



WEEKLY UPDATE



Rotary Club of Etobicoke

District Governor: Ted Koziel

RI President: Sakuji Tanaka

Week January 23, 2013

Board 2012 - 2013

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

Speaker: January 30, 2013 - Andre Dugas Classification Talk

Robbie Burns Celebration - Jack Jackson - Piper and Master of Ceremonies



Due to President Hugh's "lack of voice", Past President Michael Bell chaired today's luncheon.

The Robbie Burns Day ceremony began with Piper Jack Jackson, Old Mill chef Tim Dunnill, and Past President Michael Bell "parading" the haggis through the Humber Room. Jack then gave his usual rousing rendition of the "address to the haggis". The haggis was now presented those in attendance who had been anxiously waiting to have a taste (some less anxious than others). Michael Bell supplied everyone a "wee dram" of scotch (Johnny Walker Blue Label) to have with the haggis. It was a great celebration and everyone had a great time. Michael thanked Jack for his great performance again this year and also wanted to thank the Old Mill chef for preparing the haggis and the Old Mill staff for making this a fun occasion.



Address to a Haggis by Robbie Burns

*Fair fa' your honest, sonsie face,
Great chieftain o the puddin'-race!
Aboon them a' ye tak your place,
Painch, tripe, or thairm:
Weel are ye worthy o' a grace
As lang's my arm.*

*The groaning trencher there ye fill,
Your hurdies like a distant hill,
Your pin wad help to mend a mill
In time o need,
While thro your pores the dews distil
Like amber bead.*

*His knife see rustic labour dight,
An cut you up wi ready slight,
Trenching your gushing entrails bright,
Like onie ditch;
And then, O what a glorious sight,
Warm-reekin, rich!*

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*Then, horn for horn, they stretch an strive:
Deil tak the hindmost, on they drive,
Till a' their weel-swail'd kytes belyve
Are bent like drums;
The auld Guidman, maist like to rive,
'Bethankit' hums.*

*Is there that owre his French ragout,
Or olio that wad staw a sow,
Or fricassee wad mak her spew
Wi perfect scunner,
Looks down wi sneering, scornfu view
On sic a dinner?*

*Poor devil! see him owre his trash,
As feckless as a wither'd rash,
His spindle shank a guid whip-lash,
His nieve a nit;
Thro bloody flood or field to dash,
O how unfit!*

*But mark the Rustic, haggis-fed,
The trembling earth resounds his tread,
Clap in his walie nieve a blade,
He'll make it whistle;
An legs an arms, an heads will sned,
Like taps o thrissle.*

*Ye Pow'rs, wha mak mankind your care,
And dish them out their bill o fare,
Auld Scotland wants nae skinking ware
That jaups in luggies:
But, if ye wish her gratefu prayer,
Gie her a Haggis*



Address to a Haggis Translation

*Fair and full is your honest, jolly face,
Great chieftain of the sausage race!
Above them all you take your place,
Stomach, tripe, or intestines:
Well are you worthy of a grace
As long as my arm.*

*The groaning trencher there you fill,
Your buttocks like a distant hill,
Your pin would help to mend a mill
In time of need,
While through your pores the dew's distill
Like amber bead.*

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*His knife see rustic Labour wipe,
And cut you up with ready slight,
Trenching your gushing entrails bright,
Like any ditch;
And then, O what a glorious sight,
Warm steaming, rich!*

*Then spoon for spoon, the stretch and
strive:
Devil take the hindmost, on they drive,
Till all their well swollen bellies by-and-by
Are bent like drums;
Then old head of the table, most like to
burst,
'The grace!' hums.*

*Is there that over his French ragout,
Or olio that would sicken a sow,
Or fricassee would make her vomit
With perfect disgust,
Looks down with sneering, scornful view
On such a dinner?*

*Poor devil! see him over his trash,
As feeble as a withered rush,
His thin legs a good whip-lash,
His fist a nut;
Through bloody flood or field to dash,
O how unfit.*

*But mark the Rustic, haggis-fed,
The trembling earth resounds his tread,
Clap in his ample fist a blade,
He'll make it whistle;
And legs, and arms, and heads will cut off
Like the heads of thistles.*

*You powers, who make mankind your care,
And dish them out their bill of fare,
Old Scotland wants no watery stuff,
That splashes in small wooden dishes;
But if you wish her grateful prayer,
Give her [Scotland] a Haggis!*



Paul Harris Recognition - Ron Miller



Past President/President Elect Michael Bell was pleased to present Ron Miller with a Paul Harris 1-sapphire pin in recognition of his contributions to Rotary Foundation.

Jottings from the Board

By Michael Bell

The Board held its first meeting of the new year at Illumineer Ltd. It was great to see Carol Weber healthy and in attendance. She informed the Board that she has just retired from Humber College and that there are

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already irons in the fire to keep her busy in retirement??? Carol has a good relationship with Foodshare and will continue in that capacity for the club.

In recognition of the outstanding work that the International Services Committee has been doing within the club and District with their Magoanine project, the Board moved to add an additional \$3,000.00 to their budget for this Rotary year. Well done ISC.

Polio fundraiser, the Marlies and Rico Coliseum. We have 30 tickets at a discounted cost of \$30.00 each for the Marlies game Saturday Feb. 2nd at 3pm. Please see Alex or Ron for your tickets. This will make for a fun club outing at the Rico Coliseum.

This year we are holding a "Night of 1000 Cocktails Sticks" as a fundraiser for our Magoanine Project. Save the date which is Wednesday March 27th to be hosted by Nigel and Bernadette at their home in the Kingsway. Please see Nigel for your tickets.

Gary Hepworth has resigned his seat on the Board and as Chair of Community Services for personal reasons and the Board has asked President Hugh to assume the role of Chair for the balance of this Rotary year to minimize any disruption with our Community Partners.

A request from Toronto Police Services for \$4,000.00 to purchase a "speed machine" which tells motorists how fast they are driving was approved by the Community Services Committee and the Board by email vote prior to Christmas with President Hugh handing out the cheque to Councillor Grimes during the holidays.

The New Generations Committee has been busy. Our Camp Enterprise will take place at the U of T campus in Mississauga on May 2,3,4, 2013. The NG Committee has recommended and the Board has approved continuing our Youth Exchange program for next year with our outgoing student already selected and soon to be introduced to the club. A reminder to all club members that we all have a role and responsibility to invite our current student Lillian from Brazil out to dinner or for a Canadian experience of some kind. Also please

note that we are still looking for another host family for Lillian. Please let Maureen know if you have any suggestions.

Finally, November was Foundation month and club members donated \$1,850.00 to Foundation with each receiving double recognition points for their contributions.

Visitors & Guests



Visiting Rotarians:

- ➔ **Maureen Bird** – Rotary Club of Toronto

Guests:

- ➔ **Jack Jackson** – Piper & MC
- ➔ **Jo-Ann Bell** – Guest of Michael Bell
- ➔ **Florian Hammerbacher** – Guest of Nigel Brown
- ➔ **Jack Fleming** – Former member who is rejoining the Club
- ➔ **Betty Waterman** – Guest of Harry Waterman
- ➔ **Erlene Brown** – Potential New member

Club members – we were **13** today

Total attendees - **20**

Birthdays This Week



Judy Burnell - January 20th
Gary Hepworth - January 24th

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Secretary's Corner

By Ron Miller

Following announcements were made

- **January 29th, 2013 7.00 PM**
Membership Committee Meeting-
Michael Bell's Residence
- **February 2nd, 2013** - Rotary Day at the
Toronto Marlies - 3 PM - Ricoh Coliseum
- there are 30 tickets available @
\$30.00/each - contact Alex Woda or
President Hugh
- **March 27th, 2013** - Night of 1000
Cocktail-sticks Magoanine Fundraiser -
Nigel and Bernadette's - Further details
to come.
- **May 04, 2013** - District Assembly, BMO
Institute.

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



Nigel Brown – Nigel was happy say that details had been finalized for the Magoanine Cocktail Fundraiser set for Wednesday, March 27th at their home. Tickets are \$55 each and will cover finger food and drinks, and an entry in the door prize sweep. There will also be a grand prize raffle that evening. Nigel thinks that the evening will be “fully subscribed” so you should get your \$\$ in “anytime soon” to avoid disappointment.

Ralph Chiodo Ralph was happy to be back in this “great country of ours”. He has recently returned from Italy where he attended 4 Rotary meetings while he was there (2 at our twin Club in Amantea and 2 at the Rogliano Valle Del Savutu Club). The President of the Rogliano Club, Dr. Giovanni Golovito hosted a dinner at his home for Ralph and the Club members. While in Italy, the Amantea

Club presented a play about a family immigrating to Canada via Pier 21 in Halifax. They story was about Ralph and his family. He said they had people acting as his mother, his younger brother, his sister and him. He said that it was “extremely emotional”. Ralph said the play “hosted over 300 guests that paid to attend”. Ralph hosted 90 of the guests to dinner at La Tonnara (where Ralph paid for all). Ralph also made a 2000 Euros donation to Foundation. There is a video of the play that Ralph said that we will view at a later date.



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50/50 Draw

Today's 50:50 Draw **Ron Miller** ticket was drawn out of the bag and he pulled the **Queen of Hearts**.

Thank You Notes

Thank you notes were received from the following;

- CARE Canada thanked the Club for our recent donation to a water and sanitation project in Honduras
- The Walter D Head Foundation from Rotary District 7490 thanked the Club for our donation to the Hurricane Sandy Relief Fund
- Louise Russo's W.A.V.E. thanked us for our continued support
- Toronto Rehab Foundation thanked us for our donation to the Dialysis Unit at the E.W. Bickle Centre for Complex Continuing Care

Maureen Bird - RI President Tanaka's Visit to the Toronto Rotary Club (Friday, March 1st) and Trump Aids Poker Walk (Saturday, April 27th)

Maureen Bird is a member of the Rotary Club of Toronto. She was here today to talk about the upcoming visit of RI President Sakuji Tanaka to the Toronto Club on March 1st. Maureen noted that when the President of the United States visits it is a "state visit". When the Queen visits it is a "state visit". When the RI President comes to visit a club it is also like a "state visit". This will be President Tanaka's

only visit to a club meeting in Canada. His visit is part of the Toronto Rotary Club's 100th Anniversary celebrations. During their centennial year the club is donating a total of \$1 million to various charities they support. They are making 11 donations of \$100,000 to charities selected by each of the club's committees. They have been doing a donation a month at a special luncheon. The next donation will be on February 8th when the Community Services committee makes a donation to Seaton House. On March 1st a cheque for \$100,000 to PolioPlus will be presented to President Tanaka. The \$100,000 donation will be matched by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. The donation will also be matched by the Canadian Government. The end Polio campaign is "almost there" though there still needs to be an effort made in the 3 remaining countries. Maureen is hoping that as many people as possible can attend. Tickets are \$80 and they are going fast. If you are interested in attending visit www.rotarytoronto.com to order tickets.

Maureen also wanted to mention the 4th Trump Aids Poker Walk on April 27th. Maureen noted that our club has been involved in the past and is hoping that we can a part of it again this year. She said that there is still 33 million people worldwide suffering from HIV Aids (50% are women). Maureen gave Nigel a sign-up sheet for anyone interested in becoming part of the team. The club needs a member to lead our AIDS Poker Walk team. Please let Ron Miller know if you are interested in helping the club organize our participation in this local Rotary event.

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