



WEEKLY UPDATE



Rotary Club of Etobicoke

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Speaker: June 12, 2013 - Alessio Di Lisciandro - Ambassadorial Scholar from Italy

**Today's Speakers - Chuck Taylor
Rotary Club of Uxbridge Malawi
Pilot Project to Eliminate HIV**



Chuck Taylor grew up in Toronto spending his summers in the Kawarthas where he met his future wife Lynn, In 1967 the Leafs won the Stanley Cup and Chuck turned 21. Over the next year, Canada turned 100, Chuck and Lynn married, Chuck graduated from University of Toronto and he joined IBM.

Chuck started his career at IBM in sales and management. He later was a Partner at DMR

Group and is now a retired Partner at Ernst & Young.

Lyn and Chuck have survived almost 46 years of marriage and have 2 sons, 3 grandsons and one darling little granddaughter.

Chuck gave us a quick overview of Malawi which is a landlocked country that is surrounded by Tanzania, Mozambique and Zambia. Malawi got independence from Britain in 1964 and was ruled for many years by Hastings Banda, who was very British and insisted that English be the main language of the Country.

Maize is the main crop and has an average per capita income of \$253.00. They are the happiest people that Chuck has met and the country ranks high on the UN Index of Happiness.

Since 2003 Dignitas and MÉDECINS SANS FRONTIÈRES (MSF) have been assisting the Malawi Ministry of Health in fixing the healthcare system and training doctors and healthcare staff in the country.

The Uxbridge Rotary Club over the past 10 years has supported projects in Malawi especially in the healthcare environment around the spreading of HIV.

Almost 90% of the population is infected with HIV. The USAID contributed over \$2.1 million on a project to educate and training people in the prevention of HIV. Chuck showed us a copy of the Book called "Book in a Clinic" which outlines the symptoms of the HIV patients and how to prevent its spread. The hopw is with the reduction in the price of tablet PC's this "book in a Clinic" would be in Application on a Tablet.

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The main thrust of the programs in Malawi is to spread the prevention of HIV from mother to child, the best method was to give the pregnant mother 1 dose of norvacine and it prevented the passing of the HIV from mother to child. But they drawback was when the mother breast feed the child the HIV virus was again passed to the child. Now the n=best way of prevention would have been to formula feed, but with a country like Malawi that would be a very expensive solution. The other way of prevention is through the use on antiviral drugs which are given to the mother so that this way she will not pass the virus and have the ability to raise the child and the new generation will not have the HIV virus. But in a country where there are 2 Doctors and 56 nurses per 100,000 people it's a difficult goal to reach.

The Rotary Club of Uxbridge is working on a project to educate illiterate people in 7 districts in Malawi to create a 100% HIV/AIDS free environment for the next generation. The total cost of the project will be \$700,000.00 over the next 3 years.

Chuck hopes to raise \$25,000 from District 7070 and another \$12,000 from surrounding districts to \$37,000 with a Global Grant and a CRCID/CIDA grant will raise the amount to \$276K and over a 3 year period to \$700K, If this education program can be successfully implemented in Malawi it could easily adopted in other African countries to prevent the spread of HIV and give a new generation of Africans a chance of a better life.

Andre Dugas thanked Chuck for his wonderful presentation.

ANOTHER PROJECT FOR THE ETOBICOKE HANDS ON TEAM

Thank You Note from Youth Without Shelter

To the Rotary Club of Etobicoke

On behalf of our young residents thank you for your hard work in preparing delicious nacho dinner. Our 50 young residents all had very positive feedback to share, In addition to an exceptional meal, dinners like this help our residents to see the community cares about them.

Your support is helping us to continue to provide real solutions to youth homelessness and work towards changing the direction of young people's lives, such as one of our former residents', a young 17 year old female, who share:

"Thank you! Thank you!, Thank You! Thank You for getting me back on my feet! My whole life changed since I came to YWS and I want to let you know that for the past couple of months of months you were my family' And I;m sure that I'm not the only one to thank you because you make a difference in all our lives."

With support, we are one step closer to reaching our vision to end homelessness, one youth at a time, one step at a time.

*Ali Golfetto
Volunteer & Education Facilitator
Judy Leroux
Development Manager*



Visiting Rotarian

➔ **Chuck Taylor** – Rotary Club of Uxbridge
Speaker

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Secretary's Corner

By Ron Miller

The following announcements were made:

Doug Hartry's wife Maxine is in hospital but would be home this week.

Ron Miller is away at his sister in law funeral.

Diane Irvine parents Andy and Betty Irvine celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary. Andy Irvine has introduced three presidents to this Club - Diane Irvine, Anthony Doukas and Michael Bell.

The Rotary Club of Newmarket will be hosting its 18th Annual Golf Fundraiser at RedCrest Golf

Club (www.cardinalgolfclub.com/golf/redcrest) on Thursday, June 20, 2013. The cost is \$180 per player or \$720.00 for a foursome and includes the following: 18 holes at Red Crest; Power cart with GPS; Lunch and Dinner at the Bistro at RedCrest; Silent & Live Auction; and all tournament contests and drive up service for unloading clubs. Rotary has exclusive use of the RedCrest clubhouse for that day. Online registration is available at;

www.golfemsreg.com/events/18th_annual_newmarket_rotary_golf_tournament

Registration is 10:30 am; 11:30 am BBQ Lunch; 1:30 pm Shotgun Start; 6:00 pm Hip of Beef Buffet Dinner, Silent & Live Auction, Prizes. For further information contact; Anitra Basant Sisavang at mailservice@clubrunner.ca

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



50/50 Draw

Michael Bell, this week's lucky ticket holder - **6 of Spades.**



Jim Woodside – Jim was happy to say that the Japanese Exchange student that he always talking about had arrived back in Canada is living with the them. She injured her back in a train accident and decided that she has a better opportunity for jobs in Canada than Japan and is looking for work in a Retail sector.

Lynda Ryder – Lynda was happy to receive an email from RI President Elect Ron Burton last week asking her to be a Rotary Coordinator 10 Districts and she accepted that position on Monday. Lynda will be a responsible for training and mentoring in each of these 10 districts.

Theresa Sherwood – Theresa was happy to say that she had started Cooking Classes at St Margaret's Church

Three-day event provides free health care to thousands in Africa

In 1994, Marion Bunch lost her son, Jerry, to AIDS.

It was early in the U.S. AIDS epidemic, and the stigma of the disease kept her from talking about her son's illness with anyone but family members.

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But three years later, Bunch recalls feeling a tap on her shoulder and hearing a voice telling her to “get up and get going.”

“It was an epiphany ... that completely altered the course of my life,” she says.

Within a year, Bunch, a member of the Rotary Club of Dunwoody, Georgia, proposed an idea to her club, and through Rotary, began bringing together community and professional leaders who shared her passion for disease prevention in general. That was the start of Rotarians for Family Health and AIDS Prevention (RFHA), a Rotarian Action Group that received recognition from the RI Board in 2004.

Health Days

Last month, the group held its third annual Rotary Family Health Days in Africa. Rotarians from 365 Rotary clubs fanned out across Uganda, Nigeria, and South Africa to help medical professionals and government workers provide free health services to 250,000 disadvantaged people.

The event included polio and measles immunizations, dental and eye clinics, and family counseling and screening for HIV, diabetes and hypertension, breast cancer, and cervical cancer. Volunteers also handed out insecticide-treated bed nets, deworming tablets, and sanitary pads.

“The reach of this project is so phenomenal because of the presence of Rotarians all across these countries who felt emotionally connected by working together as one force on one project,” Bunch says.

In South Africa, 225 Rotary clubs participated at 160 sites; in Uganda, 65 clubs supported 120 sites; and across Lagos and Ogun states in southern Nigeria, 62 clubs supported 70 sites. Two Rotary Foundation global grants provided funding to send vocational training teams to Uganda and to pay for malaria-preventive bed nets in Nigeria.

“The heartbeat of the health care system must be prevention of disease and the promotion of health rather than [trying] to cure disease, rather than trying to fix it after,” says Dr. Aaron Motsoaledi, South Africa’s national minister of health.

Volunteer Chris Pretorius, a member of the Rotary Club of Pretoria Sunrise, South Africa, was amazed by the turnout for the Health Days event.

“One of the members of the health department actually said they had never been able to get so

many children here on a day like this,” he says. “That in itself is success.”

Working with partners

The campaign also illustrates how Rotary partners with other organizations to expand its impact. Since 2011, RFHA has partnered with the Coca-Cola Africa Foundation, which contributed US\$450,000 for this year’s three-country event. Other partners were South Africa’s Department of Health, South Africa Broadcasting Corporation, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, USAID, Delta Airlines, and Nampak (a producer of sanitary pads).

“We are proud to have partnered with RFHA and the Department of Health in promoting access to health screening services,” says Therese Gearhart, president of Coca-Cola South Africa. “At Coca-Cola, we invest in these initiatives because, together with our partners, we have a common vision of a South Africa that comprises healthy, strong, and thriving communities.”

Leaders of the Rotarian Action Group hope to expand the event to more African countries each year.

“Rotary is the catalyst organization in this event because of the power and (political) neutrality of our brand and the respect we receive worldwide for our ability to mobilize communities into action,” Bunch says. “This event represents the power of public/private partnerships. No one organization can do a massive event like this alone. Each partner has a defined role and set of responsibilities, and that’s why it works.”

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