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2018/19 President—Brian Brescia



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A full house today to welcome our RYLA “camper” – Brandon Rehfus

A beautiful late summer morning for our meeting with 22 Lakehead Rotarians on hand; President Brian at the helm; visiting Rotarian Walter Hardie [Hamilton A.M.]; visiting Rotarian Nevine Yassa [Rotary Club of Scarborough]; and our special guest Brandon Rehfus with his father Axel Rehfus.

ON THE DOOR IN 2017/18:

Clifford was on the door today. Thank you Rotarians for your service to our Club. Help your Club this year by taking on the door for one of the months – confirm your choice with Clint.

JULY	Mo Papich	JANUARY	
AUGUST	Clifford Mushquash	FEBRUARY	
SEPTEMBER	Graham Stewart	MARCH	
OCTOBER	Richard Kehrig	APRIL	
NOVEMBER	Jennifer Kahan	MAY	
DECEMBER	Carol Dagenais	JUNE	Gail Brescia

SPONSORSHIP:

If you can help your Club and wish to promote your business or community interests through a month sponsorship, please contact Sergeant Bill or Clint. Here is the sponsorship line-up so far:

JULY	CEDC	JANUARY	
AUGUST	Shirley DeWilde	FEBRUARY	
SEPTEMBER	4 Amigos	MARCH	
OCTOBER		APRIL	MS Society
NOVEMBER	Clint Kuschak/TBAG	MAY	Salvation Army
DECEMBER	N.O.S.M.	JUNE	5 Star Rotarians

OUR SPONSOR THIS MONTH!

Shirley DeWilde and business partner Jeff Garofalo will sponsor meetings this month and again in October. They are promoting health monitoring devices and services.

OUR FAMILY OF ROTARY IN THUNDER BAY

Celebrating birthdays this month
KARL RATZ



Celebrating anniversaries this month
CLINT & BARBARA KUSCHAK
DON & BETSY MORRISON

CLUB CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER IS BASIC EDUCATION & LITERACY MONTH

- SEP 3** LABOUR DAY
- SEP 6** BRIAN EDWARDS – OPERATION RED NOSE
- SEP 13** BETTINA JACOBSON – EQUINE ASSISTED LEARNING
- SEP 20** CLUB BUSINESS MEETING – OFFSITE @ BAY VILLAGE COFFEE
- SEP 27** MAJOR LORI MITCHELL – SALVATION ARMY

OCTOBER IS ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- OCT 4** GAIL & BRIAN BRESCIA – DRAGON BOATS & TRAVELS IN ITALY
- OCT 8** THANKSGIVING
- OCT 11** CHARLIE BROWN – THE ALEXANDER HENRY
- OCT 18** CLUB BUSINESS MEETING - MEMBERSHIP
- OCT 25** JAMIE SITAR - LHIN
- OCT 31** HALLOWEEN

NOVEMBER IS ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH

NOV 1 MME ELOIDE et PAULA AFNOO
NOV 8 RESERVED – ARMY CADETS
NOV 11 REMEMBRANCE DAY
NOV 15 BUSINESS MEETING
NOV 22 CINDY LEVANTO-KAWAHARA
HEARTS FOR HOME

DECEMBER IS FAMILY OF ROTARY MONTH

DEC 1&2 DECEMBER DREAMS
DEC 6 OPEN
DEC 13 MEETING CANCELLED
DEC 13 CHRISTMAS FELLOWSHIP – NOR' WESTER
DEC 20 BUSINESS MEETING & ELECTIONS
DEC 24 CHRISTMAS EVE
DEC 25 CHRISTMAS DAY
DEC 27 OPEN
DEC 31 NEW YEAR'S EVE

PRESENTATION ON R.I.C.C.

Nevine Yassa is a member of the Rotary Club of Scarborough and the National Coordinator, Canada of Inter-Country Committees (ICC).



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The mission of an Inter-Country Committee is to connect people in facilitating the creation, development and progress of an effective and sustainable international network of bilateral relations and activities to catch all opportunities in a tuned effort to promote a climate for maintaining Peace and improving Understanding, worldwide.

Inter-Country Committees have been part of our Rotary World since 1950 and, as you might know, they represent a further strategy to accomplish Rotary's objectives. A strategy that looks ahead in paving the way for stronger, positive, effective relations among different cultures, engaging diversities, overcoming barriers and this:

- Serving as ambassadors of countries,
- Learning more about other countries,
- Assistance in finding partner clubs in other countries,
- Developing networks of sister clubs,
- Focusing on shared visions and common interests,
- Organizing events to learn more about each other, eliminating existing stereotypes,
- Fostering, through public relations efforts, new fellowships and possibly new friendships,
- Assistance in finding partners for interesting club projects,
- Showing the best examples of successful bilateral cooperation,
- Involving the young generation in ICC activities,
- Presenting an outstanding example of innovative manners to improve peace and understanding,
- Supporting all strategic areas of focus of Rotary International.

Activities and initiatives of ICC's are not competitive to any existing Rotary programs. To the contrary, ICC's provide significant support to all programs.

Nevine presented President Brian with the Scarborough Rotary Club's trading banner. We didn't have one of ours on hand to give to Nevine but will mail one to the Scarborough Club with our thanks.



Rotary-ICC collaborates with Rising Out of the Ashes (ROOTA) aiming at increasing awareness re a marginalized community in Egypt: mainly the recyclers of Egypt i.e. the Zabaleen (Garbage Collectors) in Egyptian. These incredible recyclers create Art from trash and scrap fabric. The Zabaleen have been Cairo's informal garbage collectors since the 1940's and number between 50,000 to 70,000. The Zabaleen transport the garbage to their homes sort the garbage, and sell it to a middleman or create new products from the recycled garbage. These are a hardworking and self-sustaining people offering informal and yet organized service throughout the city. Garbage is an asset to them. This is their daily life.



What are their products? Greeting Cards, quilts, hand bags, blankets, and woven rugs. Sample pictures of their products, and the Rooter objectives can be viewed on the Rooter at www.roota.org

Here is one example how Rotary Clubs have already helped: The Rotary Club of Scarborough supported the Zabaleen (garbage collectors in Egyptian) in Egypt allowing women to be independent entrepreneurs by donating four looms to these very efficient recyclers. ROOTA (Rising Out of the Ashes), is a non-profit organization founded here in Canada by Nevine and some friends, and their mission is to raise the social, educational, economical and health standards of marginalized groups in Egypt. Their present focus is on the Zabaleen of the Mokattam Mountain in Cairo. They are all volunteers and work with an NGO on site in Egypt called APE (Association of the Protection of Environment) who know the needy on site and disperse the looms as they deem fit.

APE currently focuses on four key areas: Environment, Empowerment, Education, and Employment. Rooter's role here in Canada is to increase awareness about a marginalized community in Egypt called the Zabaleen. The word "Zabaleen" is an Egyptian

Arabic word which means “garbage collectors”. The Zabaleen have been Cairo’s informal garbage collectors since the 1940’s.

They are spread around seven different settlements in Cairo and number between 50,000 to 70,000. The Zabaleen once used donkeys to pull carts but now use trucks to transport the garbage to their homes in Mokattam, where they sort the garbage, and then sell it to a middleman or create new products from their recycled garbage. This is a hardworking community and self-sustaining people offering informal and yet organized service throughout the city. Garbage is an asset to them. This is their daily life.

The Zabaleen recycle up to 80 percent of the waste that they collect, soliciting the help of goats and pigs to consume much of the organic waste. The Zabaleen have recently been recognized by the government as an integral part of Egyptian society.

Roota is a Non-Profit Organization, ROOTA’s mission is to:

- Support APE in their running health and education programs for the Zabaleen women and children in Egypt.
- Train the Zabaleen on the proper, safe, efficient, and sanitary means of collecting, recycling, and selling their raw material,
- Provide workshops on Hepatitis B and C awareness, diabetes and anemia and administer early detection tests for Hepatitis C,
- Teach and empower women to generate revenue
- Support APE by promoting Zabaleen products in Canada
- Promote local events where Zabaleen products can be obtained

Current Status:

- Women are exercising their rights, participate openly, express themselves freely, and are covered by social insurance.
- Recreational Programs: exposure and mobility outside the community, skills training, sense of ownership and responsibility enable girls and women living in marginalized communities to make informed decisions that affect their lives and the lives of their families.
- To date more than 80% of women living in one of the most marginalized communities in Cairo have been directly or indirectly reached by APE’s programs

PRESENTATION:



Our special guest today was Brandon Rehfus, one of the students our Club sponsored to attend the RYLA Program in Crookston, MN. The other student had to cancel at the last minute and we were unable to confirm a replacement.

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) is a youth leadership camp that gives high school students hands-on active learning activities and sessions to build on their own leadership skills. RYLA 5580 is sponsored by Rotary International District 5580 for a week each summer at the University of Minnesota Crookston campus.

It is operated and staffed by volunteer Rotarians, Rotaractors, and past Rylarians from Rotary International District 5580 (which includes all of North Dakota, the northern half of Minnesota, and portions of Wisconsin and Ontario). Individual Rotary Clubs pay all of the fees for each camper. RYLarians incur no cost for attending this week of great learning.

MISSION + VISION:

Empower youth to lead

Rotary International District 5580's RYLA Camp strives to help high school seniors identify, understand, and develop their personal leadership qualities. While students come to camp at different points in their leadership development, the facilitators and staff work closely with each student to help them build on their strengths. While no camp experience is identical, the focus of camp remains consistent:

- Help campers understand the fundamentals and challenges of being a leader
- Introduce and refine leadership skills (e.g, communication and problem solving)
- Encourage campers to take active and positive roles in their communities

CURRICULUM + PRESENTATIONS:

Discover new leadership abilities

Camp RYLA uses a number of tools to help campers develop self awareness and hone their leadership skills. RYLarians will gain valuable insights about themselves and the world through engaging presentations, experiential activities, small-group discussions, and connecting with their peers. RYLA helps campers refine the leadership skills they already possess and supports them as they think of ways they can use those skills in their home communities.

7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens

Myers Briggs Type Indicator

Rotary Four-Way Test

FISH! Philosophy

EXPERIENTIAL ACTIVITIES:

Learn by overcoming new challenges

Camp RYLA uses a number of hands-on activities to provide practical demonstrations for the lessons being taught and help campers evaluate how they work with others. By combining a philosophy of "Challenge by Choice" with a safe and supportive atmosphere, RYLarians are encouraged to take measured risks and try new things.

SMALL GROUPS + TEAM WORK:

Discuss and exchange new ideas

Volunteer facilitators work with small groups of students to help them connect the lessons they are learning throughout the week with their past experiences and the things they hope to accomplish when they return from camp. Camp RYLA strives to create a safe atmosphere - free from negative pressures and distractions - where students can find new ways to challenge themselves. Throughout the week, RYLarians will collaboratively explore how to communicate with others, resolve conflicts, act with integrity and be a role model for others.

FUN + RECREATION:

Have fun and meet new friends

Planned and impromptu activities occur through the week to give RYLarians the opportunity to meet peers from across District 5580 , learn about one another, and start to build friendships that last a lifetime.

Fine Dining

Water Park

Dance + Games

Talent Show



Brandon used an impressive Power Point presentation he created to demonstrate the aspects and benefits of the RYLA program. He used his presentation to thank our Club for sponsoring him. Brandon runs an enterprise on S. May Street called Brandon's Bargains where he collects and sells donated goods in a thrift store format. All proceeds from his enterprise will go to Westgate H.S. to help the Travel Club raise funds for their school trips during the year.

FELLOWSHIP FINES:

Jennifer was invited to wield the cup today, her first round as our fellowship fine master. She wasted no time opening with the tried and true "red socks" ploy. It worked well but she didn't take any chances so asked those who have never participated in some aspect of RYLA to pay tribute. She then invited those who have never been out to Wilderness Discovery to add a coin. Roy offered the first happy dollar in thanks to those who made it out to Look Lake for fun and fellowship and for all the great food shared in the potluck. Michel offered his thanks to Brandon for being a great ambassador for our Club and Canada at this year's RYLA. Clifford had a happy/sad dollar – happy that classes resume on Tuesday...and sad that classes resume on Tuesday. A familiar refrain. Chris shared his happy dollar to thank Brandon for his presentation and helping us all understand the value of this leadership development program and the impact RYLA has on all of the students. Bill shared his sad dollar in tribute to the Queen of Soul – Aretha Franklin. He also noted that Michael Jackson's 60th birthday is this week. Graham added his sad dollar to praise Aretha Franklin and Senator John McCain whose state funeral will be on Saturday.

FUN & SUN AT LOON LAKE:



SATURDAY, AUGUST 25th with Rotarians and family enjoying fellowship and a potluck feast at the Loon Lake home of Roy and Jane Lucas.

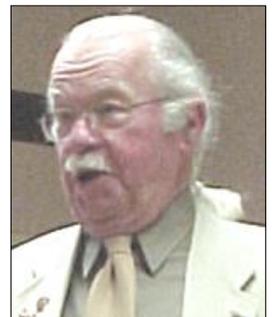


50/50:

Audrey was our happy winner today and her share will be assembled with other weekly donations and forwarded to the Rotary Foundation in December.

BILL'S STUFF...

Bill Butuk is on his annual summer break but will return with his "Bill's Stuff" Column in September.



NEXT MEETING

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6
BRIAN EDWARDS – OPERATION RED NOSE