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Rotary Club of Etobicoke

District Governor: **Michael Bell**

RI President: K.R "Ravi" Ravindran

Week July 15, 2015

Board 2014-2015

President: Jack Fleming Past President Mark Winson, President Elect: Gregg Dobson, Secretary: Ron Miller,

Treasurer: Don Edwards

Directors: Donna Cansfield, Andre Dugas, Gillian Dugas, Gerald Lue, Kester Trim, Lynda Ryder, Hugh Williams.

Next Meeting: July 22, 2015 – Virginia O’Rielly Club Survey

Reporting: Ron Miller

Pictures: Ron Miller & Peter Dusek

Today's Speaker: BIF With Club Social and Citizenship Re- affirmation Ceremony



Past President Mark's "Passing the Torch"

Past President Mark Winson wanted to say a few words before handing things over to President Jack. He added that our Club has never really had a "formal ceremony" to mark the change over from one President to another and hoped that tonight's get-together might become an annual tradition. He also wanted to touch on some of the things that he thinks "highlighted" his year as President.

The Clubhouse: He thinks we are "very fortunate" to have been able to gain access to the space we are using for our Clubhouse and for only \$1/yr. We have been able to hold

meetings and other events here, as well as serving as a great storage place for all sorts of things. Thanks to our "hands on" members we were able to paint, clean the carpets and furnish the clubhouse. Mark says his "legacy" will be that he was able to procure a full sized board table for our meetings there.

Our Club continued its support of the York University Rotaract Club and we have now helped charter a new Rotaract Club at Humber College thanks to the work of Maati Lahroussi.

We delivered a "large cheque" from Ribfest to the Toronto Rotary Club who took on the job of collecting the entrance "donations" at the Ribfest gates. The cheque amounted to around \$70K, or half of the gate proceeds, and represented the "largest fundraiser" for the Toronto Club. Mark thinks it is great that a portion of our Ribfest proceeds became the Toronto Club's biggest fundraiser.

Mark wanted to recognize Gill and Andre Dugas and Theresa Sherwood for their "many hours" of hard work they have done in the "Hands on Etobicoke" committee. They have organized events such as ; preparing dinner for Youth Without Shelter; lunches for the "Out of the Cold" programs; being "marshals" for the Dorothy Ley Hospice walk; bringing gifts to hospitals and seniors; etc.

The "Family Day" potluck dinner at the Clubhouse was a great success and everyone had a good time. Mark is hoping that this event, which was originally suggested by Michael Bell, will become an annual function of the Club.

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The Club inducted 9 new members during Mark's year but sadly we lost 2 of our long-time members Andy Irvine and Stan Long. However, there was a good turn of members at events held to honour both of them.

Mark also wanted to thank Jeremy and his staff at the Bier Markt for all of their help at tonight's event. He also wanted to thank them for their help staffing the VIP tent at Ribfest.

Mark now wanted to "officially" pass the torch to Jack and hopes this will "morph into something significant" over the years as an "ongoing event". He told Jack that he would "leave the Club still in one piece" for him and he thinks he has succeeded. He said "the Club is in good hands" with Jack and that we should be "privileged and happy" to have him as our new President.

President Jack's Comments

President Jack wanted to thank Mark for the "respect and wisdom" that he brought to the role of President over the past year and will "call on him on a regular basis" for his insight during the upcoming year.

Jack said that he wasn't going to talk much tonight about his upcoming plans for this year. Those members who attended last Wednesday's luncheon meeting have already heard his plans, and for those who were not able to attend they can read his entire plans which were published in last week's Club bulletin. However, he did want to mention a few things.

He had a meeting with Kirsty Duncan in her office this morning to discuss how the Club can "connect better" with the North Etobicoke neighbourhoods that she represents. Kirsty respects what we are doing and has volunteered to give any support she can to any initiatives that we can work together on.

Jack added that members were looking to have more "social" events and he was happy to see such a good turnout this evening's. He thinks we should try to have some social events on a regular basis.

Canadian Citizenship Re-affirmation Ceremony – Judge Karen McMillan



President Jack introduced our Rotary Club of Etobicoke member, Judge Karen McMillan, who will preside over this evening's Canadian Citizenship Re-affirmation Society. She began by saying that many of us had observed the Citizenship Ceremony that we hold every year at Ribfest had mentioned to her that they had never been to a ceremony like this before. They saw people who had worked hard to prove that they recognize the value of Canadian Citizenship to become a Canadian Citizen.



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Prior to the official ceremony Judge McMillan made the following comments;



"Rotary Colleagues, Ladies and Gentlemen, Mesdames et Messieurs, it is my honour to preside over this ceremony, where you will formally re-affirm your Canadian Citizenship. Whether you were born here or made your choice to become a Canadian Citizen, publically reciting the same Oath of Citizenship as those who more recently recognized the privilege and met the requirements of Canadian Citizenship is a reminder of how fortunate we are to call Canada our "home and native land". From sea to sea, Canada is a country of natural spectacle and cultural diversity with a rich, brave and honourable history. As a Canadian you have the freedom to associate, express yourself, believe and worship, and, you have the right to do it anywhere in the country, in either official language, avec no puple fondature et ou avec les puple venant die yere (with our founding people and/or with people of other cultures). Be proud of your identity and recognize with interest and respect, the pride that others hold in their identity. Honour the fact that you have Canadian Citizenship and with that privilege you have the responsibility to live a life that promotes Canadian values. Because we are "strong and free", there is no country in the world with diversity on the scale of what we have. Everyone has an honoured place, whatever their ethnicity, religion, social background, country of birth or cultural heritage. Our Government is not only looking into the world to find, but Canada attracts, the world's most talented and innovative immigrants who can contribute to the

Canadian economy and help our country flourish. I ask you to take pride in your identity, meet and learn from others, and together always defend Canada's way of life. As you have proven by becoming a member of this Rotary club, you understand that helping that helping others in the community is the cornerstone of responsible citizenship. You have taken responsibility and you make life richer for yourself, your neighbours and those less fortunate. For Canada to remain the "True North Strong and Free", citizens must protect and nurture her from within. As a Canadian Rotarian you are exemplifying those responsibilities. Continue to direct and encourage those who stand beside you in your family, your business, your life as a volunteer so that they look up to you. They may learn and follow your example. Use your Canadian "Rights and Freedoms" well and respectfully and take nothing for granted. Continue to make your mark and make Canada an even better place to live. As you repeat the Canadian Citizenship Oath after me, trust that the memory of this re-affirmation will remind you that you stand shoulder to shoulder with every Canadian citizen and, as a Rotarian; you are proving your commitment to be a truly "great" Canadian!"



Judge McMillan now asked everyone to "stand, raise their right hand and repeat after her" as she gave the Re-affirmation Oath. After the oath was completed, she personally greeted all the participants and presented them with a certificate along with a "Canadian Maple Leaf" pin.

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Special Guest - John McMillan



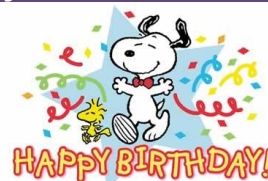
We were fortunate to have a special guest at this evening's Club Social and Citizenship Re-affirmation Society, John McMillan. John is the father of Karen McMillan and has been a Rotarian for 66 years. John is 92 years young. He is a Paul Harris Fellow and is currently a member of the East York Rotary Club.

Ribfest "Decompression" Party



A Ribfest "Decompression" Party was held at Liz Read's residence on July 10th. At the party, Past President Mark took the opportunity to present Lynn Manwar with her Paul Harris Fellow certificate that hadn't arrived in time for her Paul Harris presentation at the BIF on June 17th.

Birthdays



Bob MAXWELL - July 19
Jeremy CARTER - July 19
Gill DUGAS - July 19

Best wishes on your Happy Day ...

Club Administration

Monday, August 10th – Board of Directors meeting
– 6:00 pm (for food) 6:30 pm (meeting start) –
Rotary Clubhouse.

Visitors & Guests

Visiting Rotarians:

- ✚ John McMillan – East York – Guest of Karen McMillan
- ✚ Iosie Ciosa – Forest Hill

Visitors & Guests:

- ❖ Sandy Radecki – Guest of Ron Miller
- ❖ Rhena Fleming – Guest of Jack Fleming
- ❖ Jo-Ann Bell – Guest of Michael Bell
- ❖ Joshua Crandall – Guest of Toyin Dada
- ❖ Brenda Lue – Guest of Gerald Lue
- ❖ Susan Kellam – Canada Citizenship – Guest of Karen McMillan
- ❖ Mariana Quintero – Canada Citizenship – Guest of Karen McMillan

Attendance:

Members 22
Visitors & Guests - 09
Total – 31