



WEEKLY UPDATE



Rotary Club of Etobicoke

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Week November 14, 2012

Board 2011 - 2012

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November 21, 2012 7.00 PM: Big Ideas Forum - Dr. Andrew Simone

Today's Speaker - Major Kester Trim Classification Talk



Major Kester began by saying it was a pleasure to be here to talk to us today. Vocational Services is an important part of Rotary and classification talks are an integral part of that. You get to talk about your vocation or what you do, as well as what you want to do in Rotary.

He is a Salvation Army Officer, but asked "what is a Salvation Army Officer?" It is not one of the vocations that is in high demand, or as Kester puts it "there are not thousands of people banging on his door wanting to be a soldier in the Salvation Army". There are 20,000 soldiers in 120 countries. They serve 300 to 400 communities. Kester arrived from Montreal in July replacing Rick Honcharsky at the Etobicoke Temple.

If you had to ask how you would classify his vocation he would say that he is "clergy" which he describes as a person with "Holy Orders" with a licence to perform marriages, burials, etc" and provide "pastoral services". The Salvation Army is part of the Christian Church and was founded in 1865 by William Booth. Booth was concerned with the poor and along with his wife Catherine formed the East London Christian Mission. The "traditional" brass bands that have been synonymous with the Salvation Army were used to spread their messages. The movement grew and became the Salvation Army (though one name that was considered and ultimately rejected was the "Hallelujah Army"). The World headquarters are in London, while the Canadian headquarters are in Toronto. Kester explained that it is actually the "Canadian and Bermuda" division, but in Bermuda it is known as the "Bermuda and Canada" division (which made Bermuda-born Jay Carey happy).

Kester noted that he has had many roles in the Salvation Army. He has been a Pastor; Prison Chaplain; he did Public Relations promoting the Salvation Army; and was in charge of a division. However, he had the desire to return to be a "pastoral minister" which is what he will be at the Etobicoke Temple. He has around 120 people attend services every Sunday. He said that he is also a "community officer" where he can work with community leaders, businesses, and the private sector to help "give back to the community". He says that working with organizations like Rotary is vital since we have many contacts and expertise that can be well utilized. He added that it is also "vital" that you get to know the "community players" to find out who can help out or mobilize resources. They have to know who the

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“stakeholders” in the community are and how to leverage resources. The Etobicoke Temple’s primary resource is a “food bank”. He relies on his community contacts to help with food donations.

Kester wanted to mention their “big redevelopment project” at the temple. He credits Rick Honcharsky for doing “all of the ground work and preparation”. Kester says that all that is left for him is “picking the colours”. He says the walls of the new building are coming up and he hopes that by next September they will be ready to invite everyone to the opening. It has been a massive financial effort. When the new building is complete, they will re-examine their program capacity with the hopes to expand on them.

He added that while Salvation Army Officers “don’t get paid much” they get satisfaction from “trying to make everyone’s day a little better”. He said he is happy to be a Salvation Army Officer and happy to be with us today. He has been involved with Rotary for some time beginning with the Toronto-Leaside Club in the late 90’s to early 2000’s, then in Montreal with the Vieux Montreal Club. When he moved back into the community he wanted to align himself with “people like you”. There has been a history of support between Rotary and the Salvation Army over the years. He feels that Rotary is a “passport” to those who know “how to get things done and the resources they have to access”. Rotary is very valuable for their “encouragement and leadership”. We might be able to help out with a project “near to their heart” and they could help out with a project “near to our heart.” Kester thought that our Club was going a good place to join, especially on his first visit when he was presented with a cheque for \$2500. It was an “indication of our capacity for good will”.

Kester closed by saying that the “S” on each of the lapels of his uniform is very important to him. As a Salvation Army Officer the “S” stands for “Salvation from sin through Jesus”. As a Rotarian it stands for “Service Above Self”.

Lynda Ryder asked the question “had he always wanted to be a Salvation Army Officer”. Kester said he converted to Christianity when he was in University. He was an exchange student in Germany and saw all of the “great cathedrals” and investigated further. What he found out made him want to pursue this direction. He didn’t start out thinking about the Salvation Army, until he met a lady that would become his wife. She was Salvation Army and he thought “why change” and joined. He had to give up smoking and drinking but he felt that “his faith, his wife, and his church” were much more important and it was important to his wife. He went into the military for awhile as a Chaplain but due to the quota system (there are not many Salvation Army in the military), he returned to the regular Salvation Army. He said it has been “a long path” and a “faith experience”.

Cheque Presentation - Lorna Pitcher - Children of Hope Uganda

Gillian Dugas was asked to introduce Lorna Pitcher.



The Rotary Club of Etobicoke is very delighted to welcome Lorna back today and to ask our President Hugh Williams to present Children of Hope Uganda with a donation of \$2,000.00 to provide 300 school uniforms and 1800 classroom exercise books for their Early Childhood Development Centre.

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Children of Hope Uganda - Canada was founded by Lorna Pitcher after a visit to Uganda several years ago. She spoke with many wonderful folks during her travels but during her visit to Barlonyo in Northern Uganda while speaking to teachers, students, parents and concerned citizens she found herself promising to do everything she could to improve their lives. Lorna's promise is coming to fruition. Many incredible donors, sponsors and supporters have joined her quest and taken it on as their own dream. A lot of incredible work has been achieved by dedicated people in Uganda and Canada. New programs are already in place. An angel donor has funded the construction of the Early Childhood Development Centre's new classroom. The original school was intended for only 54 children; however, the need has quickly grown. ECDC now has 300 registered children who while they wait for their new classroom are taking their porridge and lessons in the old vocational classroom or under the surrounding trees. The registered students are ages 2 to 6 and consist of approximately 155 girls and 145 boys.



Our donation to provide 300 purple and white uniforms which the ladies and mothers will be sewing is a very important part of school; recognition of achievement and identity; a pride to parents; and acknowledgment from the community. These uniforms are a wonderful gift and will be worn with pride.

Our Rotary Club of Etobicoke shares in this wonderful project with our donation and with our spirit of "Service Above Self".

Foundation Month



Paul Roeser been presented with Rotary Bequest Society Award with DG Ted and PDG Bob Wallace.

November is Rotary Foundation Month, and with this in mind, any members who make donations to Foundation during the month will have their recognition points earned doubled by the Club. You earn 1 point for every US\$1 donated hence, for example, if you donate US\$100 you will be credited with 200 points. If you are interested in taking advantage of this offer, please give your cheques to Ron Miller before the end of the month.

Memorial Service for Betty Coates

A memorial service will be held for Betty Coates, wife of long time member Ken Coates, on **December 19th, 2012** at the **Village of Humber Heights** (2245 Lawrence Avenue West, Etobicoke) at **2.00 PM**.

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Visiting Rotarians

- ➔ **Anna Panno** – Toronto Earls court – Guest of Ralph Chiodo

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- ➔ **Lorna Pritchard** – Children of Hope Uganda – Guest of Gillian and Andre Dugas

Club members – we were **16** today.

Today's attendance included 7 of our 10 new members. It was fabulous to see so many new faces and there was a clear excitement and buzz in the room.

Total attendees - **18**

Secretary's Corner

By Ron Miller

Following announcements were made

- **November 20, 2012 7.00 PM** - International Services Committee Meeting. Venue: Bernadette & Nigel's Residence.
- **November 26, 2012 6.00 PM** - Ribfest Committee Meeting. Venue Illumineer, 486 Evans Ave. Unit 8.
- **November 28, 2012 7.00 PM** - Membership Committee Meeting. Venue Michael Bell's Residence.
- **December 01, 2012** - Bag Packing at No Frills Rathburn & Renfrew 2.00 - 5.00 PM.

- **December 05, 2012 12.15 PM** - Club AGM Old Mill Inn & Spa.
 - **December 12, 2012 6.00 PM** - Annual Christmas Dinner Lambton Golf Club.
- Please put all these dates in your diaries and let Ron know any make-ups/meetings you have attended - THANK YOU!*



Ralph Chiodo – Ralph was happy to be here today so that he could say hello to Anna Panno, this year's President of the Toronto-Earls court Rotary Club. Ralph noted that two week ago the Earls court Club put on their annual Angel's Ball for which Ralph has been a dedicated sponsor for many years. However, Ralph could not attend because on the same night, Ralph's wife Rosa was being honoured by the Puglia Region in Italy at the Puglia Infesta (another event that Ralph sponsors). And on that same night the Oak Leaf Gala was taking place in support of the Seniors Home in Woodbridge where Ralph is on the Board. Three events that Ralph sponsors, taking place on the same night, and he was only able to attend one of them.

PDG Lynda Ryder – Lynda was happy to say she attended the Interact Conference on Saturday. There were 70 High School students there and it was "wonderful". While at the conference she received a "lovely angel bracelet" from PDG Doug Byers who thinks Lynda will always be "their angel". She also was happy to say that there will be an RLI (Rotary Leadership Institute) session this Saturday at Seneca College. Lynda will be one of the facilitators.

Hugh Williams – Hugh said he joined Ralph in being happy that Anna Panno was here today. Hugh attended the Angel's Ball and that it was as "wonderful as ever and had "a great time". He also was happy to say that at our upcoming evening meeting next Wednesday (November 21st) our speaker will be Dr. Andrew Simone, who we will also be honouring with a Paul Harris award. Anna Panno added that their Club will also be honoring

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Dr. Simone and will likely have a few of their members attending on Wednesday evening.



50/50 Draw

Today's 50:50 Draw **Theresa Sherwood** ticket was drawn out of the bag and he pulled the **Ace of Clubs**.

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.

Big Ideas Forum -
Featuring Dr. Andrew
Simone

Come out and meet Dr. Simone.
Hear his life-changing story.



On **Wednesday, November 21 at 7:00PM** at the Crooked Cue on Bloor St., Dr. Simone will talk about his purpose-filled life that has affected and influenced so many.

Dr. Simone's impact is not only felt locally by the hundreds of patients he treats and the children he and his wife foster, but more significantly around the world with the many thousands of hungry children that his organization feeds.

Rotary Etobicoke is thrilled to be able to honour Dr. Andrew Simone - a "difference maker" from within our community - with a **Paul Harris Award**.

Like Rotary, **Canadian Food for Children** is able to see 100% of the money they raise go directly to meet their altruistic goals.

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Dr. Simone, a Torontonion with a successful dermatology practice, and his wife Joan, dedicated their lives to help the poor in 1975. They gave up their cars, life insurance policies, and all luxuries to help others. They have since raised 13 children and 26 foster children, while living with utmost frugality. They focussed initially on helping the poor in Canada, and quickly expanded to support Mother Teresa's work for the poor in mission lands. They worked with Mother Teresa's Sisters until Mother Teresa suggested expanding to distribute the abundance of food in Canada to help all missionaries. In 1985, they formed Canadian Food for Children, a registered charity. They now ship more than five million kilograms of food to over 30 countries around the world. The charity has thousands of volunteers around the world, but no paid staff. This means **100% of the proceeds go to the needy.**

Despite the time constraints of his medical practice and working for the CFFC, Dr. Simone has competed in several **"Ironman" triathlons**, and frequently speaks in local schools to spread the message that **hunger can be conquered**, and that as little as **10 cents a day can feed a child.**

Dr. Simone is a **member of the Order of Canada**, and has received many awards for his service to others. Rotary Etobicoke is thrilled to be able to honor him as well with a Paul Harris Award on November 21.

*Please join us for
Pre-Christmas Drinks and Cookies
at our Residence:
Bernadette Hunkeler Brown and Nigel
Brown
Sunday, December 9, 2012
3.00 - 6.00pm at
437 The Kingsway, Etobicoke
(Corner The Kingsway and Islington)
Casual attire
RSVP by Friday, December 7, 2012
Bernadette.HunkelerBrown@eda.admin.ch
bhunkelerbrown@gmail.com
Tel. Nigel 647 328 3300*

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No gifts, flowers or wine are necessary. If you would like to, you could consider making a small donation to [IMAGINE](#), a Maputo-based NGO that is close to our hearts, at the drinks. Thank you!