



WEEKLY UPDATE



Rotary Club of Etobicoke

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Week October 24, 2012

Board 2011 - 2012

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

October 31, 2012: Speaker - Layla Brittian SOS Children's Villages

Today's Speaker Dr. Jay Carey - Classification Talk



Dr Jay said he was glad that there were so many "Happy Bucks" today so that he could keep his talk short. He wanted to thank Lynda Ryder, President Hugh, Nigel brown and Ron Miller for making his "transition into Rotary very smooth" and for making it fun to be here.

Jay wanted to tell "how he got to where he is now". He asked how many of the members watch the "Morning Drive" on the Golf Channel. If they had they would know that there currently is a PGA Tournament where the 4 winners of the major events are playing off. This event is taking place in Bermuda. Jay is originally from Bermuda, which he says is a little place (20 sq. miles - 25 miles long and 1 mile wide at its widest) with a population just over 60,000. The temperature this time of year is around 28C. They have no universities

but there is also no income tax so people can afford to send their children off island to go to university. Jay went to High School in Bermuda but came to Canada to do Grade 13 then went to University of Toronto. Jay has told his kids not to follow the path he took. He spent 4 years at U of T then got his Masters in Biochemistry at York. After York he went on to Teachers College and spent 1 year teaching. Finally he went to University of Waterloo for 4 years for Optometry. For the last 20 years Jay has been an in his own office at Islington and Bloor where he has an associate and 4 staff members.

Jay thinks that his wife is the more important than he is. She is head of the Ontario Black History Society and she has written books on the subject. Jay says she can trace both sides of her family back 10 generations from United Empire Loyalist from New Brunswick on one side and from Buxton. They have 3 kids, 2 daughters and a son (who is the youngest). One daughter is an opera singer. She lives in New Jersey and is teaching at Rutgers and auditioning in New York City. She spent a year in Japan as a language teacher teaching English. The 2nd daughter is an events planner with her own company called "Sky's the Limit". She began networking in high school and began her company in University. Jay describes his son as "6ft 2 with size 14 shoes" and is not sure yet what he wants to do.

Outside of the office, Jay says his activities include Rotary, golf, and he has given lectures on "Diabetes and its effects on the eye". He has also volunteered with teams of other optometrists to go to Jamaica to give free eye examinations.

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Jay is looking forward to becoming more active in the Club and getting involved in the various committees.

Jay noted that if anyone is interested in visiting Bermuda, Westjet currently has some great packages available.

New Member Introduction



Major Kester Trim - Salvation Army



Theresa Sherwood

RIP - Betty Coates

Betty Coates, wife of long time member Ken Coates, passed away back on October 6th. A remembrance service will be held at the Village of Humber Heights on a date to be announced later.

Visitors & Guests

Guests

Sandra Laurin – Guest of Ingrid McGaughey – Potential new member

John Campbell - Guest of Ingrid McGaughey – Potential new member

Club members – we were 16 today

Total attendees - 18

Birthdays This Week



Alex Woda - October 21st

Sue Foley - October 26th

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**December 12, 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

- **October 29, 2012** - Ribfest meeting - Illumineer (486 Evans Ave. Unit #8) - starting with Pizza at 5:30pm
- **November 01, 2012** - Community Services Committee meeting - Scarlett Heights Residence (4005 Eglinton West) - 7 PM
- **November 03, 2012** - The Alliston Rotary Club's Annual Rotary Gala Auction. Contact Nigel for details.
- **November 05, 2012** - Board Meeting Venue TBA.
- **November 20, 2012** - International Services Committee Meeting 7.00 PM Bernadette & Nigel's Residence.
- **December 01, 2012** - Bag Packing at No Frills Rathburn & Renfrew 2.00 - 5.00 PM.
- **December 05, 2012** - Club AGM Old Mill 12.15 pm.
- **December 12, 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!



Bernadette Hunkeler Brown – Bernadette was happy (but sad at the same time) to say that will be leaving in the next year (likely around August) to go to Cape Town, South Africa. She said they have every intention of joining a Rotary Club there which means we can expect a fair number of

requests for help with African projects coming our way.

Nigel Brown – Nigel was happy to say that they will be holding their annual "Open House" on Sunday, December 9th. He hopes to see everyone there. He was also happy to say that he had a "collector's item" with him today. He visited the Leaside Rotary Club last week and exchanged club banners. He said the Leaside banner is "very rare". In addition, Nigel was happy to say that the next bag-packing event will be on Sunday, December 1st (2-5 PM) at the No Frills at Rathburn and Renforth. He added that so far bag-packing has raised over \$3100. And finally, Nigel was happy to say that came across "many wonderful ideas" at last weekend's District Conference. There were many "big ideas" that he can share with President Hugh. At the conference Nigel got to talk with more clubs about the Magoanine "B" project in Mozambique and has had a "huge influx of cash". He has received commitments for money from various Rotary Clubs including Picton, Alliston, Toronto, Wellington, Eglinton and Belleville with more clubs expressing an interest. It is going really well and Nigel says he is getting very excited.

Jim Woodside – Jim is happy to say that his grandchildren are attending John English Junior Middle School where they are in the French Emersion program. He said that his granddaughter Sophie has been chosen to go to France as part of an exchange program. Thirty kids from France were scheduled to arrive here in Toronto a couple days ago at 5 PM and they were to be taken out for dinner, etc. However, they got as far as Gander, Newfoundland where the aircraft had mechanical problems. They didn't arrive in Toronto until around 3 AM. Jim said he is happy they got here. He said the girl they are hosting, Lucy, is a nice girl and speaks "more English than French"

Michael Bell – Michael was happy to say that he attended a ceremony at City Hall this morning, along with numerous other Rotarians and family, where Mayor Ford declared today to be "World Polio Day" in Toronto and raised the "End Polio Now" flag. World Polio Day is being celebrated around the world today. When Rotary began its Polio Challenge back in 1985 there were over 330,000 cases of polio around the world that year. Today there have been only 164 new cases this year. Rotary has donated 1.2 billion dollars to the eradication of polio and "we are that close". (See Picture Below)

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Ingrid McGaughey – Ingrid was happy to say that our speaker at the next “Big Ideas” evening meeting on November 21st will be Dr. Andrew Simone who she says is an “amazing man” who is “very devoted humanitarian”. Dr. Simone is a wealthy Harvard educated skin specialist who decided one day to “give it all away” and “give of himself to help others”. He got rid of his cars, furniture, etc. They welcomed foster children into their home. He and his wife started CFFC (Canadian Food for Children) in 1985. CFFC is responsible for sending food to children all over the world. In 2001 Dr. Simone received the Order of Canada. Ingrid feels that this is someone who has truly been a “**difference maker**” in our community and is suggesting that everyone get the word out that he will speaking that evening. It would be great to get a large turnout of members, family, friends and guests to hear Dr. Simone.

Doug Hartry – Doug was happy to say that Dr. Simone was currently “looking after” his wife Maxine. Doug said that all of the blood thinners she was taking had caused sores that the Dr. was treating.

Andre Dugas – Andre was happy to say that his wife Gillian was “very happy” because she had just received a cheque for \$1000. The cheque is for Basketeers. Basketeers make up baskets for women in shelters to help ease the transition to a new life when move out on their own. Andre said they have done 3 baskets on their own and the \$1000 will be used to make baskets on behalf of the Club.

Ron Miller - Ron was happy to say that the Club was presented with the District 7070 Club Bulletin Award at last weekend's District Conference. He congratulated Frederik on his great job doing the bulletin every week. Ron added that while Nigel Brown and him had contributed to the bulletin, it really was "Frederik's baby" and he deserved the award.

“The Gasman Cometh”

President Hugh and Nigel Brown wanted to give a special presentation to everyone who was a fan of “old British Comedy” with a stirring rendition of “The Gasman Cometh”.



50/50 Draw

Today's 50:50 Draw **Dr. Jay Carey** ticket was drawn out of the bag but he pulled only the **7 of Hearts** Pot grows!! Deck of Cards gets smaller - **It's a nice pot of over \$525.00.**

THERE ARE ONLY 3 CARDS LEFT



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