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Rotary Club of Etobicoke

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Today's Speaker PP/DGE Michael Bell – Rotary Foundation

On Tuesday, November 11th we remember with thanksgiving those who made the supreme sacrifice for us in time of war. We pray that the offering of their lives may not have been in vain. Today we dedicate ourselves to the cause of justice, freedom and peace; and for the wisdom and strength to build a better world.



Lest We Forget



Michael began by saying that "the sum of the parts of the Rotary Foundation is greater than the whole. Our foundation allows us to do things that no Club could do on its own".

The Mission of the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty. RI has identified specific causes to target to maximize our local and global impact. These are the Rotary Foundation's "Six Areas of Focus".

- Peace and conflict prevention/resolution

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- Disease prevention and treatment
 - Water and Sanitation
 - Maternal and child health
 - Basic education and literacy
 - Economic and community development
- All projects must fall within these areas of focus.

Some facts and figures about TRF:

- The Rotary Foundation started in 1917 when then RI President Arch Klumph proposed an Endowment for doing good in the world.
- The initial donation was \$US26.50
- In 1928 it was renamed the Rotary Foundation
- In 1929 the Foundation's first donation of \$500.00 was to the Intl. Society for Crippled Children, now known as Easter Seals.
- In 1947 RI founder Paul Harris dies and contributions to Foundation pour in world wide.
- In 1947 the first program established was the Fellowship for Advanced Study, which later became the Ambassadorial Scholar, and now the Global Grant Scholar
- In 1978 Rotary introduced Health, Hunger & Humanity (3H) Grants
- In 1979 the first 3H Grant funded to immunize 6 million Philippine children against polio
- In 1987-88 the first peace forums were held leading to Rotary Peace Fellowships

As most Rotarians know our major international focus of late has been the Eradication of Polio worldwide. Some facts and figures:

- Since 1985 over 2 billion children have been vaccinated against the Polio virus in 122 countries around the world.
- In 1979 Rotary's first project to vaccinate children against Polio was in the Philippines
- In 1985 the PolioPlus program was launched to tackle global polio eradication
- In 1988 Global Polio Eradication Initiative was launched with WHO, the U.S. Center for Disease Control & UNICEF
- In 1988 there were 350,000 cases of Polio world wide
- In 2012 there were only 250 cases world wide
- This is a 99% reduction since the 80's

- Experts say either stop it now or expect 10 million new cases in the next 10 years.
 - Since 1985 Rotarians have raised \$US1.2 billion and given to Polio Eradication
- Michael noted that the same template that has been developed in our fight against Polio is now being used in the fight against the recent outbreak of Ebola.

Michael now wanted to talk about the Rotary Foundation Funds. Donations to Foundation can be directed to the following funds;

- Annual Program Fund – Money is invested for 3 years then ½ goes to the World Fund and the other ½ is returned to the District (DDF)
- Permanent Fund – Earnings are spent on Foundation programs such as Peace Scholars and Peace Centres
- Restricted Giving Fund – PolioPlus and Targeted Funds

DDF after 3 years;

- From our DDF up to 50% may be spent on District Grants at \$.75 on the \$1.00 up to \$1,500 per club project.
- From the other 50% we fund Global Grants at \$1.00 on the \$1.00 to a maximum of \$5,000 per club, Vocational Training Teams and Global Grant Scholars
- The World Fund matches club contributions to a Global Grant project \$.50 to the \$1.00
- The World Fund matches District Designated Funds (DDF) contributed to a club's Global Grant Project \$1.00 to the \$1.00

Rotary International Giving Defined:

- Every Rotarian – Every Year (EREY) – When you make an annual contribution to the Rotary Foundation, you can be confident that 50% of that gift will come back to your district in 3 years to be used for educational and humanitarian programs and for projects in your local community. The other portion of your contribution benefits the World Fund in support of our commitment to international service. The 3 year SHARE investment cycle ensures that 100 percent of your contribution is spent on Rotary programs and grants. Since Foundation is "our own charity" it is hoped that Rotarians will

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contribute, if able, to it. In the case of our Club, as a reward for the hard work our members do a Ribfest, \$100 USD is contributed to EREY for every member in the Club every year. However, it is still encouraged that individual members can still contribute if they wish.

Sustaining Member – Anyone who contributes US\$100 or more per year to the Annual Fund is automatically recognized as a Rotary Foundation Sustaining Member. Sustaining Members are critical to the Foundation. If every Club member contributed \$100 every year, Rotary could nearly double its efforts to help needy people worldwide and support continued growth of its programs. All gifts cumulatively count toward other Foundation recognition programs.

Benefactor – By making the Permanent Fund a beneficiary in your estate plans or by donating \$1,000 USD or more to the fund outright, you become a Benefactor. Benefactors are recognized with a certificate and insignia to wear with your Rotary or Paul Harris pin.

Bequest Society – Couples or individuals, who have made commitments of \$10,000 USD or more in estate plans (wills, living trust, whole or universal life insurance) can become Bequest Society members and receive recognition from the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation.

Paul Harris Fellow – Donors of \$1,000 USD or more to the Annual Fund, PolioPlus, or an approved Foundation grant, or people who have that amount contributed in their name, can be recognized as Paul Harris fellows.

Paul Harris Society – Named after the founder of Rotary, the society recognizes friends of The Rotary Foundation who “annually” contribute \$1,000 USD or more to the Annual Programs Fund. PolioPlus and other approved Foundation grant activities.

Major Donor – The Rotary Foundation recognizes couples or individuals whose combined personal or cumulative giving has reached \$10,000 USD.

Arch C Klumph Society – Donors whose cumulative gifts total \$250,000 USD qualify for the Arch C. Klumph Society.

Michael ended by saying that “you are the missing piece”. Since November is Rotary Foundation Month, any member making a donation to TRF during the month will qualify for matching Paul Harris Recognition points from our Club.

How to Contribute?

- Make a cheque payable to the Rotary Club of Etobicoke
- Online charged to your credit card (TRF Canada)
- By completing a pledge form for the Benefactor or Bequest Society

Membership Sponsor Award – Michael Bell:

President Mark was happy to thank Michael for his Foundation presentation, but also wanted to present him with a “gold” recognition pin to Michael for sponsoring 6 new members to join our Club. This is a new program from RI to members who sponsor new members. There are blue, bronze, silver and gold recognitions.

Birthdays This Week



Toyin Dada- Nov 08

Happy Birthday to on your happy day...

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Rotary International Zone 24 &32 "Beyond Borders" Newsletter (November 2014)



In the November 24th issue of the RI Zone 24 & 32 "Beyond Borders" newsletter was the following article;

The Power of Community – Big Cheques support a Big Idea

The neighboring Rotary clubs of Etobicoke and Toronto West in District 7070 wanted to do something big! Together they reached out to the community and asked for funding proposals; 13 community groups responded. In the end, the clubs selected to support the local MicroSkills "safe-haven" centre and jointly pledged a cool \$300,000 payable over three years. The money will double the size of the existing centre which provides services for youths ages 13 to 29. The clubs are doing even more than providing building capital, however, they are helping MicroSkills to develop programs and are volunteering mentors to the teens and young adults. Now that's sustainability!

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 10th – Board Meeting
– 6:00 pm for food, meeting at 6:30 pm. –
Rotary Clubhouse

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

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

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0/50 Draw

Lynda Ryder = 2 of spades. The pot continues to grow. However Lynda won a “consolation” prize, a 649 Lottery ticket for tonight’s draw. The only catch is that if she wins ½ the winnings come back to the Club



Visitors & Guests

Visitors and Guests:

- Jo-Ann Bell – Guest of Michael Bell
- Karen Royal – Guest of Judy Burnell – Potential new member
- Sandra Leighton – Guest of Ron Miller – Potential new member
- Nina Coates – Guest of Lynda Ryder
- Lucas Coates – Guest of Lynda Ryder
- Ryan Mosen – Guest of Lynda Ryder

Attendance:

Members 15
Visitors & Guests -06
Total - 21



HAPPY BUCKS

Ralph Chiodo – Ralph was happy to say that he will be returning to Italy on the 20th to be part of a Canadian Delegation that will visit 4 cemeteries

where Canadian Soldiers that died in Italy during WWII are buried. He will be visiting the cemeteries at Monte Cassino, the Ortona Moro River Canadian War cemetery, Cesena and Rimini. Ralph added that at Monte Cassino there is also a large cemetery for Polish soldiers that died during the battle.

Ron Miller – Ron was happy to add to Ralph’s story by saying that his father-in-law Frank Radecki was an artillery officer with the Polish troops at Monte Cassino. They were serving with the British troops there. The Polish troops suffered heavy casualties during the battle but he was luckily not one of them.

Lynda Ryder – Lynda was happy to say that Vocational Service is one of Rotary’s cornerstones. It is how Rotary began and is a way to highlight our various professions. Lynda brought 3 Grade nine students with her to today’s luncheon who are taking part in “Take Your Kid to Work Day”. These are children of her employees, and she wanted them to see what we do at Rotary. Lynda said that her company, National Silicates, has been involved in “TYKTWD” for many years and thinks it is a great way to expose students to the workplace. She also added that the quality of the Grade 9 students that participate are getting “better and better every year.”

Hugh Williams – Hugh was happy to say that on Monday he did something “unique” to him as he made a presentation for “Cameron Helps” to the Bolton Rotary Club. He said that they are a “cool club”. They sing at their meetings (which made Lynda Ryder happy) songs like “If I Had a Hammer”. Hugh said it was “fun” being there. He added that they also “fine their members” for various offences. It was “nice to see how another club works”. They are “keen” to see the “Cameron Helps” program introduced into the schools in the area such as Humberview HS. The program is already at Robert Hall HS. This is a running program for teenagers with goal of physical health helps promote mental health. Hugh also mentioned his own running program.

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Hugh has run 700 km since Ribfest with the goal of 1000 km (or more).

Brock Buchanan – Brock was happy (??) to mention that his marriage of 42 years to Delphi had officially come to an end as divorce papers have been finalized. Delphi is from the Mt. Kilimanjaro area in Tanzania, where she still lives. They hadn't been getting along for some time. Brock was recently in Africa when he heard from the divorce lawyer that it was now over and that he was a "free man" again. The divorce had been "uncontested". Brock added that it 'was a blessing that Ontario has an up-to-date and realistic way to untangle things'. There was "some sadness" but he thinks things are much better now. Brock was also happy to talk about a young girl from Tanzania that he has been in contact with. She had been crippled for 13 years with "bowed" legs. She had recently had surgery on her legs and they are now "perfectly straight" and she is walking. Brock is going back in December to see her.

Mark Winson – Mark was happy to say he rescued a woodpecker on the weekend.

It Turns Out That Fighting Polio Is Good Training To Fight Ebola

-From Rotary International -

Nigeria has been a stubborn hot spot of polio — and that turned out to be a good thing when it came time to fight Ebola.

In late July, a patient with the deadly Ebola virus arrived from Liberia. Health workers knew what to do. The country has created a massive public health effort to wipe out polio; institutions and strategies were repurposed to fight Ebola.

On the other hand, anti-polio efforts in the countries hit hardest by Ebola are on hold — and that could lead to disaster.

First, the good news, from Nigeria.

One of the country's polio institutions is an emergency operations center run by the Global Polio Eradication Initiative. At the request of the government, senior officials from the center were sent to Lagos to help set up an emergency operations center for Ebola.

Because of the anti-polio efforts, health workers in Nigeria were ready for Ebola. They had already been trained in contact tracing. And hospitals had procedures in place for reporting polio cases, says Jay Wenger, head of polio efforts at the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, which provides financial support to NPR as well as the Global Polio Eradication Initiative.

"How you organize a team, how you collect the information, how you collate the information and make it available, is all part of the deal with polio," says Wenger. "They just transferred some of those techniques to the Ebola response." Nigeria was declared Ebola-free the second week of October.

There's a lesson to be learned, says Wenger: it's a good idea to have resources and trained personnel capable of dealing with more than just a single disease. "Both polio and Ebola are examples of diseases we can handle if we have the adequate kind of health systems around," he says. "We need to do what we can to strengthen the health systems in many underdeveloped countries."

But it takes time to create such systems. That means bad news on the polio front in the three countries with the highest Ebola counts.

In September, 18 African countries including Nigeria synchronized a polio vaccination campaign, and reached 94 million children. Successful immunization

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requires several boosters, so a second campaign is starting up now. But Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone didn't take part in the first round and aren't taking part in the second round either.

"This is a huge risk to polio eradication," says World Health Organization spokeswoman Sona Bari. "They're unprotected from any potential importation of polio." And they're missing other childhood vaccinations as well.

The Global Polio Eradication Initiative is not planning any more immunization campaigns through the end of the year. "One can't argue with that," says Bari. "Countries need to be able to muster whatever health services they have in order to respond to the Ebola outbreak."

But there's that "one plane flight away" problem that is critical for both Ebola and polio. If someone carrying the polio virus wanders into one of those West African countries, an epidemic could spark.

And cases of polio could very well go unnoticed. Some of the most educated health care workers in the Ebola-affected countries have died; those who remain are busy with Ebola.

There's already a sign that fewer health officials are looking for polio. The explanation is a little convoluted, so hang on. Sudden paralysis in children is a hallmark of the polio virus but also other can be caused by infectious organisms, congenital problems, exposure to toxic chemicals and more. Health officials at the World Health Organization look for a sudden paralysis rate in children under 15 in Guinea, Sierra Leone and Guinea of 2 in 100,000.

But reports are down in those countries, says Bari, suggesting that there's not much polio surveillance.

Missing a single case could send polio numbers ballooning. "If we take our eye off the ball we're up to 200,000 cases a year in the next ten years," says Carol Pandak, global director of Rotary International's Polio Plus Program.

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The Comeback Of Polio Is A Public Health Emergency May 5, 2014

Rotary, a coalition of volunteer groups around the world focused on public service projects, has been fighting polio for 35 years. Pandak says they're not backing down now. The organization is continuing to support vaccination campaigns. "We've done nothing differently," she says. And they're working to expand their polio work. Rotary International is just beginning to get proposals from the three Ebola-affected countries for information campaigns for health workers, to piggyback on Ebola training.

Pandak remains optimistic. Nigeria, which has been the source of polio cases throughout Africa, has been polio-free since July. "Africa has never been closer to stopping polio than today," she says. Rotarians in Maine have been planning a trip to Nigeria in a few weeks to work on the polio vaccination campaign, and they have no plans to cancel because of Ebola