



WEEKLY UPDATE



Rotary Club of Etobicoke



District Governor: Ted Koziel

RI President: Sakuji Tanaka

Week December 05, 2012

Board 2011 - 2012

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

***December 12, 2012: Annual Christmas Dinner - Lambton Golf & Country Club,
6.00 PM Cocktails 7.00 PM Dinner***

Club Annual General Meeting



➤ ELECTION OF THE 2013-2014 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Ron Miller presented the following slate of candidates for the 2013-2014 Board of Directors to the membership;

- President: Michael Bell
- Vice President: Mark Winson
- Secretary: Ron Miller
- Treasurer: Don Edwards
- President-Elect: TBA
- Senior Director: Paul Roeser
- Immediate Past President: Hugh Williams
- Directors: Opal Rowe; Lynda Ryder; Maureen Borghoff; Alex Woda; Carol Weber

Ron asked the members present if there were any other nominations from the floor and none were received declared the nominations closed. Moved by Ralph Chiodo and seconded by Nigel Brown that the slate of candidates for the 2013-2014 Board of Directors be approved by the membership. The motion received unanimous approval.

➤ MICHAEL BELL'S APPLICATION FOR 2014-2015 DISTRICT 7070 DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Michael Bell has made an application to become a candidate for the 2014-2015 District 7070 District Governor. This application has been recommended by the Board of Directors and is being presented today by Ron Miller to the membership for their approval. Ron reminded the membership that there are "consequences" if Michael does become District Governor. It would be our responsibility to host the District Conference that year. Moved by Ron Miller and seconded by Ralph Chiodo that the Michael Bell's application to become a candidate for the 2014-2015 District 7070 District Governor be approved by the membership. The motion was unanimously approved. Ron will forward the application to DG Ted Koziel.

➤ WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

Three of our six new members (Picture above) were present at today's meeting, Cecilia Luu, Drew Claxton and Maati Lahroussi. President Hugh performed the New Member Induction Ceremony to officially welcome the three new members to our Club. Ron Miller presented them with their Rotary Membership cards and

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their New Member Information Package. Michael Bell presented them with their Rotary pins.



➤ CLUB FINANCIAL UPDATE

In the absence of Club Treasurer Don Edwards, Paul Roeser presented the Club Financial Update. Paul provided copies of the Club's Financial Statement for the year ending June 30, 2012 and the 2012-2013 Budget to the members present for discussion.

➤ COMMUNITY SERVICES

In the absence of Community Services Chair Gary Hepworth, Michael Bell gave the Community Services report.

So far this year the Community Services Committee has supported the following organizations:

Salvation Army Food Drive
F.E.A.T - Program equipment to support children of incarcerated parents
Toronto Rehab - Dialysis Unit at Bickle Centre
ESS Support Services - Wheelchair accessible van.
Student Nutrition Programs - Equipment for 20 schools in Etobicoke

In January the committee will be reviewing the issue of hospital funding. There are 4 hospitals

in and around Etobicoke that would like Rotary to support them.

➤ INTERNATIONAL SERVICES

Acting Chair Nigel Brown gave the International services report.

The activities of the International Services Committee have been modest this year to date. We have:

1. Held 2 bag-packing fundraisers for PolioPlus & our own committee's funds which have raised \$623, to be split 50:50.
2. We have sent off funds to Uganda to help children, answered the request from the DG to help the victims of the NY/NJ floods, children in Honduras through CARE, Dr Simone's child feeding program around the world & Bangladesh through the Amarok Society.
3. I have raised \$55,000 of the \$121,000 needed to fully fund the Magoanine "B" school water & sanitation project in Mozambique (with an additional \$36,000 being requested from TRF) - this entails giving talks & updates to other clubs, keeping in contact with as many Rotarians as I can through emails & calls, completing application forms, keeping partners and District in the loop, and more.

Our budget was cut in \$ terms this year by approximately 40%, and in percentage terms by 25% (my figures, admittedly) and we have little left for helping the starving, the ill, the old & young in this world. We regret that our budget was so severely cut-back because we are raising the stature of Etobicoke club in the eyes of ours, and surrounding districts, and doing damn fine work to boot! We are the only committee that has been arranging matching funds for ours, and are the only committee to raise funds ourselves to augment our budget as far as I know. And we have fun doing it!

Future projects we are working on are:

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1. Nutri-biscuits for 150 starving & malnourished children in Sri Lanka.
2. The Magoanine project, above. This includes a fundraiser at Bernadette's & my home in the second-half of February next year, replacing the Night of 1000 Chopsticks fundraiser we held in February of this year.
3. The next bag-packing for any of you members who want to get involved in an enjoyable, 3 hour, hands-on fundraiser which is good for the club's public image.
4. The Trump AIDS Poker Walk in April/May 2013.
5. Supporting the Sleeping Children around the World fundraiser breakfast.
6. Maintaining our investment in KIVA, a web-based microfinance scheme.
7. Reviewing interesting and cost-effective projects that we hear of.

Our committee has fun! We enjoy our Rotary! And we need new blood, because Bernadette & I are leaving in early August. If you want to make a huge difference amongst people who are too downtrodden, poor, sick or uneducated to do anything about their plight, then join our committee, bring your ideas with you and let's have a ball doing what we can!

➔ VOCATIONAL SERVICES

Vocational Director Paul Roeser presented his report.

Vocational Service has been in a period of re-invention over the past couple years following the addition of New Generations as the 5th Avenue of Service in Rotary. Much of Vocational's focus in recent years was on activities such as scholarships, RYLA, Camp Enterprise and all of these are now operated under the auspices of the New Generations Committee.

That being the case, Vocational Service is evolving to take on a new role as the co-ordinating committee for Hands-On projects. This past year's second Visioning process for the Club, as well as Fireside Chats in recent

years, have all pointed to Club members wanting to participate in a more tangible way in the community by rolling up their sleeves and helping where we can.

Nigel Brown's wonderful bag-packing initiative has helped raise funds and awareness in the community and given us the chance to tell people what we are about. Gillian Dugas has also organized hands-on assistance to the Basketeers, a group we have financially supported for several years. Other potential hands-on opportunities include helping to paint a room at Youth Without Shelter and packing at the Daily bread Food bank. Nominal funding of supplies for projects such as Basketeers and Youth Without Shelter would come from the Vocational Service budget.

In consultation with President Hugh, we see Vocational Service becoming a clearing house for community requests for hands-on assistance and then bringing together Club members to perform the necessary work. It's a perfect way to generate more fellowship, help out the community and establish a visible and tangible presence in the community to spread the Rotary message and solicit new members. We're working to create a structure and processes for how this will work.

If you'd like to join the committee or get involved in hands-on projects please let Paul know and he will be happy to include you.

➔ MEMBERSHIP

Membership Director Michael bell presented the report.

The membership committee is pleased to report that we have added 10 new members to the club so far this Rotary year. I believe this surge in membership is due in part because of our raised profile within the community as a result of our entrance program at Toronto Ribfest - Eradicating Child Hunger - Nutritiously. In addition, offering our monthly evening Big Ideas Meeting headed by Ingrid McGaughey has meant that a number of our

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new members and those interested have had an opportunity to find out what our Rotary Club is all about.

The membership committee is finishing up our club member satisfaction survey and hopes to have the results for the Board early in the new year with appropriate recommendations for improving our club.

We are in the process of assigning mentors for each of our new members. The mentors are responsible for assisting the new members in learning about Rotary and integrating them into our club.

In addition, we are planning a special social gathering to welcome our new members for some time in March of 2013.

RLI (Rotary Leadership Institute) will be holding level 3 classes on April 20th and District Assembly is scheduled for May 4th, 2013.

We are looking to keep our membership drive in full swing and are asking all club members to bring at least one guest to lunch that is a potential new member during the second half of this Rotary year.

President Hugh has drawn up a Rotary flyer (copies where available to the members present). They are ideal as hand outs. Please let President Hugh or Michael know how many you would like.

➔ BIG IDEAS FORUMS

President Hugh asked Ingrid McGaughey to talk about the "Big Ideas" Forums.

The "Big Ideas" Forums are being held in the evenings on every 3rd Wednesday of the month (currently at the Crooked Cue). We have had 4 so far and they have been "great". They have been a "wonderful way" for people who are not able to attend the regular luncheon meetings to attend. They don't have the "pressure" to have to rush back to work. It is also an opportunity for those interested in becoming involved in the community to get to know Rotary. It has also been a great opportunity to spend more time for fellowship among our

members and the others who attend. If anyone has any suggestions for speakers please contact Ingrid or President Hugh. Hugh added that the next "Big Ideas" meeting is December 19th where members of the community groups that we have supported or have had partnerships have been invited to attend. They have been asked to present their "elevator speeches" as to "what they do and why".

➔ CLUB PROJECTS

President Hugh presented the report.

Rotary Legacy Project

The Rotary Club of Etobicoke and the Rotary Club of Toronto West are pursuing a project that has long term viability and sustainability in our community.

Purpose

- To make an ongoing positive impact on youth.
- To support the work of a stable, positively recognized organization(s) committed to delivering the program.
- To be a visible reminder of Rotary in the community, building Rotary's profile as a service organization and as a positive contributor.
- To help attract new members and provide current members a touchstone project that they will be able to point to with a source of pride and accomplishment.
- To build a stronger relationship between the Etobicoke and the Toronto West Rotary clubs.
- To provide hands-on opportunities for members.

Next Steps

- Prepare the RFP (request for proposal) and distribute.
- Review the RFP submissions.
- If a suitable submission is received and if the Club agrees, award the project.
- Implement.

Student Hunger Benefit Concert - Thursday, June 27, 2013

- The concert is proposed for the evening before the start of Ribfest.
- "No Child Learns When They're Hungry"

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- Partner Goals: Awareness and Fundraising
- Broader goal for Rotary - increasing our relevance and therefore interest and membership.

- Partners (some confirmation pending):
Toronto Foundation for Student Success; Daily Bread Food Bank; Second Harvest; North York Harvest Food Bank; Salvation Army; Stonegate CHC; LAMP CHC; Rotary Club of East York; St. James Food Basket.

2018 Rotary Convention - Multi Club Project

The Rotary 2018 Convention is to be held in Toronto.

Several of the Toronto area club presidents think there is an opportunity for Rotary to accomplish something by that time. Discussions are to be held early January. Many clubs are looking at the feasibility of the goal being associated with student hunger / nutrition. If so, it will leverage the partnership being put in place and the opportunities afforded by Ribfest for awareness and fundraising.

➤ **RIBFEST**

Ribfest Chair Michael Bell presented the report.

Once again our 2012 Toronto Ribfest was a great success. The good weather and large attendance once again proves that we are providing a special entertaining Canada Day weekend event for our community. While our net revenue was down from last year's event (\$150,000 this year as compared to \$220,000 in 2011) we are in excellent shape moving forward.

The Ribfest Committee has been hard at work preparing for our 2013 event. President Hugh has already applied for a Celebrate Ontario Grant on our behalf, we have again applied to the FEO (Festival Events Ontario) Top 100 Recognition, we will be applying for a City of Toronto Tourism Grant in January and we will again be applying for a 2013 Celebrate Canada Grant in January as well.

New initiatives that are undergoing feasibility studies include: a Benefit Concert for the Thursday evening prior to the start of Ribfest to benefit the Eradication of Child Hunger which has been our entrance program for the past two years. We are looking at a two dollar

entrance charge for admission to Ribfest and a charge for parking in the Holly Crest Middle School field which we rent from the TDSB.

Our biggest need presently is your time and support. We need you to help us put on this great event. Positions that we are currently looking to fill include:

- 1 treasurer/accountant
- 2 webmaster/social media expert
- 3 student & adult community volunteer coordinator
- 4 merchandise vendor coordinator
- 5 gate admission coordinator
- 6 charge parking lot coordinator
- 7 wholesale stores sales coordinator

Please Contact Michael to express your interest in assisting with our Toronto Ribfest fund raising event.

➤ **YOUTH EXCHANGE**

Lynda Ryder wanted to mention that they are still looking for a host family for Lilian, our exchange student from Brazil. If anyone is able to host Lilian, or if you know of anyone who can, please contact Maureen Borghoff. If you have any events with your family or outings that you would consider involving Lilian in, please ask...she is most open and receptive!! And it will show her a piece of Canadian culture that maybe she would not otherwise experience.

Jottings from the Board

December 03, 2012

By: Bob Maxwell - Sr. Director

Cheques approved for payment 1557 to 1573.

Martin's Flowers, luncheon shortfalls, exchange Student, previously approved donations, Polio Plus, Crocus. Club Runner Fees

Papers were filed as follows:

Ontario Government Grant for Ribfest.
Festive events in Ontario For Ribfest

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recognition in their publications.

Donations Approved

- \$1,200.00 - Canadian Food for Children
- \$4,000.00 Speed Display Machine - Toronto Police Services
- \$800.00 Hurricane Sandy Relief - Rotary Club of New Jersey

The City of Toronto (for the first time) has invited the Ribfest Chair/Co. Chair to attend their Big Events meeting this coming Thursday.

The Night of 1000 Cocktail Fundraiser event will be held at the residence of Bernadette & Nigel in the latter half of February. The beneficiary of this event will be the Magoanine project. Further details will be forthcoming.

The New Generations Committee is having difficulty at present getting information/co-operation from teachers as it relates to Interact Clubs owing to their current "Work to Rule" program. This problem may impact Camp Enterprise somewhat if this contract situation with the teachers is not settled soon.

We urgently require a host family for our student from Brazil in January.

For expediency, the Board agreed that an expenditure of up to \$500.00 can be made by committees prior to advising the Board. Details of such expenditure, together with a Receipt following the expenditure. The By-Laws Committee has been advised and are requested to arrange a change to the By-Laws. To be voted by The members of the Club. This vote will take place in January or February 2013.

The Board approved the cancellation of the Following meeting December 12, 19 & 26, 2012. January 02, 2013.

The Next Board meeting will be on January 07, 2013. Details will be published in the Bulletin.



Visiting Rotarians

- ✚ **Paul Da Silva** – Rotary Club of Mississauga

Guests

- ✚ **Chris Smith** – Guest of Cecilia Luu
- ✚ **Richard Nicholson** – Guest of Drew Claxton

Club members – we were 18 today
Total attendees – 21

Secretary's Corner

By Ron Miller

Following announcements were made

- **December 12, 2012 6.00 PM** - Annual Christmas Dinner Lambton Golf Club.
- **January 07, 2013 TBA** - Board Meeting

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

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Ralph Chiodo – Ralph was happy to mention a letter he sent to President Hugh thanking the Club members who supported the Annual Pasta Festa held on September 28th in support of Trillium Health Centre Foundation.

Thank you for supporting the 9th Annual Pasta Festa held on September 28th at Le Treport Wedding & Convention Centre in support of Trillium Health Centre Foundation. Your contribution will help benefit thousands of patients and positively impact health care, region-wide.

To date, Pasta Festa has raised over \$1 million in support of cardiac care. This year's event was a great success with over \$130,000 raised in support of Neuroscience redevelopment at the hospital - a key priority of the Foundation's Giving 110% Campaign.

Trillium is the regional centre for neuroscience services, treating patients who come to our hospital with tumours of the brain and spine, acquired brain injury and stroke. Funds raised

Through events like Pasta Festa will help ensure that your family and friends continue to receive the best possible care, close to home.

On behalf of the Pasta Festa committee, the Trillium Health Centre Foundation and the patients of our community who will benefit from the services provided by the new Neuroscience Special Care Unit, thank you for your support.

Ralph Chiodo – Co-Chair 2012 Pasta Festa

Dr. Dominic Rosso – Co-Chair 2012 Pasta Festa

Ralph also wanted to thank the members who contributed and donated prizes. He also wanted to thank Michael Bell, Gerald Lue, Alex Woda, Justin DiCiano and Hugh Williams who were in attendance at the Pasta Festa. Ralph added that his company picked up the \$17,000 expenses for the Festa.

Jim Woodside – Jim was happy to give an update on "the health of his wife's family". Her older sister has Parkinson's disease but was still driving and "causing trouble". She fell down recently but she is better now. Jim says they think that her meds were "fouled up" and that "things are getting sorted out". Jim and June are going to stay there on the 28th and 29th for Christmas. Another relative, Andy, who Jim had mentioned awhile back that had lost his leg, received \$120,000 for a specially equipped van to help him get around. Jim is happy to say "things are now more under control than a year ago".

Nigel Brown – Nigel was happy to say that "he was still alive" and this is a "good start". He was happy to say that the "bag-packing" event on Saturday raised \$312.26. There were only four members there (Nigel was hoping for more) but he wanted to thank Carol Weber and Ron Miller for being there to help out Bernadette and him. Nigel said there will be likely at least one more bag-packing this Rotary year and would like to see more members make an effort to help out. Nigel was happy to remind everyone that he was still collecting for Major Kester's Salvation Army Food Bank. If you have food you wish to donate contact Nigel or drop it off at his place and he will see it gets delivered. He also wanted to remind everyone that Kester was still looking for people to tend the Salvation Army "kettles". Nigel was also happy to invite everyone to drop by his home on Sunday, December 9th between 3 and 6 Pm for their annual Christmas Drinks get-together.

Kester Trim – Major Kester was happy to say that their Salvation Army Christmas Relief campaign was "going well". He said he was thankful to Lynda Ryder who, through her company, made a large donation of food. He said that he would also be making a collection from Maureen on Saturday. He also wanted to remind everyone that he still needed a few people to help tend the "kettles". He said one place they need help was at the Loblaws at Humbertown Plaza (Nigel added that the kettle at the Humbertown Loblaws was "inside" so you don't have to worry about getting cold). If you can help out let Kester know. Kester was happy to say "thanks for everything" from our members and feels that we are "a very dedicated group of people".

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Annual Christmas Party



The Annual Club Christmas Party will be held on **Wednesday, December 12th** at the **Lambton Golf and Country Club (6 PM for Cocktails - 7 PM for Dinner)**. The regular scheduled luncheon meeting that day will be cancelled. **Tickets are \$60/person**. As a special treat this year we will also be holding our **"Secret Santa"** event that evening. **Everyone is requested to bring a wrapped gift of \$10 or less**. This has always proved to be a lot of fun for everyone. We need to know the number of members and guests, who will be attending, so if you are planning to be there, please let **Ron Miller Tel: (416) 763-0319** email: rjm-woxof@sympatico.ca. Know as soon as possible



50/50 Draw

Today's 50:50 Draw **Maureen Borghoff** ticket was drawn out of the bag and he pulled the **King of Spades**.

Mother and daughter share passion for Rotary

Courtesy Rotary International

Sometimes the most obvious choices for potential club members are the people we're closest to, "yet we look right past them," says Past District Governor Jennifer Jones, who invited her parents to Rotary activities but hadn't considered asking them to join.

Fortunately, a fellow club member and friend took the initiative. And four years after joining the Rotary Club of Windsor-Roseland, Ontario, Canada, Jennifer's mother, Joyce, is serving as its president.

"I'll never forget my last official task as district governor: inducting my mom into Rotary," says Jennifer. "She had been living Rotary for many years, attending district conferences, taking part in fundraisers, and traveling as a literacy volunteer to Guatemala. She saw service in action." Joining the club was the natural next step.

While spouses, children, and siblings all are logical choices for Rotary involvement, our parents often are the ones with extra time -- as well as a lifetime of experiences and skills -- to share with Rotary.

"Through Rotary we've shared many special times together, and each of them has been made more memorable because we've done them together," says Jennifer.



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