



# WEEKLY UPDATE



## Rotary Club of Etobicoke

District Governor: Ted Koziel

RI President: Sakuji Tanaka

Week July 04, 2012

Board 2011 - 2012

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

**Next Meeting - July 11, 2012 - Grace Acan. Grace is here in Canada with Lorna Pitcher, founder of Children of Hope for Uganda.**

**Today's Speakers: Past President Ron Miller - President Hugh Williams**



### Presidential Handover

Hugh wanted to personally thank Ron for his work as President over the last year and presented Ron with his Past President's pin.

Ron's address to the members:

When I took over reins as President of the Rotary Club of Etobicoke from Diane Irvine on July 1<sup>st</sup> of last year, I really wasn't sure what I was getting myself into. I was very nervous since I had never done anything like this before. While our PETS courses (President Elect Training) taught you a lot about Rotary, it didn't tell you how to chair effective meetings (both our weekly luncheons and our monthly

Board meetings). I also was late in getting the Club committees set up. This was something I was totally unfamiliar with and it took a little time for me to get going. These are things I had to learn on the fly with the help of many of our members. I think as the year went on things began to fall into place and I felt more comfortable with how to do things. At the start of my year Lynda Ryder told me that "this would be the best year of my life". Well maybe not, but it sure was interesting and I must admit, for the most part quite enjoyable. I have also learned a great deal about Rotary and myself during the year. We had a few speed bumps along the way, but I think the Club has survived just fine and that we can move on from here with the hopes that we can once again build a stronger more unified Club. I think that all we have to do is look at the past weekend where our Club put on another very successful Ribfest. I think we can be very proud of the efforts of all our members that were involved in pulling off this major event. It could not be done without the effort of our members and our valuable volunteers. Well done everyone. I would particularly like to thank Michael Bell, Justin DiCiano, Gerald Lue, Hugh Williams and the rest of the Ribfest Committee whose tireless efforts through the year brought this event to fruition. Once again, a well done to everyone. I would also like to make a special thanks to C.J. Augustine-Kanu for all of her efforts this year as our Ribfest Coordinator. Without all these people this event could have never taken place.

As I mentioned earlier it was a difficult year at times, but without the help of many people it might have been a bigger challenge. I could always contact Michael Bell anytime for advice on how to do things and he was often a calming

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influence when I found myself a little frustrated. I was thankful for the advice from some of the other Past Presidents such as Diane Irvine, Paul Roeser and Frederik Martin. Frederik also should be commended for his stellar job once again on our Weekly Bulletin. I also want to thank Past President Doug Hartry for all of his constructive criticism regarding how to chair the weekly luncheon meetings. My big special thank you though goes to Lynda Ryder who I knew I could always contact to give me valuable advice on just about any subject. I could bounce ideas off her and she would advise me on what I should do and who to contact if necessary. She is a font of knowledge and has great people skills. If there was something that I had to contact District about, she knew just who to call. She has been my greatest mentor throughout this year and I cannot thank enough.

There are others that I would also like to mention that have greatly contributed to the Club this year. I cannot help but thank Nigel Brown for stepping into the breach to take over a Secretary for me while I took on the Presidency this year. He did an absolutely sensational job though I know he is happy that I am taking it back from him this year. Nigel also was someone that I could bounce ideas off of and he was able to give me great suggestions over the year. I truly appreciated all his input. Bernadette Hunkler Brown also deserves a big cheer for her passionate chairing of, what I think, is the most successful International Services Committee ever (along of course with Nigel's passion for it as well). It was a great committee to be part of. I would be remiss if I didn't thank Bernadette and Nigel for graciously opening their home for not only the ISC meetings but for all of our Board meetings as well. Their hospitality was much appreciated. I want to thank Opal Rowe for her fine job as chair of our newest Committee, New Generations, and to Gary Hepworth for chairing Vocational Services and then stepping in late in the year to take over the Community Service Committee. In May when the Youth Exchange Committee had some problems I was able to get help from District 7070. I would like to thank District Secretary Gael Moore and

District Youth Exchange Chair Tom Sears for all of their help. I am also indebted to Tom for convincing Dr. Maureen Borghoff to take over Youth Exchange Committee. She will do a wonderful job.

I would also be remiss if I didn't thank our now Past District Governor Bob Wallace and our new District Governor Ted Koziel for all of their help during the year.

There are many more people I can thank but suffice to say I am very grateful for all of the help and advice I have received from everyone this year. I could not have done this without you.

I think this is a "bitter-sweet" moment. On one hand I am relieved that my year as President of the Rotary Club of Etobicoke is over and on the other hand I am a little sad to see it end (but not that much). It certainly has been interesting and I hope that people will look back and say that at least I tried to do a good job. It may not have worked all the time, but at least I gave it my best shot. I am hoping that Hugh Williams will receive the same sort of support I had and wish him nothing but the best for this upcoming year.

I would like to close with a quote that I heard at the 2011 Rotary International Convention in New Orleans from now RI Past President Kalyan Banerjee who said "I am fond of quoting Mahatma Gandhi who said 'You must be the change you wish to see in the world'. I believe we are in Rotary to change the world - for why else would we be Rotarians".

And finally to Hugh...YOU'RE IT. GOOD LUCK!!!

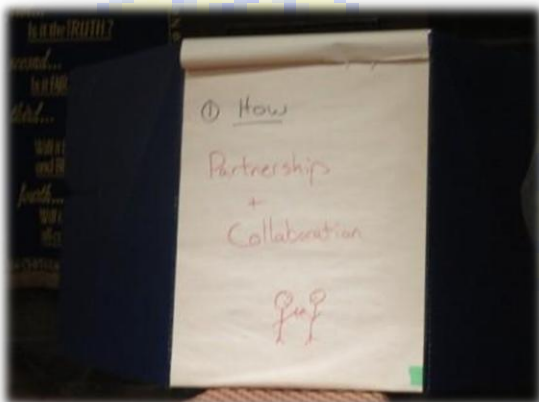
## President Hugh's Inaugural Address

President Hugh wanted to share his views on "what this year can be" and "what is important to him. Hugh said he would do it "old school" and "wing it". He was not supported by a "power point presentation". No, he had a "hand-drawn" chart called "Some Stuff - How & What" which he used to illustrate his ideas. "How" is how he wants to do things and "What" is what he wants to do.

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## HOW:

- **Partnerships and Collaborations** - Hugh wants to challenge all of the committees to use this approach to do what we need to do.
- **Fun** - We need to have fun doing it
- **Open Communications** - This has been an issue with many members of late that there needed to be more open communication with regards to what the Club is doing. This can counter misinformation among the members.
- **Member Passion** - Hugh thinks we should bring out the “passions” that our members have about how the Club and find out what works for them. When we have new member applications we should find out right away where their interests and passions lie so that we accurately direct them to where they will best serve the Club (a convergence of interest).
- **Hands On** - One way we can really make a difference in the community is to get out into the community doing projects.



## WHAT:

- **Membership** - We need a better focus on attracting new members.
- **Rotary Food Initiative** - Eradicating child hunger should still be a major focus. We have a school food program in place and there are more organizations that are willing to work with us
- **Club Meetings** - Have a Club/Business meeting once a month, This will help to keep members informed on what the Club is doing and can put an end to any misinformation. Another idea is the use of telecommunication to stream our meetings online to members who are unable to attend the weekly luncheon. One suggestion made was the use of SKYPE. One other idea is the “Third Thursday” meetings. These will be social meetings on the third Thursday of each month. These are being organized by Ingrid McGaughey and the first one will be held Thursday, July 19<sup>th</sup> at the Kalamata Restaurant (7 PM). There will be a guest speaker who will talk about “Creating a Million Dollar Event”.
- **International** - This is one of Hugh’s passions and the passion of other member’s and he thinks we have a good focus in the Club for this year. We are working on a Global Grant project that we are partnering with other Rotary Clubs.
- **North Etobicoke** - Hugh notes that this is an area in our catchment area that has significant issues that in many cases are not being tapped into. This could be an area where we could make a significant impact. Gary Hepworth added that the Club should be “championing our successes”. He noted that he heard from people at Ribfest that if it wasn’t for the Rotary Club of Etobicoke the school feeding programs in north Etobicoke would have died.

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- **Legacy Project** - Hugh said this is just an idea and there is nothing definite in mind but is something we could consider in the future. This would be a significant and visible project.
- **Toronto Ribfest** - Hugh said he was very encouraged by this year's Ribfest. He said he was worried that not all members were committed but everyone pulled together and it was great. This is the last year of our 3 year investment project. One thing that became clear was that we needed a great coordinator and we certainly had one in C.J. Augustine-Kanu. Russ Morreale added that he thought that this year's layout was much better with the stages at both ends. While attendance on Canada Day afternoon was down a bit due to competition with the big soccer game and the Pride Parade, Russ thinks we made up for it on Monday. Hugh also wanted to give a big thanks to Jo-Ann Bell who was one of our most valuable volunteers. Her "I can do that" attitude was very much appreciated by everyone.
- **There were a few members with unfortunate personal situations who wanted to but could not be at Toronto Ribfest this year - our thoughts and prayers are with them and their families"**

Hugh wanted to thank everyone for their support for the work ahead. He says he has on "good team" on the Board and that "his door is always open" if anyone needs to discuss anything. He says by doing this he can hopefully "nip any problems in the bud".

## Thanking Senior Club Memebers

By Hugh Williams

Toronto Ribfest was once again a great success and a huge effort - which wouldn't have been possible without the help in particular from many of our "senior" club members. It was great to see that the joy and pain of working

Toronto Ribfest hasn't worn off after all these years. Thanks to:

- Mark Winson - who along with Emily, made it possible to have two beer tents open;
- Carlos Petosa - there every day all day, selling tickets and pouring beer;
- Mario Girardo - working hard at the beer tent every day - and frequently accompanied by the family help too;
- Greg Dobson - who showed up for the evening shifts - thank goodness - when we needed him the most!
- Russ Morreale - who probably drank as much as he poured (not!).
- James Simon - who needs new shoes after all the "money running" he did.
- Dr. Joe Bulger - there every day, who also coerced his "kids" to help. They aren't kids anymore are they Joe!
- Lynda Ryder - Can't get her off that stage!
- Don Edwards - OK, so he got the air conditioned office. But don't think that's not hard work in there too!
- Gary Hepworth - who stick-handled the celebrities and did cheque presentations every day.
- Frederik Martin - show him the money!
- Jeremy Carter - more support for the beer tents
- Nigel Brown (who raced back from a weekend doing Swiss things to help not only on the final day but on the backbreaking clean-up)
- Bernadette Hunkeler Brown - who weathered a blistering sun selling beer tickets all day
- Donna Cansfield - always there to help on Canada Day!

It was also nice to see a couple of former members back and lending a hand like Rich

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Chapman and his son, Chris Markou, Ed Torres, (did I miss someone?)

Plus, of course, the Toronto Ribfest committee members (Chairman Michael, Justin, Gerald, Alex, Jim, Joanna, Paul, Ron, Martha, Diane, Gillian, Andre, Ralph, Judy, Maureen, Ingrid) who after a long year of planning and preparing, rolled up their sleeves and dove right in - many of whom were there from set-up to tear down.

Great team effort. Wonderful to see the level of support from throughout the club.

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



## Visitors & Guests

### Visiting Rotarians:

**Dhanjibhai Patel** – Patan Club in D3050, India  
**John Joy** – Rotary Club of Selby, Yorkshire, UK

### Visitors:

**Jo-Ann Bell** – Guest of Michael Bell  
**C. J. Augustine-Kanu** – Toronto Ribfest Coordinator and Potential New Member.

**Doug Hartry** - This might be termed a **belated Happy Buck** to celebrate Maxine's recovery. I didn't want to bring rain onto your parade, so for once I was quiet. I As I drove home from Rotary, I realized that most of the club knew nothing of her illness and operation. They also had no idea why I was absent from Ribfest. Thankfully she went to the Trillium Hospital and was transferred to Trillium Mississauga where the doctors and staff provided skillful service and surgery.

**President Hugh** noted that Carol Weber sends her regrets for being able to attend today's luncheon.

**Ralph Chiodo** - Ralph was happy to offer congratulations to President Hugh and hopes he will have a great Rotary Year. He also hopes that this year the Club can heal some of the wounds that we have suffered over the past while. Ralph also wanted to congratulate "the team" on a great Ribfest 2012. As well, Ralph wanted to announce an invitation to all our Club Members to attend "Pasta Festa" for Trillium Hospital on Friday, September 28, 2012 (6 PM on the last Friday in September). Ralph announced he was leaving for Italy today and will be back on August 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Russ Morreale** - Russ was happy to congratulate the Ribfest Committee for holding another successful Ribfest over the Canada day Weekend. He said it was great to see many of the Ribfest veterans such as Ralph, Diane, Don and Lynda there. He also thought it was great that some of the members that we don't see on a regular basis such as Mario Girardo, James Simon, etc were there. These Rotarians always come back to help out at Ribfest.

## Secretary's Corner

*By Ron Miller*

- **July 9** - Board Meeting - LAMP - 185 Fifth Street, Etobicoke - 6 PM
- **July 19 Third Thursday Meeting** - Kalamata Restaurant - 3473 Lake Shore Boulevard West, Etobicoke.
- **October 19-21** - District Conference, Sheraton Parkway Toronto North Hotel, Richmond Hill, check district website for more information
- **Attendance 13 Rotarians.**

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**Michael Bell** - Michael wanted everyone to know that Justin wanted to be here today but was still at the park waiting for the propane to be picked up. Michael wanted to thank all of the members who helped to make this another great Ribfest. He said he had a great committee that worked "so hard and put in double O/T all the time". He wanted to thank Maureen Borghoff for her first rate entertainment in the Kids Area where there were more kids than ever this year. He wanted to thank Diane Irvine for her work with security saying "he never had to worry about anything with Diane in charge". He especially wanted to mention Justin and Gerald who worked tirelessly throughout. He noted that many people thought Paul Roeser had the best job working in the air conditioned money office but added that in reality Paul's work is now just beginning. Michael also was happy to see some of our past members at Ribfest. Rich Chapman was a volunteer on the weekend. He saw Chris Markou, who is now with the Brampton Rotary Club, who said their Club was involved in smaller spinoff of our event called "Rib and Roll". Also Michael met Tetsuro Fukuda who left many years ago to go to Chicago, then moved to Japan. He is a member of the Rotary Club of Nagoya-Wago (District 2760). He said he was happy to be here and will be returning to Canada as the head of a Vocational Training Team (VTT) from Japan. Tetsuro presented Michael with the Nagoya-Wago Club banner which Michael then presented to our Club today.

**Nigel Brown** - Nigel was very happy that Past President Ron had decided to take over the Secretary's job again and that he didn't have this "burden, challenge, etc" to do again this year. Nigel wanted to echo all of the congratulations to everyone for this year's Ribfest. He thinks it was one of the "finest" yet. He said this was an "interesting year but the Club has survived it" and he thinks "everything is settling down nicely". Nigel and Bernadette are leaving for Switzerland later this week and will be gone for two weeks.

**Paul Roeser** - Paul was happy that "Ribfest Phase 1" was over but now the real work of

tallying up everything begins which he hopes to have done over the next couple months. He wanted to thank Don Edwards for all his help and to Diane Irvine who "doubled as security and coin sorter". He also wanted to congratulate Ron on finishing his year as President and to Hugh who is just beginning his term.



## 50/50 Draw

Today's 50:50 Draw **Nigel Brown** ticket was drawn out of the bag but he pulled only the **King of Spades**. Pot grows!! Deck of Cards gets smaller - so it will be Hugh's year for the winner now. It's a nice pot around \$400.00.

Reported By: Ron Miller \* Pictures Courtesy: Ron Miller

## Meeting and Events Calendar



July 09, 2012 - 6.00 PM

Board Meeting

Venue: LAMP, 185 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Etobicoke.

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First Third Thursday Meeting on July 19 at 7:00PM. The topic is "Creating the \$Million Dollar Event", Third Thursday occurs at Kalamata Restaurant on the Lakeshore just west of Humber College.