



WEEKLY UPDATE



Rotary Club of Etobicoke

District Governor: Ted Koziel

RI President: Sakuji Tanaka

Week August 29, 2012

Board 2011 - 2012

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

***Speaker: Wednesday September 05, 2012 - Neil Phillips Rotary Club of Toronto
100 Years***

**Today's Speaker: District
Governor Ted Koziel**



Assistant Governor Viji Leger introduced District Governor Ted.

DG Ted said he was glad to be here today and was wanted to talk with about the exciting things happening in the District this year.

The Toronto Rotary Club is celebrating its 100th year in Rotary. Ted thinks that this should be a celebration for all Rotarians in the District as this was the 1st Rotary Club chartered in Ontario. The Club is planning to donate \$1 million from their trust fund (\$100,000 to Foundation and the remaining \$900,000 to their

other charities). RI President Sakuji Tanaka will be visiting the Toronto Club in February. Dr. Bob Scott (Mr. Polio) will be celebrating his 80th birthday in May and President Tanaka is also expected to attend.

The District has now gone to ClubRunner on its website. Ted thinks this is a very good thing for the District and he hopes to get all of the clubs "on board" as soon as possible as it will do "good things for us". He expects it will save the District \$3000/yr to be on it. It also simplifies a lot of things. When a club registers a new member it automatically is sent to the District and to RI. No longer have any needed to register in 3 places. It is also a place where clubs can advertise events. There is also a link to a "pool of speakers" that clubs could look through to find possible speakers.

The District Foundation Walk will be on Sunday September 23rd in Bowmanville. There will be a \$1000 donation to Foundation made on behalf of the club with highest percentage attendance. Ted noted that next year the method of choosing where the walk will be held will be done somewhat differently.

RLI (Rotary Learning Institute) will hold Part 1 & 2 sessions on November 17th and Part 3 on April 20th. Ted stressed that every club should try to get as many members as possible involved. Registration fees are \$70/member. The Rotary International Convention this Rotary year is in Lisbon, Portugal (Lisboa 2013), June 23-26, 2013. DGE Valarie Wafer is the District Liaison for the RI Convention. Ted suggests that we might think of getting Valarie to speak to the Club about it.

This year's RI Theme is "Peace Through Service". Gord Crann is holding a Peace Symposium in February. It is hoped that RI

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President Tanaka may attend. Ted thinks “peace is what you make it” It is “peace of mind”

DG Ted wanted to remind the Club about the Presidential Citation and hoped that we were going to work towards one again this year.

The District 7070 Conference will be held this year at Richmond Hill (Sheraton Parkway Inn), October 19-21, 2012. The Conference Theme is “Kaleidoscope of Rotary” which is highlighting the diversity of Rotarians around the world. The Conference will start off on Friday with golf at the Angus Glen Golf Course. Friday night’s entertainment will feature 4 multicultural dance groups; the Bhangra Dancers; the Chinese Dragon Dancers; The African Drummers; and the Vychodna Dancers. Saturday starts out with a great breakfast, then some exciting break-out sessions. At lunch, the guest speaker will be Zaib Shaikh (from Little Mosque on the Prairie) who will give a humorous talk on multiculturalism and the Arts. Saturday night’s entertainment will be comedians Colin Mochrie and his wife Debra McGrath. Afterwards members can dance to a band. Sunday has a full schedule as well. Ted thinks it will be a great weekend. He is hoping that most of the Rotarians from our District will attend. And for the first time, members from District 7080 will be joining us at the conference.

Ted wanted to talk about the number of Ribfest that are being held across the District. He said he didn’t need to really talk to us about it as we seemed to be doing very well with ours. What he wanted to suggest is the idea of getting other clubs to help out at another club’s Ribfest.

Ted now wanted to touch on membership.. He showed a coin that had “Service Above Self” on one side and “The Four Way Test” on the other. The idea was to hand these out to potential members to see “how many would come back” He also talked about “fellowship” among members. He said when the “President Elects” went with him to Chicago to visit RI HQ in Evanston; he gave everyone a “red nose” to put on. It was his way of saying “keep Rotary

fun”. “If it isn’t fun, you are not doing it right”. At RI Dr. Bob Scott was there and they even got him to put on a nose. Ted stressed that fellowship is very important to attracting and maintaining members. He also mentioned what some clubs are doing to keep members engaged. One club is holding only one meeting a month. Another is doing “hands-on” projects like helping out at a soup kitchen or a hospice where the community is being helped. These “hands-on” projects can lead to a stronger club. He thought our Club’s idea of the “Third Thursday” meeting was “outstanding” and wanted to be kept informed on how successful they were.

Rotary International has a “Strategic Plan” and Ted says that every club should have one too.

Ted wanted now to talk about what Rotary has meant to him personally. He grew up in Glace Bay, N.S. where his family were coal miners. He said he was able to leave there and go on to other things. Ted then said that “Rotary changed his life” He feels that he has “gotten more out of Rotary than he has put in” and that “it has given him so much”. Rotary has given him the “best friends he has ever had” and it has taught him compassion for others”. It is a great feeling when you have helped someone. He said “Service above Self” is not just a motto. It is to help others and to help make change. He suggest that we all look at “our year in Rotary” to see what we have done. If every member through there work in Rotary “saved one child” what a difference that would make. If we helped one mother smile at her child or if we helped one dad learn the basics of life and regain his pride. Ted said that he once heard someone say “ordinary people can do extraordinary things. We are those people.”

President Hugh thanked DG Ted. Announcing a “Short Board Meeting” with DG after lunch.

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Introducing our New Exchange Student Lilian Abon Arrage



President Hugh introduced Lilian to the membership. Lilian is the Club's Inbound Youth Exchange Student. She arrived last Wednesday and was met at the airport by Hugh, Michael Bell and several others. She is staying with Hugh and Ruth for the first third of her time here and will be attending Father Redmond High School. Lilian wanted to say a few words. Lilian said she is happy to be here. She is from Bauru, Brazil which is a city of approximately 360,000 people in the mid-western region of the state of Sao Paulo. Her parents have been involved with the Rotary Club of Bauru (District 4510) and that is how she became involved with the Youth Exchange Program. She presented President Hugh with the Club banner from the Bauru Rotary Club.

Visitors & Guests



Visiting Rotarians

DG Ted Koziel – Rotary Club of Richmond Hill
Maureen Koziel – Rotary Club of Richmond Hill
AG Viji Leger – Rotary Club of Woodbridge

Visitors

Lilian Abon Arrage - the Club's inbound Youth Exchange student
Marion Bishop – Potential New Member
Ruth Bear – Potential New Member
Ida Vivacqua – Guest of Ralph Chiodo

Secretary's Corner

By Ron Miller

Birthdays This Week



Andre Dugas - September 01

Following announcements were made

- **September 12th** - International Service Committee Meeting - Nigel & Bernadette's Residence 7.00 p.m.
- **September 15th** - "Bag Packing" - No Frills at Rathburn and Renforth - 2 to 5 PM - Contact Nigel Brown
- **September 23** - District Foundation Walk - Bowmanville. Contact Carol Weber
- **19 - 21 October** - District Conference, Sheraton Parkway Toronto North Hotel,

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Richmond Hill, check district website for more information.

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



Ron Miller – Ron was happy to say that he had a make-up meeting at the Belleville Rotary Club on September 20th. He brings greeting from President Ian Acton. Several other members of the Belleville club (that are familiar with some of our members) such as Past President Robert Clute, John Cairns and Ken Dixon, also wanted Ron to pass on their greetings. Ron and Ian exchanged club banners and Ron now presented President Hugh with the Belleville banner.

Ralph Chiodo – Ralph was happy to bring greetings from Italy from the Rotary Club of Amantea (our twin Club) and the Rotary Club of Rogliano Valle Del Savuto. Ralph did numerous make-ups while he was there. He said it was good to be back, though he returning to Italy on October 5th (he says he forgot to turn the lights out). Ralph also wanted to remind everyone about the upcoming Pasta Festa for Trillium Hospital. There are tickets still available and you can contact Ralph.

Russ Morreale – Russ was happy for a couple of football related reasons. On Labour Day is the Argos and the Ti-Cats will play in Hamilton at the Old Ivor Wynne Stadium. This will be the last year for the venerable old stadium as it will be torn down at the end of this year and a new one will be built. The Ti-Cats will be unable to play there while the stadium is being rebuilt so they will have to play their games in various cities next year. Russ was also happy to say that since our Club was interested in various “food initiatives”, he would like to mention “food initiative” that the CFL is doing this year. They are teaming with Purolator for the “Tackle Hunger” program. Every time a Quarterback in

the CFL is “sacked” they take the weight of the lineman that tackled him and send the equivalent weight of food to the local food bank in that city. Their goal is for 1 million pounds of food to be delivered to food banks across the CFL cities this year. That is a lot of QB’s getting sacked and a lot of big linemen.

DG Ted Koziel - DG ted was happy to say that today was his 51st Club visit out of the 56 clubs in the District so far this year (since July 1st). He said that he is taking a short break and going to Nova Scotia to celebrate Maureen and his 42nd Anniversary and September 6th. However, he did say they would going that evening to a Rotary meeting for dinner.

Paul Roeter – Paul was happy to say that he has just got back from Yellowknife. It was a “wonderful trip” and that it was the first time he had been in that part of the country. Paul also noted that since he had been on vacation he had returned looking a little “scruffy” with a beard.



50/50 Draw

Today’s 50:50 Draw **Dr Jay Carey** ticket was drawn out of the bag but he pulled only the **5 of Clubs** Pot grows!! Deck of Cards gets smaller - It’s a nice pot of over \$525.00.

“Walk The Talk”

District 7070 Foundation Walk Hosted By Rotary Club of Bowmanville

Sunday September 23, 2012
Clarington Beech Center, 28 Beech Ave,
Bowmanville
Registration 9.00 a.m. * Walk 10.00
a.m.