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## Rotary Club of Etobicoke

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Week May 13, 2015

**Board 2014-2015**

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**Directors: Donna Cansfield, Gregory Dobson, Gillian Dugas, Ingrid McGaughey, Frederik Martin, Kester Trim,**

**May 20, 2015 - Toronto Ribfest Brew-Haha, Bier Markt @ Sherway Gardens 6. 30 pm**

Reporting: Ron Miller

Pictures: Ron Miller & Peter Dusek

### Today's Speaker: Greg Dobson 2015 Camp Enterprise "Debriefing"



Our scheduled speaker was unable to be here today, so Greg Dobson graciously stepped in to provide an update on this year's Camp Enterprise which took place last weekend.

President Mark introduced Greg as our PEE (President Elect Elect) and the "General" of Camp Enterprise since he has been heading the program for the last 8 years. During that time he has developed a "set structure" that has "worked very well".

Greg said that it was another "very successful" Camp Enterprise that was held May 7th to 9th at the University of Toronto, Erindale (Mississauga) Campus. He had 45 students from high schools in

Etobicoke register. Greg brought copies of the "Champion Binder" that he prepares and distributes to the various high schools as part of the recruiting drive. The "champs" are designated people at each school (principal, guidance counsellor, teacher, etc.).

Greg wanted to mention this year's "notable presenters: Lynda Ryder, Vanessa Koch, Spencer Winson, and Eric Tonellato and his staff from the Ministry of Labour. James Simon also assisted with assigning rooms at the Erindale Dorm rooms. He also wanted to thank the U of T and Antonia Maughan of conference services.

Our Camp Enterprise Mission statement reads: "Rotary Club of Etobicoke's Camp Enterprise will endeavor to nurture and reward the entrepreneurial and charitable spirit of Etobicoke youth. Under the theme of "Change Your World", participants will learn leadership and teambuilding skills from community experts. The most valuable participants in the camp, those who enrich the Camp experience for all participants, will receive seed capital for their own community project. For those who are interested and committed to making their community a better environment to live and grow, Camp Enterprise can help you Change Your World".

The students were broken up into 9 teams and through his "structured program" work towards putting together a business plan to put together their own "favourite" charity presentation. The winning team will get \$2,000 in "seed money" to put their plan in motion. Greg noted that his year's winning team had an "unique" idea. Their charity was Sick Kids but they wanted to write a book that would be distributed at the hospital called "The Girl

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Who Could Not Twirl a Curl” about a girl who had lost her hair due to cancer treatment and her wish was to have enough hair to be able to “twirl a curl”. The next step will be to mentor this group for 3 to 4 months to help make this plan come to fruition.

Greg thinks that Camp Enterprise is a “great success” and that kids are “truly amazing” the way they buy into the program. He thinks these are kids that are genuinely going to help “change the world”.



Greg presented the “Speakers flowers” to Ralph's guest from Italy, Patrizia Contasto.

## International Service

### Funding for Victims of Earthquakes in Nepal



On Thursday, May 14 Rotary Etobicoke was pleased to present a cheque to Zeke O'Connor, Founder of

The Sir Edmund Hillary Foundation Earthquake Rebuild Fund. The Sir Edmund Hillary Foundation has been supporting and fundraising for the region of Solo-Khumbu since 1976. The earthquake tragedies of April 25 and May 12 have extended far past the Kathmandu area and our funding will be directed to the remote areas in the high Himalayas where many villages and clinics have been destroyed by these natural disasters. Our donation is eligible to be matched by the Canadian Government.

## Club Administration

### Rotary Club of Etobicoke Club Assessment Survey

President Mark said that he was pleased with the response from our members to the Club Assessment Survey. There were 40 responses, which is over 50% of our membership which is considered a “god result”. He is hoping that there is a lot of “good information” that we can use going forward for next year and in the future to help make improvements to our Club.

### Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> – Ribfest “Brew HaHa” – Bier Mark (Queensway & North Queen)

Our regular BIF that would have been scheduled for Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> has been moved to the Bier Markt (across from Sherway Gardens) so that the Club can celebrate the “kick-off” of Toronto Ribfest 2015 with the Ribfest “Brew HaHa”. This will be another fun evening of ribs and craft beers and an opportunity to hear what is “new and fabulous” at this year’s event. The media has been invited and local politicians. 6:30 pm until the beer runs out. This is a must attend event...see you there. Please R.S.V.P. the Brew HaHa Cheerleader at [RIBFESTGALA@gmail.com](mailto:RIBFESTGALA@gmail.com) or 647-745-7701 if you plan to attend.

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## Birthdays



George BABLIS - May 13

*Best wishes on your Happy Day ...*

## Attendance:

Members 08  
Visitors & Guests - 05  
Total - 13

## HAPPY BUCKS



## 50/50 Draw



**Michael BELL – 7 of Clubs** As a consolation prize President Mark presented Michael with a tin of “Quality Street” chocolates which he shared with those present today. **NOTE: There are now only 15 cards left and the pot (as of today) is \$818.**

**Florian Hammerbacher (via Ron Miller)** – Ron was happy to read the following letter from Florian:

*“Good morning/ afternoon Ron,*

*After an amazing week in Berlin, Sonja and I were off again, dashing to London - by TRAIN! :-)*

*We are doing better and better by the month - and now we got a surprise! (No, no baby, mind you... :-)* ) *We are going to be re-posted, come August already...Which IS somewhat stressful; yet we will be posted to SYDNEY, Australia! :-) Hence the 50\$ for the Happy-Bucket! :-) :-)*

## Visitors & Guests



### Visiting Rotarians

- ✦ Roberto Maletta – Rotary Club of Rogliano Valle Del Savuto, Italy (D2100) – Guest of Ralph Chiodo

### Visitors & Guests:

- ✦ Pema Rabgha – Guest of Greg Dobson
- ✦ Patrizia Contasto – Guest of Ralph Chiodo
- ✦ Emilio Contasto - Guest of Ralph Chiodo
- ✦ Chiara Contasto - Guest of Ralph Chiodo

*Rotary-wise I never caught on over here in Europe. :- ( Attended quite a couple in different cities. With working all over the place I got to see quite a lot. Yet in Brussels I never felt home in one of the clubs. (Besides, my French still is not good enough to follow such a meeting and activities.) Which is a pity. Let's just say, the approach to Rotary is rather different to what I was privileged to experience with our club in Etobicoke!*

*Also as an aside, maybe you want to mention it as well: THANK YOU ALL for writing and sharing the weekly bulletin/ newsletter! I find it so worth reading and keeping in touch this way. And also thank you to President Marc for conducting the survey! (Which I submitted,) I find it a great way to offer (and to ask for) input. (With our new itinerary/ schedule it doesn't seem likely anymore to fly to Toronto for RIBFEST... :- ( We will see!)*

*I still miss you all and hope that you all are tending to flowers in the garden rather than dealing with shoveling snow.*

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*All the very best to you - and to the whole club - and our blessings, Sonja and Florian."*

**Ralph Chiedo** – Ralph was happy to say that his “not so young 2nd son” Tony was getting married and that he was also happy to have his guests for the wedding from Italy here today.

**Pema Rabgha** – Pema was sponsored by our Club to attend RYLA a couple weeks ago and was also attended our Camp Enterprise 2 years ago. Pema was happy to say that our sponsorship of him at Camp Enterprise was a great influence on his development. He helped at Ribfest and also received a scholarship from the Club. He is now a student at Humber College. He also wants to thank us for sponsoring him the RYLA. He said it was a great learning experience teaching leadership, presentation skills, confidence building, etc. He was also happy to hear that Humber College now has a Rotaract Club which he intends to become involved with. He is looking forward to working with us.

**Roberto Maletta (via Ralph Chiedo)** – Ralph mentioned that Roberto was happy to inform him that his guest Chiara had received an award from the Rotary Club of Rome based on her achievements at school. He thinks she should look into Rotaract in Rome.



Mark & Ralph presenting Club Banner to Roberto Maletta

**Mark Winson** – Mark was happy to say that “it was always nice to have Lynda Ryder at our meetings”. He was also happy to say that last Thursday, Michael and Jo-Ann Bell, Theresa Sherwood, Diane Irvine, Michael Lu and himself

cooked dinner for 50 youths at Youth Without Shelter. Mark made his “famous” crockpot lasagna and the food was well received. He added that YWS was “very appreciative” and that they are “a fun group to work with”.

## This Weeks Calendar



Monday, May 25th - Ribfest  
Committee meeting - 6:00 pm -  
Rotary Clubhouse

Saturday, May 30th - District  
Conference Meeting - 9:30 am -  
Rotary Clubhouse

Thursday, June 4th - Preliminary  
Board Meeting for the 2015-16  
Board of Directors - 5:30 to 6:45 pm  
- Rotary Clubhouse

Saturday, June 6th - District  
Conference Meeting - 9:30 am -  
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## **Camp Enterprise 2015 – Student Testimonial**

By: Kwaku Agyemang, Jayda Allen-Brown, Anika Forrest, Gabie Gasataya, Amreen Khan, Adit Mistry, Akina Peter, Ravinder Randhawa, Kerman Sekhon, Asuitha Shiredaran, and Ms. Smitas

A group of North Albion students went to the University of Toronto, Mississauga campus (UTM) for a session held by the Rotary Club on Thursday, May 7. The two and a half day stay was an opportunity for students to collaborate with one another and to learn how to fundraise money for a charity of their choice. When students got to the UTM, they met various Rotarians who explained the Rotary Club in more detail. There were many speakers with different abilities and viewpoints. They educated students on different organizations and what they represent. They learned about various charities. Students had a chance to win \$2,000 for the charity of their choice, to make an event and then donate money to them.

Students played some ice breakers to get to know the students from other schools in Etobicoke. Students learned many things at Camp Enterprise, related to business and marketing, presentation skills, leadership skills, information about volunteering, how to make a profit, how unions work, how to be successful, how to make oral presentations in front of a group of people, and more. They learned life lessons and how to make the world a better place.

One student says that it helped her “come out of her shell”, another said that it helped her overcome her shyness. Another said that she learned to bond with new people. She said it was a life changing experience. One student said that Camp Enterprise was one of the best experiences in his life. There were many activities and games, which made business fun to learn. Students were split up into multiple groups numerous times to play different

games that linked business, marketing, and sales. Tim Horton’s coffee vs. McDonald’s coffee was one topic. There was one activity, where students had to draw on t-shirts and come up with a plan how to sell them. Students loved living in residence during their stay, mingling, socializing, and making new friends.

Students found this camp to be an extraordinary opportunity, helpful in showing them what the world of work will be like in the future, it was fun, “the greatest time”, enjoyable, well-organized, and an “amazing” experience. The participants would recommend that their peers also take part in the Camp Enterprise programme, an eye opener to the business world. Some students are hoping to go again next year.

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## **Harvesting for hunger**

Rotary First Harvest, a program of Rotary District 5030, Seattle, Washington, USA

You won't find fancy cocktails or colorful streamers at these parties. But Rotary members in the Seattle area still have a good time at Rotary First Harvest work parties, where they repackage surplus produce for distribution to the hungry. "The work is rewarding and great fun," says David Schooler, Rotary member and president of Rotary First Harvest. The organization collaborates with farmers, truckers, volunteers, and food banks to move food that might otherwise go to waste to food banks and meal programs for those in need.

Schooler and around 100 Rotary members and friends gather at a warehouse twice a month to break down 1,000-pound bins of food into smaller boxes or serving bags. They also volunteer on farms to gather fresh fruits and vegetables that aren't economically viable for farmers to harvest. In one season, Rotary First Harvest coordinated 1,500 volunteers and provided 3 million family meals.

*-From Rotary International -*

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