

# CLUB Bulletin

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*Next meeting:* Thurs. Nov. 26, 2015 Montgomery's Inn 7:30 a.m.

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<u>The Four-Way Test of the things we think, say or do:</u> *First* – Is it the truth? *Second* – Is it FAIR to all concerned? *Third* – Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS? *Fourth* – Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

#### **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

November 26, 2015 – Lt. Col. Edward Izatt on earthquake assistance in Nepal 7:30 a.m.

**December 3**, **2015** – Annual Meeting and Cold Comfort coats/mitts collection

December 8, 2015 – RYIA Committee, Olive Restaurant, 100 The East Mall, 7:30 a.m.

December 10, 2015 – Christmas Dinner, Posticino Ristorante, 755 The Queensway, 6:00 p.m.

December 17, 2015 – Christmas in Montgomery's Inn Pub

December 24 and 31, 2015 – No Meeting We Pack Food for Kids!



Rotarians pack food with Rotaractors, Interactors, and Microskills kids

## Huge Turnout to Pack Food for Kids Against Hunger

We were delighted with an unexpectedly high turnout for the Kids Against Hunger food packing event November 14 at the Salvation Army Kipling Temple! About 60 people joined in, from our club, Rotary Etobicoke, York Rotaractors, Interactors and Microskills students.

Our club received 23 boxes of food packets, enough for almost 5,000 meals. Twenty boxes went to Samuel Tim's Lakeshore Community Church (Salvation Army) and three to Microskills.

Thanks to all who came out. For more information about Kids Against Hunger Canada, see <u>http://www.kahcanada.org</u>.



Some of the Rotary Club of Toronto West team in their signature yellow work vests, all ready to start assembling food packs. More photos at our <u>CLUB PHOTO GALLERY</u>

## Scotch Nosing a Big Hit!

Our Eighth Annual Scotch Nosing fundraiser had a record turnout this year (there was even a waiting list for tickets)! With the haggis piped in by John Cameron, and ceremonies well hosted by Ed Patrick, participants got in touch with their Scottish roots (even if they weren't Scottish).

Scotch varieties included Aberlour Single Malt, Jura Superstition, Bunnhabhain, Longrow Peated, and Isle of Arran. John Stevenson designed a collector's item placemat showing details of the regions of Scotland represented by the Scotch Nosing. Bruce Gillies was an outstanding MC, relaxed, eloquent in his explanations of Rotary and our club in particular, efficient in keeping the evening on time and generous in his praise of Lambton staff and RCTW's scotch nosing committee. Thanks to a team of hardworking volunteers and ticket sellers, especially Mark Dawber. It was only fitting that Mark was the winner of the Raffle Draw of Maple Leaf tickets.

Proceeds from the fundraiser will go to helping community and international charitable causes including aid to disadvantaged kids at risk in Etobicoke.



Rotary Member Ron Manfield plays piano while Gaston toasts at the Scotch Nosing. More photos at our <u>CLUB</u> <u>PHOTO GALLERY</u>

#### Awards

This month, President Brian presented Patti Wright with a silver level award in the New Member Sponsor Recognition Program for bringing in 4 new members. Bruce Gillies received his 5<sup>th</sup> Paul Harris Fellow award. And Brian received on behalf of the Club 3 awards at the Foundation Dinner for givings to the Foundation.

## Mini-Classification

We were treated to a mini-classification speech by Paul Collier on November 5.



A fun-loving Paul Collier shows off the "4 Way Beer Test Cooler" he got at the District 7070 Conference: it reads "1. Is it ice COLD? 2. Is there ENOUGH for all concerned? 3. Will it build GOOD TIMES and MUCH BETTER FRIENDSHIPS? 4. Can it get any BETTER than this?"

Paul got his engineering degree and Masters of Science from the University of Toronto. He has worked in various capacities for many years in quality management, in particular as quality manager for many major highway and bridge projects, including sections of the Trans-Canada Highway, and for a time lived in Alberta and New Brunswick on projects there. Paul was our President in 2003-4 and is currently Secretary. And he's got opinions: you may have read some of Paul's letters to the editor in the Toronto Star. When not working, Paul is an avid golfer and he has lately joined the Ontario Pops Orchestra as a second violinist. And he has a wicked sense of humour!

#### Adopt a Village in Laos

November is Foundation Month, and one of the projects funded is Adopt a Village in Laos (AVL), founded and managed by Steve Rutledge. Steve came to speak to us November 12.



Steve shows us some of the water filters used in Laos

Steve grew up in Georgetown Ontario, and co-owned a mid sized computer company in Toronto. Since retirement he has narrowed his focus on community support locally and internationally. Steve has served on several boards and committees in Port Hope. He has received two civic awards and is a multiple Paul Harris award recipient for his community and international support (2 clubs). Steve is a member of the Rotary Club of Whitby Sunrise and recently received an Every Day Hero recognition and award.

For the last several years Steve has been serving the rural villagers of Laos with the most basic of needs including water for villages, schools, dozens of toilets along with student and intern teacher support. His biggest accomplishment is the provision of water filtration for over 10,000 rural villagers, along with hygiene training for each family. Steve mentioned that Laos is per capita the most bombed country in the world. This has wiped out much of the infrastructure. And many of the bombs dropped during the Vietnam War are still unexploded, representing a huge safety issue for the country. Clean water is particularly needed and it is the mission of AVL to get \$100 clean water filters to remote Laotian villages.

In one village, every single person had diarrhea. With new water filters (made in Laos) paid for by AVL, the diarrhea disappeared. AVL also taught the villagers better hygiene, such as washing their hands with fresh clean water.

More information on their work can be found at: adoptavillageinlaos.wordpress.com.

#### Water and Sanitation Education in Tanzania

Julie Caron is a remarkable young woman. She spoke to us on November 12 about her work in Tanzania. A resident MD at the University of Toronto, she has worked overseas in Tanzania to bring education about water and sanitation to villages. She is Foundation director for the Rotary Club of Toronto Skyline. Skyline has joined with the Rotary Club of Windsor in this endeavour, supported by the Canadian World Education Foundation.

Julie has had several trips to Tanzania. In 2012 she did a needs assessment and seminars on water and sanitation. The next year, in the village of Kipera, local water had turned blue from chemicals. The villagers wanted to construct their own water cisterns. Foundation funds paid for a concrete foundation and water was brought in by tanker. Almost immediately health issues such as itchy skin and diarrhoea dissipated. Julie stressed the importance of consultation with local people in Tanzania to ensure that solutions to water and sanitation issues are what the people want and are sustainable over time.



Julie Caron talks about the Foundation in Tanzania

# Rotary Foundation's 6 Areas of Focus: A Refresher

- 1. Promoting Peace
- 2. Fighting Disease
- 3. Providing Clean Water
- 4. Saving Mothers and Children
- 5. Supporting Education
- 6. Growing Local Economies

#### Details:

https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/l earning-reference/about-rotary/areasfocus

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