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THE ROTARY CLUB of WHITBY

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The Rotary RIP

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Guests

Jackie Scroggie, Toronto Eglinton - Our Guest
Speaker;

Jane Gresham, Toronto Eglinton;

Andrew and Leigh Elliott, Wearside, U.K.;

Chris Gerbis, Peter Vickery, Sean Lockhart and
Alyson McClelland.

Upcoming Programs

February 21st - Mayor Pat Perkins with her
"state of the union" address

February 28th - Station Gallery Update and
International Services Committee Presentation.

Announcements

A Very Sad Note: It is with great sadness
that we tell you of the untimely passing of
Jacob Hicks, Susan Reid's 16 year old
nephew, who died Monday in a tragic
accident.

Susan, your fellow Club members all pass on
their most sincere condolences to you and
your family at this very real time of need.

Today is Valentine's Day: "Holy Omission
Batman!" President Mike forgot that today is
Valentine's Day. He and all others who forgot
their loved ones today were appropriately fined.

Yuk Yuk's Comedy Night: Don't forget that
April 14th is our Yuk Yuk's Comedy Night to
raise funds for our Club's AIDS Action Team,
as well as our International Services Committee.

Sledge Hockey: Last Sunday's session at
Iroquois Park was a great success, thanks to the
hard work of Susan Reid who put the whole
thing together. We had our own cheering section
and Ray Richardson even scored a goal!

It depends on whose club you belong to, to find
out who won the tournament, because everybody
played together. A fun time was had by all.

Drawing for Art and Joint Rotary Meeting:
Both these events are scheduled for April 26th.
Hopefully, we can have good representation at
both. It has been a tradition with our Club for
many years to provide "hands-on" service for the
Station Gallery's Drawing for Art annual
fundraiser.

Bill Irwin is seeking about 25 volunteers for
Drawing for Art and is passing the sign-up sheet
around. If you haven't had a chance to sign up
for the **Drawing for Art**, please let Bill know –
by phone at 905-668-2283 or e-mail at:
mrbill7@rogers.com

Please be sure to mark your calendar for April
26th whether it be for the **Drawing for Art** or the
District Rotary Club's Social Night.

Membership: Cathy Smith reports she has three
new membership applications and one more in
the works. Congratulations to Cathy and her



committee. It is exciting to see the results of the efforts of this very active committee.

Membership Get-together: Cathy is still working on finalizing plans for a Members' Get-together for a night of bowling followed by socializing afterward at a local "watering hole". She is looking for input from us as to our preference for a night - February 25th or March 10th. For your assistance in choosing, the social portion of the night on March 10th will be held at the Royal Oak where our own Jeff Callery will be the "headliner"!

Eight lanes have been tentatively reserved at Leisure Lanes Bowling and, for Ray's benefit, this is 5-pin bowling. Cathy needs to know numbers very soon in order to confirm how many alleys are needed.

Board Meeting: The Club's next Board meeting will be held at 7:00 pm on **Wednesday, February 29th** at Motorcity Mitsubishi. Members are welcome to attend and those who would like to make any submission to the Board for its consideration should do so in a proposal in writing and delivered to Secretary Anne Nurse or President Mike Finigan by Friday, February 17th.

Vocational Training Team: We are hosts to a vocational training team from Louisiana April 14th to 20th. There are six members on this team and we still need homes for three of them to stay while they are here.

Durham College Students to sell bricks: John Calderon announced that we will have the assistance of two co-op students from Durham College to help us sell bricks for the outdoor gym in Heydenshore Park, for seven weeks beginning in March. John assures us, too, that more Durham College students will be available to the club for assistance with our projects later this year.

This is a great source of help for our Club and, hopefully, a useful learning experience for the students.

A Special Gift: John Calderon was presented with a special gift for providing the Club with a potential new Rotarian, although it will be several years before she can join – perhaps after a stint in **Interact** and **Rotaract**. We wish John and Cheryl well as they enjoy this round of parenthood!

Grannies for Grannies Scrabble: Last Saturday, Marion Irwin, Betty Vetere and Espie Leone represented our club at this event to aid grannies in Africa who are caring for children whose parents have died of AIDS.

The event raised \$4,700, of which \$1,240 came from our club, proceeds from Betty Vetere's 70th birthday party and some donations from family members. Betty and Marion have taken part in this special event for four years.

Durham AIDS Dinner: Sean Lockhart of the Durham AIDS Committee reminded us that a dinner will be held March 15th prior to a special AIDS conference in Oshawa. Oshawa Mayor John Henry will be present and the speaker will be AIDS activist David Ho.

Tickets are \$60.00 each. Sean says this will be a great networking opportunity for club members

Sergeant-At-Arms

Ray Richardson and his Bingo Buddy Charlie Rolland took charge today.

Happy Bucks: Joanne Ashley gave a happy twenty dollars, because she has been pronounced free of cancer. Five years ago she had cancer surgery and she expressed her sincere thanks for the support of the club.

Marion Irwin's daughter Kathy, aged 49, was in Bangkok, Thailand. Here she met Serge Bruttin, a former Rotary Exchange student, who runs a creperie restaurant there. Happily, Serge recognized her and they enjoyed a social time together, "on the house". The Wafer and the Smiths are going to the Rotary International Convention in Bangkok in May. Maybe they'll venture out for a dinner to Crepes & Co., too!



Sean Lockhart thanked the club for its continued support of the AIDS Committee of Durham.

Shauna Moore reported that our Club got rave reviews at a meeting she attended at Durham College.

Birthdays: Doug Freeman's oldest daughter is 30 today, which fact he finds difficult to believe, and Bill Irwin has chalked up another birthday.

Anniversary: Arthur and Mim Capon.

Today's Program

Jackie Scroggie of the Toronto Eglinton Club outlined for us the Rift Valley Water and Sanitation Project in Kenya. This program was actually begun in 2002 by a Kenyan, John Mbugua supported by the Rotary Club of Summerland, British Columbia and was taken over by the Toronto Eglinton Club in 2010 due to the introduction of the Future Visions program which requires that Districts and Clubs working together be part of the three-year pilot program. The Toronto-Eglinton Club has been in charge for three years and is teamed up with the energetic 35-member Rotary Club of Nakuru, Kenya which manages the project.

“This program to build rain water harvesting tanks of cement blocks for this drought-ridden country is recognized as a model project by Rotary International and the United Nations”, said Jackie. The tanks, which collect and hold 10,000 litres of rain water, will last 25 years, and cost about \$400 to \$450 each to build. To date, some 3000 tanks have been installed bringing a lifetime supply of fresh water to approximately 28,000 people.

No longer do the women, whose families have these tanks, have to walk 6 to 10 km. often several times a day to secure water----from contaminated streams and ponds! They free up the women's time so that they can then earn money through micro financing systems that allow them to establish small businesses such as growing produce for their families and for sale or small tailoring businesses. School fees to send their children for education become

possible. More and better water leads to improved sanitation, health, and hygiene. Generally, the quality of life improves.

In order to qualify for a tank, participating families must meet certain requirements: contribute about \$60 Canadian, provide manual labour to build the tanks, have a functioning latrine, install eavestroughs and drain pipes to funnel the water, and plant 100 trees on their property to help replace those that have been cut down for fuel.

The Rotary Clubs involved are building about 60 tanks a month within a 60-mile radius of Nakuru. The people to be served by them are displaced people who have been settled there by the Kenyan government. “The project has nine full-time employees and is run by women's groups who report to the Rotary Club of Nakuru”, said Jackie.

The tanks have to be built to collect rain water because wells become contaminated by ground water that contains fluoride.

The Toronto Eglinton Club has worked with our club for several years providing supplies for Dr. Silverman and the Howard Hospital in Zimbabwe. Recently the club bought 40 bicycles for the Howard Hospital, and our club will be involved in providing repair facilities for them. As well, too, Phase 2 of the Rift Valley Project is one which our Club may well wish to help fund.

February's Rotary theme is World Understanding. Presentations such as Jackie Scroggie brought to us today certainly help to expand our understanding of the hardships faced by so many people around this ever-shrinking world of ours!

WHITBY ROTARY THROUGH THE YEARS 10 YEARS AGO – February 12, 2002

☺ There was no Rip this week.



25 YEARS AGO – February 10, 1987

- ☼ The sale of the Roto-Burger trailer has been temporarily shelved, pending further discussion by committee members and directors.
- ☼ Henry Kortekaas kicked off the 1987 Easter Seals Campaign by announcing he has already received \$1,500 from local industries.
- ☼ Fred Wynistorf, manager of the Bank of Commerce in Whitby, has been proposed as a member.

30 YEARS AGO – February 9, 1982

- ☼ There was no Rip this week.

Words of our Founder

Rotary is a miniature model of a world of peace, one which might advantageously be studied by nations. Rotarians believe that the universal application of tolerance and friendliness would bring about the international peace so earnestly desired by everyone.

Radio broadcast on Rotary’s 36th anniversary

Rotary Information

It’s Now “Official” - here is an Item from our District 7070 Web Site

***The District Governor Nominee for 2013-2014
Valarie Wafer***

District Governor Nominee

Valarie Wafer (Whitby)

A member of the Whitby Rotary Club, Valarie was club president in 2008-2009. Since then, she has held various other positions within the

club and in District 7070: an Assistant District Governor 2009-2013, a member of the District Long-range planning committee, Vocational Training Team leader to Sydney, Australia 2010, and Rotary at Work District Committee Chair.

Married to Mark, they live in Ashburn and



have two lovely daughters, Meghan and Colleen. Mark is also a Rotarian with the Whitby Club and a Champion of the Rotary at Work Program.

Valarie and Mark have been Tim Horton Franchisees since 1995 with six locations in the Scarborough area. Their company has won numerous awards including the Canadian Manufacturers Association Award for Innovators of the Year 2010, awarded for their hiring practices to employ individuals with disabilities.

Valarie is a double Paul Harris Fellow and a Paul Harris Sustaining Member. Both Valarie and Mark are Foundation Benefactors.

Valarie looks forward to her role as District Governor 2013-2014.

Congratulations Valarie – we look forward to supporting you wholeheartedly as our District Governor

On The Lighter Side

You know that your employer is in trouble when:

- The CEO walks by your desk and says, “Hey, watch those staples!”
- The corner Dairy Queen threatens a hostile takeover.
- The former conference room is now a chinchilla ranch.



- You say, “See you tomorrow”, and the night watchman laughs uncontrollably.
- You start receiving memos in Japanese.
- The boss asks you if you know anything about starting fires.

A Thoughtful Valentine's Day Gift

Jim asked his friend, Tony, whether he had bought his wife anything for Valentine's Day.

'Yes,' came the answer from Tony who was a bit of a chauvinist, 'I've bought her a belt and a bag.'

'That was very kind of you,' Jim added, 'I hope she appreciated the thought.'

Tony smiled as he replied, 'So do I, and hopefully the vacuum cleaner will work better now.'

Say It with Flower

Jeremy visited a florist's shop which showed a large sign that read, 'Say It With Flowers.'

'Wrap up one rose, please' Jeremy demanded of the florist's assistant.

'Only one?' she enquired frowning.

'Ah yes just the one', Jeremy replied. 'I'm a man of very few words.'

Love is Blind?

Phil, a smart and handsome young man, dressed in the latest fashion, walked into this local pub. He noticed a woman gazing at him without blinking her big eyes. Phil felt flattered so he walked up to the woman and said in his deepest voice, 'I'll do anything you wish, beautiful lady, for just £10 but on one condition.'

The woman appeared to be trapped in the moment and asked as if in a trance, 'What's your condition?'

Phil answered, 'Tell me your wish in just three words.'

There was a long pause, the woman opened her purse, counted out the money and handed it to the man along with her address. She then looked deeply into his eyes and whispered, 'Clean my house.'



And now a “Politically Correct” Valentine Message:



Legal say that “Be My Valentine” opens up to sexual harassment claims. They suggest: “Dear individual of indeterminate or other gender would you consider accepting the role of being my person of special interest?”

