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Rotary Club of Etobicoke

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September 02, 2015 – SPEAKER: Yesica Gil Youth With Shelter Programs

Reporting: Ron Miller

Pictures: Ron Miller & Peter Dusek

Today's Speaker: Murray Jones - CAFA



Liz Read introduced Murray Jones, the Vice President and Chairman of CAFA – the Canadian Friends of ANIQUEM.

Liz noted that she has known Murray for many years. They both grew up in Ottawa and went to Ridgemont High School together where they became friends. Murray is an Environmental Engineer who worked most of his career with Shell. For the past 13 years since retiring from Shell, Murray has been consultant on social risk assessment to the oil and gas and mining industry. During his 25 years with Shell, he worked globally while based in a number of countries including Canada, Peru and the UK. In Peru, Murray was Manager of Health, Safety,

Environment and Social working on a sensitive project in the Peruvian rainforest. It was while in this position that Murray came in contact with Dr. Mary Malca who was hired as the Shell Medical Officer for the project. Through Mary he met Dr. Raul Rodriguez, her husband, a surgeon in the burn unit of the Lima Children's Hospital. Raul and Mary told Karen (Murray's wife) and Murray about the numbers of burned children coming to the hospital and the problem that after they had received acute treatment in the hospital there was no aftercare for rehabilitation. Murray was instrumental in getting Shell to provide a significant grant so that Mary and Raul were able to open their burn clinic, which they called ANIQUEM as an independent charity. Karen provided considerable support in the early years. The clinic now serves over 3000 outpatient children. When it came time for Murray and Karen to return to Canada, they realized that the clinic was on tenuous financial ground and might have difficulty surviving. In 2006, Karen and Murray made a personal commitment to work to help provide continuing support for the clinic, and decided to found CAFA (Canadian Friends of ANIQUEM), which is a Canadian charity. It is also an "all-volunteer organization". CAFA now operates 6 independent programs in support of ANIQUEM. She added that Karen is the Program Director and both she and Murray fly back and forth from Canada to Peru, on their own funds, to give their continued support. Liz said she is "proud" to have been a member of the founding Board, and is still a Board member. Liz says Karen and Murray "are not Rotarians, but think like they are". They even have a Ribfest connection. CAFA volunteers contributed to Ribfest and 4 of them took SmartServe training and worked in the beer tents. She added that one of the CAFA Directors

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worked 8 hours at one of the satellite beer sites on Canada Day, which she thinks amounts to 5 1/2% of the beer sales that day.

Murray began by mentioning a young girl who had been severely burned over 70% of her body when her home burned down when a candle tipped over. She lived with her mother and 2 sisters (her father had left some time before). Her burns were so severe that eventually she was sent to the Shriners Hospital in Boston. While away her mother fell down stairs and died. One of her sisters was pregnant and the other was trying to stay in school. A local radio station had heard about her and did a story on her. ANIQUEM heard the story and tried to track her down. They got her into one of their programs to help with her rehabilitation. She attended their first Burn Camp along with 40-50 other burned children. She was "not happy" at first but after 3 days "like magic" she began to take part as she realized that she was "not alone". The Camps give opportunities to socialize with other burn victims and to make new friends, which in turn helps to "better deal with their injuries. It also helps build on their physical and psychological strengths. She required further care and went to a "special hospital" for ongoing medical care. In the meantime, a social worker had reunited her with her father, who was now married to a new wife, and she now has a permanent home.

Murray wanted to mention, "Why burns?"

- 32% of the population lives in poverty
- Houses are mainly wooden
- Cooking equipment and practices
- Candles
- Lack of education and a safety culture
- 70% of burns 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 per year in just Lima alone will need intensive rehabilitation and long term follow up care (3rd degree burns)

CAFA works with ANIQUEM providing services not otherwise provided;

- Transport access to the clinic for patient and caregivers (many cannot afford to get to the clinic for treatment from areas of poverty)
- Recreational skill building and psycho-social support through day and overnight camps
- Social service support for families
- Hold burn prevention workshops in schools and communities (no national programs available)
- Scholarships for patients at primary, secondary and post-secondary levels (they also have supplied things such as back packs, uniforms, school supplies)
- Professional development opportunities for staff
- Funds for emergency surgery

Murray showed pictures from their 15th Burn Camp. The camps run for 2 days and 3 nights (45 burn victims plus 10 junior counsellors). They have been a great success. The camps cost \$3000-\$4000 plus staff (total \$5000-\$6000). The camps operate solely on donations. Murray noted that all donations to CAFA go directly to support their programs.

President Jack thanked Murray.

Club News

Roundtable Discussion with Premier Wynne



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Last Thursday (August 20th), Rotarians Jack Fleming (Club President); Yvan Baker (MPP); and, Bryan Pett (Toronto West club) met with the Premier and other community leaders to provide their "feedback" on such issues as;

- Poverty and lack of jobs
- Youth Issues & Violence
- Guns coming into the country
- Seniors Issues and Support
- Mental Health
- Urban Planning & Future Development

Rotary Etobicoke photographer named 'emerging artist' by Ontario Society of Artists



The Rotary Club of Etobicoke's resident photographer was recognized by the Ontario Society of Artists (OSA) over the weekend.

Peter Dusek – who was selected as one of 10 "emerging artists" to be included in the OSA's 2015 Members' Exhibition of Selected Works at the Papermill Gallery – won first prize at the exhibition's opening on Sunday, Aug. 23.

His piece, Cheltenham Badlands Study 1, was named Best Work by an Emerging Artist by the OSA.

"The OSA is Ontario's oldest and most esteemed art organization, so I am extremely excited to be selected," Dusek said in a statement.

A proud member of the Rotary Club of Etobicoke, Dusek was born in Slovakia and at age 7 moved to Canada, where he began honing his photography skills.

According to his artists' statement, Dusek's toned black and white photographs give viewers a glimpse of "the simple beauty hidden around us" by placing a strong emphasis on balance and negative space. His artistic design goal, he said, is "as little possible, as much as necessary".

Dusek is represented by Toronto's Abbozzo Gallery, where he had his first solo exhibition, "Tranquility", in the spring of 2015. His work is also set to be showcased at the Affordable Art Show in New York City in September.

The OSA's 2015 Members' Exhibition of Selected Works runs until Sept. 13 at the Papermill Gallery, 67 Pottery Rd.

– Cynthia Reason – Etobicoke Guardian – August 25, 2015

This Weeks Birthdays



Mark WINSON – August 26th
Andre DUGAS – September 01st
Barry FRIESEN – September 01st

Good Wishes on your Happy Day ...

Club Administration

Sunday, September 20th – District 7070
Foundation Walk - Toronto Pan Am Sport Centre,
875 Morningside Avenue, Toronto (more details
will be coming by email!!!)

Saturday, September 26th – Club Visioning
Session – 9:00 am – 12:30 pm – Venue TBA

October 23rd, 24th, & 25th – District 7070
Conference – Weston Harbour Castle – Register
now.

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50/50 Draw



Andre DUGAS – Jack of Clubs. The Pot keeps growing!

Visitors & Guests

Visitors & Guests:

❖ Murray Jones – CAFA - Speaker

Attendances:

Members 11

Visitors & Guests - 01

Total - 12

HAPPY BUCKS



Ron Miller – Ron was happy to say that our Club luncheon meeting today was the last of 3 Rotary meetings he has attended in the since last evening. Ron, as part of his Assistant District Governor duties, accompanied District Governor Michael and his wife Jo-Ann to the Woodbridge Rotary Club last evening, and then to the North York Rotary Club at 7 am this morning, before attending our meeting.

Liz Read – Liz was happy to say that today was Mark Winson's Birthday

Doreen Williams – Doreen was happy to say that as our newest member, she was able to assist "the crew" that packed the backpacks at the Clubhouse on Saturday.

Lynda Ryder - Lynda was happy to say that there was a "couple in the room" here today that she wanted to acknowledge, Gill and Andre. Lynda noted that she was at a Zone training session recently where they "ordered everyone around, told them what to do and how to do it". At the session she received the C.E.O. (Chief Engagement Officer) button she was wearing today. She said she wanted to give this button to Gill for "very clearly" telling everyone who were packing the back packs on Saturday "what their jobs were". Lynda added "thank goodness" Gill was in charge. "She had us moving like machines!!" What a great couple Gill and Andre are.

Mark Winson – Mark was happy to say that today is his birthday and that Jack is still President. President Jack then "surprised" Mark by presenting him with a birthday cake (a mini Bundt cake) complete with a candle. Everyone sang a rousing version of Happy Birthday to him.

Jack Fleming – Jack was happy to say his wife Rhena (who Mark calls the "Queen") wanted to wish him "all the best on his birthday today" and that she was home "practicing her wave".

Community Services

Backpack Project - August 22, 2015



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For the third year, Rotary Etobicoke provided 150+ backpacks filled with coloured markers, packets of pens and pencils, glue sticks, sharpeners, duo tangs, rulers, pencil cases, highlighters, erasers, box of coloured pencils, lined packets of paper, notebooks and spiral notebooks, file folders, scissors, crayons and for Youth Without Shelter we also provided USB drives and extra items for students going to college. Gill, Andre and Theresa shopped for the purchases and Ron, Doreen, Megha, Michael L. Michael Bell, Jo-Ann Bell, Andre, Lynda, Diane, Toyin and Gill packed the bags.

Backpacks were delivered to the following agencies:

- Ernestine's Women's Shelter
- Salvation Army Kipling Temple
- St. James' Church - Burnhamthorpe
- MicroSkills Youth Development Center
- Anduhyaun and Nekenan First Nations Women's Shelters Haven on the Queensway Albion Neighbourhood Services Youth Without Shelter

From Rotary International

Supporting education in Nepal: technology that improves teaching and student learning

Rotary members come in many different styles. Most have a day job and engage in service work in their free time. Some go a step further: They make service work their day job!

Rabi Karmacharya belongs to the second group. In 2007, he founded Open Learning Exchange (OLE) Nepal. His organization is respected internationally as a pioneer in the integration of technology in the classroom. OLE Nepal has worked with Nepal's Department of Education to make laptops available in schools. But much more importantly, it has also developed great digital learning materials for students, and trained teachers to use technology and digital libraries to enhance learning.

Measuring results

Providing laptops to schools is relatively easy. Making sure that the laptops and other resources, such as digital libraries, are used to improve classroom instruction and learning is not.

Rabi is up to the challenge. Before launching OLE Nepal, he worked in California as a design engineer and later co-founded one of the first successful software outsourcing companies in Nepal. And, yes, he is an active Rotarian, a member of the Rotary Club of Kathmandu Mid-Town.

Earlier this month, Rabi presented a seminar in Washington, D.C., for staff of the World Bank's global education practice. On the basis of in-depth program evaluations, he explained how OLE Nepal has refined its programs over time. Examples include increasing support to teachers after an initial, one-week training session in the use of digital resources, and aligning digital educational resources even more closely with the curriculum, to ensure that they're actually used.

Helping earthquake-damaged schools

OLE Nepal's programs are more needed than ever in the wake of the earthquake that hit the country a few months ago. For that reason, Rabi's club, Kathmandu Mid-Town, and my club, the Rotary Club of Capitol Hill in Washington, hope to team up with other clubs and districts to apply for a global grant from The Rotary Foundation. The objective will be to help repair some of the schools that have been damaged by the earthquake, but even more importantly, to provide primary school students with access to OLE Nepal's great programs and to support teachers during this difficult post-earthquake transition.

The project aims to reach at least a dozen schools in some of the most-affected areas. School repairs will be made, and low-cost but resilient laptops (about 25 per school) will be provided. The laptops will be used by students (and teachers) from different grades at different times during the day, under a shared-use model. OLE Nepal's digital libraries and other learning resources will also be available to teachers and students, and extensive training will be given to teachers to achieve the maximum impact.