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Rotary Club of Etobicoke

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January 07, 2015 - Speaker: Lisa Kostakis – Albion Neighbourhood Services

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President and the Board of
Directors Wish All its Members
A Merry Christmas and Joyous
New Year

Meeting Cancellations

PLEASE NOTE: The regularly scheduled luncheon meetings on Wednesday, December 24th and Wednesday, December 31st have been CANCELLED over the Holidays. The next regular meeting will be Wednesday, January 7th, 2015 at the Old Mill.

Club Fireside Chat

Eighteen of our members attended an informal "fireside chat" and a "pre-Christmas fellowship" meeting hosted by President Mark. Mark also wanted to thank Liz Read for her help. As well, Mark noted that there were some items for sale at tonight's meeting as part of fundraisers for CAFA and the Loyan Foundation. There were children's sweaters and hats for sale from CAFA, the organization the Club supported that helps burn victims in Peru. Liz added that in January at one of our luncheon meetings she will be bringing jewelry and shawls from CAFA that may make great gifts for Valentine's Day. There were also calendars for sale from the Loyan Foundation that our Club helped sponsor. Michael Lu also wanted to mention that today was the first day of the "Lights on for Seniors" visitation program. Michael and his volunteers began visiting "lonely" seniors to show the people still cared about them and to brighten up their day, especially at this time of year. Michael added that our Club had given the program a "lot of support" and that Gill and Andre had done a great job purchasing most of the gifts for the seniors along with donations from others. Michael said the program will continue tomorrow.

Diane was happy to say that she had the "good fortune" to spend the last couple days with Kester and Kathryn at the Salvation Army sorting toys and distributing them to hundreds of people. She also wanted to thank the Board for providing her with a

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donation to her "favorite charity". She said "to honour her Dad" she was going to split the donation between his two favorite charities, Sleeping Children Around the World and the Salvation Army.

NOTE: Ralph Chiodo has indicated that the donation in his name will be made to the Rotary Foundation and Lynda Ryder's will go to PolioPlus.

President Mark was happy to say that last Wednesday's Christmas "Feast" was "fabulous". He wanted to mention one of the highlights, the "Rotary Tie Auction". He said this all began at the last District President's meeting. There was a table of Rotary related "stuff" there. There were PolioPlus ties from 2011 that someone suggested the President's take back to their Clubs and "auction off" for Foundation. With a little encouragement from DGE Michael, Mark brought one of the ties to the Christmas Party. The first bid was \$50 and stalled at \$200. Mark said they would pause the bidding while dessert was being served. After dessert the bidding suddenly rose to \$1000 and was quickly jumped to \$2000 (the winning bid by Gerald Lue). Mark said that he called Bill Patchett, the District Foundation Chair and the Zone Foundation Chair. Bill has been undergoing some health issues of late and the news that the tie had been auctioned off for \$2000 brought a "smile to his face".

Mark said the idea of tonight's meeting was get members views on issues such as; Why did you join Rotary; Why are you still here (what brings you back); If something prevented us from doing Ribfest, what would we do as a fundraiser; what could we do to make Rotary more fun? While tonight's meeting has been more informal, these are questions we should all consider.

Ralph Chiodo - U of T - Otolaryngology - Head & Neck Surgery Fundraiser

Ralph wanted to mention that on January 22nd he is holding a fundraiser for the University of Toronto Otolaryngology - Head & Neck Surgery. First he

wanted to tell "a story" about how this came about. Ralph said this involved his close friend, and member of our Club, Joe Falcone. Seven years ago Joe's 20 year old daughter (his 2nd daughter) went deaf and began searching for help for his daughter. One day Joe called Ralph and asked if he "knew or was related to a Dr. Albino Chiodo" who just happened to come from Calabria, the same part of Italy that Ralph comes from. Ralph said that he didn't know him and was not related but would try to do what he can to help. They found out that there was a 6 to 9 month waiting period to see this doctor. He asked Joe to give him the doctor's number. Ralph, being Ralph, called the doctor and told the secretary that he wasn't related to the doctor but would like to speak with him for "10 seconds". After much persistence the secretary put him through to the doctor. Ralph apologized for being "pushy" but explained the situation to the doctor. The doctor told him to "come tomorrow at 9:30 am). When Ralph, Joe, and Joe's daughter arrived the next morning, there were about 50 people in the reception room. Ralph, "not being shy" got a consultation with the doctor in a few minutes. Ralph left to let Joe and his daughter talk with the doctor. Today Joe's daughter can hear 100%. The doctor and Ralph quickly became "good friends". The doctor is also a Professor at University of Toronto, and took Ralph on a tour of "5th floor" lab at the U of T. There are graduate PHD doctors there working on computers that are designed to "look into the head" to identify and diagnose. They are designing prototypes that could be used by the graduate doctors to teach around the world. These, however, are not financed by the hospital or the University. Ralph asked "how much they needed"...\$200,000. Ralph gave them what they needed. Ralph said he wanted to create an "awareness" of this program, so last year he invited friends to a fundraiser in his office (50 people @ \$1000/each). He plans to do this again as he will be hosting a fundraiser on January 22nd at his Active Green + Ross office. Ralph will be cooking for those attending. Ralph added that if the Club felt inclined to help support this effort our name would be put on the equipment. Contact Ralph for details.

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Justin DiCiano - Ribfest Participation

Ralph wanted to pass on a letter that he received from Justin;

Hi Ralph

As per our discussion please apologise on my behalf to all Rotary members for missing tonight's meeting. It has been crazy busy over the past few weeks.

This week I spoke with the integrity commissioner for the City of Toronto to discuss my role as Chair & Sponsorship Director of Toronto Ribfest. The results are that I will need to take a 12 month "cooling off" period before I can once again help organize and work on behalf of the event.

I will however be available this year during the event to help set-up festival including bringing heavy equipment and operating it. I will chat more about that process with the Ribfest committee in January.

As well, I hope that the committee can assign a member of our club to the role of Sponsorship director as I will forward all new emails of interest relating to the event over to the assigned Rotary Member. Merry Christmas to everyone and hope to see all of you very soon.

Your in Rotary
Justin

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Secretary's Announcements



Tuesday, January 6th – Vocational Services Meeting – 5:30 pm – Rotary Clubhouse

Wednesday, January 7th – Community Services Meeting – 5:00 pm – Rotary Clubhouse

Thursday, January 8th – MicroSkills Joint Committee Meeting – 5:00 pm – Rotary Clubhouse

Monday, January 12th – Board Meeting – 6:00 pm (food), 6:30 pm (meeting) – Rotary Clubhouse

Birthdays This Week



*Jack Fleming – December 24
Frederik Martin – December 26*

Happy Birthday to on your happy day... ..

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Rotary Club Etobicoke Hands On Projects Bringing Cheer to Children in the Neighbourhood



Rotary Etobicoke were delighted to provide \$1,500 to purchase gifts for the Albion Neighbourhood Boys and Girls Party on Saturday, December 6. We also provided festive napkins and plates for the youth party. Here is our team at the Rexdale HUB today busy wrapping 100 gifts in just over one hour. The Albion staff made us so welcome. Doing good things for others makes the happiness go round.

"I am sharing a few photos of the Rotary Etobicoke children's gifts I am dividing up, labelling and will distribute this week. As you can see I have 97 high quality toys in my lounge...the prices range from \$20 to \$35.

Theresa has the same quantity for distribution and she has a separate group to be delivered to Nekenaan First Nations Women's Shelter. So we have around 250 Rotary Etobicoke toys going out shortly"