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A small group of ten members met. Half of these Rotarians had been feverishly busy folding letters and stuffing golf envelopes destined to potential sponsors of our yearly tournament.



Tonight's guest is Shaya Dhinsa. She is the manager of the Sexual Health Programme at the Middlesex London Health Unit.

President Doug informed us that the Club received a District Grant of \$6888.



There is no meeting next week. A Board meeting will be held on April 11. The East Coast Kitchen Party is registering participants: so far 388.

Kevin reminded us that we should vote for Lucan Community Center and Hockville. Colin announced that a number of computers have been refurbished and will be sent to Uganda. The Robotics competition in Waterloo went very well. Another one will take place at western University in two weeks.

HAPPY BUCKS

\$5 from Don: he sold his house. \$3 from Arun: his hearing has recovered after the Judas Priest concert the previous night.

Dr Vic gave \$5 that he owed.

Colin: \$2 he took out his youth team and came back without any incident

TONIGHT TALK

Arun introduced Ms Dhinsa.

She stated from the start that the goal of her Unit is to CHOOSE HEALTH. They serve some 45000 people. The programme aims at infectious diseases control, inspections, and health promotion. The crises are real and frightening: overdose deaths, HIV epidemic, Endocarditis, litter (needles), public drug use. Appropriate measures are taken.

Costs are high: up to 210 million.

A supervised consumption facility is going to be available soon. It is a clean place with a nurse available, a chill room after supervised drug consumption.



Other initiatives are taken: community drug and alcohol strategies, harm reduction pillar, opioid crisis working groups and supervised consumption.

The unit is aware of the indigenous dire situation who have gone through generations of suffering. They offer to be partners in supervised consumption and supplement funding by in kind service.

Shaya mentioned other major gaps: poverty, at-risk youth, medical detox and residential rehabilitation.

A period of questions answers was full of other details.



President Doug thanked Shaya and gave a Polio certificate.

Shaya won the wine draw.

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