



WEEKLY UPDATE



Rotary Club of Etobicoke

District Governor: Ted Koziel

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Week September 26, 2012

Board 2011 - 2012

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

Next Week Speaker: October 3, 2012 - Hugh Dimock Shelter Box

President's Remarks

President Hugh wanted to thank everyone for coming today and he wanted to wish everyone "Happy Yom Kippur". He said that his wife Ruth was celebrating today by fasting.

New Generations - Opal Rowe

President Hugh asked New Generations Director Opal Rowe to begin today's New Generations presentation.

Opal wanted to thank the New Generations Committee for arranging today's meeting. She asked Lynda Ryder to introduce today's first speakers.

Lynda said that New Generations is her favorite committee as it deals with Youth and what we have to look forward to in the future. She said she was happy to introduce Jasmin Dooh from LAMP who Lynda says has done great work with youth South Etobicoke with LAMP and SEYA (South Etobicoke Youth Assembly). Jasmin said she would defer her comments for a few minutes because she wanted to first introduce Janice Karmody from SEYA who our Club sponsored to attend RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) this year at Loyalist College in Belleville. Janice began by saying it was a pleasure and an honour to be a RYLA recipient. She had no idea what she was in store for but said that it turned out to be a "most amazing" experience. One of the things they taught at RYLA was "behavioral styles". She had done

similar things with SEYA but found that this was a "totally different package" which she couldn't wait to finish. She thought that Rick Williams (facilitator) was also "amazing" and kept everybody motivated. She thinks that RYLA "pushes everyone outside of their comfort zone" and that that was a good thing. When she arrived she did not know anyone and she was the youngest of all of the students. She said that they had a lot of "free time" which allowed everyone to talk with each other and share their experiences. Some knew about Rotary, some didn't. They shared stories about how they got involved in RYLA as well as personal information. Through RYLA she was able to build some "long lasting friendships" and is able to keep in touch through Facebook with many of them. She was very grateful to the Club for sponsoring her to go to RYLA as it was a truly great opportunity for her. Janice now gave way to Jasmin who wanted to talk about LAMP and SEYA. Jasmin noted that they deal with 200+ youths every year and 95% of these are disadvantaged and "at risk". The majority have never finished secondary education. Their community development model is to "engage youth" and to help them get the opportunities and position for the future. This can lead to a better future for them and the community. Jasmin thinks that some of the key messages of LAMP are very much in line with Rotary and she has always enjoyed our association over the years. Jasmin wanted to thank Rotary and our Club for such "great" programs as RYLA and Camp Enterprise to which we have sponsored youths from LAMP to attend. LAMP's SEYA program is a youth led and youth run group (under 19) who work together to make a positive difference in the community through active participation (change the world). They organize events to showcase youth talents, creativity and ideas,

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and also host workshops on leadership training, skills development (both occupational and life skills), teamwork, youth issues (anti-bullying, etc) and create opportunities for learning. All the programs are free to youth. Jasmin noted that they currently receive no government funding and rely on sponsorships from various organizations. Jasmine mentioned that they have helped out at Ribfest over the past few years and hopes that they can continue having a “partnership” with Rotary in the future. She thinks that youth and leadership are what New Generations is all about and programs like RYLA and Camp Enterprise are key.

Greg Dobson was asked to introduce our next speaker, Suliati Serik, who he described as a “Camp Enterprise alumni for 2 years in a row”. He couldn’t believe how much she had matured and how far she had come since then, and that she was now attending York University. Suliati corrected Greg saying she was actually at camp Enterprise for 3 years. She thinks Greg probably didn’t notice her that first year as she was “extremely quiet” and “had stage fright”. She made up for it on her second and third years. She thinks that Camp Enterprise helped her so much and brought her to where she is today. It gave her the confidence she needed. She went from someone with “little confidence to a little loud”. Suliati also got some of her friends who knew little or nothing about Rotary to become involved in Camp Enterprise. She is still involved in fundraising for Covenant House. She says words can’t describe how it has affected her and how thankful she is for the opportunities that Camp Enterprise has given her, and how so many other students have benefited. Suliati is currently studying for a degree in Law at York, and is very thankful to the Club for awarding her a Rotary scholarship.

President Hugh noted that we have 8 high schools involved in Camp Enterprise and 8 “champions” in these schools. He wanted to introduce Sylvia Smitas, Guidance Counselor from North Albion Collegiate who Hugh considers as our “greatest champion”. North Albion sent 15 students to Camp Enterprise and has become “well respected”. Sylvia said she

wasn’t aware of camp Enterprise until James Simon visited her between February and March 2008. He “sold Rotary to her”. She was at that time a “newish” Guidance Counselor and didn’t know exactly what she should do. James made up a package for her and made up a poster for her. She made 100 copies of the poster and posted it all around the school. It was also spread by “word of mouth”. She insisted that students give her a \$10 deposit to assure that they would show up if they committed to attending Camp Enterprise. She would be there the day they boarded the bus to go to make sure they all were there then returned the \$10. Sylvia also made those attending write a paragraph synopsis of their experiences at camp Enterprise. She then emailed them to Greg to put in his binder. She thinks Camp Enterprise is a great experience for students as they are given opportunities to learn business, cooperation, fundraising, public speaking, team building, etc. She noted that many of the students at North Albion come from homes with less money than other areas. Many have single parents. Going to Camp Enterprise is a totally new thing for many. Some have never been away from home before. Now they are living on campus with “free food”. This is a big change for some and it is an exciting experience for them. They are learning, meeting new people, making new friends, and having fun.

One of Rotary’s goals is to attract more young people as members. Opal said there are several programs which are designed to help attract the new Rotarians of the future such as Earlyact in grade schools, Interact in high schools and Rotaract in Universities (there are also stand alone Rotaract Clubs that attract young business people). Opal now wanted to introduce Weiting Xu from the Rotaract Club at York University. While fairly new to the York Rotaract, she is the club Secretary and is rapidly getting familiar with the club. She wanted to mention the “initiatives” the club is planning this year. One is a local initiative with Youth without Shelter and the other is an international initiative with Shelter Box. These are the same initiatives as last year but the club decided that they want “sustainability” in

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their projects. Their goals are to paint a room for Youth without Shelter and to raise \$1000 for a second Shelter Box (they donated a Shelter Box last year). They plan to do by having Bingos, bake sales and raffles. They are asking if anyone has items they would like to donate for their raffles they would be most appreciative. The club also intends to participate in the Trump Aids Walk again in April. She wanted to thank our Club for our support of their Club. Weiting also mentioned that they are hoping to send 2-3 members to the upcoming District Conference (October 19-21) in Richmond Hill. In the past our club has supported sending Rotaractors to the District Conferences. She also noted that they have actively recruiting new Rotaract members. At the University's Yorkfest they collected 6-7 pages of names that might be interested in getting involved. Weiting added that she became involved with the Rotary after receiving a Paul Harris Scholarship from the Scarborough Rotary Club.

Maureen Borghoff posed the question "who knows when the Rotary Youth Exchange started". The answer: 1961. An Australian World War II veteran spoke at the Rotary International Convention that year and suggested that "cultural exchanges were a benefit" and the program developed. Maureen then introduced our "inbound" Youth Exchange student, Lilian Arrage from Brazil. Lilian says she has been here for 35 days and it has been a great experience so far. She has learned a lot and is doing things she has never done before. In Brazil her mother did a lot of things for her and she had her sisters to do things. Here she has to do a lot more on her own. She says has a great host family (President Hugh and Ruth) and a great counselor. She hopes to learn a lot more and improve her English while she is here. Lilian is from Bauru, Brazil which is in Sao Paulo State. She will be at Father Redmond High School while she is here in Grade 11.

President Hugh closed by saying the theme of today's luncheon was appropriate since September is New Generations Month. He wanted to thank Opal and her committee for arranging today's meeting. Hugh says he is

"turned on by New Generations" and learned some things today.



Visitors & Guests

Visiting Rotarians

Weiting Xu – Rotaract Club of York University

Visitors

Major Kester Trim – Salvation Army Potential Member

Sylvia Smitas – Guidance Counsellor – North Albion Collegiate

Suliat Serik – North Albion Collegiate

Sherifat Serik – Mother of Suliat Serik

Jasmin Dooh – LAMP

Janice Karmody – LAMP (SEYA)

Lilian Arrage – Youth Exchange Student

Teresa Sherwood – Soon to be new member

Marion Bishop – Soon to be new member

Club members – we were 16 today

Total attendees - 26

Club Nominations for the Nomination Committee 2013-14

At the meeting on October 10th we will be asking for the nomination of two club members (who are not past presidents and who have been club members for at least two years) to serve on the Nominating Committee for next year's Board.

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Secretary's Corner

By Ron Miller

Birthdays This Week



Michael Bell - September 25th
Don Edwards - September 29th

Following announcements were made

Thank You Note:

A Thank You note was received from President Andrew Yang of the Rotary Club of Toronto Skyline for our gift of the Club trading Banners to celebrate their Charter Night.

- **October 1st** - Board of Director's meeting - Venue still to be determined
- **October 03, 2012** - Past President Meeting, 7.00 PM at Michael Bell's Residence.
- **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.

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

HAPPY BUCKS



Michael Bell – Michael was happy to say that the Foundation Walk last Saturday in Bowmanville was a great success with 500+ Rotarians along with family and guests attending. Michael added there was probably half that number of dogs there as well. It was a “great day” with a “great walk”. Part of the walk was along Bowmanville Creek where everyone got to see where the Bowmanville Rotary Club is helping to build a “fish ladder” to get salmon that are going upstream to spawn over the Goodyear Dam. As well as financially supporting the building of the new fish ladder their Club members along with other volunteers are currently catching the salmon and physically taking over the dam. Our Club had 10 members and guests attending. We have pledged \$900 towards the walk but Michael said he will still be accepting donations from Club members in the hopes of pushing the total over \$1000. As a result, the walk raised \$152,000 which goes a long ways towards the District 7070 goal of \$800,000 this year to Foundation. Michael reminded members that ½ of the money that goes to Foundation comes back to the District after 3 years.

Jim Woodside – Jim was happy to say that after his frequent trips to Princess Margaret Hospital of late, he was told three days ago that he is now “cancer free”. Great news Jim!!

Doug Hartry – Doug wanted everyone to know that back in September, He and Maxine celebrated their 63rd Wedding Anniversary. He said he has been with Maxine for 69 years as they were “sweethearts” in High School and University. Belated Happy Anniversary Doug & Maxine.

Nigel Brown – Nigel was happy to say that our recent “bag packing” event was a success raising \$311.09. The funds will be split 50/50 between PolioPlus and the International Services Committee's “slush fund”. Nigel also wanted to say the walk in Bowmanville was great and that at the walk he made Bill Patchett “flinch”. Nigel was busy passing out flyers for the Magoanine “B” School Water & Sanitation Project that he is championing.

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Nigel made sure that every Club that was attending the walk got a flyer and was informed about what it was about. Nigel says another club, the Picton Rotary Club, have come "onboard" to support the project and he thinks that there are other clubs that are leaning towards supporting it. He says that he will have a table at the upcoming District Conference so "there will be no escaping" Nigel from promoting this project to the other clubs. He is hoping to make Bill flinch again. Nigel was also happy to hear the "great news" from Jim Woodside and also wanted to thank him for bringing a supply of more "can pulls" for him.



50/50 Draw

Today's 50:50 Draw **Gillian Dugas** ticket was drawn out of the bag but he pulled only the 3 of Spades Pot grows!! Deck of Cards gets smaller - It's a nice pot of over \$525.00.

THERE ARE ONLY 6 CARDS LEFT

Rotary District 7070 Foundation Walk



Rotary commits additional US\$75 million to help end polio

Rotary International has made a new funding commitment of US\$75 million over three years to the [Global Polio Eradication Initiative](#) (GPEI). Rotary, which has already contributed nearly \$1.2 billion to the GPEI, announced the commitment at a 27 September high-level side event on polio eradication, convened by United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon during the United Nations General Assembly in New York.

The side event -- "Our Commitment to the Next Generation: The Legacy of a Polio-free World" - brought together leaders of the remaining endemic countries, and representatives of donor governments, development agencies, the GPEI partners, and the media to underscore the urgent need to finish the job of global polio eradication. Although the wild poliovirus is endemic only in Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Nigeria, other countries are still at risk for re-established transmission of the virus through its "importation" from the endemics.

Ban urged UN member states to ramp up their support for the GPEI, launched in 1988 by Rotary, the World Health Organization, UNICEF, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The partnership now includes the support of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and the United Nations Foundation.

"This decisive moment is a matter of health and justice. Every child should have the right to start life with equal protection from this disease. That's why I have made eradicating polio a top priority for my second term as Secretary-General," said Ban.

New donors

"Governments need to step up and honor their commitments to polio eradication if we are to

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achieve our goal of a polio-free world,” said Wilfrid Wilkinson, chair of The Rotary Foundation. “We are at a true tipping point, with success never closer than it is right now. We must seize the advantage by acting immediately, or risk breaking our pledge to the world’s children.”

“The evidence is clear: if we all do our part, we can and will end this disease. But we must act quickly and give ourselves the very best chance to succeed,” said Bill Gates, co-chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, one of the leading donors to the GPEI. “When we defeat polio, it will motivate us to aim for other great health and development milestones.”

The Islamic Development Bank (IDB), a new donor to the polio eradication effort, announced a US\$227 million loan to Pakistan, which will cover the majority of the country’s polio vaccination campaign costs. The IDB also announced a \$3 million grant for polio activities in Afghanistan.

In addition, Julian Fantino, Canadian Minister of International Cooperation, announced a “Three for One Polio Challenge Initiative” with Rotarians in Canada and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Through the initiative, the Canadian International Development Agency and the Gates Foundation will each contribute to the GPEI C\$1 for every \$1 raised by Canadian Rotarians up to \$1 million. Upon completion, the initiative would generate a total of \$3 million for the GPEI.

These additional funding commitments follow action taken in May by the World Health Assembly, which declared polio eradication a “programmatic emergency for global public health.” Polio cases have plummeted by more than 99 percent since 1988, when the disease infected about 350,000 children a year. Although new polio cases are at an all-time low -- fewer than 150 worldwide in 2012 as of 19

September - the \$790 million funding shortfall through 2013 has already curtailed scheduled immunization activities in polio-affected countries. If eradication fails and polio rebounds, up to 200,000 children a year could be paralyzed.

“Failure to eradicate polio is unforgivable, forever. Failure is not an option. No single one of us can bring this long, hard drive over the last hurdle. But together we can,” said Dr. Margaret Chan, Director-General of the World Health Organization.

Unwavering commitment

Rotary and its GPEI partners have reached more than 2.5 billion children with the oral polio vaccine, preventing more than 8 million cases of paralysis and hundreds of thousands of pediatric deaths. Rotary’s chief responsibilities in the initiative are fundraising and advocacy, an increasingly important role as the polio end game draws near.

Earlier this month, Rotary launched a new [website](#) to garner greater support for the global polio eradication effort. More than 6,000 visitors signed a petition on the site calling for world leaders to commit additional resources to close the funding gap. Wilkinson presented the signatures on Rotary’s behalf during the UN polio eradication side event. Visitors to the site can also estimate the potential dollar value they can generate by sharing the polio eradication message through Facebook, Twitter, and other social media.

“The unwavering commitment of Rotary members has been vital to the incredible progress of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative,” said Wilkinson. “How critically important it is for the global community to seize this historic opportunity before us to end polio now.”

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