

ROTATELLER

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Meeting, October 25, 2010

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President Wayne opened the meeting with the singing of O'Canada. **Al Morton** offered Grace with a focus on Rotarians reaching across the world.

Kathy Weber introduced our visitors and guests:

- Richard and Judy Taylor from the Rotary Club of Regina South
- Paul Varga from the Rotary Club of Penticton
- Julia Ohcankammen, Rotary exchange student from Finland
- Leonardo Velasco, Rotary exchange student from Brazil

Sergeant at Arms

Murray Scharf noted that one of his close friends had died on this day ... over 600 years ago Geoffrey Chaucer (which was worth a sad \$). He also noted that today was the anniversary of the Battle of Agincourt (which was worth a happy \$). He then fined any member who did not attend the recent Black and White dinner, a dollar.

Happy and Sad Dollars

- **Mark Gryba** - \$5 happy for the Hilltops and 4 touchdowns for his son!! The team is now in the conference semi-finals.
- **Jack Brodsky** is very happy the Saskatoon Blades have just completed their best 12 game start in history.
- **Tim Cholowski** gave \$10 happy because he can still find his way down town. Tim -- it was great to see you!!
- **Bruce Schnell** gave \$5 happy as he is soon off to warmer climes until Easter. And he is very happy and proud to be a member of our club. He plans to tell the Arizona Rotarians, with whom he hangs out over the winter, about the Zakreski's HOPE for Malawi project.
- **Kathy Weber** gave \$2 for the visit of Judy and Richard Taylor from Regina. Kathy and Jim met the Taylors on a Rotary Friendship Exchange to Turkey.
- **Wayne McGillivray** is sad that Dean Nimitz, a friend and member of the fishing trip crew, recently passed away. A memorial service is being held at 2 p.m. on November 2nd at the Travelodge.

Paul Varga won the free lunch!

Next Meeting - November 1, 2010

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Join us on Monday, November 1st at the Delta Bessborough Hotel University of Saskatchewan Dr. Peter McKinnon will join us for a "state of the university" address.

Duty Roster November 2010

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Duty Roster for November 1, 2010

Greeter -

Visitors & Guests -

Cashier -

Grace -

Food Cards - Joanne Fisher

Sergeant-at-Arms -

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

Program October 25, 2010

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HOPE for Malawi

Elaine and Peter Zakreski shared a number of wonderful and inspirational photos from their May 2010 trip to Malawi. Elaine began by noting that, to date, over \$100,000 has been raised via the Rotary connection. Next year's goal is \$150,000.

HOPE (Health, Opportunity, Protection, Education) for Malawi operates in the Domasi area of the Zomba district of Malawi and involves 30 villages. The genesis for the project began in 2006 when Peter and Elaine visited five African countries, witnessed a miracle and began a journey of faith and humanity by working with Jean Kalinga to transform 15 villages into a model of sustainability and self sufficiency. The Mtogolo Community Based Organization operates the project.

In May 2009 Elaine and Peter celebrated the beginning of the 13-room medical clinic, a completed preschool, safe house and a porch for the community's grandmothers to come together and socialize. By May 2010, the project had expanded to 30 villages.

During their most recent visit Elaine and Peter delivered an eRanger ambulance filled with supplies for their health clinic and three other hospitals. The ambulance was a birthday gift for Peter from their children. Many miracles happened during that visit, reported Elaine. A local bureaucrat helped them every step of the way to ensure the ambulance was safely loaded and delivered. They joined 800 villagers in a celebration of the project's latest successes; they met the Mayor of Zomba City and attended a meeting of the Limbe Rotary Club. They distributed over 36,000 bars of soap. A highlight was an amazing mass with over 5,000 people and beautiful voices lifted in praise to God.

Peter ensured everyone had a Canada Pin and the Maple Leaf was flying. A sign proclaiming "you are entering a corruption free zone" has been erected and the Zakreskis are encouraging this kind of signage in all project areas.

Elaine ended with an African saying -- *the best time to plant a tree is yesterday. The second best time to plant a tree is today.*" She thanked Rotary for helping to plant many trees.

Peter concluded the presentation by reiterating the \$150,000 fundraising goal for next year. A brunch will be held in December and next June the project is partnering with the Saskatoon Children's Choir who are travelling to South Africa to perform. The next fundraising event takes place on November 18th at Dervilia Designs on First Avenue from 2 to 6 p.m. It's a show of vintage jewellery by Carol Tanenbaum. This is the first time such a show has been held in Saskatoon. If you know your vintage jewellery, you will have heard of Carol Tanenbaum. Both vintage and non vintage jewellery will be for sale. Gentlemen ... what a wonderful Christmas gift suggestion!

The following letter of thanks to the club was just received from Jean Kalinga.

To all members of the Rotary Club of Saskatoon

On behalf of the Mtogolo Community Based Organization, I would like to acknowledge with deep gratitude receipt of your generous donations to the Mtogolo Community Based Organization. It is such a great honor for our organization to receive such generous gifts from the Rotary Club of Saskatoon. Your commitment to helping fight poverty in our community is greatly appreciated .

Each year, the Mtogolo Community Based Organization continues to advance its mission to develop and build livelihood support interventions that aim at enhancing the income generating capabilities of the poor and families in a sustainable manner. As a result of your generosity, we have seen our village transform and many lives change for the better. In particular, women and children's livelihood have enjoyed great success in the past year. More importantly, your generous donations will continue to help create more opportunities, as well as develop capabilities of our people throughout the 33 villages of our organization.

The goal of the Mtogolo Community Based Organization is to continue to make a difference in the fight against poverty and the devastation caused by the HIV/AIDS pandemic. With the help of donations from supporters such as you, we will continue to see improvements in the fight against poverty in our community.

Once again, I cannot thank you enough for recognizing and supporting our efforts in this regard.

Sincerely Yours

Jean Kalinga
Director of Programs
Mtogolo Community Based Organization

Announcements

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- Foundation meeting to discuss Foundation Grants on **November 3rd at 7:00pm.** at President Wayne's home.
- **November 19th** is the Interclub Christmas party. Mike Giesbrecht will have tickets at the next few meetings. The cost is \$30 a ticket for the event at the Royal Canadian Legion

on Louise Street. **Now here's the twist** - the organizing committee is asking members to wear something that highlights their ancestry. Methinks I will have to cut a rug in my "heathered Ferguson of Balquidder" kilt.

- No meeting **November 22nd** - Rotary Foundation night at Boffins.
- Our meeting on **November 29th** will be held at Bethlehem High School and will include a tour of the school and a presentation on how RAP is working at the school.
- President Wayne will be away from November 10th to December 6th, Dave Sundby will be chairing the meetings in his absence.

Richard and Judy Taylor informed the members of their "travel dollars for Rotary" program.

They operate a home-based travel business and are making arrangements for group air fares for Rotarians who want to attend the international convention in New Orleans. They are donating a portion of the revenues they earn to Rotary. T

hey presented the club with a donation from a recent travel booking made by the Webers. Stay tuned for more details as the convention approaches.

The AGM will be held at our meeting on the 6th of December. If you would like the by-laws amended you need to put in a notice of motion 10 days prior to the meeting. Directors, pleased be ready to present a brief report to the membership.

- Bernie Sonntag and Mary Beckett are heading up the nominations committee. When you get the call to volunteer, please say yes. Your club needs you!
- **Criminal Record Check** - each member of the club (and each member of their family if you plan to host a Rotary Exchange student in your home) needs to have a criminal record check to ensure they don't have a criminal record. Each member will receive (via email) the club's letter (signed by President Wayne) which must be taken to the police station. The best time of day to go is between 8:00 and 11:00 a.m. Monday to Thursday. Each Rotarian that receives clearance will receive a letter from the police which they must give to club secretary Avis Hardy who will store the letter in a secure place. The check is good for three years.

2010/2011 Club Executive

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