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Rotary Club of Etobicoke

District Governor: **Valarie Wafer**

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Week October 30, 2013

Board 2013-2014

President: Michael Bell, Secretary: Ron Miller, Treasurer: Don Edwards

Speaker: November 06, 2013 – Wayne McConnache & Carl Nabein – Kids Against Hunger

Reporting: Ron Miller Pictures: Ron Miller & Peter Dusek

Today's Speakers Weiting Xu and Sharon Crow



President Michael introduced Weiting Xu, President of the York University Rotaract Club and Rotaractor Sharon Crow

Weiting and Sharon were both sponsored by our Club to attend RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) at Loyalist College in Belleville last May. Both felt that RYLA was an "amazing experience" that they will remember all of their lives and thanked the Club for sponsoring them to attend. While at RYLA they took part in a community service "gardening" project. This was something that Weiting said gardening was something she had never done as she is "scared of earthworms". They broke the students up into groups and gave each of them gloves and shovels and they did "real" gardening. Her team of 3 worked in a park. She

wasn't sure how to use a shovel but quickly learned and planted a tree. She said it was a great lesson in team building and team work. She said that even though at the start of the week at RYLA she didn't know her other classmates they quickly got to know each other and formed strong friendships. She mentioned the last evening where 4 of them crammed into one of the very small dorm rooms at Loyalist College to watch a movie. They even dragged a small "loveseat" into the room which made it even more crowded. In the process they all got to know each other even better. Weiting emphasised that "you can't take away what they experienced at RYLA" and wanted to thank the Club again for letting Sharon and her attend. RYLA is designed to help build leadership skills, communication skills, self confidence and self esteem, teach problem solving, etc.

The Club also sponsored Sharon to attend the RYLA North American Conference in Washington D.C., which she describes as a "life changing event". There were over 200 Rotaractors from all over the world at the conference and that it was "amazing" seeing all the flags from the different countries "paraded" in to open the conference. She said she made a lot of friends there, many of whom she still keeps in contact with via Facebook and MSN. Weiting also attended the District 7070 Rotaract Conference in Toronto which she also thought was "amazing".

Weiting also mentioned that our Club also sponsored 2 of the York University Rotaractors, Duncan Hui and Bosede Teju, to attend the District 7070 Conference in Huntsville last weekend. Both had a great time at the conference. In fact Weiting noted that Duncan was "so excited" that he hasn't been able to tell her all of the things they did. Both Duncan and Bosede were also excited that they got

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to meet "Pinball" Clemons who was the key-note speaker at lunch on Saturday.



President Michael thanked Weiting and Sharon for their presentation about the York University Rotaract Club.

Cheque Presentation – Cheryl Stoneburg – Basketeers



President Michael asked Gill Dugas to introduce Cheryl Stoneburg from Basketeers. Gill said that she has known Cheryl for 4 years and "done baskets together". Gill said that they had also made their own baskets for Basketeers which are in support of women in shelters. She said "on behalf of the Club, it was pleasure to present her with a cheque for

\$1000". Cheryl thanked the Club for our support. She said she began Basketeers 14 years ago with 1 shelter and they did 14 baskets. Now they have 41 shelters in 10 cities and last year they made 1407 baskets. She says the baskets are "making a difference" to the women in the shelters. Cheryl added that since they are not a "charitable" organization "they were ignored by many organizations. However she has been very thankful that our Rotary Club has been a great support over the years."

Birthdays This Week



Kirsty Duncan – October 31

Happy Birthday to on your happy day... ..

Special Meeting - Legacy Project Approval

Wednesday, November 6th, 1:15 PM (after the regular luncheon) at the Old Mill)

President Michael announced that the Legacy Project Committee made up of club members from the Rotary Club of Toronto West and the Rotary Club of Etobicoke, along with their respective Boards are excited to notify both club memberships that they have approved an extremely worthwhile Legacy Project proposal received from Microskills. Accordingly, there will be a Special Meeting seeking club approval to proceed with this project on Wednesday November 6th at 1:15 PM at the end of our regular club meeting. An email has been sent to all members outlining the Microskills project for your review. If you are unable to attend the meeting on

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November 6th, please fill out the proxy that was also emailed to all members to assign your vote and return it to club secretary Ron Miller rjm-woxof@sympatico.ca or 5 Magwood Court, Toronto, ON M6S 2M4. All Proxies must be received no later than 1:15 PM on November 6th.

Vocational Service Month – Jack Fleming

Jack wanted to summarize the current activities that the Vocational Services Committee has undertaken during the October Vocational Service Month.

- Humber College – Jack reported earlier about the great collaboration he has had with Maati Lahroussi (Youth Services Committee). Jack has initiated 3 meetings with Jason Hunter, the V.P. of Student and Community Engagement at Humber to discuss; post-graduation employment for students; employment of foreign students; and post-graduation opportunities for disabled students. Jack also mentioned that he would be attending a “speed networking” seminar that Humber was conducting this evening that is designed to “help students to connect better with the business community”.
- Rotary at Work – Rotary at Work is a program developed by Mark Wafer and Joe Dale from the Whitby Rotary Club whose focus is “employing the disabled”. Joe and Mark will be speaking to our Club at our luncheon meeting on November 27th. Jack also noted that talks are being held with Lieutenant Governor David Onley on holding a “major event” in February 2014 with the “business community” in Etobicoke to raise awareness of the Rotary at Work program and the employment of the disabled.
- Central Etobicoke High School – CEHS is a “specialized” school that deals with

handicapped students. Jack had an initial meeting with Principal Milleen Kung and TDSB trustee Chris Glover. Jack says he has a meeting there today to discuss “part-time employment” and “work environment”.

- Scarlett Heights Entrepreneurial Academy – Jack is having a Mentoring Relationship meeting at SHEA on November 1st to discuss having a possible “mentoring” event at the school.



Visitors & Guests

Visiting Rotarian

- **Alice Otupiri** – Rotary club of Nepean-Kanata
- **Weiting Xu** – President – York University Rotaract Club
- **Anmol Mirpuri** – York U. Rotaract Club
- **Duncan Hui** - York U. Rotaract Club
- **Sharon Crow** - York U. Rotaract Club
- **Donald Koo** - York U. Rotaract Club

Guests

- **Cheryl Stoneburg** – **Basketeers**
- **Karen Yates** – **Etobicoke Collegiate (ECI)**
- **Larry Thomas** - **Etobicoke Collegiate (ECI)**
- **Steve Black** – **Guest of Ingrid McGaughey**
- **Tony Vella** – **Potential new member**
- **Keith Theodore** - **Potential new member**

Attendance:

Members –17
Guests -12
Total - 29

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50/50 Draw

1st card of the new deck – Kester Trim Queen of Clubs
The Pot starts its slow growth

given Etobicoke Collegiate (ECI) over the years especially for their “Rai\$e-a Ruckus” campaign. He is hoping that this “open the door” to discussions on how ECI and the Rotary Club of Etobicoke can have a “greater relationship”.



HAPPY BUCKS



Theresa Sherwood – Theresa was happy to thank President Weiting Xu and the Rotaractors from York University that are here today for their hospitality last evening at their general meeting. Gill, Andre and her were at their meeting and had a “wonderful time”. They had food and “Halloween” candy. They don’t due Happy Bucks but have an “M&M’s icebreaker” where people are asked their “favorite movie” or their favorite “guilty pleasure”. She said it was a lot of fun.

Gill Dugas – Gill also wanted to thank the Rotaractors for last evening. She said she met a lot of people and hope there are “opportunities to work together”. Gill was also happy to say that Andre, Lynda Ryder and her were invited to David Hornell Junior School this morning for an official “thank you” for the \$2700 donation we made to the school for new books. Over the last 2 years the school has increased by 100 students and the library was “sadly out-of-date”. They had a lot of “new comers” that needed “special attention. Gill showed everyone the large “thank you” card that the students had prepared. Gill said they also took some snack bins for the school. (see picture below)

Larry Thomas – Larry was happy to thank the Rotary Club of Etobicoke for our support we have

Dates to Remember

Community Services Committee November 04, 2013, 7.00 p.m. – Venue Liz Read’s Residence
Contact Hugh Williams

Board of Directors Meeting – November 11, 2013 6.00 PM – Venue Michael Bell’s Residence. Contact: Ron Miller.

International Committee Meeting – November 18, 2013. 7.00 P.M. Venue – Andre & Gill Dugas Residence. Contact Gill Dugas

Andre, Gill and Lynda @ David Horner Junior School

