



# WEEKLY UPDATE



## Rotary Club of Etobicoke

District Governor: Ted Koziel

RI President: Sakuji Tanaka

Week August 01, 2012

Board 2011 - 2012

*President: Hugh Williams, Secretary: Ron Miller, Treasurer: Don Edwards*

***Speaker: August 08, 2012 - David Harris President & Founder Cameron Helps***

### Today's Speaker: Brock Buchanan Amani Project



Our visiting Rotarian, Brock Buchanan from the Moshi, Tanzania Club wanted to talk for a few minutes about Amani, a project in Tanzania that he is interested in. Brock explained that Amani in Swahili means "peace".

Brock noted that the problem of homeless children in Tanzania is growing daily due to one of the world's poorest economies. In Moshi (population 150,000), which is at the foot of Mt. Kilimanjaro, is in an area of Tanzania that is "not doing very well". The area relies mainly on coffee growing along the slopes of the mountains and that the coffee trade was

suffering. This was bringing a lot of stress to the residents who can't pay such things as school fees for their children. In many cases "family disintegration" was taking place and there were many "broken children" on the streets. Kids (many as young as 11 to 14) go to town and exist on the streets, where they regularly face hunger, sickness, and abuse. Without someone to rescue them, they have no hope for the future. Amani is trying to help change this.

The Amani Centre for Street Children has been in existence for 10 years and is a place where street children and orphans have the chance to heal, learn and grow. At present Amani have 93 in care students. All the Amani kids go to school until they are self-supporting young adults. Education helps open doors for them in a country where only half of children make it through primary school. Some of the students do well with several of them now going to University in Dar es Salaam and one in a Masters program. Another 200 kids come into the Centre for counseling. Some of the counseling involves showing these kids opportunities for earning money on the streets such as shoe shining, carrying advertising signs, etc.

They have volunteers who go out on the streets to try and rescue some of the street kids. They find kids who may not have eaten anything in days and offer them a chance to come to the centre for a night and a meal. Once there they can stay as long as they want or they can leave. Brock says there are "hard cases" who don't stay due to drugs, etc, but in most cases it is

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an opportunity for many of these kids to get off the streets.

One other thing Amani is trying to do is family reunification. It believes that the best environment for a child is in a family. Their social workers try to trace each child's relatives. If reunification is possible, they equip the family with the resources they need to provide a healthy home for their children. These may include counseling, medicine, paying for school expenses, or providing support to start a small business. If reunification is not possible, they give children a loving long-term care in their home as part of the Amani family.

However, dealing with almost 300 kids, they are running out of space. They are looking to double the size of their facility. They are looking to buy an adjoin parcel of land for \$200,000 and build new facilities. They have a staff of 49 working with the kids. They want to expand and build their program. Brock says he is very impressed with the program. They raise most of their money in Europe, U.S., and Canada but he is trying to get some local investments from some of the more affluent business community in Moshi and area.

Brock says this project is known to several Rotarians in the Toronto area and who are very receptive to supporting this project. He is hoping that our Club might be interested in a donation of \$10,000 towards this project. He says that this problem is "immensely difficult to solve" but he thinks "Amani is doing a great job with a very interesting approach".

Brock mentioned a group of Rotarians that were in Moshi to climb of Mt. Kilimanjaro donated money to the project. President Hugh suggested that maybe that Clubs in the Toronto area could organized a climb of Kilimanjaro to raise money for Amani.

## Rotary Etobicoke Around The World



President Hugh made a presentation on **Rotary Etobicoke around the World (2011-12 Summary of International Projects and Expenditures)** that he asked Nigel Brown and Bernadette Hunkeler Brown to put together.

Last Rotary Year the International committee channelled more than \$110,000 of funds into its chosen projects around the world. In addition to its share of the Ribfest proceeds, it raised approximately \$21,500 from fundraisers (Night of 1000 Chopsticks, etc), other clubs, DDF in 2 districts, individual donations and sponsorships. These included the Bag Packing events that are so good for our clubs image and members!

Projects were undertaken in the following 21 countries: Bolivia, Bulgaria, Cambodia, Ghana, Haiti, Kenya, Liberia, Mexico, Mongolia, Mozambique, New Zealand, Peru, the Philippines, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

The major projects (\$5,000 & more) were:

- PolioPlus - \$10,000 of funds sent to RI for use
- Every Rotarian Every Year - \$6,000 of funds sent for RI use
- Cullinan Care & Rehabilitation Centre, Cullinan, South Africa, a project with Pretoria East club, where our club provided \$5,000 of a total of \$14,460 to

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provide patients in this psychiatric facility with craft materials, clothing, self-care materials and learning aids

- Genesis feeding program, Brits & Sonop, South Africa, a project with Brits Rotary club, where our club provided its \$7,000 Tubby-takings towards a \$12,045 budget total, to provide food for 250 people, mostly physically & mentally retarded children in 3 feeding programs, jointly organised by the Brits club. This amount is more than a year's funding for the scheme
- A Mine Free World, Cambodia, where our committee organised the Night of 1000 Chopsticks fundraiser, which raised \$1,870 on the night towards the \$5,000 donation to help the victims of landmines
- Somalia Famine Appeal, where our committee provided \$4,000 of the \$5,000 donated to the appeal
- Magoanine B school water & sanitation project, Maputo, Mozambique, is ongoing, as our committee needs to raise \$66,540 to provide a water bore, submersible pump, water tower, water fountain, toilet blocks & septic tanks for 2400 children. We have raised over \$10,000 and are raising funds from other clubs at this time. A Global Grant will be applied for and DDF & TRF funds will be required to complete the funding
- KIVA is an internet-based micro-credit organisation which displays details of aspiring borrowers and their projects. The committee originally provided \$4,000 and has by now loaned \$7,500 to 23 borrowers

With so many desperate people in so many parts of the world, anything we can do to help is worthwhile!

The International projects and expenditures have impacted the following;

1. PolioPlus
2. Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY)
3. Rift Valley Water & Sanitation Program

4. Zimbabwe Water & Nutrition Gardens
5. RADAR
6. Operation Smile
7. Delphi Buchanan project
8. Cullinan Care & Rehabilitation Centre
9. Genesis Feeding Programs, Brits
10. Sleeping Children around the World
11. A Mine Free World (2010 - 11 budget)
12. Kirua Public Clinic
13. Atorkor
14. Livingstone Wheelchairs
15. Malage Vocational Training Centre
16. Kilema Clinic
17. East African Famine Appeal
18. NZ Earthquake (2010 - 11 budget)
19. Shelterbox Canada
20. Cy Garland's Liberian project (2009 - 10 budget)
21. Trump AIDS Walk
22. Knysna HIV/AIDS project
23. Shilpa homes
24. Knysna feeding programs
25. Pencils of Hope
26. Maritu Kamara
27. Magoanine B school water & sanitation project
28. Rachel Nyawa, poultry purchase
29. Tumber Street Food Market
30. Sothea Nhem, personal purchases
31. Elizabeth Kanario, milk sales
32. Virgen De Chapi De Yanacoto Gp, weaving supplies
33. Las Perlas Group, food production/sales
34. Ganbaatar Chimeddorj, dairy purchases
35. Sambuu Dondogdorj, spare parts
36. Venus Samortin, farming
37. Mary Jane Alejandro, farming
38. Gemma Pabigayan, pig farming
39. Dorothy Bagcal, farming
40. Josefina Taguinod, food stall
41. Erlinda Matusalem, farming
42. Cherry Ann Ortiz Luis, printing
43. Leonora De Leon, food stall
44. Rebecca Juan, fruit & vegetable growing
45. Consolata, tailoring

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- 46. Asiya, tailoring
- 47. Bartolome, farming
- 48. Mirando Al Exito Gp, natural medicines
- 49. Diana's Group, bakery
- 50. Hipolita, food market



## *President's Report*

Every month I'll try and pull together a list of work I've done for the club to show my commitment to working for you. Please let me know if there's anything that should be here that you're not seeing.

### **Club Meetings**

- Chaired July 4 re: president goals for 2012-13. Presented vision to the club with flip chart presentation (see the bulletin for details)
- Chaired July 11 re: Grace Acan and Children of Hope, Uganda
- Chaired July 19 - Third Thursday re: Creating the Million Event. Prepared the notes from this meeting for the bulletin.
- Chaired July 25. Prepared presentation re: 7 Habits of Highly Effective People in memory of Stephen Covey however, Bill Patchett and Brock Buchanan gave updates instead. Prepared the notes from this meeting for the bulletin.
- Chaired Board Meeting July 9 at LAMP.
- Toronto Ribfest wrap-up meeting
- Arranged for speakers on August 1, 8, 22, and Sept 5
- Investigated Skype and other telecommunications technologies. Decision still pending for

telecommunications technology for the club. Purchased a Jambox to provide speaker phone capability.

### **Third Thursday - Big Ideas Forum**

- Ingrid, Ron and I organized our club's first monthly Big Idea evening meeting with an expert panel and a cost of only \$10. Club raised \$100 and attracted some potential new members. Lots of interesting "Big Ideas" raised with the topic "Creating a \$Million Event".
- Terrific panelists: Jody LaRose, Terance Brouse, Ed Torres

### **Membership**

- Martha MacGray resigned.
- Dr. Jay Carey and Dr. Kirsty Duncan submitted applications for club membership.
- Joanna Tudorache reinstated as a member.
- Six additional potential new members identified and contacted.

### **Sharpen the Saw**

- Ran on 16 days for a total of 104.2km.

### **Communications**

- Wrote articles and posted them on our web site about:
  - o Toronto Ribfest
  - o Ron Miller and his year.
  - o Rotary Food Initiative.
  - o Basketeers
  - o "And Then They'll Grow" song for club by Freddy Will.
- Published the Club Bulletins on club web site
- Managed the club web site with events, news, and meeting updates.
- Designed Third Thursday logo and visual identity.



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- Updated Toronto Ribfest web site to "close" it and thank everyone.
- Managed club Facebook page. Sent welcome emails to all people who "like" our page.
- Working with SNAP on a regular feature for our Club. Email exchange with Justin H. to establish costs.

## Community

- Worked Toronto Ribfest on July 1 and July 2 and helped with clean-up on July 3 after work.



## Annual Subscriptions

Treasurer Don Edwards reminds all the members that Subscriptions are due \$250.00 or \$275.00 after August 31, 2012.

## Visitors & Guests



### Visiting Rotarians

**Brock Buchanan** – Rotary Club of Moshe, Tanzania

**John Humphreys** – Rotary Club of Parkdale High Park

### Rotary Makeup

**Ralph Chiedo** – Amantea, Italy.

## Secretary's Corner

*By Ron Miller*

*Following announcements were made*

- **August 07, 2012** - Board of Directors Meeting - Hearthstone by the Bay - 3

Marine Parade Drive (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor dining room) - 6 PM - underground visitor parking is available.

- **August 16<sup>th</sup>** - the second "Third Thursday" meeting at the Kalamata Restaurant, 3473 Lake Shore Blvd. W. - 7 PM - "The Politics of Food" - How To Eradicate Child Hunger in Toronto.
- **19 - 21 October** - District Conference, Sheraton Parkway Toronto North Hotel, Richmond Hill, check district website and "Sign Up".

*Please put all these dates in your diaries and let Ron know any make-ups/meetings you have attended - THANK YOU!*

## HAPPY BUCKS



**Ron Miller** - Ron was happy to say that he celebrated his birthday last Friday (July 27<sup>th</sup>) and turn the "Big 6-5". His wife Sandy says he is now "officially old".



## 50/50 Draw

Today's 50:50 Draw **Doug Hartry** ticket was drawn out of the bag for the second week but she pulled only the **4 of Diamonds**. Pot grows!! Deck of Cards gets smaller - so it will Hugh's year for the winner now. It's a nice pot of over \$500.00.

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