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The Rotary RIP

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Guests There were no guests today.

Upcoming Programs

September 6 – Regular morning meeting cancelled to allow for return to post summer routine more easily!

September 13 – Rotary at Work Update by Joe Dale and Mark Wafer

September 20 – Future Aces Program presented by Bernice Carnegie

September 27 – Business Meeting – Presentation of a Public Relations Program plan plus a budget and volunteer hours update

Announcements

Golf Tournament: Our big day is coming up next Tuesday, August 30th. Larry Giofu reminded us of the need for volunteers. Tim Morgan reported that there is a full complement of golfers although more could be accommodated. Neil Smith confirmed 46 hole sponsors and tells us there are lots of great prizes. Wilson Sports and Royal Ashburn are two of the prize providers. Cathy Smith emphasized how important it is to name the golf foursomes and stick to that name. For those doing the registration, this makes their life so much easier.

End Polio Now Concert: September 2 and 3. Tim Morgan reminded us, once again, that he needs all tickets returned to him, both the concert and draw tickets.

The Green Gym: Neil Smith has met with David McCaskill to discuss, among other things, the brick pathway that will lead to the Gym. Commemorative bricks at \$200 each will be sold by both our Club and Whitby Sunrise to raise funds to help with the project. It has been agreed that each Club will sell 85 bricks. Neil has managed to have the bricks donated by Unilok which is a wonderful contribution with a value of about \$4000. Great work, Neil! There will be extra bricks available so that as one brick is removed from the path to be engraved with the donor's name, an extra brick will take its place so that the pathway will always be complete. A great idea! The Town has agreed to lay the bricks. So, it would seem that this part of the Gym project is well taken care of. Kudos to Neil with our thanks!

Abilities Centre: The Board has made up a list of questions to present to the Centre Board, the answers to which will be necessary before our Club will consider committing funds to the Centre.

Club Social Night: At Valarie and Mark Wafer's on Thursday, September 8. Mark your calendar.

AIDS Committee of Durham Region Walk: Joanne Ashley announced that Shauna Moore, who is now a new member of the Club's AIDS Committee, is going to represent the Club and participate in the AIDS Committee of Durham Region Walk on Saturday, September 24th. This is a group with which our Club has interacted both by helping to raise funds for them and by providing hands-on assistance.

~ *With Rotary, Peace is Possible* ~

Joanne asked that each of us consider sponsoring Shauna in her Walk and passed around a sign-up sheet. Although there will be no regular Rotary meetings for the next two weeks, there will be two more, September 13th and 20th before the Walk. So, if you missed the signup sheet, you'll still be able to add your name. Or, e-mail Shauna at shaunamoore@gmail.com, if you like, to let her know that you will sponsor her and for how much.

Thank You's: Letters of appreciation have been received from Rose of Durham and Footprints. The former, which provides support services for young parents, is thanking our Club for our "generous donation to our 17th annual Victorian Tea and Gift Basket Auction". Accompanied by photos of kids at play, the letter from Heather Johnson, Footprints Marketing, Fundraising and Administrative Consultant, thanks us for our \$1200 donations to be used for Volunteer Training. Footprints provides respite in a safe and happy environment for children diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorders.

Sergeant-At-Arms

Sergeant Joanne attended to a late piece of business by catching up with Doug Freeman and his birthday fine. Yes, Doug was out today, and I'm sure he knew by various greetings plus the Sergeant's comments that we were all very happy to see him. As well, he was serenaded with quite a decent rendition of Happy Birthday.

Once again, Joanne made a point about the theme for the month of August. Those who knew that it was "membership" were actually made to pay up. But, then, so were those who still didn't know what it was!

To follow up with the use of the car decals that Cathy Smith had passed out some time ago and also offered us again today, Joanne fine those of us who still did not have them on our cars.

Our Sergeant then entered into a session of "levity" fining. Ray had to pay up because he abandoned Espie in her hour of need when it came to starting the singing of our Rotary grace

this morning. Despite this abandonment, Espie started us off quite admirably. Well done, Espie!!

However, Espie was then fined, herself, because she "voluntold" her husband, Victor, to give blood to help out Valarie's blood donation group. For this particular endeavour, too, Arthur Capon wanted to emphasize the colour "red" and showed up in his "ice cream" car. Would you believe this is a white Eldorado convertible with red interior?! Of course, Arthur was fined!

Time for happy bucks! Mike Finigan was happy to pay up for the 7 Rotarians who did show up to donate blood along with Valarie.

Brandon Lambert paid for the fun time he and Lindsay had in Chicago. To the comment re whether or not Brandon had produced a ring for Lindsay, he responded that he'd received the same question at work. But, no ring---yet!!!

Arthur Capon is happily paying up for the two weddings that will take place in Los Cabos, Mexico. Seems both his daughters are to be married there.

Des Newman was very happy with the developments relating to the Green Gym and the brick walkway that will join the Waterfront Trail which is part of his political past.

Betty Vetere enjoyed her time at the opening of the Wafer's new Cold Stone Creamery section of one of their Tim Horton's and very willingly gave her "happy buck". Sergeant Joanne even contributed a "happy buck" for the great boat cruise with Valarie and Mark that was set up to lobby for the 2018 Rotary International Convention in Toronto. Kudos were also given to Tourism Ontario for their organization and contributions.

A last "happy/sad buck" was paid by Marion Irwin in remembrance of Jack Layton, the happy part for his selfless contributions to the betterment of people and the sad part because he's gone. Whether one agreed with his political ideas and ideals, one could not question his positive outlook and his long devotion to people.

John Dale and Brandon were not successful in picking the Ace of Spades. So, the pot grows!

Today's Program

Rotary Foundation: The focus of today's business meeting was Rotary's own Foundation. Current information was provided to update us all on the goal and work of the Foundation. One of the goals of our Club for this Rotary year is to have 100% participation in the Foundation in terms of each Club member's giving \$100 as part of the EREY program (Every Rotarian Every Year). Just as we donate to other charities of choice such as Heart and Stroke, Arthritis, Alzheimer's, various Cancer groups, etc., we are asked to make the Rotary Foundation one of our "charities of choice" and give \$100 each year. Although this amount can be given at any time during the year, our Club suggests that we make a point of doing this as a sponsorship for those who are walking in the Foundation Walk in September.

Part of the Foundation is what is known as a Permanent Fund. The new target for this Fund is one billion dollars by 2025. The past target of two hundred million dollars was reached three years earlier than expected; so, it is anticipated that the same realization will be met for the new one.

Anne Nurse talked about her experiences seeing Foundation money at work. She mentioned such projects as measles eradication, a hospital in Brazil and the Howard Hospital in Zimbabwe. When Clubs commit to such projects, they can multiply these greatly by applying for grants from the Foundation. Anne described this process like a ripple on a pond which grows bigger and bigger.

Stephanie Fox-Comery spoke of her experiences with Sophia Cal made possible by Foundation money. They have been to Malawi, Turkey, Brazil, and South Africa working with teachers and AIDS orphans. While Stephanie and Sophia volunteered their time and expertise, the Foundation paid their air fare and provided a living stipend.

"Money Magic" was Ray Richardson's topic as he explained how our donations are held at the

Foundation for three years in order to raise funds necessary to run it. Then, the money comes back to the District where it is distributed to Clubs which apply for it. He told how, a few years ago, our Club bought an Isuzu truck for Howard Hospital. An \$11,000 contribution by various Clubs was built into a total of \$38,000 through the granting processes. This was a good example of how money can usually be tripled. Working with partners, too, such as HPI (Health Partners International), which gathers medications from drug companies, made possible a medication donation worth \$50,000. One of the requirements of any of Foundation grants is very clear reporting to justify the money spent.

Ray also described AIDS testing equipment that was purchased through the granting process for Howard Hospital. This allowed the doctors to determine who needed medication most. The equipment was purchased in Africa and the technicians were trained there.

Ravi Joshi was asked to comment on the Rotary Foundation. He told us that it was one of the reasons he joined Rotary as he liked the way that \$1 could be made into \$3. President Mike finished off our Foundation Minutes by saying that, as most of us know, he is buying a house. But, his partner, Claire, controls the purse strings. So, in order to donate his \$100 to the Foundation for the EREY program, Claire told Mike he needed to give up something. Well, that something was his purchased Tim Horton's coffee. Now, he comes to Rotary with his homemade version!

Classification Talk by Tim Morgan: How did we slip up? Imagine being a member in our Club for four years and having never had to give a classification talk! Well, better late than never! After being a Rotarian with us for these past four years, Tim Morgan finally gave us his classification talk. Most of us probably thought we knew all there was to know about Tim. But, after his talk today, we've realized that, quite likely, we didn't.

In a humorous and interesting way, Tim told us how, although he now works as a registered

portfolio manager and partner with Thornmark Asset Management Inc., he started out after Grade 12 working for the Ontario Northland Railway as its trains made their way between such places as Rouen, Noranda and Moosonee. Apparently, his family, back to his great grandfather, all worked for the railway. So, after a fight with his Dad, he quit school and joined the family in the railroad business working across Northern Ontario.

He was quite enjoying this life with his railway buddies when it was brought to an end by an accident where the train on which he was working was hit by a tractor trailer in New Liskeard. He sustained an injury that required his neck to be fused. No more working for the railway!

So, he went through a retraining process which meant finishing high school in a church basement and then going on to earn a university business degree. After graduation, he was hired, after his first job interview, by the Royal Bank and then ultimately by Thornmark Asset Management Inc. He expressed how he never thought he'd be where he is now although he often fondly thinks of his railway buddies in North Bay.

Married to Ann, an Oshawa girl, whom he met in a bar in Toronto after attending a hockey game with friends, Tim has lived in Whitby since 2003 on Nurse Court. Tim and Ann have two daughters, Rachel, 13 and Gillian, 11. From happy bucks that Tim has paid in the past, we know he is a proud Dad and even coaches his girls' sports teams.

In his job, he manages money for mutual funds and pension funds as part of what Thornmark does. "Thornmark serves the investment needs of individuals and their families, trusts and estates, endowments and foundations, and pensions and institutions," says the company's website. To do his job, Tim must be one of Whitby's commuters to Toronto being on the train to the City at 6:20 a.m.---except for Tuesday mornings when he hits the Library for Rotary breakfast. Now a new Board Member for our Club, he is chairing our 16th Annual Golf

Tournament this year. In the summer, he and his family head as often as possible to their cottage in North Bay.

Tim offered us his thoughts about why he joined Rotary. Being new to Whitby, he didn't have many friends. So, as well as joining the Rec Centre, Tim searched for some other organization to join and meet people. He was aware of Rotary through Rotary friends; so, he thought that might be the organization to provide resources for making friends. He knew he would likely meet peers, people with energy and willing to be risk takers. He has found this to be true and, besides meeting people and making friends, his career has been helped as well. He knows, too, that Rotarians give back to their community, something in which he wanted to participate. With four years of Rotary experience behind him, where he's learned the ways of the Rotary world, Tim is now assuming a leadership role in the Club.

In thanking Tim for his story and thoughts, President Mike commented that our Club is lucky to have Tim as a Rotarian. One can hardly say, "Welcome, Tim!" as he's been in the Club for four years. Let's just hope that Tim has felt well welcomed during that time. He has certainly joined in with us all at our weekly meetings, and we look forward to working with him in future leadership roles he may play in the Club.

Words from our Founder

"What would you, as a man old and experienced in Rotary, like to tell the new Rotarian if you had the opportunity?" That question was put to a large number of Rotarians by Edwin J. Brown, dean of University College St. Louis University, and a member of the Rotary Club of St. Louis, Missouri . . .

"Well, suppose that you advise your new member get intimately acquainted with each and every member as a first step. Suggest to him that he make observations as to what his fellow members are thinking about, and what their problems are, and how they are trying to solve them. He must see that Rotary is fundamentally an educational process. Rotary helps a man to keep his feet on the ground. It helps him to get the "low-down" as well as the "high-up" on things."

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