



WEEKLY UPDATE



Rotary Club of Etobicoke

District Governor: Ted Koziel

RI President: Sakuji Tanaka

Week October 10, 2012

Board 2011 - 2012

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

October 17, 2012 - Evening Meeting at Crooked Cue - 7 PM Topic "Ribfest"

Club Business Meeting



Nomination Committee

The Nomination Committee is responsible for drawing up the slate of potential 2013-2014 Board members that will be presented to the membership at the AGM on December 5th. The Nomination Committee consists of the President Hugh, two Past Presidents and two members from the general body of the Club. President Hugh chairs the Committee. The Past Presidents met on October 3rd and selected Diane Irvine and Russ Morreale to sit on the Committee. Nigel Brown and Alex Woda have put their names forward for the other two positions on the Committee. President Hugh asked for any other nominations from the floor. Since none were received, Michael Bell moved, seconded by Andre Dugas, that the nominations

be closed. Therefore, Nigel and Alex have been approved as members of the Nomination Committee.

Membership

President Hugh asked Michael Bell to talk about Membership. Michael feels that the media exposure we received from Ribfest, along with the "entrance program" that Gillian and Andre organized and worked hard at, helped to build a "better awareness" of our Club. He also thought that the "Third Thursday Big Idea" meetings, which have now been changed to the "Third Wednesday Big Idea" meetings, have also given the Club more exposure as we have invited members of the community to attend. The result is that we are seeing an upswing in potential new members. Two new members will be approved at this evening's Board meeting (October 10th) and Michael has already received four more applications with the potential of more shortly. He believes that by the next Board meeting in November we may have 8-9 more new members which he thinks is "very exciting". Michael notes that Past District Governor Mike Phelan has set a goal for District 7070 of getting 100 new members in 100 days. Michael thinks that it is possible that our club could have 10 new members by that time which he feels will mean "a lot of good things for our Club". At the District level, clubs such as Toronto Twilight and the new Toronto Skyline are designed to attract "younger members". Lynda Ryder added that she had an email from Victoria LaSalle, a student who attended Camp Enterprise and who we had sponsored to attend the Shad Valley Enrichment Program. She was looking to join a Rotary Club for younger members and Lynda mentioned the two Toronto clubs. Michael also mentioned that District is looking

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at the possibility of a club in Vaughn where currently there is no Rotary Club. Vaughn has a population that should be able to support a club there. Michael is excited where our Club and the District are going with regards to membership and with more members we will continue to help our communities.

Magoanine "B" School Water & Sanitation Project - Maputo, Mozambique

Nigel Brown was asked to provide an update on the Magoanine "B" Global Grant project that he is championing for our Club and is working hard on to get other Clubs to support. Nigel says that on one hand the project is "going very well" and on the other hand "going nowhere". He has had a great response from other clubs and if all of the clubs that are committed to support the project come through with funds, we will have enough money. The downside is that when Nigel tried to contact his contact in Maputo she was unavailable (away in Portugal). His other contact was in hospital. RI needs a report from the Maputo Rotary Club on the project and the deadline was this week. In desperation Nigel requested a one month extension from RI that was granted. A suggestion was made that Nigel and Hugh take "a road trip to Maputo" to get the report, but it is unlikely that will happen. Nigel hopes to make contact within the next month with the Maputo club to get the report. Nigel also thinks that if all the clubs come through as promised, there is "a great danger that the project may be over subscribed for phases 1 & 2. Nigel says that problems like these "keep you on your toes" but they will somehow "make this all work". For those not familiar with the project, Magoanine "B" public primary school is located on the northern Suburbs of Maputo. The school has 2400 pupils daily who attend in shifts of 800. They plan to increase to 3000 to 5000 in the near future. The school has no water or sewage reticulation.

Tharanga Gunaratne - Rotary Club of Colombo Regency, Sri Lanka (District 3220)



Tharanga is a visiting Rotarian from Colombo, Sri Lanka. She is a charter member of the Colombo Regency club and was there 2nd President. Tharanga and President Hugh exchanged club banners. Tharanga said that her club is 10 years old and currently has 27 members. Their club is focusing on health and education. They have a career guidance program that they began in 2002 and are hoping to expand. Their Club is currently involved in 4 matching grant projects.

New Generations

In lieu of Opal Rowe, who was not able to attend today, President Hugh asked Lynda Ryder to talk about New Generations. Lynda said that NG had a committee meeting on Tuesday "by conference call" with 8-10 members participating. She thought it was the first attempt at doing this and that it was "fabulous". Lynda says there are many "new programs" that they can use. During the meeting they looked at RYLA, the new Interact Club at Michael Power (which Greg Dobson is overseeing), and Camp Enterprise. They are planning to send two members of the York Rotaract Club to the District Conference. They are also looking to make a data base of alumni that were sent to RYLA in the hopes of building membership. They also discussed scholarships and resurrecting the "speech writing contest" for high school students. They also want to continue working with our TDSB contacts.

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Pamela Gough and Chris Spence. Lynda says our exchange student Lilian is doing well. She will be attending the District Conference along with all of the other exchange students from the District. Lynda suggests that if anyone would like to take Lilian to events or for a special dinner they should get in touch with her. She would be thrilled.

Special Projects

President Hugh says the Club is looking for "passionate people" to get involved with making the Club "more visible" in the community. Some ideas are;

- Legacy Project - Hugh has been in discussion with the Toronto West Club about for ideas on a potential "long term viable and sustainable" project. This would be done in conjunction with a "delivery organization" and would focus on "youth". Currently Northern Etobicoke would be focus for the location. The principle would be that the imitative and its implementation must reflect the "4-way test". The draft plan would include "process, purpose, funding". The planning "score" would be; 10% location; 40% impact on youth; 30% organizational readiness; and 10% Rotary in the community. Hugh suggests that we establish a sub-committee to look into this idea. It was also noted that any decisions on such a project would have to first be approved by the membership at large.
- Benefit Concert - the suggestion has been made to hold a ticketed Ribfest Food & Music Fest benefit concert to "kick off" the 2013 Ribfest. It would create media and public awareness for both the Toronto Ribfest and child hunger in Toronto. Hugh thought that we might get t-shirts for the entertainers that read something like "I Play for Food". He also feels that we can "re-energize" our sponsors in the Rotary Food Initiative. He thinks that

we can't do this on our own and will need the help of our partners to get the type of entertainment that would draw people to the event.

- Toronto Rotary Clubs 2018 Child Hunger Imitative - President Hugh, the President of the Toronto Rotary Club Neil Philips and the President of the East York club Frank Bott met back on their PETS trip to Evanston. They talked about a project that they could do for the 2018 Rotary International Convention in Toronto. Their goal is to implement a "viable and sustainable" program that by 2018 ensures "every child in Toronto receives a daily nutritional meal" and "eradicate child hunger nutritionally in Toronto by 2018". They are hoping to get most of the other clubs onboard soon. Neil and Frank will be "pushing" this plan at the upcoming District Conference.

Club Events

- Big Ideas Forum - The next Big Ideas Forum will be October 17th (Crooked Cue - 7 PM). The theme will be "Ribfest". The next Big Ideas forums will be on November 21st and December 19th.
- The AGM will be held Wednesday, December 5th - Old Mill - 12:15 PM
- Christmas Party - December 12 - Lambton G&CC - 6 PM - Dinner at 7 PM
- Gottagetagoat.com - December 22nd - at President Hugh's

Toronto Ribfest 2013

Michael Bell said that the Ribfest Committee is ready to get going. He says our new members "will be conscripted" and that we need more "hands on" from our members. This is the 3rd year of our "revitalization" of Ribfest. He thinks this has had a "great impact" and that the media impact alone has been "staggering".

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More people have “got to know about us and who we are”. President Hugh attended the Festivals and Events Ontario (FEO) reception and Mayor Hazel MaCallion gave some remarks about the importance of festivals to the community. One thing she said was “Remember the joy that you are giving people”. We are creating fun and a service to the community. Michael added that the expenses that we incurred last year are not expected again this year. He is also looking at plans to deal with the rising costs. He is once again looking for support from all of our members so that we can continue making Ribfest a success.

President's Closing Remarks

President Hugh said he got his guitar out of the closet and dusted it off and closed the meeting with a rendition of Carol Burnett's “Glad We Had This Time Together”.

Jottings from the Board - October 10, 2012

By: Bob Maxwell - Senior Director

1. Cheques approved for payment 1535 to 1541 (Martin's Flowers, postage and stationery, luncheon shortfall October allowance for exchange student)

2. Donations

\$1,000.00	Italian Earthquake Relief Fund
\$2000.00	CARE
\$5,000.00	Rotary Foundation
\$5,000.00	PolioPlus
\$1,000.00	Basketeers

3. Cost approved for two Rotaractors to attend the District Conference @299.00 ea.

4. The Board approved a motion by District 7070 to RI Foundation that The Rotary Foundation include certain items, e.g. school uniforms and books, in equipment for a Global Grant. In many countries, while education may be free, students are not allowed to attend school if they don't have uniforms.

5. The Board approved the following for membership in the Rotary Club of Etobicoke:

Theresa Sherwood (Mrs.)

Kester Trim (Major)

The Secretary will be sending out notices to all members.

6. The Foundation Walk was a huge success. Our club contributed \$1,000. The total for District 7070 - \$152,000.00.

7. The Board agreed that this year's Christmas Party will be held on December 12th, 2012 at the Lambton Golf Club. Details will be posted in the weekly Bulletin.

8. The next Board meeting will be on November 5, 2012. A notice will be posted in the weekly Bulletin.

Visitors & Guests



Visiting Rotarians

Tharanga Gunaratne – Rotary Club of Colombo Regency, Sri Lanka (District 3220)

Visitors

Teresa Sherwood – Prospective new member

Major Kester Trim – Prospective new member –

Club members – we were 16 today

Total attendees - 19

**December 16, 2012 – 6.00 PM at the
Lambton Golf Club. KEEP THE DATE
FREE More Details to Follow.....**

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Secretary's Corner

By Ron Miller

Following announcements were made

- **15 October 2012** - International Services Committee Meeting, 7.00 PM at Bernadette & Nigel's Residence.
- **19 - 21 October 2012** - District Conference, Sheraton Parkway Toronto North Hotel, Richmond Hill, check district website for more information.
- **October 24, 2012** - Membership Committee Meeting at Michael Bell's Residence.
- **November 03, 2012** - The Alliston Rotary Club's Annual Rotary Gala Auction. Contact Nigel for details.
- **November 05, 2012** - Board Meeting Venue TBA.
- **December 05, 2012** - Club AGM Old Mill 12.15 pm.
- **December 16, 2012** - Annual Christmas Dinner Lambton Golf Club, 7.00 pm.

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

HAPPY BUCKS



Nigel Brown – Nigel was "happy" to say that "in a world where a 14 year old girl is shot for wanting to go to school, last year's figures of 1 billion starving people in the world has been reduced this year to 852 million". Nigel was actually very happy to say

has sold one of his jade carvings which was his 2nd sale this year. He was also happy to say that he had received 3 calls last week from Clubs expressing an interest in supporting the Magoanine "B" School Water & Sanitation project in Maputo, Mozambique that he has been working to get a Global Grant for. He said that he will be manning a table in the House of Friendship at the upcoming District Conference in hopes of getting more Clubs interested.

Russ Morreale – Russ was happy to say he attended the 100th Anniversary of Cathedral High School in Hamilton on September 28-29th. There were many alumni that attended and they were greeted by students and teachers. He added that most went to 2 separate schools, one for the boys and one for the girls, but they eventually amalgamated into one co-ed school. Russ also remarked that they offer many different subjects now than when he was in school such as hair dressing, auto mechanics, law, etc. They also have a food service course that operates a catering service that serves lunches and catered the reunion as well. He said he was amazed to see "how far the school had advanced over the years". Now that he had celebrated the 100th Anniversary of Cathedral High School, he was now going to celebrate the 200th Anniversary of the War of 1812.



50/50 Draw

Today's 50:50 Draw **Alex Woda** ticket was drawn out of the bag but he pulled only the 10 of Diamonds Pot grows!! Deck of Cards gets smaller - **It's a nice pot of over \$525.00.**

THERE ARE ONLY 4 CARDS LEFT

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