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Rotary Club of Etobicoke

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Week May 07, 2014

Board 2013-2014

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

May14, 2014 –Speaker: Bev Hynek – Director Maven on Queensway “Meeting the needs of the Homeless in Toronto”

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RIBFEST Update

By: Liz Read

Ribfest opens in 8 weeks! or 8 Weeks to Ribfest!

Ribfest Opens in 7 Weeks!

Our Motto: 100 + 1

We need to fill upwards of **1500** volunteer shifts to run this year's Ribfest. We need maximum participation of 100% of club members! We also need more adult volunteers, so we are asking every member to recruit one other person to join them in volunteering at Ribfest.

Outside of the organizing committee, *only 2 club members have signed up!* It's time to get moving Rotary Etobicoke!!

So, talk to your friends and family, check your schedule and sign up now!

<http://torontoribfest.com/volunteer.asp>

Set Up June 25/26 ** Toronto Ribfest
Friday June 27 through Tuesday July 1
**** Tear Down July 2****

More details next week.

Today's Speaker – Susan Nagy – Lakeshore Arts



Lynda Ryder introduced Susan by saying that it was an “honour” for her to do. Susan has been a part of Lakeshore Arts for a long time. Lynda first met Susan at Storefront Humber and also attended the Lakeshore Arts open house. Our Club has supported Lakeshore Arts in the past going back to when the late Mark Selkirk was President. Lynda added that “all the things that Rotary stands for, so does Lakeshore Arts”.

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Susan began by saying that it was “lovely” to be in a room full of people with a “real passion to make changes that help people and the community”.

LA has been engaged in the community for 21 years and is a not-for-profit community arts organization. Up until last year, 2 people along with a volunteer board of 12 were the stewards of this organization. With new operating funding they have increased the staff to 4 and moved their offices to the 2nd floor which provides for a 1000 sq. ft. workshop and gallery space. Susan would like to invite our members to visit anytime.

LA provides programming for 400 – 900 children and youth annually. Their programming is diverse, accessible and multi-faceted. They deliver a wide scope of innovative projects with a greater focus on visual art, but incorporate other disciplines: music, dance, writing and theatre to create a balance.

Since their overarching mission is “community” they have adopted a new tag line; “Connecting neighbourhoods with the transformative power of arts”. Susan added “think Superhero!!” “Shazaam” is one of their long standing programs that consist of 2 projects that work with ages 11 to 14 which is a crucial period of adolescence at the “cusp of teenagedom”. The 1st project is for ages 11-12 who are asked “what is a superhero”. Standard replies are; “does good, fights evil, has amazing powers” but are fictional characters. Through a structured process they help to identify and recognize “family members, teachers, siblings, neighbours, coaches that display these ‘superhero’ powers that they can respect and lookup to”. They work collectively to create a graphic novel, a story to showcase the themes they have just explored. They illustrate it, it is printed and they get a copy. With the older 12

to 13 year olds, the lens is turned on them to identify their own “super power” and to capture it as a “self portrait”. This is a challenge at any age, but especially at 13, an age of self doubt, uncertainty and just wanting to fit in. Through exercises, spoken word, poetry and photography they begin to identify their own “super power”. This power is reflected in one final picture, professionally produced and hung in their storefront gallery, with an official opening creating “a sense of accomplishment and a sense of pride”. Arts education is the backbone of what they do. Susan added that “it is exciting to watch children grow and mature into youth and their art blossom”.

If arts education is their backbone, Susan stressed that “partnerships are what keeps us going”. The “Lakeshore Future Filmmaking Intensive” is an example of what can happen when private and public partnerships are created with a shared vision. LA partnered with Fifth Ground Entertainment to create a short film festival at the Assembly Hall (2 nights – Friday and Saturday). They just celebrated its 4th year last weekend. Friday night is called “Loved and Local” where they showcase the main winners of the international component, and focus on showing Toronto based filmmakers and student work. They “outreach” to local high school students who then apply and are interviewed for 6 positions. The selection process focuses on “experience, career path, and passion...passion for learning, passion for film, and passion for storytelling”. For 2 weekends (5 Days) the 6 kids work together to create a short film from storyline, script, filming, directing, editing, colour correction, etc and they work with industry professionals who mentor them through the process.

Some of things LA have done;

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- They have put “wrapped art” onto 15 vehicles (cars, vans, a bus and a boat)
- Beautified the community with professional murals...training young people in street art and educating them on the difference between art and vandalism
- Coordinating a 2 day music festival celebrating the “power of brass” for 4 years.
- Created a lantern festival to celebrate the opening of the square in Mimico which attracted 300 community members who attended 10 different workshops
- Their storefront gallery showcasing local emerging artists and youth from their programs.
- A summer camp to teach teens leadership skills; be introduced to new art forms; have them explore the city (many had never left this neighbourhood); and plan an event to showcase their work
- Help a local school reverse the community’s perception by using public art to beautify a building
- Facilitate a youth drop, YAM (Youth Art Movement) where youth have a strong voice in the programming and hiring of artists who deliver the programming. Next year celebrates its 10th year, continuing to create the next generation of artists and art lovers

Next year there are 2 major programs planned;

- Pan Am Path – reaches from Mississauga to Pickering. The goal is to engage over 300 members of their community to create art that will be displayed along their designated section of the path (they are looking for partners)
- Cultural Hot Spot – South Etobicoke up to Dundas has been selected to be the next cultural hot spot in the City of Toronto (from May to October 2015). This is an opportunity to showcase our artists, organizations, and our businesses

Susan closed by saying that she is “fortunate to live, work and play in this community”. LA is able to do what it does because of partnerships and because of groups like Rotary who understand “that an investment in the arts is an investment in the community. Community arts create an equal playing field, accessible to everyone, and build a strong sense of belonging and a shared purpose”.



Frederik Martin thanked Susan for her presentation this afternoon, touching on some of the Projects that the late Past President Mark Selkirk had done with Lakeshore Arts including a Gala at Palais Royale and the Brass on the Grass Jazz Festival on the Lakeshore.

Birthdays This Week



Florian Hammerbacher- May 07

Happy Birthday to on your happy day...

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Secretary's Announcements



**Monday May 12, 2014. Board Meeting
6.00 PM. President Michael Residence.
Contact Ron Miller Secretary.**

A "Night at the Races":

Lynda Ryder is proposing the idea of a "Night at the Races" fellowship evening for the membership. It will require 20 members to make it possible and the cost will be approximately \$44.05/member (including buffet dinner, coffee/tea and a \$10 Casino coupon). This would be a Wednesday evening in June. If you are interested in attending please contact Lynda at Lynda.Ryder@silicates.com

Notice to Members:

At our last Board meeting on April 14th the Board proposed that the club proceed with an opportunity to rent an 1800 square foot office space for the next two years at a cost of \$1.00 per year. According to Article VIII of the club bylaws, section 4, all contracts proposed by the board for more than 1 year must be approved by the club membership at a regular meeting with seven days notice having been given (this announcement was made by President Michael at today's luncheon (May 7th) and was emailed to the membership). This is your notice that we will hold a vote on this issue at our next regular meeting May 14, 2014. We will send out our reasoning and rationale for your review in the next couple of days.

Paul Harris Recognition – Paul Roeser



PDG Lynda Ryder was "honoured" to present Paul Roeser with a "double ruby" Paul Harris Recognition pin for his contributions to Foundation.

Superior Court Justice Cory Gilmore - Scarborough Rotary Club – Tuesday, May 13, 2014.

The Scarborough Rotary Club has invited our members to attend their meeting on Tuesday May 13th at the Scarborough Golf Club (12:30 PM) when the speaker will be Superior Court Justice Cory Gilmore. She is the daughter of Judge Stan Long, a long-time member of the Rotary Club of Etobicoke. She is one of our Bilingual Judges who practiced law in Alliston specializing in Criminal and Family law. They are hoping to have as many members as possible from our Club attend.



50/50 Draw

Jim Woodside– Queen of Hearts. So the pot grows...

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Visitors & Guests

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➤ **Susan Nagy** – Lakeshore Arts Speaker

Attendance:

Members 13

Visitors & Guests - 01

Total - 14



HAPPY BUCKS

John Campbell – John was happy to say that he sent in his taxes yesterday and that the Government “owes him money”. He was also happy to say that he was helping Yvan Baker canvas for the upcoming Provincial Election. Yvan is running in Donna Cansfield’s riding (Donna is retiring). As well, John was happy to say that he has known today’s speaker, Susan Nagy for a long time. He knew her when they both worked at Ontario Place back in 1980. These were still the “good times” at Ontario Place.

Frederik Martin – Frederik was happy to say that today is an anniversary of the diet he was on that helped him lose 65 pounds. Frederik was also “very happy” say that his son Nigel, who is teaching at Innisdale Secondary School in Barrie, is coaching the school’s Ultimate Frisbee team. The team competed last weekend in Montreal and won the Canadian National Championships. Frederik added that Nigel was interviewed on the CTV National News after his team won.

Jack Fleming – Jack was happy to say that the Vocational Services Committee is planning to launch

a new project in the fall of 2014 that will focus on “supporting entrepreneurs” in Etobicoke. The idea is to have “a sounding board team of Rotarians” to act like an “informal Board of Directors” and provide feedback on their plans and their issues. Jack added that they plan to announce it in early September and they have already contacted the Etobicoke Guardian about it. More information with communicated over the summer. As a “pilot project” the committee is looking to conduct as session with Elizabeth Correia who spoke to our Club at our March 19th BIF. Jack says “her story is compelling” and that he had first met her when the Legacy Committee visited MicroSkills and saw her in action. She has plans to form a new business to support her efforts to help girls and young women in their challenged lives. Jack, along with Lynda Ryder, Martina Ernst, and Theresa Sherwood will conduct a session with her on Monday, May 12th. Rhena Fleming (a former business owner) will also attend, contribute and help to record the proceedings. Jack added that the objective of this “pilot project” is not only to help Elizabeth with her plans and priorities, but also to serve as “a learning experience for our future effort”.

Paul Roeser – Paul was happy to bring 2 of the 4 new Toronto Ribfest signs with him today to show to the members present. He added that a larger “8 foot version” of the sign is currently hanging in Justin’s office. The signs were created by Keith from Applied Electronics on a machine he designed to cut them out a heavy duty foam material. These signs are expected to be displayed in the new “bars” at Ribfest and that Justin will now be busy getting them painted in time.

Michael Bell – Michael was happy to mention “how far reaching Toronto Ribfest has become”. He said he received a phone call just over a week ago from the Penticton BC Rotary Club looking for information about Ribfest. They are planning to have a Ribfest beginning in July 2015 and Michael said he will help advise them about what they need to put in place to have a successful event.

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Previously we had advised the Kamloops Rotary Club about their Ribfest.

Brock Buchanan – Brock had some “happy family” news. His eldest daughter is married and lives in California which makes it difficult for him to see his 3 year old grandson. His daughter was recently here in Toronto for a conference and grandpa got the opportunity to spend time with his grandson and get to know him better. As well, Brock’s daughter Holly gave birth to a baby girl last Friday and Brock is once again a grandfather. Brock was also happy to say that last Sunday night he attended a political meeting for our newest member Toyin Dada. Toyin is seeking the nomination for PC in the Etobicoke North riding whenever the next Federal election is held. Brock says Toyin is a “very dynamic person”. There were around 200 people there and Brock was asked to say a few words. While he has only known Toyin for a short time, he has been very impressed with her.

Naples. The sail will also appear in races across Europe this summer.



Ester Mwambu's (President of the Rotary Club of Kampala South, Uganda) visit last month.

Rotary Newsmakers



Past President Ralph getting an award from PDG Francesco Socievole and the Amantea Rotary Club (D2100) for his sponsoring of a "End Polio Now" sail for a sailboat that will race in a regatta on the Bay of

Rotary Kampala South is our local partner helping to monitor the Nakasero Hospital Fistula Repair project in Uganda. Ester is a civil servant in the Ugandan government and was in Canada as part of a cooperation effort with the Canadian Parliament in Ottawa and the Ontario Legislature at Queen's Park. Although she very much wanted to find a way to attend our luncheon/BIF, her schedule did not allow it. Instead Stephen managed to convince Michael Bell, and Gill and Andre Dugas to meet her in Etobicoke for dinner. Stephen and Gill have interacted with Esther over email in relation to the Nakasero Fistula Project support so it was "nice to put a face to the name and get to know her a little more".