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Rotary Club of Etobicoke

District Governor: **Brian Thompson**

RI President Gary C.K. Huang

Week December 03, 2014

Board 2014-2015

President: Mark Winson, Past President Michael Bell, President Elect: Jack Fleming, Secretary: Ron Miller,

Treasurer: Don Edwards

Directors: Donna Cansfield, Gregory Dobson, Gillian Dugas, Ingrid McGaughey, Frederik Martin, Kester Trim, Hugh Williams

December 10, 2014 = Annual Christmas Party, 6.00 PM, Lambton G & C. Santa Arrives at 7.00 PM

Reporting: Ron Miller

Pictures: Ron Miller & Peter Dusek

Club Annual General Meeting

President Mark noted that as his year as President nears the "half-way" period, he had a few observations. He said that he has had the chance to go to other clubs which he finds to be an "interesting experience". You get to see "how different other clubs operate". He said that by talking to his fellow Presidents, he finds "how well respected our Club in the District". Our Club has "the history (84 years) and the momentum" to make our Club the envy of most of the other Clubs. There are many Clubs that are struggling with membership and events "that are not making money". Mark is convinced that "our success is the product of the effort of a large number of people".

Mark now introduced various members of the Board and Committee Chairs to present their reports on their activities so far this year:

Hugh Williams – Fundraising and Public Relations Director:

Public Relations – Hugh said our website is up-to-date with articles that tell what our Club is doing.

Fundraising (Toronto Ribfest) – Our fundraising is the Toronto Ribfest. This will be our 16th year and will run from Saturday, June 27 to Wednesday, July 1st.

Our Goals -

Build Rotary

Provide a fun, safe experience for the 160,000+ people who attend

Make money (which we take pride in being able to spend on our projects)

Toronto Ribfest Leads – There have been changes to the "organizational structure" of Ribfest for this year and the following will be the "Leads" for the 2015 Toronto Ribfest:

Festival Director – Hugh Williams

Sponsorship – Justin DiCiano

Festival Treasurer – Paul Roeser

Rotary – Theresa Sherwood

Site – Barry Friesen (Hugh noted that Barry has the "tougher" job doing things like fencing, "what goes where" and anything to do with the site. Hugh added that Barry also has an "amazing green plan" that he will be implementing this year)

Vendor – Jack Fleming

Staff – Liz Read

Security – Diane Irvine

Entertainment – Alex Woda

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Programs – Rhena Fleming (Hugh said that he wanted to thank Rhena for agreeing on Monday to take over Programs which is responsible for all of the programs during the event...another tough job)

Communications – Hugh Williams

Ribfest Coordinator – Rhena Fleming

Program Leadership Opportunities – There are opportunities for all members to become involved in Ribfest in the following areas. All of these reflect all of some of the “goals” of “Build Rotary (BR); “Fun & Safe Experience” (F&S); or “Make Money” (MM)

Celebrity Judging (BR/F&S)

BBQ Theme & Activities (F&S/MM)

Ribfest Lounge (new VIP area) (F&S/MM)

Beer Garden Samplers (Neil – Toronto club) (F&S/MM)

Canada Day – Citizenship Ceremony (Lynda) (BR/F&S)

Kidz Zone (Rhena) (F&S)

Community Organization Coordination (BR)

Corporate Day (June 29) (BR/MM)

Weddings at Ribfest!?! (F&S/MM)

Heroes Day (June 30) (BR/F&S/MM)

PanAm Concert (Jay Douglas)

PanAm Programming

Benefit Concerts (June 27, 28, 29) (BR/F&S/MM)

Concert for West Africa (Stephen Mbonye)

Hunger Concert

Youth Concert

Jack Fleming- President Elect/Vocational Services:

President Elect – Jack said that he didn’t know exactly what the job of President Elect was but that he “vacuumed the clubhouse this week and took the garbage out for the 4th time” (something for Greg Dobson to look forward to?). He did want to report about the “MicroSkills Legacy Project” that he is the

“informal chair” of. The Legacy Committee consist of Jack and Theresa Sherwood from our Club and 2 members of the Toronto West Club. The MicroSkills project is ahead of the original schedule. The 1st installment (\$50,000) was provided in September and a second installment (\$20,000) for December. The key next phase will be an assessment of the technology requirements and “esthetic” treatment in the facility. Jack says the new facility is a “vast improvement” over the old one, but there are still some issues. When the recent violence took place in the neighbourhood they had “extra kids” come in. It is still “way better” than before and it is “much appreciated” by the people there. Jack also wanted to talk further about the recent violence. Jack has been talking with the Toronto West Club and along with Greg Dobson, Theresa Sherwood, and Maati Lahroussi are looking into the possibility of some kind of a “town hall” meeting. Greg is looking to set up a meeting with 6-7 guidance counsellors in the high schools in the area to get some feel for situation. They may then move out to the TDSB and the Police for their input.

Vocational Services -

Entrepreneur Advisory Program:

2 candidates

Michael Brunet, who wants to start up a company (App business),

DeiJaumar McNeil-Clarke, a MicroSkills client who wants to “resurrect a family business”.

Scarlett Heights Entrepreneurial Academy (S.H.E.A.) Mentoring:

New approach (the program was revamped; better advanced prep by the students)

Sessions held December 1st & 2nd

Venture Day event on December 16th

Rotary at Work:

Sub-Committees have been formed (Event Planning & Budget; Sponsor & Partner Organizations; Program & Booklet)

Awaiting feedback from David Onley

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Photos completed on 7 candidates (people with disabilities) for the “booklet”.

Kester Trim – Community Service Director:

Kester noted that the Board allocated the Community Service Committee \$146,250 for the fiscal year. \$50,000 of this was immediately allocated to the “MicroSkills Legacy Fund” leaving a total of \$96,250 to be distributed this year. In September the CSC approved the following funding; “Hands on Etobicoke” backpacks; “Kids Against Hunger” food packing; and FEAT for their client bus. In October CSC approved funding for Cameron Helps; Basketeers; Saint Vincent de Paul relief for the poor; Saint Mathews “Out of the Cold; Saint Mathews “Out of the Cold”; and the Salvation Army Winter Food Relief program. In November CSC approved funding to Moroccan Youth Association Integrating Youth program; Thistletown Collegiate “Culinary Arts” Program’s Student travel to Europe; Albion Neighbourhood Services Christmas gifts to children; Anduhyaun Aboriginal Women’s Shelter for 39 beds in a bag; Dorothy Ley Hospice to help purchase of a backup generator; Salvation Army Etobicoke Temple for computers for Christmas and volunteers; and Nurse Next Door for the “Lights on for Seniors” visiting program. Kester added that the CSC has been busy but of the \$96,250 there is still approximately ½ left to still be allocated.

Kester added that along with the funds that have been allocated by the CSC, the Hands on Etobicoke sub-committee have been “very active” this year. Here is a list of some of the events HOE participated in: purchased and packed 144 backpacks filled with school supplies which were distributed to; St. James Food Basket, Microskills Youth Center, Haven on the Queensway, Anduhyaun and Nekenan First Nations Women’s Shelter and Residence, Jean Tweed, YWCA Native CAS, and Salvation Army Kipling Temple; Cooking Evening with the Youth Group from St. Margaret’s (Team provided food and cooked with youth); 180 Halloween bags filled with the assistance of the Youth Group at St. Margaret’s and separately by Andre and Gill and provided to; Jean Tweed’s Strengthening Families; Two Programs (Native CAS),

St. James’ Food Basket, Haven on the Queensway, St. Margaret’s Youth Group and Nekenan First Nations Women’s Shelter and Residence; Brown bag lunches for 20 homeless men in the Out of the Cold Program at St. Margaret’s Church; Attended the 2nd annual Youth Without Shelter “A Home for the Holidays” breakfast and members took part in the Snow Globe Challenge – Family Feud Style; Organized Food Packing Project with Kids Against Hunger: Over 17,000 individual meals provided to St. James Food Basket, Rexdale Alliance Church, MicroSkills Youth Center, First Nations Food Banks in Dryden, Thunder Bay and Kenora, St. James Church Parklawn Food Bank and Salvation Army Kipling Temple (Over 100 volunteers took part of the project); Collection of dozens of unwanted but loved bras for women in churches and hospitals in the Congo to be delivered by Alicia, Founder of After Breast Cancer Foundation (Project ongoing); Brown bag lunches for 25 homeless men in the Out of the Cold Program at St. Matthew’s Church on Bloor; purchase of gifts – stuffed bears, stuffed dogs and crafts for Lynn Manwar’s Toy Drive for Children’s Cancer Recovery Project for children living with cancer. (The gifts were on display at today’s luncheon and will be presented to the Bear-able Toy Drive for delivery on behalf of Rotary Etobicoke; Wrapping of \$1,500 worth of gifts at the Rexdale HUB and will be donated by Rotary Etobicoke to the Albion Neighbourhood Boys and Girls Club Christmas Party on December 6. Some upcoming events include; purchase of items for 50 “Lights on for Seniors” Christmas Bags for isolated, low income seniors including throws, Christmas tree and decorations, tin of cookies, small crafts, tea lights, note paper, trinket boxes and other gifts. (Packing of the 50 seniors bags will be in Club house on December 13th); provision of pool of drivers to transport caregivers and Rotary Christmas goodie bags to provide seniors with a visit to brighten their season and tell them we care; distribution of Christmas / Festive gifts to palliative department of local hospitals and seniors residences and distribution of toys to local churches and outreach programs (Toys provided to Rotary Etobicoke in partnership with Hallmark in support of our season’s gift distribution.)

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Gill Dugas – International Service Director:

Gill reported that the International Service Committee met to consider funding requests over the past months and has recommended and received approval from the Board of Directors for funding to support the following projects:

Canadian Friends of Aniquem (CAFA) in Peru to sponsor 50 children and youth living with third degree burns to attend a camp.

The Global Grant application of Rotary Club of Waterfront in Cape Town, South Africa to establish two new libraries in two schools with over 2,000 students and to monitor and support 7 schools with libraries in their infancy. The beneficiaries of will be over 5,000 student and staff of 9 schools.

The Global Grant application of Rotary Club of Whitby Sunrise to provide permanent water supply and a school to the village of Katang Ziergin, among the poorest villages in Laos. The project will involve the construction of a dam, running of 3.4 km of pipe, construction of a storage tank, 7 tap towers and a school which will benefit over 500 villagers and school children.

Karanda Mission Hospital in Zimbabwe, a Rotary District 7070 (RADAR139) international initiative to support a HIV/AIDS project for maternal and health needs.

The Global Grant application of Rotary Club of Belleville for their project to Introduce Digital Skills into the Mothers of Intention Literacy Program in the Urban Slums of Bangladesh. The NGO Amarok Society, registered in both Canada and Bangladesh, has been teaching illiterate mothers basic literacy skills for the past seven years. These mothers then teach a minimum of five children each in their own huts. This Global Grant project will allow Amarok to greatly increase the number of mothers and children it can reach.

Children's Art Foundation in Mexico (operated by Kelly and Hannah Jermain, Canadians who live part of the year in Toronto) helps young children of disadvantaged backgrounds in marginal communities in Mexico reach their full potential

through education in literacy and art. We will sponsor Literacy through Art programs in two villages (the Palo Colorado School with 365 students and Rancho Viejo School, one of the poorest villages in San Miguel, with 500 students.

Amarok Society to continue our sponsorship of Josna and her 5 community children. Josna teaches simple words, sentences in Bengali and English, addition, subtractions and songs every week day in the Arambug slum area of Khulna.

Polio Plus of \$1,541.62

Foundation's Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY) of \$7,678.10

A Mine Free World Foundation to provide Pit Toilets for Cambodian Landmine Survivors and their Families. Cambodia has the lowest toilet coverage in East Asia, with the official census showing that only 23 per cent of rural households have access to a latrine. Landmine survivors, who are at the bottom of the poverty scale in the rural areas, seldom have a toilet. People in Cambodia, particularly young women need access to clean toilets. It will ensure their privacy and lessen the chance of rape for children and women in the rural areas.

Diane Irvine – Membership Chair:

Diane reported that the Membership Committee is in the process of "revamping" the membership application to make it "more involved" and "more specific" as to "why do you want to join Rotary". It will be more aligned with what the applicant is hoping to do in the Club and what the expectations the Club has for the applicant. Diane added that there has too many cases where a person has joined the Club and then is not involved or leaves shortly afterward.

Slate of Nominees for the 2015-16 Board of Directors:

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Secretary Ron presented the slate of Nominees for the 2015-16 Board of Directors to the membership to vote on (Quorum was achieved at today's AGM).

The slate of Nominees is as follows;

President – Jack Fleming

Past President – Mark Winson

Senior Director – Lynda Ryder

President Elect – Greg Dobson

Secretary – Ron Miller

Treasurer – Don Edwards

Directors – Kester Trim, Gillian Dugas, Gerry Lue, Hugh Williams, Donna Cansfield, and Andre Dugas

Ron asked for any other nominations from the floor. None were received. Moved by Michael Bell and seconded by Kevin Irani that the nominations be closed. The members present were now asked to approve the Board of Directors for 2015-16. The members voted unanimously in favour.

Long Time Member Recognition – Carlos Petosa:

President Mark mentioned that our Christmas "Feast" next Wednesday evening we will be "recognizing" some of our members who have had 25 or more years of service in our Club. One of those being honoured, Carlos Petosa, will be unable to attend the dinner but is at today's luncheon. Carlos



has been with the Club for just over 26 years, joining June 1, 1988.

To honour our long time members the Club will be making a donation in their name to their favourite charity. Carlos has chosen for the donation to be made to Camp Enterprise. Congratulations Carlos.

Humber College Cheque Presentation



Jack Fleming and Maati Lahroussi presented a cheque to Humber College's senior management team (Jason Hunter and Alister Mathieson) in support of the scholarships that Youth Services set up for Humber's students. This year, three students with disabilities benefited from our scholarships as well as a student from the business school.

Club "Fireside Chat" – Wednesday, December 17th (7:00 pm) at the Rotary Clubhouse:

December 17th would normally be our "Big Ideas Forum (BIF)" at the Crooked Cue. However the Crooked Cue is booked that night. Instead we will be having a Club "Fireside Chat" at 7:00 pm at our Rotary Clubhouse (4195 Dundas St. W. – corner of Dundas & Prince Edward – Suite G10). This will be an opportunity to "show off" our new facility to our members who haven't seen it as yet. We will use this opportunity to discuss "why we joined Rotary and

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why we are still members?" Refreshments will be served

Visitors & Guests -0
Total - 28

Secretary's Announcements



Monday, December 8th – Board Meeting – 6:00 pm (food), 6:30 pm (meeting)



50/50 Draw

Andre Dugas – 8 of Hearts. The pot continues to grow. As a consolation prize President Mark presented Andre with a box of shortbread cookies. Andre noted that he “normally” would share the cookies with everyone here today, but “not today”. He said that part of the gift packages they are making for the “Lights on for Seniors” have some of the same shortbread cookies in them, and he was 19 short. These cookies will fill that void.



Visitors & Guests

Attendance:
Members 28



HAPPY BUCKS

Frederik Martin – Frederik was happy to say that to here today as it had been “a long while” since he had been to a meeting (though we see him every Sunday morning when he emails everyone the Weekly Bulletin). He was also happy to see a lot of new faces and some people he hadn’t seen in awhile.

Mark Winson – Mark said that he had a “not so happy buck” as he wanted to acknowledge that hockey legend Jean Beliveau passed away yesterday (Mark was appropriately wearing a Montreal Canadiens pin). Mark said that even though he was born in Africa, he grew up in Northern Ontario. They only had one TV station (CBC), and they watched Hockey Night in Canada every Saturday night. At that time CBC split their broadcasts only between the Leafs and Canadiens games. He quickly became a “Habs” fan and a Jean Beliveau fan. Mark added that Jean Beliveau was always “a gentleman on and off the ice”. He had quite the record with 10 Stanley Cups in his 18 years of playing for the Canadiens.

Mark said it was a sad day for hockey fans everywhere.

Gill Dugas – Gill was “happy and proud” that the Rotary Club of Etobicoke was able to help Lynn Manwar provide toys for The Children’s Cancer Recovery Project. The toys will be distributed in the Bear-Able Gift Program to “make children smile and take their minds off cancer treatments”. Gill added that Theresa Sherwood “did a great job” in collecting many of the toys”.

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Happy Birthday to on your happy day...



Michael Lu – Michael was happy that 50 seniors had signed up for this year's "Lights on for Seniors" program. He was also happy to say that Gill, Andre and Theresa had purchased "some wonderful gifts" to be distributed to the seniors. Michael added that he is looking for "volunteer drivers" to drive the volunteers who will be visiting the seniors. He is looking for drivers on December 17 & 18 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm both days. Please contact Michael if you can help out.

Theresa Sherwood – Theresa was happy to say that she had scarves at today's meeting that she is selling to aid families and children in India.

Lynn Manwar – Lynn was happy that she received two sets of bedroom slippers all the way from Boston as a gift, when she only asked that someone locally to go shopping for her on Facebook and she would reimburse them.

Rotary Club of Etobicoke

"Christmas Feast"

Wednesday, December 10, 2014

Lambton Golf & Country Club

Tickets: \$60/person

6 PM - Cash bar & Fellowship

7PM – A Full Turkey Dinner (mmmm!!!)

This will be an evening to remember and enjoy each others' accomplishments.

We will also be having two Paul Harris Fellow awards that evening and a "special recognition" for some of our long-serving members

Entertainment: Music and song by our own **Jay Douglas**

Plus: Door Prizes, an Auction, and a bonus 50/50 draw!

What a "Great Way" to start the Holiday Season. Hope to see everyone there, and don't forget, you can bring a date.

Please R.S.V.P. Ron Miller rjm-woxof@sympatico.ca if you are planning to attend.

Birthdays This Week



Peter Dusak – December 03

Liz Read – December 06