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November 19, 2014 Big Ideas Forum: = How to Provide Excellent Care for Seniors, 7.00 PM Crooked Cue.

Reporting: Ron Miller

Pictures: Ron Miller & Peter Dusek

Today's Speaker Murray Jones - CAFA



Jack asked Liz Read to introduce the speaker. Liz noted that the Bulletin announcement said that Murray Jones, Director, was going to be speaking about CAFA. She said that if one Goggled that acronym, as she might have, a number of organizations would come up: the Canadian Association of Funeral Advisors; the Canadian Association of Farm Advisors; and even something called the Critics Adult Film Association! Liz said that Murray is not here today representing any of these organizations. CAFA in this case is an acronym for Canadian Friends of ANIQUEM. ANIQUEM is itself a Spanish acronym that translates roughly as

'helping children who have been burned' and Murray will be telling us about the work that CAFA does to support poor children in Peru who have been seriously burned.

Liz said that she does not have Murray's CV or his Bio but she does know him very well. They were both raised in Ottawa and they went to high school together, so they have known each other since they were 15! Murray is a professional engineer, specializing in environmental engineering and he worked much of his career with Shell. Working for Shell, he and his wife spent several years in Lima, Peru. During that time they met a couple who were both doctors, who wanted to start, as a charity, a clinic to help provide after care to poor children who had suffered serious burns. Murray was instrumental in getting Shell to provide a significant grant so that the doctors were able to open their clinic, which they called ANIQUEM. When it came time for Murray and his wife to return to Canada, they realized that the clinic was on tenuous financial ground and might have difficulty surviving. They made a personal commitment to work to help support the clinic and when they came home, founded Canadian Friends of ANIQUEM [CAFA], which is a Canadian charity. Liz said that she was proud to have been a member of the founding Board. In the spirit of disclosure she also said that she made the initial link between CAFA and our club as a possible source of funding, but after that took a totally 'hands off approach' and has not been involved at all in discussions about CAFA as a Rotarian. Liz then asked Murray to share with the group more about this wonderful organization.

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Murray began by offering his thanks to the Club for our “kind donation” that is “very welcome” and will be used in their programs. He said that he was happy that he had the opportunity to work at Ribfest (not a surprise since he is friends with Liz) and to see “how we pull things together to raise money”.

Murray first wanted to give some background about Peru;

- Population – 30 million
- 32% live in poverty
- The economy is based on mining, fishing, tourism, and agriculture.

Why burns? (Causes)

- Poverty
- Overcrowding
- Poor facilities
- Cooking equipment and practices
- Candles
- A lack of education and a safety culture
- 70% of burns are from scalding
- 25% from fires
- Others (fireworks, electrical, etc.)
- 100,000 children per year suffer burns severe enough to require medical attention
- 60% of these are under 5 years old
- About 7,000 children in just Lima alone per year will need intensive rehabilitation and long term follow up care (3rd degree burns)

While the government provides support for in patient acute burn treatment and some aftercare, the rehabilitation options are very few for those of limited means. Scarring from severe burns injuries often creates disfiguration, physical deformity and functional limitation, requiring specialized rehabilitation and follow up until the child is grown. In addition to physical recovery, children who have suffered burns need support to address psychological trauma, social isolation and loss of self esteem.

ANIQUEM is a Peruvian medical charity established to help severely burned children. It provides without cost such programs as; new patient medical assistance, Physio and Occupational Therapy,

Psychological counseling, pressure garment (produced in the ANIQUEM workshops), and opportunities for patients to socialize.

CAFA is registered charity in Canada and was created by Murray’s wife Karen. It is an all volunteer organization led by a Board of Directors in Canada. Their programs are delivered by 2 Peruvian social workers based in the ANIQUEM clinic. CAFA’s President provides regular supervision and support to their staff in Lima. CAFA works with ANIQUEM providing services not otherwise provided. Such as;

- Transport access to the clinic for patient and a caregiver (many cannot afford to get to clinic for treatment from areas of poverty).
- Recreational skill building and psycho-social support through day and overnight camps
- Social service support to families
- Operates burn prevention workshops in schools and communities (there are no national programs available)
- Funds scholarships for patients at primary, secondary and post secondary levels (CAFA is currently keeping 16 burn survivors in school)
- Professional development opportunities for staff
- Funds emergency surgery
- CAFA supported skills training workshops where “pressure garments” are being made

CAFA has also sponsored Burn Camps which are a major opportunity to address “psycho-social” recovery at all ages. CAFA has sponsored 14 burn camps with another scheduled for February. The camps are for up to 50 burn survivors plus counselors. Murray played a video which showed some of the people who attend the camps. They all gave similar views on what the camps meant to them. It gave them the opportunities to socialize with other burn survivors and make new friends, which in turn helped them better deal with their injuries. The camps also help build on “their physical and psychological strengths” to aid their recovery.

Gill Dugas thanked Murray by saying that she was pleased that our Club had decided to support CAFA and all the good work they do. To show this, Gill presented Murray with a cheque from our Club for

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\$3,000. Murray thanked the Club and said the money will be used to support their 15th Burn Camp in February.

“Thank You” from a Student Mother in an AMAROK School:

A “thank you” from Josna, a student mother in an AMAROK school (RC Belleville international project). In turn she teaches 5 children in the slums of Bangladesh. Rotary Etobicoke has been sponsoring Josna for two years. She attends a two hour class at Amarak’s school every morning and returns to her hut to teach 5 neighbourhood children in the afternoon. The Amarak program includes reading and writing, English, math and also education in nutrition, child care and hygiene. The mothers also have the opportunity to socialize and can discuss matters of importance to their group.

“October 2014

Josna Begum Srabani
Khulna, Bangladesh.

To: - Rotary Club of Etobicoke

Dear Rotary Etobicoke Club Members,
How are you all? I am fine. I am very happy that you are helping me in my education from a long distance. I pray to my God for you and your club. I am also happy for my school life. Now I can think of what I’ve lost in my childhood, without education people are not complete.



When I first came to Amarak Mother School I could read few letters even I could not write them properly.

Now when I think about those days I feel shy about myself. Like a child our teacher showed us how to hold a book, a pencil and many things physically. She also encouraged us all the times that we become brave to do it. It was not easy but now I feel proud that I can read and write. I can read sentences from books or in other places. In our class when we work in a small group I try to help other mothers in writing. Now I can write few sentences about my family but still make some mistakes of spelling. Now I am practicing how to write correct sentences. Sometimes my husband Azaharul Gazi insults me as “lady professor”. But I know he must be joking, yes I am not a professor but remember I teach 5 children including my little one so I am a teacher and he knows this!



Every day I go to our mother school and stay their two hours. These two hours are good time for us. We all mothers enjoy these time very much. Here we are friends, no crisis and no poverty. Here we read, write, draw pictures and can tell anything what we think. Last week we developed a display picture chart for our class room. That we learnt from our English lessons.

We practice to make sentences with pictures and such way make new sentences. You will be happy to know that Bulbuli one of friends can tell and write more than 10 English sentences. I follow her to develop my writings. Sometimes we help each other as we live in the same slum.

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Thank you for your support to our education. Please convey my love and respect to all of your family members.

*With Love and respect,
Josna Begum Srabani*

“Thank You” from St. Mathew’s & Our Lady Peace “Out of the Cold” (via Doug Hartry):

Doug Hartry forwarded a “thank you” note from the St. Mathew’s Anglican Church and the Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church’s “Out of the Cold” programs that our Club supports.

“On behalf of the Coordinators, Volunteers and Guests of the St. Mathew’s and Our Lady of Peace Out of the Cold Ministry, I wish to thank the Rotary Club of Etobicoke for their recent generous donation of \$1,000. Financial donations such as this enable us to provide our Guests with much needed and appreciated services and items throughout the cold winter season. As well this contributes to a buffer for unforeseen expenses throughout the season. This season Out of the Cold will operate from Sunday, November 16, 2014 to Sunday, March 29, 2015 (20 weeks). We at St. Mathew’s and Our Lady of Peace Out of the Cold Ministry and our Guests are most grateful for the continued support of the Rotary Club of Etobicoke.

Sincerely

St. Mathew’s & Our Lady of Peace Out of the Cold Ministry”

Big Ideas Forum – November 19th- How to Provide Excellent Care for Seniors:

The theme of our Big Ideas Forum (BIF) on Wednesday, November 19th at the Crooked Cue (7:00 PM) will be “how to provide excellent care for seniors”. There will be an “excellent” lineup of speakers for the panel discussion that evening that will be moderated by former MPP

and a “champion” of seniors, Donna Cansfield. The members of the expert panel are: Dr. David Tal, Chief of Service, Geriatric Medicine at St. Joseph’s Health Centre; Gord Gunning, Chief Executive Officer, CANES Community Care; Catherine Grenaway, Director Client Services, ESS Support Services; and Michael Lu, Owner, Nurse Next Door Home Care Services. This should be a very informative and timely discussion. Hopefully as many members as possible can attend and please invite guests.

Secretary’s Announcements



Monday, November 17th – International Service meeting – 6:00 pm – Rotary Clubhouse

Saturday, November 22nd – Kids Against Hunger (KAH) food packing event – 12 pm – Salvation Army Etobicoke Temple, 2152 Kipling Avenue.

Monday, November 24th – Ribfest Committee meeting – 6:00 pm – Rotary Clubhouse.



0/50 Draw

Lynda Ryder 5 of Hearts. The pot continues to grow. Way to go Lynda two successive weeks !!!

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Visitors & Guests

Visiting Rotarians:

- Peter Gorman – Whitby Sunrise – District Treasurer

Visitors and Guests:

- Murray Jones – CAFA – Speaker
- Rhena Fleming – Guest of Jack Fleming

Attendance:

Members 17
Visitors & Guests -03
Total - 20



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Jack Fleming – Jack was happy to say that they had their initial meeting at SHEA on Tuesday. They had 2 “Venture” mentoring sessions last year, one in the spring and one in the fall. He has his group of mentors lined up and include, Martina Ernst, Theresa Sherwood, Gord Duncan, Maati Lahroussi, Keith Theodore, Michael Lu and himself. Jack was also happy to say that on the day he visited SHEA he stopped at restaurant to have “a bowl of soup” and was recognized by a student from his Venture program last year. Her comment about the session was “she really liked the food at the Old Mill” when Jack brought them to one of our meetings. Jack also received a “thank you” card from the students. They had been holding on to since the end of last spring’s session. Jack put the card on display at today’s luncheon for the members to look at.

Peter Gorham – Peter was “happy?” to say that he was on his way to Edmonton which he was looking at with “trepidation” due to the fact the high temperature there today was to be only -13C and tonight’s low around -20C. BRRRR!!! Peter was also happy to say that at the Kids Against Hunger (KAH) program that many Rotarians and the Youth Exchange students participated in at the recent District Conference was a huge success. Together they packaged 20,800 meals for kids. He also just received notification that a district grant has been approved for this event. Six Clubs donated \$3000 to the event (including \$500 from our Club) and the District Grant matched \$2,250 which was used to purchase the food for the event.

Lynn Manwar – Lynn was happy to say that she will be attending an early “family Christmas” dinner this Sunday in Stouffville.

Lynda Ryder – Lynda was happy to let everyone know that our Club Christmas Party will be held on Wednesday, December 10th (6 PM) at the Lambton G&CC.

Gill Dugas – Gill was happy to say that our Club will be holding its own KAH (Kids Against Hunger) food packing event on Saturday, November 22nd at Kester Trim’s “beautiful” Salvation Army Temple. Gill said they we are partnering with the Toronto West Rotary Club and are hoping for 60 volunteers from Club members, MicroSkills, Etobicoke Collegiate, etc. It should be another fun day

November is Rotary Foundation Month:

Since November is Rotary Foundation Month, any members making donations to TRF during the month will qualify for matching Paul Harris Recognition points from the Club. **Contact: Michael Bell.**