

On November 21, 2016 the club met the Jubilee Pavilion for its weekly meeting. The early access to the buffet had brought out many early birds. Soon the acting Sergeant at Arms, Kevin Harding, called the meeting to order. After the grace, anthem and toast to the Queen he introduced the head table of our student Gabriel, Emmy who was to be our speaker, President Margaret, past president Abb and himself.

President Margaret introduce our guests, Vivian Genesk and Ellen Stroud as well Donna Doherty



Figure 1 We did well negotiating the price with him.

who is a potential member.



Figure 2 I'm not sure i can say that in my speech!

the lives of people and a higher standard of living.

It was announced that the Annual General Meeting will be held next week and Past District Governor Ted Morrison will speak on the new rules of Rotary. The president then told how she almost fell on her head while dropping the puck at Rotary Night at the Whitby Dunlops and waxed elegant with nostalgia about how good an evening it had been. It being before Happy Bucks she did not have to put a loonie in. She then smiled and called Mic Time.

The Honours and Awards Committee will meet Tuesday at Gary's.

Donna Doherty invited the club to hear Don Tappscott speak at Trent university Oshawa campus on bit coins on Tuesday.

Happy Bucks found a number of happy campers:

The President then reported on a District president's meeting she had attended which had been fully funded by Bill Patchett. Many topics had been discussed and reports made. Polio cases this year have numbered 15 in Afghanistan, 16 in Pakistan (compared to 36 last year) and 4 in Nigeria. In the water and sanitation program it is estimated that 40 billion hours are spent each year by individuals, mostly women, carrying water from distant wells to their homes. 663 million lack access to potatable water. Free women form this task will allow them to be productive elsewhere and bring more stability to

Kevin Harding really enjoyed the Whitby Dunlops while Geoff just beamed over packing 10 boxes that morning for his pending move.

Louise is expecting a special Christmas Eve when former exchange student Abbe from Patagonia and her brother are coming and she hopes Gabriel, our current student, will be there too.

Art Lovell thanked the club for the honour it had conferred on his dad at the Walk of Fame Dinner.



Figure 3 I agree, that is not the way to act

Bill Stirling complained that the tickets he bought for relatives for a Christmas show in Toronto arrived on his credit card in US dollars - Merry Christmas to them all.

Emmy thought the Walk of Fame Gala was great and Pat Rudka was exuberant over the Oshawa Little theatre production he had seen.

Our visiting student, Gabriel, then introduced our speaker, past president Emmy IHEME who came to the lectern sporting a majestic moustache as part of the November campaign for prostate cancer.

Emmy spent the fall attending the Rio Olympics and the World Cup of Hockey in Canada. He showed many pictures of his trips and the athletes he had met. Included among the shots were pictures of the drug testing facilities and he explained the shenanigans that some athletes in the past have tried to avoid drug detection.

The drug testing however is respectful of the athletes. Emmy would explain what to expect, the format the drug testing would take and the rights and responsibilities of the athletes with respect to testing. Only 1% would ever fail their tests. Athletes cannot refuse to take the test when asked. Tests could be done at any time and athletes must leave specifics of where they can be found whenever the testers might be looking for them.

Emmy also included many pictures of Brazil and the international team of testers he worked with. As a group they would go out together as crime was so prevalent in the area. He also showed us the living facilities and meeting areas constructed for the athletes. Each country had its own central quarters where they could meet and hang out. However to build these magnificent facilities, many people had been displaced. It remains to be seen if the selling of the facilities as condos will produce a nice neighborhood.

With respect to the Canadian team, the whole attitude and confidence level changed once the first gold medal was won.

Skipping to the World Cup of Hockey we saw many pictures of hockey all-stars and heard several anecdotes on personalities.

Emmy emphasized that the role of the drug testing team is to keep a level playing field where everyone clean and no one cheating.

In Q&A Bill Stirling asked about the timing of the results. The samples are sent in right away but it could take a few days to hear the results. Athletes might be queried about the circumstances before the results are released. He could not talk about actual results but it was in the papers that several Russian athletes had been sent home. They had said they were required to take the drugs or they would not be on their teams.

He clarified that the time on these programs is his own time. His employer does not give him paid leave.

Past President Abb Gilbert paid thanks to Emmy on behalf of the club for a first rate presentation.

Donna Doherty won the draw but failed to win the pot. However this was a special day. Emmy had brought back four shirts from the Olympics and donated them for four lucky winners - Bob Merry, Louise Parks, Bob Armstrong and Gary Kindree.

Before closing President Margaret paid tribute to Blake Grundy who passed away last week.

As the Rotarians filed out the door the sounds of "We Wish you a Merry Christmas" trickled through the air as the pianist remained at his post.



Figure 4 See you next week