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Meeting March 29, 2010

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President Bernie welcomed all and opened the meeting with O Canada led by Wayne McGillivray. Our guests, Brenda Banbury (North Club, speaker) and Jocelyn Davy-Hawreluk were warmly welcomed with our Hello song.

Thank you to all those who ably handled today's duties.

Sergeant-at-Arms: Tim Cholowski. Those who did not attend the Badge and Shield event were fined. All are invited to participate in the Masters Golf Pool and Tim is donating a bottle each of red and white wine - whoever wins will have their choice of color, the other bottle going to the the furthest away from winning! Wayne McGillivray gave happy dollars for the last day of skiing at Table Mountain, still with students learning how to ski for the first time. Gary Kerr is happy to have a new granddaughter this week. Clive Cory is happy to be back after a great cruise and attending the Ellen de Generes Show, along with Pamela Anderson. Graham Pearson was given several fines just for showing up and provided happy dollars for the Badge and Shield success. Jim Weber had happy dollars due to the great success of the Africa Night on the weekend. Mary Beckett had happy dollars for good success by Concentra. Tim provided happy dollars - looking forward to a trip to Great Britain this year.

Next Meeting - April 19, 2010

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There will be no meeting on Monday, April 5 due to Easter Monday. Also, no meeting on Monday, April 12 - Instead, members are encouraged to celebrate with the Meewasin Club on Friday, April 16 for their 25th Anniversary Gala. See the announcement section for more details and contacts.

The next regular meeting will be at the Delta Bessborough on Monday, April 19, 2010. Police Chief Clive Wieghill is scheduled to speak.

Duty Roster April 19, 2010

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Duty Roster for Monday, April 19, 2010 at the Delta Bessborough.

Greeter - Bob Kasian
Visitors & Guests - Vic Savoie
Cashier - Kirk Fong
Grace - Frank Garrity
Sergeant-at-Arms - Dave Sundby
Food Cards - Clive Cory

Please be at your posts no later than 11:45 p.m. **If you cannot fulfill your volunteer duties, please arrange for a fellow Rotarian to replace you.**

Program Mar 29, 2010

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Brenda Banbury of the North Club gave an excellent presentation on the West Africa Project Fair in Cotonou, Benin, West Africa.

Benin is a small country about the size of one-quarter of Saskatchewan

with a population of 7 million, the largest city having 2 million. Average income is less than \$2 per day. Nigeria is next door and very influential in Benin, which is stable and democratic, having little in the way of natural resources to attract the interference of foreign interests. Seven hospitals currently serve the country, with many more country clinics that serve as pharmacies and diagnostic centres.

Fifty percent of the population is of indigenous religious practice, while the balance claims Christian and Muslim beliefs.

The occasion for Brenda's visit to this area was the 5th West African Project Fair and 38 Rotarians attended. Eleven Rotary clubs hosted the event and participants were blended into eleven groups to be adopted by each of the clubs. Agenda included: participating in a polio clinic (3313 vaccines given in just 1 day!), Gala to charter 2 new clubs, attend the Project Fair, meet and network with local club members as well as other N. American visiting Rotarians. Great emphasis on creating relationships and understanding.

One highlight was to tour the ship Mercy Africa which is a state of the art floating hospital, with 454 volunteers from 40 nations - 97,625 procedures.

The Fair included 240 projects, valued at US\$2.5M, and located in Benin, Togo, Nigeria, Ghana, and the Ivory Coast. Brenda's expectations were exceeded and she was inspired to work towards support of the River Gauche Club, which was her host, and is proposing the adoption of one physio therapy clinic for the amount of \$15,000 to install a set of equipment. In all, the idea is to eventually outfit 10 of these clinics, one at a time, perhaps one per year.

The next West Africa Project Fair is in Ghana in November of 2010.

Announcements

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Press Conference re. Saskatoon ShelterBox project significant contribution by major donor at 2 PM on Wednesday, March 31 in

the Cypress Room of the Bessborough Hotel.

Supper Social - Clive Cory has indicated that a supper social will be held on Friday, April 23 with 2 hosts and 16 participants who have signed up. Please confirm if you are still able to attend.

Badge and Shield Update - Thank you for your support!

This year, it is estimated that about \$20,000 was raised again through this major fundraiser. Big thanks to everyone and particularly Gary Kerr, Bill Edwards, Joanne Fisher and Bev Johnston. So many things that were done this year were valuable changes - moving to Prairieland Park, though risky when first decided, worked out very well. The speakers and entertainment and food all made for a great evening. About 280 attended.

African Night in Saskatoon - another excellent event that raised some significant funds!

Meewasin 25th Anniversary

April 16th evening supper will be a celebration of 25 years of service by the Meewasin Club. That week, our own lunch meeting will be re-scheduled to join the Meewasin Club. Tickets are available for this event to be held at the

Hilton Garden Hotel, with Guest Speaker '07-'08 RI Past President Wilf Wilkinson. There will also be presentations of major awards for generosity in giving to World Community Service projects of The Rotary Foundation, Presentation of the Service Above Self Award to a deserving Saskatoon Citizen. Gourmet meal, excellent fellowship, what more could you want for \$50? Tickets are available by calling:

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District Meeting

May 13-16 in Winnipeg. A bus will be available from Moose Jaw - low cost due to the owner being a Rotarian and a bus driver. So far, Bernie is aware of 4 going from our club.

Masters Golf Pool

The Golf Pool has been posted to the Sask. Golf Association Website. Info sheets are available to distribute. Contact Dave Sundby. Tiger hasn't registered yet, but you never know....

World Community Service Update

Mark Gryba recently provided an excellent update on the results of the World Community Service activities: four projects of which 2 were initiated by other clubs and 2 were initiated by individuals who brought the ideas forward for consideration.

(1) Mexican Becas Scholarship Program for high school and university students. The Fajita Fiesta netted \$2700, individual donations come to more than \$5000, all providing about 25 students with scholarships that not only benefit them, but their families and communities.

(2) Water Project, Tanzania. Arlene Julé brought us this project to address a need for a large water cistern for an orphanage and medical centre, for a cost of \$15,000, using \$10,000 from the Forrest Conklin water project fund + \$3000 in personal donations and \$2000 raised through the Humboldt fundraiser. Arlene will be travelling to Tanzania in April to visit the project.

(3) Hope for Malawi Project. The Zakreskis started this project on their own, then saw the mutual benefit for Rotary to be involved in establishing a Health and Medical Centre for a community of 13 villages (to expand by another 7 villages). \$90,000 has been raised by the Zakreskis for solar lighting, plumbing, motorcycle ambulance, maize mill, medical supplies, some livestock, so far. 4) District Ripple Effect Project in Guatemala school project. Many clubs are involved and the WCS budget of \$6800 will lever other club funds to a total of \$25000 towards this project. Our club will be the lead club as it provided the

greatest single investment.

Student Exchange

Peter Shiel recently shared with us that currently 2 students are hosted by Meewasin and North Club members. For the coming year, the profiles are here and we plan to host and send 3 students. Needing a counsellor and host families for 3 month terms. Contact Peter.

Rotateller

Not getting your Rotateller sent directly to you? Check to see that your messages aren't being treated as Junk Mail! Otherwise, get in touch with Gordon Menuz or Joy Adams Bauer.

Future programs

The programs are set until the end of May. Your ideas for topics or speakers are welcome anytime. Contact Gary Rusu.

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