



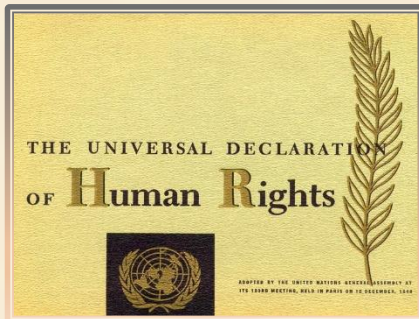
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**Next week** the club's Christmas dinner will be held on Thursday 17th December at 6:00 pm for a 6:30 pm start at the old Ashburn golf clubhouse in Halifax.

**The next regular morning meeting of the Halifax Rotary Club** will be Thursday, January 14, 2016 at 7:15 am in the Tradewinds Room, Westin Hotel. The meeting will be an open meeting when members are invited to open the floor to discussion of matters and issues of importance and interest to the club.

## Rotary Club of Halifax, Nova Scotia

### Meeting Notes of December 03, 2015



#### December 10<sup>th</sup> – International Human Rights Day

commemorates the anniversary of the United Nations General Assembly's adoption and proclamation, on 10 December 1948, of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR), the first global enunciation of human rights and one of the first major achievements of the new United Nations.

**Venue:** Tradewinds Room, Westin Hotel, Halifax, Nova Scotia.

**Meeting Chair:** President Doug McMillan

**Sergeant-At-Arms:** Roy Hayward

**Desk:** Roger Stein, Herman Ssebazza

**Attendance:** 14 members

**Grace:** Bob Power

**Health of the Club:** Roy Hayward circulated a Chronicle Herald photograph that showed Honorary Member Frank Huelin when he was employed at the Herald.

**Club Announcements:**

#### **Community Service Director Bob Power:**

One of his vacation draw winners donated his \$500 prize to the Rotary Foundation. President Doug said that he will write a thankyou note. Roger Stein will forward the \$500 to the Foundation with the individual's address so that he will receive a tax receipt.

Bob asked for Community Service Committee members to stay for a short meeting once the general meeting finished.

Club members looked after the Salvation Army kettle at the Halifax Shopping Center on 9<sup>th</sup> of December, and Bob thank those members who participated.

Finally, Bob reminded everyone that today, December 10th, was the final day to pass in the Angel Tree gifts for the Salvation Army.

*Is it the TRUTH?  
Is it FAIR to all concerned?  
Will it build GOODWILL and  
better FRIENDSHIPS?  
Will it be BENEFICIAL to all  
concerned?*

*- The Rotary 4-Way Test*

### **Brian Burnell:**

Reported that speaker's spots for the first 3 months of 2016 were filling up, however, he still needs to be advised of potential speakers for the balance of the Rotary year.

Brian noted that he has Rotary items stored at his place, and if members needed items they should call him. Please note that he does spend some time down south in the winter.

Bob Power is keeping the sandwich board advertising the club at his place until Brian returns from his winter holiday.

### **President Doug McMillan:**

Pleased to be back from **Uganda**, he had a few announcements to share.

Value Village was going to be holding an event to recognise donors, and the club was invited to send a representative. Heather MacDonald said that she would attend to represent the club. Thank you Heather.

A letter to Bill Humphries thanking him for his donation of \$5,000 will be sent by President Doug. Treasurer Roger will issue a tax receipt.

Eric Jagger has advised President Doug that there will be Service Awards for selected partners of Rotarians given by Rotary International. To receive an award, the partner must be a non-Rotarian. The purpose of the award is to recognise outstanding humanitarian work, and applications need to be in by the 1st of March 2016.

Finally, President Doug challenged all members to bring 1 guest to breakfast, and to suggest the name of 1 speaker before the end of the Rotary year on 30th June 2016.



### **International Service Director Judy Guernsey:**

Judy asked members to consider projects that the club could support in the next year. She mentioned Refugees, and circulated information on the Shelter Box project. She will call a meeting of the International Service committee early in 2016.

### **Treasurer Roger Stein:**

Roger noted that there has been \$22,700 banked from the Vacation Draw proceeds to date, with expenses totaling \$11,500.

### **Happy Moments:**

The following members expressed a happy moment this week: Doug McMillan; Bob Power; Roy Hayward; Oscar Wong; Judy Guernsey.

### **Weekly Draw:**

Herman Ssebazza held the winning draw ticket but unfortunately he drew the 5 of Hearts. At the meeting on 14th January the Queen will be worth \$230.

## Program:



The speaker this week was Rotary Club President Douglas McMillan, who gave a talk on his very recent trip to Uganda, accompanied by photographs from the trip.

Douglas McMillan, MD, FRCPC, professor emeritus at the University of Calgary, currently holds a university post-retirement position working in clinical care, research and education with an emphasis on global health of newborn babies at the Department of Pediatrics, Dalhousie University.

Instructing Pediatric Residents and Fellows in Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine, Dr. McMillan's awards and honours include: American Academy of Pediatrics District VIII, Perinatal Pediatrics Section – Founders Award, 2015; Section of Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine, Canadian Paediatric Society – Distinguished Neonatologist Award, 2013; Canadian Paediatric Society – Life Membership, 2013.

He was at the official start of the Global Grant project at the Katalamwa Cheshire Home that our club and the Rotary Club of Muyenga have successfully started with some help from Mud Creek, Wolfville, and Hillsborough Rotary clubs. The project will train 10 disabled young adults per year for 2 years to manufacture orthopedic devices so that the 20 trained people can return to their communities and train others. This enables these disabled folk to earn a living and support themselves. The value of the Global grant is USD \$55,250. President Doug had the opportunity to address the local people gathered for the official start of the project.

President Doug was entertained and shown the area by our good friend Rotarian John Mpagi, who is a member of the Rotary Club of Muyenga. They visited the St. Paul Kasso School where we have supported a series of projects. These include school supplies, which the local ladies took advantage of to learn to read and so be able to run a business. They then purchased pigs, which the local ladies look after and breed for food and to sell. A subsequent project supplied the equipment for a maize mill to feed the pigs and chicken, which have been added to the farm established at the school.

President Doug said he was surprised and pleased to see a goodly number of signs indicating clubs from across Canada who have jointly developed projects with the Rotary Club of Muyenga.

President Doug answered questions at the end of his presentation.

**Please see attached Impact Report from Rotarian John M. Mpagi, which outlines the impacts of several Rotarian initiatives in the region.**

**Adjournment:** “O Canada” was sung, led by Jim Axell. Following the meeting was the monthly Board meeting of the club.

## Schedule for the next few weeks:

President Doug asked members to please make note of the following Christmas / New Year meeting dates and locations:

- ❖ No morning meeting at the Westin Thursday 17th as there is the Christmas Dinner at the old Ashburn golf course clubhouse in the evening at 6:00 pm for a 6:30 pm start.
- ❖ Meetings are cancelled for the 24th and 31st December.
- ❖ On the 7th of January 2016 there will be an Egg Nog party at the old Ashburn golf course clubhouse at noon. Please advise Roy Hayward if you plan to attend this event.
- ❖ The next regular morning meeting at the Westin Hotel will be January 14th 2016.

