



Today's Program

Wayne McConnachie with presenter
Fred Mandryk

Topic

Kids Against Hunger

Location

Confederation Rooms 5 & 6



Wayne McConnachie:

Did you know that about one billion people on this planet go to bed hungry each night, and that a child dies every six seconds due to a hunger-related cause? These alarming statistics motivate Wayne McConnachie to be a part of the solution.

Wayne is General Manager for Kids Against

Hunger Canada, a humanitarian food-aid organization with a focus on children and hunger. This organization partners with community groups, service clubs and other organizations for two primary purposes: first, to respond and answer the call of hunger by getting fortified nutritious meals to those in desperate need and saving lives; and second, to host unique Food Pack events locally throughout Canada that promote participation in teamwork, community-building and spiritual growth.

Anyone can get involved whether they are child or adult, whether challenged or fully capable. No one is exempt from helping others and saving precious lives around the world. What participants experience is a boost in self-esteem, self-respect and self-worth as they partake with enthusiasm in a significant cause that they see as being meaningful. They provide love to others, reinforcing within the perception that they are valuable and needed. They see that they can make a huge difference to a global crisis – they are in fact a part of the solution! Engaging people with leadership, action and love is a big part of what Wayne and Kids Against Hunger Canada are all about.

Wayne, along with Bowmanville Rotarian Fred Mandryk, will share how others can easily participate in worthwhile “hands-on” service projects, experiencing fun and satisfaction at the same time.



Fred Mandryk:

Fred is a Past President (2010-11) of the Bowmanville Rotary Club and served as Club Secretary (three years), Chair of Special Needs Committee and Respite Care Program (three years), and on the Board of Directors. Currently he sits on the Youth Services Committee and is Co-Chair of the Bursary Committee as well as Chair of the Food Packing Program that the Bowmanville Rotary Club is engaged in as a satellite of Kids Against Hunger Canada.

At the District Level he has worked with both Rick Collins and Ted Morrison in the area of Facilitator Training for Rotarians. He also helps with The Student Exchange Program with Tom Sears and Gail Moore.

The Bowmanville Rotary Club is a progressive and forward thinking group with many ongoing local projects, including Ribfest, Christmas Tree sales, Spring Clean-up, Mattawa Literacy Project and our Post Secondary Bursary Initiative. Fred is actively involved with all of these.

Fred has been married happily for 40 years to Deborah. Their daughter, a public health nurse and son-in-law, a police officer with Ottawa Police Service, reside in Ottawa. As a retired Educational Administrator he is proud to be a Rotarian and enjoys doing whatever it takes to make the world a better place.

Thank you from Neskantaga

Chief Moonias of the remote First Nation of Neskantaga made a presentation to the Aboriginal Service Committee in June 2014. He described the conditions in his community that led to an epidemic of suicide. In consultation with Chief and Council, a donation of 20 tablet computers was requested in partnership with One Laptop per Child. Below is an excerpt from a letter of thanks written by the Principal of the Neskantaga Education Centre.

“We are indeed grateful to the organizations for their wonderful support. The students are heavily engaged in using the devices, and have been observed lying on the carpet or sitting at their desk watching educational videos, being engaged in science experiments, learning their times tables, or simply chatting with each other using the computers. They also like to read the many books that are available to choose from, take pictures, and learn to play the piano/guitar while singing the musical scale.



A Neskantaga Education Centre student gives his tablet a workout.

The use of the machines not only seems to promote autonomous learning among our students from JK to Grade 8, but the children are enthused that they have a device that can stimulate their natural curiosity and learn a variety of educational information using their ingenuity. Certainly, they have made a huge difference in the lives of our students here at NEC.”

The Aboriginal service Committee meets the first Wednesday of each month at 4:30 PM at Native Child and Family Service Toronto, 30 College Street. New members are welcome!



In Memorium - Hans Schafer



Hans Schafer passed away peacefully on Saturday, October 11, 2014, at his home.

Hans joined the Rotary Club of Toronto in 1987 and was made an Honorary member of our Club in March 2013. He was a member of our District Foundation Committee that was involved in Group Study Exchanges and Ambassadorial Scholars.

He was presented with a Paul Harris Fellowship from the Rotary Club of Alliston in February 1995 and was a member with the Rotary Club of London, England, for almost 20 years until 1987.

Hans was born in Vienna in 1914 and lived through many historical events, moving to the Yemen, the UK and then to Toronto. He had been in business, loved meeting people, working with service clubs and was a great storyteller. Intelligent, warm, loving, generous and kind. He adored and was adored by his wife of 68 years, Kitty. He was a loving father and father-in-law to Susan and Mark Walsh, and dear brother of Mariette Erol in Paris, France. Hans was also a devoted Grandad to Steven and Rachel Walsh, and Devora and Naftoli Tabachnik. He was a beloved great-grandfather of Eli Asher, Yechiel Michel and Basya Malka. He will be sorely missed by all his family and friends.

What You Missed November 14, 2014

– by John Andras



One of the most poignant moments we experience as Rotarians comes when we say farewell to a member. On what would have been Hans Schafer's sixty-eighth wedding anniversary, with his widow Kitty in attendance, with a moving presentation by his daughter Susan Walsh, we said goodbye to our friend Hans, a Rotarian since 1966.

With winter weather now upon us we were reminded to help with a donation to buy presents for the Rotary Christmas Party (Nov 29) and to donate lunch tickets to allow a shut-in senior to attend our Senior's Christmas Party (Dec 12).

Cliff Johnson, Chair of the Fellowship and Entertainment Committee, highlighted the upcoming European Christmas market, and invited singers to join us at St. Michaels Hospital in December. He announced that SKETCH will be hosting a dinner for Rotarians in the spring as a way of saying thank you for our club's donation toward the Geoffrey Johnson designed commercial kitchen. The youth will be cooking and providing entertainment. The Epic Committee will be revived with meetings taking place immediately following Friday meetings. All club members are welcome.

The Golf Committee raised \$13,923.00 at our club's golf tournament and presented a cheque to AboutFace for their camping program. Executive Director Anna Pileggi and camper Vanessa thanked the club and described how the five camps across Canada assist children with facial differences. In a culture where image is all important, young people who look different face bullying and isolation. At camp they can be accepted for who they really are not what they might look like.

Our speaker, Ray Argyle, introduced by Robert O'Brien and with many members of the Churchill Society for the Advancement of Parliamentary Democracy listening intently, described the volatile but symbiotic relationship between Winston Churchill and Charles de Gaulle. According to Mr. Argyle and as described in his recent book, *The Paris Game*, it was an enduring partnership based on mutual interest and common cause. De Gaulle was a brilliant military strategist. Unfortunately his theory of mechanized warfare was adopted by Germany and ignored by France and was used by Germany to out flank the French who believed in a static defense based upon the experience of the First World War. De Gaulle was the face of Free France as he rallied resistance to the Nazi occupation. Following the war, de Gaulle saved France from communism, civil war and dictatorship and allowed France to steer an independent course. Although they were often at each other's throats, Churchill and de Gaulle were able to put differences aside for the common good. De Gaulle said they were "always in disagreement but always reached an accord." Their relationship is an enduring example of how two powerful figures with different personalities and agendas can work together and "sail side by side guided by the same stars."



The About Face cheque presentation!

This writer missed the Ace of Clubs Draw (the wine was won by a guest) and the pot continues to grow.

Upcoming Speakers & Events

November 2014

- 28 R.H. Thomson, *The World Remembers*
- 29 The RCT Annual Children's Christmas Party, Fairmont Royal York Hotel

December 2014

- 2 Rotary Club President's Roast
- 5 Patrick O'Driscoll, CEO Corby's Distilleries
- 12 Senior's Christmas Party
- 19 Members Christmas Party

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