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The Rotary RIP

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Guests

Guests: Michael Maloney, Belleville Rotary Club, Guest Speaker; Dwayne Carruthers, guest of John Calderon; Dale Duke, Oshawa Rotary; George Punyaprateep, Whitby Sunrise; Joan Kingston, guest of Ray Richardson; Ajay Sinha, and Lesley Taafe, guests of Cathy Smith.

Upcoming Programs

November 22 – Monthly Business meeting
November 29 – World AIDS Day topic.
December 6 – Club's Annual General Meeting
December 13 – Don Lovisa, Durham College President

Announcements

Ho, Ho, Ho: It's that time of year again, time for the annual Santa Claus Parade. Whitby's parade will be Saturday December 3rd, with Rotary traditionally providing Santa's float. A sign-up sheet was passed around for volunteers to assemble the float at 3 p.m. December 2nd at Timbren at 420 Hopkins Street, and to disassemble the float on Saturday after the parade.

Green Gym Project: Neil Smith informed us that we have sold only 30 of the club's quota of 150 bricks for the walkway in Heydenshore Park. Deadline for sales is the end of November.

If 50 members sell three bricks each, we can raise \$27,000 for our projects. Get your payments and inscriptions in to Neil as soon as possible. Remember to keep your inscriptions short and to the point, as the bricks are only a certain size.

Christmas Party: Cathy Smith would like to know who will be able to attend the party at Neil and Cathy's home, 6:30 p.m. Friday, December 9. Price is \$50 per person for the meal catered by the Lake Grill, and its BOYB. Be sure to also bring a non-perishable food item for the food bank.

Rotary Scholarship Speeches: Cathy also announced that the deadline for applications has been extended to the end of January 2012 because of commencement exercises and other school projects, such as mid-term exams, in late November.

Board Meeting: 6:30 p.m. November 23rd at Motor City Mitsubishi.

Talk about Rotary on TV: John Calderon has arranged with Rogers Cable TV for Rotary participation on a Daytime talk show, beginning at the end of November and on through December.

Five to 11 minute interviews will be available for members to promote the Rotary Club of Whitby and its projects. Be sure to take part in this excellent public relations opportunity which our Public Relations Committee will organize.

Attention Curlers! Dale Duke reported that the Oshawa Rotary Club will be hosting a Scottish Curling Team in November, 2012 for the Canadian portion of the annual Scottish/Canadian bonspiel. Curlers are needed to curl against the Scottish team as well as to billet them.

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Whitby has had a reputation for good curlers over the years, so this is your opportunity to step up and join an interesting and worthwhile exchange.

Dinner to Help Thailand Students: George Punyaprateep, of the Whitby Sunrise Club, announced that there will be a dinner at the De-Siam Restaurant on November 29th with half the proceeds going to provide a better place to live for three children, the oldest of which is 14, who are living on their own in a tin shelter.

He has just returned from volunteer teaching for five months in Thailand where he met the children who are actually from Burma and who are at the school where he taught.

Although George was teaching in northern Thailand, the Whitby Sunrise Club is sponsoring a school in West Thailand, which is running out of materials because of the recent flooding.

Pink Mitts for Breast Cancer: Remember that the pink mitts for breast cancer will be sold at a table in the lobby of Iroquois Park every Saturday in December. Volunteer salespersons are required for 9 to 1 and 1 to 5 each Saturday.

Board of Directors slate for 2012-13: President Cathy Smith and Past President, Mike Finigan. Members: Joe Murray, Chris Butryn, Shauna Moore, Ray Richardson, Grant Souter, Brandon Lambert and John Calderon. This slate will be voted upon at the Annual General Meeting on December 6th.

Hiking and Volunteering in the Dominican Republic: Ray Richardson of our club and Joan Kingston of the Whitby Sunrise club are arranging a trip departing on February 14th to the Dominican Republic. The trip will include hiking and climbing the country's highest mountain, and volunteering for two days on a Rotary project at Consuelo.

The trip, without hiking, will cost \$1,378.00, including air fare, hotel and 2 days of "volunteering". The additional cost for the hiking with donkeys is \$1,250 making total, including hiking, of \$2,628.00. There is a limit of 15 people, so if you want to sign up, contact

President Mike at 905-213-0013 or Joan Kingston at 905-493-0134.

Please see brochure sent out with this RIP.

Another Honour for One of Our Members:

On Monday, November 14th, Brian Winter, representing Henry Street High School, was inducted into the "**Definitely Durham**" Hall of Fame by the Durham District School Board, representing Henry Street High School.

Brian was one of five of the first nominees to this new hall of fame. The others were: former New Democratic Party leader Ed Broadbent, Camp X historian Lynn Philip Hodgson, nutritionist George Beaton, and co-founder of the Toronto International Film Festival, Bill Marshall.

All the nominees attended Durham Region schools and achieved much in later life. Brian was inspired to study and compile the history of Whitby by his Grade 8 teacher at Colborne Street School, Frank Hiusser, 50 years ago and has been Archivist for the Town of Whitby for more than 40 years.

Another Loss in the Rotary Family: On October 29, Jean Parise passed away at Thorntonview Long Term Care in Oshawa. Jean was the mother of the late Beth Parise who was our president in 2003-04, and Aunt of Neil Smith. Her funeral was held on Saturday, November 5th at St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church. We pass on our condolences to the Parise and Smith families.

An Apology – please excuse my oversight and accept my apologies for not including this item in the November 1st RIP. Bill Irwin

Sergeant-At-Arms

Stephanie Fox Comery donated \$5 to George's Dominican project, and John Dale and Joe Murray are growing moustaches for prostate cancer awareness.

Neil Smith was fined for "finally admitting he has a few bricks short of a load."

Ray Richardson was fined for "chirping."

Happy Bucks: Sophia Cal is going to the Dominican Republic and would like donations of crutches to take with her.

Susan Reid has a new hat and a new vehicle, and Brandon Lambert had a sad buck because now it is too cold to go sailing.

Betty Vetere reminded us that nobody had fined her for being late and George Punyaprateep was happy to have lost 30 pounds in Thailand.

Bill Irwin gave \$5 for his attendance at a United Nations Rotary Conference, and noted that he had to go around the conference wearing a tag with wife Marion's name on it. Speaking of Marion, she and Susan Reid are celebrating their birthdays this week.

Today's Program

Prior to her introducing our speaker, Michael Maloney, Marion circulated Michael's CV to the membership, suggesting that it be read during breakfast in order to shorten her introduction in the interest of time.

From Michael Maloney's CV:

Michael Maloney, the founder of Teach Your Children Well, a company specializing in remedial education and literacy for all ages, has utilized 40 years of work experience, in both the private and public sectors, to pursue his dream of sharing his highly effective teaching methods with people around the world.

His work has been widely used in private learning centres, in public charter schools, as well as in the homes of foster parents, and home schooling families. Most recently, Michael has been helping to establish a school for autistic children in Hong Kong where his methods are proving to be highly effective, increasing the student's ability to learn and focus while they become fluent in reading, language, math and spelling.

Michael Maloney is also a Rotarian proud to offer his expertise as the Literacy chair person of his local Rotary Club in Belleville, Ontario.

Michael was our speaker today to tell us of the Belleville Club's involvement with the Amarok Society's literacy project in the slums of Bangladesh. You may remember that earlier this year our Club heard from Gem Munro who introduced us to this project and has authored a book, South Asian Adventures with the Active Poor, based on his experiences there. More importantly is the fact that it was he, his wife Tanyss, herself a teacher of several educational degrees, and their three children who, against all odds, started this literacy effort. Today, we heard about what Amarok is doing from a Rotary perspective as this project is being considered by our International Services Committee as a possible recommendation to the Club for one of our international projects.

In the five years since the inception of this project, Amarok has established 12 schools where 250 "mothers of intention" teach Bangla and English to 1,250 children. This is because the premise followed in the project is to have mothers become basically literate and then become teachers, themselves, of at least 5 children.

It is little wonder that this project appealed strongly to Michael Maloney's teaching instincts when he heard of it from a local Belleville librarian. So, given the coincidence of the timing of meeting Gem Munro, Michael was able to not only put Gem in touch with Rotary Clubs where he could spread the word and appeal for funding assistance, but he also was able to take the Munro's to the Rotary International Convention in Montreal in June of 2010. There, they met with members of the Rotary Club of Midtown Dahka and set up the basics of a cooperative effort among the Amarok Society and the Rotary Clubs of Belleville and Dahka. Soon a memorandum of understanding will be signed.

So far, Michael and the Munro's have promoted the Amarok Society and the work it does to 130 Rotary Clubs. The ultimate goal is to have all District 7070 Clubs involved as well as secure Rotary International grants and CRCID funds

from the Canadian government. In the first year, Michael, Rotarians, and the Munro's have raised \$70,000.

With the added assistance from Rotary, the Amarok Society was able to improve its Board setup. John Borst from the Dryden Rotary Club in District 7080 and Bernard Laliberté from the Napanee Rotary Club have joined the Board and have contributed to updating Board procedures. John is retired from being the head of the School Board in his area while Bernard is a retired Colonel from the RCAF and has spent two years in Bangladesh in earlier years.

With the anniversary of 9/11 this past year, various countries around the world were advised to tighten up terrorist procedures. Consequently, the Bangladeshi government prohibited the transfer of funds to the Amarok Society for its work in Bangladesh as the government was concerned about money laundering for terrorist activities. This created a crisis for Amarok as they needed the funds to pay the coordinators who looked after the literacy programs and schools while the Munros were in Canada soliciting funding. Thankfully, Past Rotary International President, Wilf Wilkinson, and others stepped up to the plate to work with the Bangladesh government to free up the funds and set up a temporary route for sending the funding to the Amarok Society through the Dahka Club.

Michael explained that the first year with Amarok presented some hurdles which are being dealt with, and he fully expects that procedures will be sorted out successfully. He looks forward to the participation of many Rotary Clubs. He described, too, how this literacy program of teaching mothers to teach children can be used in any developing country and concluded his talk by saying that Tanyss and Gem Monro are "among the most courageous people I have ever seen"

Following a couple of questions, Michael was very suitably thanked by Des Newman, a member of the International Services Committee.

WHITBY ROTARY THROUGH THE YEARS

10 YEARS AGO – November 13, 2001

- ☀ A new environmental project, headed by Brian Barton, is about to start at the north-west corner of Rossland Road and Cochrane Street.
- ☀ Cathy Smith and Joanne Ashley went to Ottawa to meet with the Interagency Committee of AIDS Development and the Snowy Owl Foundation.
- ☀ District Governor John Carr inducted three new members, Cathy Smith, Esperanza Leone and Joni Heard. Cathy and Esperanza are still members in 2011.

25 YEARS AGO - NOVEMBER 4, 1986

- ☀ Ron Armstrong announced that there were over 150 Bingo players last Saturday, with an estimated profit of more than \$1,000.
- ☀ Felicity Nelson spoke to the club on Community Education through the John Howard Society.
- ☀ A moment of silence was held for Remembrance Day.

30 YEARS AGO - NOVEMBER 10, 1981

- ☀ District Governor Fred Black and his wife attended the meeting
- ☀ District Governor Fred inducted new members, Jack Morgan and Mike Etere.
- ☀ A roast beef dinner was served, with English Trifle for desert, and the Rotary Choir sang five numbers for the District Governor.

Words of our Founder

In the battle between the "Cant's" and the "Cans" in Rotary, the "Cant's" have never won a single permanent victory to my knowledge. The broad visions, the nobler purposes have always won.

Message to the 1930 are by convention,
Chicago, Illinois, USA.

Rotary Information

Bill Irwin's Notes from the United Nations
Rotary Conference held In the UN
Headquarters on
Saturday, November 5, 2011

PolioPlus:

1. Not only has Rotary provided funding but also thousands of Rotarians around the world have provided many hours of volunteer work to ensure that all children are properly vaccinated and appropriate records are kept.
2. Approximately 8,000,000 people have been saved from polio through the PolioPlus program.
3. In Pakistan where polio is still prevalent, the local leaders have undertaken to use their best negotiation skills to complete the eradication of polio in Pakistan.

Notes from the Speech of Ban Ki-moon, the UN Secretary General

The UN believes very strongly in partnership with public and private groups, countries etc. such as the partnership with Rotary and PolioPlus.

"Shot at life" is a new program of the UN which is designed to encourage vaccines over the entire world. This program has its roots in the experience of polio plus which provided a model and example for new UN programs.

One of the major aims of the UN is the same as that of Rotary - "Sustainable Development".

"The future we want" is a theme of the UN.

As a matter of interest, 49 Rotarians took part in the charter of the UN in San Francisco.

A few of the Secretary General's thoughts:

- Only happiness in life is bringing happiness to others.
- Rotary's motto is more than a motto. It is "a way of life".
- Hiroshima is a reminder of the importance of peace – and eye for an eye leaves the whole world blind.
- Peace among people proceeds peace around the world.
- Suffering of others is our suffering

Notes from John Hewko's Presentation

John Hewko is the new general secretary of
Rotary International

- John noted that the Rotary key areas of focus are quite similar to the UN objectives. Again partnerships are extremely important as "we cannot go it alone". Rotary is a very large organization but, even it, cannot do it alone. It must partner with other organizations with skills and resources that we do not have. It is important to involve the private sector and Rotary is quite able to assist in this involvement. Even though Rotary is a large organization, "it cannot do it alone".

John's Brief Report on Haitian Earthquake

Haiti – 100% of the funds going to the Haiti program will be used for completion of projects.

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The Haiti fund which was set up to assist in recovery from the devastating earthquake focuses on:

1. Literacy and schools – one school was provided at the top of a mountain and all materials and supplies were carried up in backpacks. 29,500 children will get proper literacy education from the new school projects.
2. The provision of prosthetics for those who suffered amputations during the earthquake.
3. Housing

An Introduction to John Hewko:

John Hewko is the general secretary and CEO of Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation, managing one of the world's largest global humanitarian service organizations, with 34,000 clubs throughout the world. With fiscal year 2010 annual revenues exceeding US\$400 million, Rotary International and its Foundation support 1.2 million Rotary club members in their volunteer efforts to serve their local and global communities.

Hewko holds a law degree from Harvard University, a master's in modern history from Oxford University (where he studied as a Marshall Scholar), and a bachelor's in government and Soviet studies from Hamilton College in Clinton, New York, USA. He speaks five languages besides English: Czech, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, and Ukrainian.

As general secretary/CEO, Hewko leads a diverse staff of almost 800 at Rotary International's World Headquarters in Evanston, Illinois, USA, and international offices in Buenos Aires, Argentina; São Paulo, Brazil; Zurich, Switzerland; New Delhi, India; Seoul, Korea; Tokyo, Japan; and Parramatta (Sydney), Australia.

He and his wife, Margarita, live in Evanston. John is a Paul Harris Fellow.

Literacy:

A Presentation by Lise Monty, Past President of the Rotary Club of Wilmington, Delaware.

The goal should be to spread early childhood education and training to all needy areas.




Over 800 million adults are illiterate in the world and the total, including children, is over 1 billion. In Pakistan 15 to 26% of the girls are illiterate.

It is extremely important to educate the girls – it is said that when girls are educated the community is educated. When you educate a boy you get an educated boy. The biggest single investment that can be made is investment in girls.

The Rotary club of Wilmington Delaware is carrying out a project in Pakistan called the "The Pakistan Project". Their mission statement is "Our Pakistani initiative bridges cultures and advances understanding through personal contact and joint service"

What is The Pakistan Project?

- ☉ It is a World Community Service Project: two clubs from two countries, Wilmington Rotary and the Lahore Mozang Rotary Club in Pakistan, uniting to serve one of their communities in addressing a global concern, education for girls.
- ☉ It is about relationships - here in Delaware and overseas in Pakistan. Empowering all participants in service efforts.
- ☉ Reaching out to the Pakistani-American and Islamic communities here in Delaware and developing close ties with Rotarians in Pakistan.
- ☉ Furthering personal understanding of Pakistan and Islam through small "Circles of International Understanding" hosted in our members' homes and featuring Pakistani-American discussion leaders.

-  Reciprocal "Friendship Exchanges" beginning with the October 1 arrival of a delegation from the Lahore Mozang Rotary Club. Wilmington Rotary will send a delegation to Lahore during the first quarter of 2011.
-  A 4-part Educational series which will reach 3,400 junior and senior high school students representing an ideal mix of Wilmington public, private, parochial and charter high schools. The series begins on October 6.
-  A major address by Pakistan's Ambassador to Washington, Husain Haqqani on October 21 in the Gold Ballroom of the Hotel DuPont.

Join us on a journey of bridging cultures and expanding understanding through personal contact and joint service. We invite you to participate and support our Club's 2010-2011 service project, "Girls & Education in Pakistan: The Ghazali School of Lahore".

The Bottom Line – "Teach the Mothers to Teach the Children!"

Bill's Personal Thoughts:

1. It is more effective to make the projects larger and to do them in partnership over a period of time – whether with other Rotary Clubs or Districts or other charitable organizations.
2. One of the most important parts of Literacy programs is to teach the mothers who will then teach the children – and not to teach the children initially.
3. Develop any Project to incorporate a sense of ownership in the recipients.

On the Lighter Side

Tools Defined:

DRILL PRESS: A tall upright machine useful for suddenly snatching flat metal bar stock out of your hands so that it smacks you in the chest and flings your beer across the room, denting the freshly-painted project which you had carefully set in the corner where nothing could get to it.

SKIL-SAW: A portable cutting tool used to make studs too short.

PLIERS: Used to round off bolt heads. Sometimes used in the creation of blood-blisters.

BELT SANDER: An electric sanding tool commonly used to convert minor touch-up jobs into major refinishing jobs.

HACKSAW: One of a family of cutting tools built on the Ouija board principle... It transforms human energy into a crooked, unpredictable motion, and the more you attempt to influence its course, the more dismal your future becomes.

WISE-GRIPS: Generally used after pliers to completely round off bolt heads. If nothing else is available, they can also be used to transfer intense welding heat to the palm of your hand.

TABLE SAW: A large stationary power tool commonly used to launch wood projectiles for testing wall integrity.

HAMMER: Originally employed as a weapon of war, the hammer nowadays is used as a kind of divining rod to locate the most expensive parts adjacent the object we are trying to hit.

PHILLIPS SCREWDRIVER: Normally used to stab the vacuum seals under lids or for opening old-style paper-and-tin oil cans and splashing oil on your shirt; but can also be used, as the name implies, to strip out Phillips screw heads.

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