essex Rotary Club.

MENU: One serving red wine, tossed salad, rolls, breaded veal cutlets, sausages, baked potatoes, corn. **DESSERT:** cantaloupe and/or blueberries, coffee, tea.



Past President Alan Drouillard

Program Schedule SEPTEMBER 2010

SPEAKERS

- 2 Adam Vasey
- 9 Lee Ann Doyle
- 16 Dr. Sasko
- 23 Fred Sorrel
- 30 Club Celebration

INTRODUCER

- 2 Michael Duben
- 9 Charles Gauthier
- 16 Vini Brignol
- 23 Ed Link
- 30 Club Celebration

THANKER

- 2 Carl Fama
- 9 Bob Graham
- 16 Ilias Kiritsis
- 23 Dick Marentette
- 30 Club Celebration

GREETERS

- 2 Dino DeSimone
Chris Woodrow
- 9 Shelly Duben
Anne Fama
- 16 Debra Harshaw
Vicki Houston
- 23 Caro Lepain
Ken Lepain
- 30 Phil McCullough
Diane McKinley

Rotarians assigned duties of introducer, thanker and greeter are responsible for finding a replacement if unable to fulfill the duties.



The Auction committee would like to remind members that Labour Day was the deadline to return your Auction item pledges. If you have done so already – many thanks – and to those still to send lists in, please do so as soon as possible.

It's important that we know where you will be soliciting for auction items and what the items are.

All of the TV Auction materials are available on the member section of the website. TV Auctions kits have been distributed and a file listing all items from 2009, their value and selling price is also available on the website.

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Shelly, Michael and the rest of the RELAY team came across to the island to personally paint the buildings in the last week of July and attend the opening. As they put it: "We are just ordinary people back home also trying to make ends meet and raise families. This is our attempt in trying to make a difference in children's lives in Africa where there is a great need particularly in health care and education".

Rotary International and the ideology of the Duben's were ably supported by Marlin and Benguerra Lodge, both successful tourism establishments on

the island. The majority of the funds were raised by the Duben's and friends through various fund raising events.

Service Above Self



The Rotary Club of Windsor-St. Clair was founded November 20, 1975. Regular meetings are every Thursday at 7:15 a.m., at the Windsor Yacht Club, 9000 Riverside Drive, Windsor, Ontario. For more information visit www.rotarywindsorstclair.com.