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Rotary Club of Etobicoke

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Board 2014-2015

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February 04, 2015 – SPEAKER: Carol Chabot - LOFT

Reporting: Ron Miller

Pictures: Ron Miller & Peter Dusek

Today's Speaker Chris Snyder - HIP



President Mark introduced Chris by saying that he met Chris for the first time 8 years ago when Chris was organizing a "sweat equity" trip to Tanzania. Since Mark was born in Africa, but left there when he was 3 years old, he had the "urge to go back" and this was the perfect opportunity to do so. They were in Tanzania for 4 weeks and he spent a lot of time with Chris and got to know him well along with a "great bunch of other Rotarians". During that time he formed a "strong appreciation" of what Chris "is and what he does". Chris is a "great Rotarian, a great person, and a great humanitarian". He has done a "lot of work" in Africa, Cambodia and with "3rd World Issues in our own backyard".

Chris "is delighted to be here today", but feels as if he "is talking to the converted" as our Club has already been involved in Aboriginal projects with

food, clothing, etc. He also wanted to mention Paul Roeser and Michael Bell's plans for the District Conference in October that will have a "huge Aboriginal theme".

Chris began by giving a little "historical background".
Historical

- ✓ Indigenous people have been in North America for 15,000 years
- ✓ Societies in general peaceful, integrated, cooperative, environmentally sound
- ✓ 1492 Europeans arrived
- ✓ Cultural clashes
- ✓ Treaties (124 in Ontario alone). Many broken leading to land claims, distrust, need for consultation, dependency, loss of hope
- ✓ Disease such as smallpox devastating. Populations of 500,000 to 2 million dropped to 125,000 by 1990. In 2014 – 1.6 million first nation
- ✓ Indian Act controls activities and rights
- ✓ Residential school system in 1874
- ✓ Designed to "assimilate"
- ✓ Cultural genocide
- ✓ Generations of Aboriginal people victims of physical, mental and sexual abuse
- ✓ Most residential schools closed by mid 1970's
- ✓ Last school in Canada closed in 1996

This lead to;

- Intergenerational Trauma
- ✓ 60's Scoop - Term referred to the phenomenon beginning in 1960's to 1980's of UNUSUALLY high numbers of Aboriginal children apprehended from their families
 - -substance abuse

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- -physical abuse
- -sexual abuse
- -economic hardship, neglect

- ✓ The impact on children and families;
- ✓ Destroyed family ties, humiliation & self worth
- ✓ Poor parenting skills
- ✓ Loss of culture and language
- ✓ Learned abusive and unhealthy behaviours
- ✓ Over representation of Aboriginal Children in child welfare system
- ✓ Over representation of Aboriginal people in criminal justice system
- ✓ High rates of suicide/youth suicide
- ✓ Poor health outcomes
- ✓ Poor education outcomes
- ✓ General mistrust of government systems
 - Education
 - Justice
 - Medical

NCFST (National Child and Family Services Toronto) Youth Focus Group – The priorities are education; job, and employment. In Toronto;

- ✓ In Toronto; only 33% of Aboriginal youth have achieved a high school education; 50% are functionally illiterate; 33% drop out of school as compared with 16% of other youth
- ✓ “Education is the ticket out of poverty”
- ✓ 3% of Ontario’s youth population is Aboriginal, yet Aboriginal Youth make up 23.5 % of our provincial youth unemployment rate

Why HIP?

The Mission: Support education of indigenous people in all its forms; promote understanding and awareness of the culture, history and issues of indigenous people to Rotarians and others.

The Goals: Create an organization of Rotarians and Rotary Clubs working in partnership and in collaboration with indigenous people in Canada and other interested parties whose focus is on education in all its forms, for the purpose of: Empowering indigenous people; and creating awareness and

understanding of Aboriginal issues amongst Rotary members and others.

The Values: HIP adheres to the core values of the Rotary International 4-Way Test and the Seven Anishinaabek Grandfather Teachings. They believe:

1. Service – Working together with our partners to create a culture of service.
 2. Integrity – Committed to and expect accountability and transparency from all of our members, and ethical and professional standards in all work and personal relationships.
 3. Diversity – Membership and all members will be treated with respect and dignity regardless of their role.
 4. Leadership – The importance of understanding leadership development and empowerment of indigenous people.
 5. Collaboration – Foster partnerships and collaboration amongst Rotary clubs, Rotarians, indigenous peoples and their communities and other groups
 6. Sustainability – Programs are to be designed to be sustainable, owned by the indigenous community, not becoming dependent upon Rotary to provide for continual funding and support.
7. 4-Way Test
8. 7 Sacred Grandfather Teachings (Anishinaabek) – Truth, Humility, Honesty, Respect, Courage, Love and Wisdom (Operating Principles)

HIP’s Role?

The mission, values and principles were developed after extensive discussions with many Rotarians and indigenous leaders. HIP’s role, in part, will be to:

- ✓ Create a “go-to” website - www.rotaryhip.com
- ✓ List and share educational project opportunities
- ✓ Create opportunities to partner with other clubs and groups
- ✓ Provide ideas for clubs to create awareness amongst club members and other Canadians
- ✓ Provide a place to go for all Canadians to become better informed about indigenous culture and history
- ✓ Provide leadership and an example for all Canadians to follow

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- ✓ Create a tax receipt facility for personal donations (to be finalized)
- ✓ Provide updates on current activities throughout Ontario and across Canada

What You Can Do:

- ✓ Educate yourself and others about current and past history through books, links and this website.
- ✓ Attend a PowWow.
- ✓ Take time to seek out, speak with, listen to and understand an indigenous person. Everyone has a story.
- ✓ Invite an indigenous person to speak to your Rotary club – bring guests, better still, invite indigenous people to become members.
- ✓ Create a committee in your club and district, and partner in a project.
- ✓ Visit a reserve or Native Child and Family Services Centre in your area
- ✓ Try to dispel myths about the indigenous people.
- ✓ Visit a Native Friendship Centre in your community.
- ✓ Talk to others about indigenous people. Invite them to visit the website.
- ✓ Get involved politically if you are so inclined. Take a stand on an issue.
- ✓ Host a forum in your community.

Become a Member:

HIP offers an opportunity and a place for those who want to be part of creating a different future for Canada and who believe now is the time. HIP creates the space for this to happen. Charter Memberships for \$100 will be offered until June 30, 2015. HIP members will be able to participate in activities that are important to the well-being of our country. Membership offers: Access to current and existing programs; information about other education programs you can join; an opportunity to obtain partners (other Rotary clubs or outside partnerships); guidelines on how to work with the indigenous community.

Paul Harris Recognitions:



DGE Michael Bell noted that at our first meeting of 2015 he presented Paul Harris recognitions to 3 of our members who have made contributions to the Rotary Foundation. And now, less than 4 weeks later, he is pleased to be able to do that again. Michael presented Paul Harris recognitions to Cecilia Luu (her 1st), Hugh Williams (PH+3), and Ron Miller (PH+5).

Cecilia Luu – Club Banner Presentation



Cecilia Luu presented President Mark with a club banner from the Rotary Club of Budapest-City, Hungary (D1911) that she recently visited. Cecilia will be forwarding a banner from our Club to them.

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Secretary's Announcements



Monday, February 2nd – International Service Committee meeting – 6 PM – Rotary Clubhouse

Wednesday, February 4th – Community Service Committee meeting – 5 PM – Rotary Clubhouse

Monday, February 9th – Board of Directors meeting – 6 PM (\Food), 6:30 PM (Meeting start) – Rotary Clubhouse.

Monday, February 16th – Rotary “Pot Luck Dinner” – Rotary Clubhouse - All members are invited – Watch for further details

Thursday, February 19th – Rotary Club of Toronto Networking Evening – 6 PM – The National Club (\$5/person) – Contact Ron Miller or Mark Winson

Saturday, February 21st – “Community and Government Services” Fair – Cloverdale Mall – 11 AM – 4 PM – Volunteers are needed to help at the Club’s display – Please contact Ron Miller.



50/50 Draw

Mark WINSON – 8 of Clubs. The pot \$600+ continues to grow. .

Visitors & Guests



Visiting Rotarians

- Chris Snyder – Rotary Club of Toronto

Visitors and Guests

- ✚ Claude Dagenais – Guest of John Campbell
- ✚ Alicia Vianga – Guest of Gill Dugas
- ✚ Vera Ivakina – Intervarsity Christian Fellowship
- ✚ Ruth Sangalang - Intervarsity Christian Fellowship

Attendance:

Members 14
Visitors & Guests - 05
Total - 19

HAPPY BUCKS



Ralph Chiedo – Ralph was happy to thank our Club and several of our members (including President Mark) for supporting the “Boundless” fundraiser for U of T’s Otolaryngology – Head & Neck Surgery Department which was held at Ralph’s office last Thursday evening (January 22nd). Ralph said he invited “a few good friends” to attend with \$105,000+ being raised. He wanted to thank to Club for purchasing 2 tickets for the event. Ralph passed around some photos from the evening. He added that the U of T President was the along with the scientist and doctors who served as waiters for the night. MP Julian Fantino acted as the wine steward. Ralph said everyone had “lots of fun”. The fundraiser was in support of assisting in the

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development and purchase of the required equipment to better assist with improving the delivery and care for patients with ear, nose, and throat diseases. Ralph added that the “5 young doctors” in the program are also “training doctors from all over the world” in this program. Ralph also was happy to mention that on Friday, February 27th Trillium Hospital is holding a “huge event”. “Laughing Out Loud” will have “great comedians and musicians. Ralph and his family are sponsoring the event and he has donated a Jeep for the event. He is hoping that the Club might support the event by having members purchase a table.



Gill Dugas – Gill was happy to report that in September, the Club funded 80 children to enter Children's Art Foundation's "Literacy through Art" program in 2 schools in Mexico. Palo Colorado and Rancho Viejo are among the poorest villages in San Miguel. The children in these villages had little or no exposure to the world beyond their villages and schools. The Children's Arts Foundation, with our sponsorship, is offering the children a new way of seeing, learning a new skill and filling their thirst for knowledge. They are taught to read and write storytelling and art in this year long program. Their class artwork is displayed in San Miguel's small art museum. Gill brought a few pieces of the artwork that the children wish to share with us. Gill hopes to “fundraise” for CAF by selling some of the artwork to enable us to support another school with this program. She will display some of the 16 paintings at our Rotary Pavilion at Ribfest in June and at our District Conference in October.

Gill was also happy to welcome Alicia Vianga to today's luncheon. Alicia is the founder of “After Breast Cancer”, a charity that provides resources that contribute to a women's quality of life after breast cancer. She is also the creator of “Bras for Congo”, a charitable organization that accepts donated bras which are given to ladies in the Congo. Gill wanted to present Alicia with the “2nd batch of bras” she has collected. Gill said the response Has been incredible from “so many wonderful ladies”.



Michael Bell – Michael was happy to say that he spent the last week at the Rotary International Assembly for the training of the incoming District Governors from around the world. He said it was an “intense” week (they started at 6 AM and worked right through until 9 PM). He added that it was an “experience not to be missed”. Prior to going to San Diego he was invited to the Sarasota Bay Rotary Club in Florida. They have had a tradition of inviting 15 incoming District Governor from around the world for DG training. Michael said it was a “fabulous experience” where he has now made 15 “fast friends”. He said the International Assembly is “Rotary at another level”. Michael also wanted everyone to know that Incoming RI President the theme for 2015-16 from incoming Rotary President K.R. “Ravi” Ravindran's theme for 2015-16 is “Be a Gift to the World”. Michael was also happy to present President Mark with Club banners that he had exchanged with other DGE's in Sarasota and at Assembly. He presented banners from the Rotary Clubs of; Sarasota Bay, Florida (D6960); Lietuva, Lithuania

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(D1462); Visakhapatnam South, India (D3020); and banners from Districts 9110 & 9140 in Nigeria.

Mark Winson – Mark was happy to thank Ralph for holding “his event” on Thursday and that it shows “the reach and pull” Ralph has to raise more than \$105,000. Mark added that he “appreciated the opportunity to be there”.

Chris Snyder – Chris was happy to say that he was happy to see Brock Buchanan here today. Chris and Brock roomed together at Ridley College in St. Catharines 60 years ago. Chris added that he was sorry that Lynda Ryder wasn't here today. He said she is “Rotary's #1 cheerleader”.

St Mathew's Out of the Cold



On Sunday (January 25th) Rotary Etobicoke provided brown bag lunches for St. Matthew's Out of the Cold Program for homeless men. Our lunch bags will be given to the men when they depart St. Matthew's Church after getting overnight accommodation, dinner, shower, clean clothes, and breakfast. We are proud to be a partner with St. Matthew's in their important program caring for the homeless during the winter months.

Saturday, February 21st - Rotary Etobicoke's Team for Haven on

the Queensway's “Coldest Night of the Year” Fundraiser

Please sign up for RCE's team. We will request the \$25 be covered by Community Services Committee's budget. Individual pledges are welcome and forms are available. Family and friends are very welcome

Date: Saturday, February 21

Location: Queensway Church's Gym, 1536 The Queensway, opposite Haven

Parking: In Church lot

Time: 4 p.m. for Registration

5 p.m. Open Ceremonies

5:15 p.m. Walk Begins

6 p.m. Registration Closes

8 p.m. Route closes

Registration: Sign waiver - Registration fee \$25 per walker

Bring: good walking shoes/boots, hat or toque, gloves, maybe a scarf; and a warm jacket

Rest Stops: provided at the 2 and 5 km marks; some shelter, some heat, a bathroom and some snacks and hot drinks

Routes: 2 km, 5km and 10 km - route maps provided

Support: Volunteers and Division 22

Finish Ceremony: Queensway Church's Gym, 1536 The Queensway, opposite Haven

Finish get together: Between 6 and 9 p.m. a warm, light meal will be served to all walkers and volunteers

Contact: Gill Dugas