



Today's Program

Steve Cornish, Executive Director,
Doctors Without Borders

Topic

Managing Insecurity and Humanitarian
Crises

Location

The National Club

Host

Lloyd Barbara



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ALL MEMBER Challenge

We are challenging each Rotarian to
Nominate **ONE** Potential Lead
to join the Rotary Club of Toronto

Are you up for the Challenge?



YOUR BEST RECOMMENDATION FOR THE ROTARY CLUB OF TORONTO

Name of Rotary Member: _____

#1. Name of Potential Member / Corporation & Relationship

Occupation: _____

Reason Potential Member would be a good addition:

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All Member Challenge

– by Bill Morari

Are you up for the All Member Challenge? As you have heard and read about over the last few weeks, we are challenging each member of the RCT to nominate at least one potential lead for membership in our great club. We have had over a century of outstanding success aiding those in need in our community and around the world through the magic of Rotary. This amazing work could not have been accomplished apart from the strength of our members. Share your Rotary experience with your friends and colleagues, by nominating them and filling out the All Member Challenge form. Your membership committee will follow up with you, contact the candidate and explain to them the many benefits of joining our great club! As a special incentive, for every new member you recommend and who joins the RCT, your name will be placed into a draw for a Gourmet Dinner for two, complete with wine, at The National Club. Remember, all you need is one potential member to qualify. Let's get the word out and show others what a great club we have and continue to build on the legacy of outstanding service to others in our community and throughout the world.

So, Are You Up For The Challenge?



LAKE SCUGOG CAMP

Have You Signed Up Yet?

Our menu is planned but our numbers aren't in!
Please, let us know that you will be attending! The Chefs

www.campscugog.org

Malawi Trip: A Day at Kachere – by Maureen Bird



We started out at the market to pick up three-dozen tangerines for the ladies, and then went off to Kachere. I had taken a group picture and they were delighted.

While in Blantyre I was able to get a copy of the picture for each one of them. We gave the pictures to each of them, along with a Canada bracelet. When we get home we'll post Joyce Westlake's video for you to see their excitement. Two of the sewing machines they have are not as sturdy as we would like so that meant another trip to the market for replacement parts. Screws seem to strip easily! The replacement bobbins were not the greatest either. They seem to be homemade and difficult to wind. But we are plugging away.

Yesterday we had 51 pre-schoolers there but today is the May 1 holiday, so no school, just the women working. They are so enthusiastic despite all their problems and are working hard. The building we did in 2009 is in good shape but needs a coat of paint. We will see if we have time. Tonight we are going to the home of a Dignitas doctor for a BBQ/fundraiser. She is from Argentina so hopefully her cow won't have died in vain. Some of the beef here has been rather overdone, to say the least. But nobody is starving. All of us are fine and finding it a wonderful experience.



Kachere Ladies

The Rotary District Assembly

– by David Hetherington



Rotary District 7070 held its Assembly this past Saturday, May 2. I arrived at the BMO Financial Group Institute for Learning around 8:00 am for an 8:30 start. Immediately following my registration, Past District Governor, Valerie Wafer, loaded me up with several plaques given in appreciation for our Rotaract Clubs and Past President Richard White's efforts at membership growth.

As I headed for the door, Assistant District Governor Neil Phillips (yes, our boy) entered through the main entrance, saw me, and asked, "leaving already?"

"No," said I, "just dropping off this load at my car."

Outgoing District Governor Brian Thomson thanked delegates for a great year and told us how much he had enjoyed it. This was followed by a display of the "End Polio Now Flame." It is similar to the Olympic Torch and we were promised a healthy supply of fuel. We can look forward to the Flame's visit to our Club.

The Youth Exchange Program received an enthusiastic endorsement and a solicitation for more clubs to become involved in the program. At this point we ran over the allotted time and so we broke for the first session breakouts. I had registered for "Why I joined Rotary and Why I Stayed." This session started with a demonstration of a number of "elevator speeches" developed to explain Rotary to a stranger in a short time frame. Many of these were quite creative, with the occasional one requiring an elevator ride to the top of the CN Tower to complete the delivery, thus, driving home the point that this exercise is not always an easy task.

A long-standing Rotary member put forward the premise that the one thing that we should never say is that "we are a service organization." His premise was that young people don't know what "a service organization" is. In a day and age when governments tend to deliver the majority of services, he may well be right. This took the wind out of my sails, as my elevator speech contained some information that I learned at the Large Clubs Conference held in San Antonio. The President-Elect of a very large club told us that he tells people that Rotary is "the largest service organization in the world," and then follows that up with a statement that the membership is 1.2 million worldwide. This insight took another blow when I googled "largest service organization in the world" and learned that the "Lions" were ahead of us by 150,000 members. Now we have something to shoot for!

After a break we entered session two. I was registered in, "Promoting Your Club: Media and Social Media." This was right in my wheelhouse. I am still trying to remember where I left my

Twitter handle! In this session I was encouraged by my tablemate, Past-President Michelle Guy. I learned for the first time that Rotary had a new identity. To be more specific, it is a new "visual" identity with several images available for clubs to promote Rotary issues and their clubs. We were assured that our Rotary pins will not change and the Rotary logo continues with a background colour change. Many Rotary images are available for local promotion.

This session also touched on Facebook, the aforementioned Twitter, and LinkedIn. It became obvious to me that our Marketing and Communications committee has these tools well in hand. At this point we broke for lunch and I ran into Vice-President Pat Neuman.

The highlight of the lunch hour was the presentation of the District Budget. I learned that the Presidents Elect, of which I was one, were expected to vote on a budget that had only been distributed two days earlier. Normal procedure calls for a presentation to each Rotary Club's Board for approval. There was an apology offered for the lack of notice and time for presentation and consideration. It was explained that we would have a discussion and then a vote. As luck would have it one of my lunch mates was an accountant, who came up with a number of skill testing questions. With respect to the lack of time for proper consideration of the numbers, we were told that the new treasurer was brought into the budget process late and so continuity in presentation had been difficult. He further explained that he was an engineer, not an accountant! Even my friend the accountant couldn't stifle a chuckle at that explanation. The accountant then pointed out that this was a deficit budget and that the proposal was to spend more money than was to be taken in. To this, the treasurer (the engineer) correctly pointed out that District had been accumulating a rather sizable reserve in recent years (\$155,000) and they wanted to reduce the reserve, not add to it. In the end the budget did pass with a promise that the numbers would be delivered earlier in the future.

As we neared the end of the Assembly, District Governor Brian Thomson was joined by his spouse and two fellow travelers. They related their joint experience inoculating many children in India. It was an inspiring and emotional tale of compassion and caring.

Incoming District Governor Michael Bell closed the Assembly with his goals for the coming Rotary year. He wishes to achieve with his fellow Rotarians:

- Increase relevant positive action.
- Be a gift to the world (Ravi Ravindran's Theme).
- Be the change (mold your club).

The Assembly closed and I headed across town to celebrate the Hundredth Anniversary of Squash Canada. All in all a pretty full day.



Research & Appeals Committee Grants Made January – April 2015

– by Valerie Clarke



The Rotary Club of Toronto Charitable Foundation approved recommendations by the Research and Appeals Committee to provide funding to the following agencies for their projects as outlined below:



- **The Toronto Science Fair – (Youth) - \$4.5k**
The Toronto Science Fair promotes and encourages the study of science among students to increase scientific literacy and allows students to be exposed to new scientific and technological developments. Grant provided funding for three Toronto students to attend the Canada-wide Science Fair held in Fredericton in May 2015.



- **Yonge Street Mission – (Seniors) - \$20k**
Yonge Street Mission is a major downtown Toronto charity serving in excess of 15,000 individuals annually who face many physical and socio-economic challenges. This grant allowed Yonge St. Mission to start a Seniors Friendly Faces Initiative to grow their Seniors program. The program would provide twice-weekly visitations and luncheons for 100 senior citizens in the downtown core for a year.



- **Nellie's Women's Hostels Inc. – (Community/Women) - \$13,273**
Nellie's Shelter operates a 36-bed Emergency Shelter for women and their children who are leaving situations of violence, poverty and homelessness. Counsellors assist and advocate for women to access the services and support they need, including housing, medical, immigration, employment, and educational services. Grant helped fund the urgent need to cover the cost of replacing 33 mattresses, bed frames and pillows.



- **CARE Canada – (International) - \$15k**
CARE is a leading international humanitarian organization fighting global poverty. This grant funded the purchase of 200 Blood Pressure Machines, 50 Adult Weight Scales and 113 Infant Weight Scales for use in the Tabora region of Tanzania under its larger project of improving Maternal and Reproductive Health.



- **Gilda's Club – Digital Storytelling Program – (Community) - \$10k**
Gilda's Club provides a welcoming community of free social and emotional support for adults, teens and children touched by cancer. This grant supported the Digital Storytelling program at Gilda's.



- **New Visions Toronto – (Community) - \$7,800**
New Visions Toronto provides a home to 57 adults and youth with severe disabilities in 15 dwellings across Toronto. The funds covered costs for equipment, refurbishment costs, educational and other material needed for a respite bedroom for patients with severe disabilities.



- **Sunshine Centre for Seniors – (Seniors) – \$10k**
Sunshine Centre for Seniors provides health promotion, social and recreational services to isolated, low income seniors at several locations in downtown Toronto for the past 45 years. Our grant of \$10k will provide funding for food supplies for their St. Jamestown program.

- **Dowling Community Residence – (Community) - \$12k**
The Dowling Centre provides support services and residence facility to homeless individuals released to their care from mental health facilities or the criminal justice system. Their conditions include; severe long term psychiatric disabilities, predominantly schizophrenia, often with a combination of physical handicaps and mental retardation. Funding covered the cost of replacing three badly worn sofas, purchase replacement carpeting and a commercial dishwasher.

The Rotary Club of Toronto Club 55 – 1912

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1. Is it the Truth?
2. Is it Fair to all concerned?
3. Will it Build Goodwill and Better Friendships?
4. Will it be Beneficial to all concerned?

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Upcoming Speakers & Events

May 2015

- 14 Cocktails at The National Club
- 15 No Meeting, Victoria Day
- 22 Camp Scugog Fellowship Luncheon
- 29 Rotary Youth Day Lunch

June 2015

- 05 Rotary/Argos Community Scholarship Luncheon
- 12 British Consul General
- 19 Thomas King, award winning author and screenwriter
- 26 No Meeting, Canada Day

Propose a Speaker – Contact

Alex Brown, Chair

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What You Missed, May 1, 2015

— by Tamara Levine



As well dressed and kind-hearted Rotarians and their guests made their way to the Fairmount Royal York on May 1, 2015 bright sunshine and high spirits certainly made it feel like May Day. As we entered the Upper Canada Room they were greeted by the operatic delights of the talented singer and Rotarian Brigitte Bogar with Glenn Davis accompanying her on the keyboard. Several members joined in the singing.

After the usual rendition of the National Anthem and toast to the Queen, President Steve introduced the head table, consisting of Prince Kumar, Duana Jones Simmonds, Brian Thompson the District Governor, Susan Howson, Jackie Davies, Neil Phillips, and Kelly Murumets. After the introduction of the Head Table by President Steve Smith and the introduction of our guests by Susan Howson, President Steve reminded us all of the “New Member Challenge.” He requested members to recommend colleagues, friends and professionals for consideration of Rotarian membership. He also reminded Rotarians of the Camp Scugog event. It is the highlight of the Rotary year, and will take place May 22 to 24. This announcement was greeted with great roars of enthusiasm.

Neil Phillips then graciously introduced Kelly D. Murumets, the President and CEO of Tennis Canada, as the guest speaker. Kelly assumed the role of President and CEO of Tennis Canada in March 2014 after serving for seven years as President and CEO of ParticipACTION, the national voice of physical activity and sport participation in Canada.

Kelly noted that Tennis Canada, founded in 1890, is a non-profit, national sport association with a mission to promote the growth of tennis in Canada and with a vision for Canada to become a world-leading tennis nation. Tennis Canada owns and operates the premier Rogers Cup, WTA and ATP World Tour events, eight more professional ITF sanctioned events, and financially supports 13 other professional tournaments in Canada. Tennis Canada operates national junior training centres/programs in Toronto, Montreal and Vancouver. Tennis Canada is a proud member of the International Tennis Federation, the Canadian Olympic Committee, the Canadian Paralympic Committee and the International Wheelchair Tennis Association. Tennis Canada also administers, sponsors and selects the teams for the Davis Cup, Fed Cup, the Olympic and Paralympic Games.

During her presentation Kelly used video and stories to highlight the achievements of some of Canada's star players, including Eugenie Bouchard, Milos Raonic and Vasek Pospisil. She highlighted the importance of tennis in Canada, emphasizing a 2014 study that showed over 6.5 million Canadians played tennis at least once in 2014 and participation and involvement of youth is showing double-digit growth. She encouraged Rotarians to become involved with Tennis Canada. She added that Tennis Canada was negotiating with Rotary how a part of the ticket proceeds from Tennis Canada events purchased by Rotarians could go to charities designated by Rotarians.

The lunch concluded with reminders of upcoming events and Karen Thompson, District Governor Brian's wife had the winning ticket for the Ace of Clubs draw and won a bottle of wine.



Special People! Steven Smith, Kelly Murumets, Neil Phillips, Karen and DG Brian Thompson.

Youth Day – Lunch Tickets Needed!

Lunch ticket donations are still requested for Rotary Youth Day on Friday May 29. Tickets will be used to host delegates, award winners and their families. As the Rotary year is coming to an end next month, it could be a great way to use some of your extra lunch tickets! Please give them to Jeff Dobson, Binoy Luckoo, Prince Kumar or Don Brooks.

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