



Next meeting:

Thurs. Dec. 17, 2015
Montgomery's Inn 7:30 a.m.

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The Four-Way Test of the things we think, say or do:

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:

December 10, 2015 – Christmas Dinner, Posticino Ristorante, 755 The Queensway, 6:00 p.m. (no morning business meeting)

December 17, 2015 – Christmas in Montgomery's Inn 7:30 a.m. (TBD)

December 24 and 31, 2015 – No Meeting

January 29, 2016 - RYIA

DART goes to Nepal



Canada's DART



"I went through that hospital seeing patients and never heard one of them cry or complain. They were stoic in the face of tragedy."

So said Lt. Col. Edward Izatt, Commanding Officer of the Canadian Armed Forces Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART) about patients in the Nepalese Orthopaedic Hospital (partly funded by Rotary Foundation) just after the Nepal earthquake in April and May.

Col. Izatt came to speak to us November 26 about DART's work in Nepal and around the world. He praised Rotary for its funding of the Hospital, and mentioned the good work that is being done there.

DART is a multi-disciplinary military organization designed to deploy on short notice anywhere in the world to bring assistance in response to natural disasters and emergencies. Personnel are brought together from different areas of the Armed Forces as needed and deploy quickly to the area of the emergency. DART only goes at the invitation of the host government

and only for a short time (approximately 40 days).

DART personnel help stabilize the area. They clear rubble from roads, provide primary medical care and engineering help, and supply fresh water. Help includes protection of women from those who might exploit them in an emergency. DART provides a bridge or relief between first responders (rescue) and long-term help from aid agencies (recovery).

Col. Izatt described the complexity of a DART mission. It needs engineers, medics, soldiers for security, logistics, even legal help, as well as command and control and many other specialties. And of course translators are necessary (how many people can speak Nepalese in Canada?).

DART gets to locations like Nepal in giant C-17 aircraft. Col. Izatt mentioned how difficult it is to land such a large plane in locations like Nepal with its short runway.

He also mentioned the complexities of negotiating access to stricken areas in countries like Nepal, with its many local authorities lobbying to get relief resources. A great deal of diplomacy is often needed, with the aid of NGOs and national government officials. Even the caste system in Nepal created a challenge in getting relief to lower-caste populations.

Col. Izatt's presentation was an eye-opener for us on a subject we knew little about, and was very appreciated.

And...RYIA Needs Sponsors and Auction Items! Click here for Information and documents for the Rotary Youth Impact Awards: [See RYIA 2016](#)

Annual Meeting News

The Financial statements were received at the Annual General Meeting December 3. Financial statements can be pretty dry sometimes, but they tell stories about what the Club was up to in 2014-15.

Equity of both the Club and Charity Trust were down from last year, but that's because of completion of the Microskills project, which finished quicker than anticipated (the other good news - it was under-budget!). And RYIA was a very successful fundraiser in January.

In committee reports, Patti reported that the International Committee has approved funding for 5 projects, including WASRAG in Uganda, water filters in the Dominican Republic, Adopt a Mother program in Bangladesh, Adopt a Village in Laos, and fistula surgeries in Kampala.

Leighton reported that the Community Services Committee had approved funding for two Kids Against Hunger events, one in October at the District Conference, and one at Salvation Army Kipling Temple with Rotary Etobicoke in November. Funding also has been approved for York Rotaractors case competition, RYLA and a Rotaractor project in Ghana.



Toronto West received three awards at the November Foundation Dinner in Oshawa. See December District 7070 [Newsletter](#) for details.

Rotary and ShelterBox support Syrian refugees

(Excerpts reprinted from December District 7070 Newsletter)

Every day more than 6,000 people are fleeing Syria, where a brutal civil war has been raging since 2011. As of September, there were 4.1 million refugees and 7.6 million internally displaced people. "The plight of Syria's refugees is a litmus test for the world's compassion," says Rotary International General Secretary John Hewko. "Rotary members worldwide are profoundly disheartened by the refugee crisis now unfolding in Syria and other parts of the world." The United Nations has described it as the worst in decades...

Rotary members can donate to the disaster relief efforts of our project partner ShelterBox Canada. The organization has supported the Syrian relief effort for nearly four years and is working with other agencies to continue distributing relief materials.

See District 7070 December 1 [Newsletter](#) for details on how you can help)

Cold Comfort Warms the Heart!

About 7 large bags of winter coats, hats, and other items were collected from generous members at the December 3 meeting, and were delivered to Samuel Tim's Lakeshore Community Church (Salvation Army) the next day. This clothing will keep many people warm this winter. Thanks to all who participated!