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Rotary Club of Etobicoke

District Governor: **Jim Louttit**

RI President: **John F. Germ**

Week – October 19, 2016

Board 2015-2016

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Wednesday, October 26, 2016 – MEETING CANCELLED

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 2, 2016 – Steve Rutledge – Update on Laos Project

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Pictures: Ron Miller

Big Ideas Forum - "Rotary at a Glance"

President Greg welcomed everyone to our Rotary "Clubhouse" for this evening's "Rotary at a Glance" Big Ideas Forum (BIF). He first wanted to know how many people attending tonight were at the Clubhouse for the very first time. There were several. Greg proceeded to talk about the facility and what we do here, and pointed out some of our "memorabilia" that we have displayed here.

Greg now introduced, "two of our long-time members of Club", Lynda Ryder and Michael Bell to talk about "all things Rotary".

Lynda began by mentioning "why she joined Rotary". She was invited to attend a meeting, but didn't really know anything about Rotary. Lynda thinks she was invited because of her involvement in Girls Guides. She had been a Brownie and Guide Leader for years, and District Girl Guide Commissioner. The Rotary Club of Etobicoke had purchased and donated a piece of land north of the city at Piper's Hill to the Girl Guides for their Camp. Many of the members at that time helped build the facilities there. She thought she was there to thank Rotary. While at lunch the older gentleman next to her "fell asleep on her shoulder". She went home and talked to her Father about being invited to lunch at a meeting of a club of "old fellows". Her Father asked "which club" and when she told him Rotary, he told her that they were a "marvelous organization". Her father was with the Navy during the war, and said during his

time "overseas", he had heard a lot about Rotary and the great work they do, especially in the "furthering of peace around the world". Six weeks later, Lynda was "asked back". At that time you had to have an "interview" with members of the club, then they would come your house to see if you were the right "ilk" to join them. Lynda obviously passed. She joined Rotary with the desire to "give back to the community".

Lynda noted that there are 1.2 million Rotarians worldwide, in 34,000+ Rotary Clubs, in 200+ countries. There is a "hierarchy" in Rotary, but the "most important are the clubs". They are really the ones that "call the shots". The Rotary Districts, and their respective District Governors, support the Clubs. Lynda and most recently Michael Bell have been District Governors in our District 7070, and Anthony Kasenda was a former District Governor in Brazil. Above the districts are the zones. We are in Zone 24 East and Lynda is a Zone Coordinator. Her Zone consists of 9 Districts, and stretches from Manitoba to the east coast, down through Maine to New York, and up to Nunavut. This encompasses approximately 20,000 Rotarians. The Zone supports the District Governors and members, does training, and has a budget. The next level is Rotary international (HQ in Evanston, Illinois). They also support clubs. Lynda added that one of the problems facing RI is that "we are good at getting new members, but we are poor at retaining them".

One of the guiding principles of Rotary is the "Four-Way Test" which is all about "ethics and how we conduct ourselves". We hold ourselves "to higher standards". Another "guiding principle" is the

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"Objects of Rotary". "The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular to encourage and foster:

FIRST – The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

SECOND – High ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

THIRD – The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;

FOURTH – The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service"

Lynda also wanted to mention the "Rotary Code of Conduct" which states;

"As a Rotarian, I will:

- 1. Act with integrity and high ethical standards in my personal and professional life*
- 2. Deal fairly with others and treat them and their occupations with respect*
- 3. Use my professional skills through Rotary to mentor young people, help those with special needs, and improve people's quality of life in my community and in the world.*
- 4. Avoid behavior that reflects adversely on Rotary or other Rotarians.*

Lynda considers Rotarians to be "#1" and that you "must be very special" if you are a Rotarian. Our "core values" are "most important" for "what we do and what you do for community". "Ethics and integrity are the most important characteristics of a Rotarian"

Lynda also wanted to mention that our Club was the first Club in Canada to have a woman member.

Lynda was our 2nd woman member, the 1st woman Club President in Canada, and the 2nd woman District Governor.

Greg now asked Michael Bell to talk about the "history" of Rotary.

Michael began by saying that the "4 pillars of an effective Rotary Club are;

- 1. Sustain and increase membership*
- 2. Implement successful service projects*
- 3. Support the Rotary Foundation*
- 4. Develop leaders beyond the club level"*

1905 – Paul Harris was a lawyer came to Chicago from a small town and "was lonely". He missed working with the local businessmen he knew. He was looking for a way to make new friends and expand his business. On February 23, 1905, Harris and 3 business associates in Chicago hold the 1st Rotary meeting. Initially a business exchange networking club but Rotary's focus soon discovered the "joys of service"; service to their community, customers, employees and children. This momentum turned Rotary into becoming known as the first "service club". The name Rotary came from the fact that the 4 men would rotate their meetings between their offices.

1907 – The first service project, a public comfort station in Chicago.

1910 – The National Association of Rotary Clubs formed the first Rotary Convention in Chicago. Arthur Sheldon introduced "He profits most who serves his fellows best", which became "He profits most who serves best". The following year at the Minneapolis convention Ben Collins introduced "Service, not self" modified by Rotary to the current "Service Above Self".

1912 – Rotary goes International admitting a club in Winnipeg, Toronto, and later that year in Great Britain and Ireland.

1913 – Rotary Club of Syracuse, New York had a crippled children's committee. There was a 13 year old crippled girl that the committee was looking to help. With the help of the Syracuse Herald, they raised over \$2,700. They soon found that there were more than 200 other such children in the area and began to focus on crippled children. Soon after, the Toledo Society for Crippled Children was formed and next the National Society and in 1921 the International Society for Crippled Children. In 1944 they added adults. In 1974 it became the Easter

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Seals Society. This all began with an initiative from Rotary.

1917 – RI President Arch Klump announces the Rotary Endowment Fund for “*doing good*” in the world, the predecessor of the Rotary Foundation of RI. The Rotary Club of Kansas makes the first donation of \$26.50.

1927 – Youth Exchange program initiated between France and Denmark.

1929 – Rotary Endowment Fund makes its first donation of \$500 to the Intl. Society for Crippled Children.

1930 – Charter President Bill Purtle helps charter the Rotary Club of Mimico, New Toronto on March 27th (later to become the Rotary Club of Etobicoke). Rotary Park built in New Toronto

1931 – London’s West Ham Rotary Club provides white sticks to the borough’s 450 blind residents to navigate the street more safely, especially at night. The start of the “*White Cane*” program.

1932 Rotarian Herbert Taylor formulates the 4_Way Test. This actually saved his business. His business was failing and if he was to survive he would have to do things different. He applied the 4-Way Test to his own business and staff, and his business thrived and grew.

1934 – Rotary Club of Mimico New Toronto moved to the Old Mill Restaurant.

1940 – RI Convention in Havana, Cuba adopted the following resolution calling for “*freedom, justice, truth, sanctity of the pledged word, and respect for human rights*”.

1945 – English Rotarians convened a conference on educational & cultural exchange that led to United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Org. (UNESCO), an agency of the UN. Rotarians were invited to observe and consult on matters of World Peace in 1948.

1947 – Paul Harris passes away. TRF establishes first program Fellowship for Advanced Studies, later Ambassadorial Scholars, and now Global Grant Scholar.

1948 – When the newly chartered United Nations wrote their Universal Declaration of Human Rights it used the Rotary Havana resolution as its framework. (Rotary International is the only service club to hold a (non-voting) seat in the UN).

1957 - Paul Harris Fellow Recognitions proposed to fund Foundation programs.

1957-58 – Ivan Percy Brettell serves as our club’s first District Governor.

1958-59 – Club purchased site for Girl Guide Camp at Piper’s Hill. In 1964-65 the title to the land was transferred to the Girl Guide Movement.

1962 – First Interact Club formed in Melbourne, Australia

1965 – First Group Study Exchange (business and cultural study) took place between California and Japan. (Now Vocational Training Team).

1967 – On July 1st the club changes its name to the Rotary Club of Etobicoke.

1968 – First Rotaract Club chartered in North Carolina.

1971- RYLA adopted based on 1959 Queensland model.

1976-77 – The first Etobicoke Camp Enterprise.

1978 – Health, Hunger & Humanity (3H) Grants program developed for International Projects
1979-80 – First T.V. Auction held. Club raised \$16,318.

1980 – The trustees of the TRF establish the Endowment for World Understanding and Peace (renamed The Rotary Foundation Permanent Fund in 1994)

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1983 – 3H Grants for Polio Eradication in the Philippines leads to the PolioPlus program in 1985. To date Rotarians have raised over \$US1.2 billion in partnership with WHO, UNICEF, CDC, and the Gates Foundation.

1985 – Rotary takes on Polio eradication. 350,000 new cases (nearly 1000/day) in over 125 countries around the world yearly.

1988 – Before Council on Legislation (COL) opens members to women, club President Don Edwards nearly loses our club charter by admitting our first female member into the Rotary Club of Etobicoke.

1993 – Rotary Etobicoke partners with the local Kiwanis Club to hold the first Toronto Ribfest at Centennial Park on Canada Day Weekend.

2002 – The first Rotary World Peace Scholarship awarded for study at the Rotary Centres for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution.

2005 – Rotary celebrates its 100th birthday.

2007-08 – Wilf Wilkinson serves as RI President and our own Lynda Ryder serves as our club's second District Governor. Dr. Bob Scott serves as chair of the Rotary Foundation.

2013 – New Vision District & Global Grant model put into place with more than \$US100 million annually. Grants must fall within the Rotary "Six Areas of Focus"

- Peace & Conflict Resolution
- Maternal & Child Health
- Water & Sanitation
- Basic Education & Literacy
- Economic & Community Development
- Disease Prevention & Control

2014-15 – 378 cases of Wild Polio Virus in 3 countries (Pakistan, Afghanistan & Nigeria).

2015-16 – Michael Bell serves as our club's third District Governor.

2015 – 74 cases of Wild Polio Virus and Nigeria become Polio free.

2016 – 27 cases (4 cases emerge from isolated area in Nigeria).

2018 – The Rotary International Convention to be held here in Toronto.

Announcements



Monday, November 14th – Board of Directors Meeting – 6:30 PM - Rotary Clubhouse.

Thursday, November 17th – “Beaujolais Nouveau” – Mimico Cruising Club, 200 Humber Bay Park Road West – 6:30 PM to 10:00 PM – Join us for an evening of Wine, Delicious Food & Music – Tickets \$75/person. Music Provided by Renowned Entertainer: Jay Douglas. All the money raised will go to support the victims of the recent Italian Earthquake. (NOTE: Iosif Ciosa is looking for 5 to 6 volunteers to help with

- Decoration of the venue
- make posters/signage
- Registration at the event
- Selling tickets
- Sponsorship drive
- Photographer
- Miscellaneous (etc.)

Friday, October 28th – “Hands-On” group is looking for 6 to 8 more volunteers to help paint 4 rooms at Youth without Shelter, 6 Warrendale Court. The rooms are used by dozens of youth every month that spend a week or longer in the Emergency Housing Unit

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and the rooms are in urgent need of painting. Gill Dugas added, "We prepare and paint the walls in the morning, enjoy lunch with the residents and staff, and then compete in a friendly competition to decide, by YWS judges, which teams has produced the best designs/decorations. Please join us for this fun and very rewarding project". Contact Gill Dugas or Theresa Sherwood for more information.



Saturday, November 19th – Kids Against Hunger Food Packing Project – Salvation Army Kipling Temple. Rotary Etobicoke will be doing our 4th annual food packing for KAH. The packing project will start at 12:30 and finish around 3:00 PM. Gill Dugas is hoping for 90 plus volunteers. We are inviting volunteers from Rotaract and Interact Clubs, Cadet Units, youth groups and community partners. We are asking club members to support this project by helping with the packing, and if possible to help with the set up & clean up, and delivery of the boxes of rice to food banks, community and church programs in time for their Christmas distributions. Pizza, fruit, snacks and drinks will be provided at noon. Family and friends are welcome. Contact Gill Dugas or Theresa Sherwood for more information.



Upcoming Birthdays



**Alex Woda – October 21st
Sue Foley – October 26th
Kirsty Duncan – October 31st**

Visitors & Guests



Visitors & Guests:

-  Jo-Ann Bell – Guest of Michael Bell
-  Vanessa Koch – Guest of Greg Dobson
-  Marjorie Friesen – Guest of Barry Friesen
-  Bryce Tchenkoue – Potential New Member
-  Ali Sultan – Potential New Member
-  Jerry Podgorski – Potential New Member

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Attendance:

Members - 23

Visitors & Guests – 6

Total – 29

Rotary Etobicoke Project at Brands For Canada

On Saturday, October 15, Rotary Etobicoke provided a team, including Interactors from Etobicoke Collegiate Institute, to work a shift at Brands for Canada to support its important work of providing unsold goods directly to Canadian families in need through more than 100 charitable agencies and ensuring that new goods are kept out of landfills. Our 15 member team provided the time, effort and commitment to the sorting, bagging and preparing of 1,946 pairs of shoes and boots and 320 winter accessories. All the items were distributed on Wednesday, October 19 so we were able to make an immediate impact with our club's project.



Rotary Etobicoke's Halloween Project

Rotary Etobicoke, through the generous donations of club members, is preparing Halloween bags to

distribute to children in Women's Shelters, Youth Shelters, Community and Church Outreach Programs in time for October 31. Thank you for supporting this project and providing so many goodies which will bring happiness to children throughout Etobicoke.



NOTE: There will not be a bulletin published next week.

