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Rotary Club of Etobicoke

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**Wednesday, December 14, 2016 – Annual Club Christmas Dinner – Franklin Horner
Community Centre, 432 Horner Avenue – 6:00-7:00 PM (Cocktails), 7:00 PM (Dinner)**

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, January 11, 2017 – Speaker: Maria Barcelos – The Gatehouse

Reporting: Ron Miller

Pictures: Ron Miller & Peter Dusek

A Look at Some of the Projects that Rotary Etobicoke Has Been Recently Involved In

Women's Habitat:

Theresa Sherwood delivered 3 boxes (108 bags) of rice meals from our Kids against Hunger (KAH) food packaging event to Women's Habitat. Lina Almanzan said that they will prepare some of the mix in their new kitchen (where Rotary Etobicoke sponsored the wash/sanitizer unit), as well as distributing the bags. The Club also provided \$500 for their Holiday Hamper program.



Etobicoke Sharks Swim Club

Rotary Etobicoke provided \$2,500 to the Etobicoke Sharks Swim club for developmentally delayed members. The donation was for swim suits and rental requirements.



St. James Food Basket:

Gill Dugas presented Rotary Etobicoke's \$1,000 cheque to support St. James Food Basket along with 6 boxes or 216 bags of rice meals from the KAH food packing. St. James Food Basket is a pop-up food bank held every Wednesday in St. James United Church Fellowship Hall. St. James Food

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Basket provides food and services to 205 families each week, which is 672 people per week, or close to 29,000 in 2016. Rotary Etobicoke is a proud supporter of St. James Food Basket with student backpacks, toiletries and other items throughout the year.



Haven on the Queensway – Toiletries:

Bev Hynek, Director of Haven on the Queensway, expressed her appreciation for the 13 shoe boxes of toiletries for their Hope on Wheels program that was delivered by Gill Dugas. Their humanitarian bus visits weekly with youth at risk and homeless in Etobicoke and Toronto. The bus provides winter clothes, sleeping bags, food, medical counselling and toiletries. Bev said they are very short of toiletries at this time and the boxes will be distributed immediately. Thanks to friends and families of Rotary Etobicoke and a large donation from Lynda Ryder.



Community Partner Silicates provides lunch for St. Margaret's "Out of the Cold (OTC)" Program:

Lynda Ryder and her wonderful team from Silicates, took over the lunch program from Rotary Etobicoke with the funding and preparing of take away lunches for 35 homeless men in St. Margaret's Lakeshore Out of the Cold Program on Monday. The lunch consisted of ham & turkey breast on a ciabatta bun, fruit drink, two chocolates, cheese and a mandarin for each client. Rotary Etobicoke thanks our Silicates partner for their annual support and dedication to this important community project.



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Anduhyau First Nations Women's Shelters **– Toiletries:**

On Thursday, December 1, Gillian Dugas packed and delivered 20 boxes of toiletries to Celyne Gaspé, Fundraising Coordinator of Anduhyau First Nations Women's Shelter. The boxes will be given to families in Anduhyau Emergency Shelter and Nekenan Second Stage Housing.



The following "Thank You" letter was received;

Rotary Club of Etobicoke
% Gillian Dugas

Dear Rotary Club,

Thank you to Gillian and Andre for your generous donation of shoeboxes you worked hard to purchase and pack for the women at Anduhyau, and thank you to your friends and to the Rotary Club friends and families for all their contributions.

We look forward to giving out the holiday gift boxes. The items inside being practical and much needed, the box sturdy, transparent and reusable. Your group

certainly have put much thought and heart into these holiday gift boxes.

Please accept this letter as an expression of our gratitude for your kindness and generosity.

Happy Holidays and Best Wishes for the New Year!

Sincerely,

Blanche Meawassige
Executive Director
Anduhyau Inc.

St. Mathews "Out of the Cold" Program:

On December 4, Gillian Dugas presented a \$1,000 cheque to support St. Matthew's Church Out of the Cold Program. St. Matthew's volunteer team provides overnight accommodation for 27 homeless men along with dinner, movie, good company, and an early breakfast and take away lunch every Sunday from late November to early April.



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The Gatehouse – Cheque Presentation:

Mary Grogan presented Maria from the Gatehouse with a cheque from Rotary Etobicoke for \$1800 for art supplies, printing and a video presentation. The Gatehouse is a Child Abuse Investigation and support site.



for the new year. President Piet & I will go up and take another picture for you.

Thank you again for your kind involvement.

Bernadette & I wish you and all the members a Merry Christmas & a happy and healthy New Year

Proteus Technical High School – Atlantis, South Africa:

The following email was received from our former member Nigel Brown, now a member of the Waterfront Rotary Club in Cape Town, South Africa (or our Rotary Etobicoke South Branch Office) regarding the Proteus Technical High School project that our Club has helped support;

Please find the attached picture of the plaque commemorating Etobicoke's involvement with upgrading of the Proteus Technical High School ablutions. It will be presented to the school in January/February when the schools reopen

