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THE ROTARY CLUB of WHITBY

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The Rotary RIP

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Guests Our guests today were all from the new Abilities Centre:
Lindsey Robins, Community Relations Manager; Leo Plue, Board Member and Director of Development; Deborah Bright, President and CEO; and Michael Crawford, Ambassador.

Upcoming Meetings

August 2nd: Feed the Need – please see announcement.

August 9th: Epilepsy Durham

August 16th: Our regular meeting will be held at Ontario Shores Centre for Mental Health Services. This will include breakfast there and a tour of the facility. Please see Announcements section for full details.

August 23rd: Tim Morgan's Classification Talk and Membership Activity

August 30th: Golf Tournament - Regular morning meeting cancelled.

Special Thanks: Many thanks to Anne Nurse, our Club's Recording Secretary, from Marion and Bill Irwin who were having to be at Pearson Airport today at 6:15 a.m. to pick up Esther Macmillan, a young friend and granddaughter of Iain and Edith Macmillan whom Marion and Bill billeted during a Scotland/Canada Rotary Golf Exchange way back in 1981. Some of you will have heard them speak of this experience in relation to the many benefits of being a Rotarian.

During their 30 years of friendship, the Irwin's have come to know the three generations of this family and have experienced visits back and forth from various family members. The latest, Esther, on her way to and from South America for the past five months, has stopped for a few days each way to visit with Marion and Bill and their family. Hence, they missed today's meeting. So, they are both very appreciative of Anne's very willing response to take notes and prepare a summary for this July 26th newsletter.

Announcements

Budget: Hearing no further feedback on the proposed budget, the club agreed to adopt the budget as their working document for 2011-12. As a living document, this will be reviewed monthly at the Board meeting. Further questions can be directed to the Board or individually to Joe Murray, our Treasurer.

Policy Change: All recommendations for speakers should be forwarded to Marion Irwin with a copy to Mike Finigan. As Administrative Secretary, she can keep Team/POD leaders informed and centrally coordinate speakers. This will make sure that potential speakers do not get lost in the process if one Team/POD does not use a particular speaker.

Green Gym: This initiative, introduced to our Club by Dave MacAskill, a Whitby Chiropractor as well as a Whitby Sunrise Rotarian, is progressing well. A plan is in place to sell commemorative bricks which will make up the

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pathway to the outdoor gym surface. Both Whitby Rotary Clubs will sell 84 bricks each at a cost of \$200 each. This will cover the costs of the project, and additional bricks can be sold if sales are brisk.

Fundraising Initiative: Mark Wafer unveiled the first new fundraising event. This raffle will begin around the first week of September and end after 6 weeks.

- 🌀 **The Prize:** Gas for a year (approximately \$2,000.00 on a gas card to the winner)
- 🌀 **Bonus Prize:** The seller also wins gas for a year!
- 🌀 **Club's Responsibilities:** Each member needs to sell a minimum of 1 book of 10 ten tickets (\$10 per ticket) to cover costs.
- 🌀 **Partnership:** We will partner with the VandenBos Air Cadet Squadron and donate 30% of the profits back to them.

This raffle will be repeated in April with the prize being Beer for a Year!

Bottle Drive: The final result for the July Bottle Drive is just under \$1000. Way to go, everyone!

Food Drive: Bring your non-perishable food items to next week's meeting. The speaker will be from the Feed the Need organization which is experiencing food shortages at the moment. So, our contributions will be our way of saying "thank you" for coming to speak as well as for the work their volunteers do.

August Team/POD: Cathy Smith is the leader of this Team/POD. So, jobs to be done by the members of this group have been assigned!

Literacy Meeting: August 4, 7 p.m. Anyone is welcome to attend. For more information, be in touch with Anne Nurse at:

a.nurse.richardson@gmail.com

For more information about the US 4-Way Speech contest, just "Google" Rotary Speech, and you'll be taken to a number of choices from which to pick including YouTube contestants in action.

Thank You: Dr. Thistle expressed appreciation to our Club for our hospitality and ongoing relationship with our Rotary Club of Whitby stating, "It is like coming home". That comment has to make us all feel so good!!

Sergeant-At-Arms

So, Sergeant Arthur continued to refine his skills in this role. For a first-timer, as well as a very new Rotarian, he has performed very commendably!! A nice mix of strictness and leniency!

Today, there were only "happy bucks" for this, Arthur's last report for his team's month of responsibilities. Interestingly, John Dale, who wasn't even present today, did send a "happy loonie" via Larry Giofu who also produced his "happy buck" for the wonderful holiday he had last week.

President Mike paid up because he has his first, and hopefully the last, trip to Ikea!! Guess that's because of this new house. But, experience will have told many of us that it is very likely this will not be the last trip. So, the Club can look forward to more "happy, or would they be sad, bucks" from Mike! Beware, Mike!

Ray Richardson's "happy buck" was for the Argos game that he enjoyed with Mark Wafer while Brandon Lambert's was because he completed his Jack and Jill party that was organized in honour of his brother. He's happy that it's over!!

The Riders won their game for which accomplishment Danielle Harder was so happy that she paid up.

Mark Wafer is counting the days, hours, and minutes left to finish the renovations on one of his stores. 8 days, 3 hours, and 6 minutes to be exact. If he's happy now and has paid up, can we expect a really big payment when the job is completed?!

We've finally had rain for which Chris Butryn was happy enough to pay his buck. We should probably all have paid for that!!

Valarie Wafer and her daughter spent a happy weekend, just the girls, in New York. That was certainly worth her “happy buck”, for sure! Joe (Dale, I suspect) enjoyed hosting guests for his niece’s wedding. They’ve gone home now. So, was the “happy buck” for the enjoyment or the going home?!

Happy bucks for happy birthdays and anniversaries: Karen Fleming’s another year older, and we hope, happily so! John Calderon, Stephanie and Dave Comery, and Betty Vetere better not have forgotten those anniversaries!! Seems July over the years was a busy wedding month for our members.

Still no 50/50 draw winners today!

Today’s Program

Our speakers today were welcomed and introduced by Mary Nurse who made reference to the ten year history which has brought the Abilities Centre (AC) project to near completion.

Apparently, substantial completion of construction will have occurred by January/February. The capital campaign for funding has raised 32 million of the 40 million needed. All the funds will be in place so that there is no outstanding funding requirement thus allowing the Centre to focus on operations and cost of those. There are opportunities to make personal donations which can be directed to specific elements of the Centre. Go to www.abilitiescentre.org and follow the directions to “Donate Now”.

Programming for the Centre will be directed at being inclusive although there will be some specifically focused areas such as the life skills centre. Experts are becoming partners as the most innovative programming can be in place both to expand the reach and to cement the Centre as a global leader. Already, the Centre is working towards hosting wheelchair basketball

for the Toronto 2015 Pan Am Games. Other programming areas will include national sports events and research with local programming for members that will allow them to participate in arts, music, and sports. A partner is being sought to work with the research aspect and the resulting qualitative analysis of the programming.

In response to a specific question regarding the operating budget, it was learned that the Abilities Centre is not yet ready to unveil the details of this. Personnel requirements, branding, programming, membership campaigning, and strategic plans are being reviewed as part of creating the details for the budget. There will be a goal of 5000 members with an aim to ensure that the operations will be sustainable with plans to be established for 5 and 10 years and beyond.

The vision is to fund programs and the centre through the following: membership, sponsorship, programs, venue rental, and donations. For example, space could be made available to non-profit organizations who could work collectively thus maximizing their own funds with centralization services such as space, office equipment, etc.

Further questions dealt with several other areas: inclusion, financial viability, Variety Village model, and Town of Whitby’s involvement. It was learned that “the Mission of the AC is to enrich the quality of life for people with special needs, and/or those who have varying abilities and challenges, which will enable them to: increase their knowledge and confidence in what is possible; have opportunities for successful active and full lives; develop the skills and resources needed to achieve their goals, good health and well-being; be included in active lifestyles within their own communities; and engage in activities ranging from fitness to art therapy which will further the body and mind”. Membership, programming, and access will focus on this philosophy.

With regard to financial viability, we were advised that a plan must be in place to ensure

long term viability. Where Variety Village focused on sports, the AC will be a multi-program venue with many dimensions to its funding plan. Variety Village funding came substantially from Bingo revenue. As that source has waned, its cash flow has been hampered. The Town of Whitby's contribution has been the land and office space although there will be ongoing connections.

Michael Crawford spoke as an Ambassador for the Centre. As a person living with Asperger's, a syndrome related to Autism, he has been a participant in the Adult Social Club which is sponsored by Scotia Bank. He has found this connection personally beneficial on many levels. Michael found his high school experience very isolating but has developed friendships and confidence through the Social Club. This Club now boasts about 45 members who meet at the Sports Garden Café at Iroquois Park. Beside the positive outcomes of friendship and social interaction, Michael, at 23, has a position at the Town of Ajax.

In thanking the Abilities Centre speakers, Des Newman summed up the vision of the AC and its importance to our local and international communities.

Quotes from our Founder

- ☉ In the clashes between ignorance and intelligence, ignorance is generally the aggressor.
- ☉ Individuals and nations owe it to themselves and the world to become informed.
- ☉ One's nativity is not of his own choosing, but whatever it may be, it is entitled to respect; and all nations have honorable place in the world's family.
- ☉ Personality has power to uplift, power to depress, power to curse, and power to bless.

Rotary Information

Notes on the history of The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International (TRF)



Arch Klumph
President RI
1916-1917

In 1917, RI President Arch C. Klumph proposed that an endowment be set up "for the purpose of doing good in the world." In 1928, when the endowment fund had grown to more than US\$5,000, it was renamed The Rotary Foundation, and it became a distinct entity within Rotary International.

Five Trustees, including Klumph, were appointed to "hold, invest, manage, and administer all of its property . . . as a single trust, for the furtherance of the purposes of RI."

Two years later, the Foundation made its first grant of \$500 to the International Society for Crippled Children. The organization, created by Rotarian Edgar F. "Daddy" Allen, later grew into the Easter Seals.

The Great Depression and World War II both impeded the Foundation's growth, but the need for lasting world peace generated great postwar interest in its development. After Rotary's founder, Paul P. Harris, died in 1947, contributions began pouring into Rotary International, and the Paul Harris Memorial Fund was created to build the Foundation.

That year, the first Foundation program – the forerunner of Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarships – was established.

In 1965-66, three new programs were launched: Group Study Exchange, Awards for Technical Training, and Grants for Activities in Keeping with the Objective of The Rotary Foundation, which was later called Matching Grants.

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The Health, Hunger and Humanity (3-H) Grants program was launched in 1978, and Rotary Volunteers was created as a part of that program in 1980. PolioPlus was announced in 1984-85, and the next year brought Rotary Grants for University Teachers. The first peace forums were held in 1987-88, leading to the Foundation's peace and conflict studies programs.

Throughout this time, support of the Foundation grew tremendously. Since the first donation of \$26.50 in 1917, it has received contributions totaling more than \$1 billion. More than \$70 million was donated in 2003-04 alone. To date, more than one million individuals have been recognized as Paul Harris Fellows – people who have given \$1,000 to the Annual Programs Fund or have had that amount contributed in their name.

Such strong support, along with Rotarian involvement worldwide, ensures a secure future for The Rotary Foundation as it continues its vital work for international understanding and world peace.

The Rotary Foundation (Canada)

Background: The Rotary Foundation (Canada) [TRFC], which is an associate foundation of TRF, is a Canadian federally chartered corporation and Canadian registered charity supported solely by voluntary contributions from Rotarians and friends of The Rotary Foundation who share its vision of a better world.

The original purpose of The Rotary Foundation (Canada) was to facilitate the receipt of donations, gifts and bequests from Canadian Rotarians and non Rotarians on behalf of The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International.

Recently it has adopted the responsibilities of issuing awards, such as Paul Harris Fellowships and Major Donor recognitions.

Donations to the Canadian foundation are administered by it and are kept in a separate Canadian bank account. These Canadian funds are expended on approved Rotary service projects of Canadian Rotary clubs.

Tax receipts for Canadian income tax purposes are issued by TRFC from its office in London, Ontario which is located at:

The Rotary Foundation (Canada)
1615 North Rutledge Park, Unit 7
London, ON N6H5L6

The office may be reached by phone at:
1-866-976-8279

Important – this is the administrative office of TRFC and no contributions should be sent to this address.


Donations - How to Support the Work of Rotary: Rotarians and “friends of Rotary”, who wish to support the work of Rotary, can do so:

 on line at:

<http://www.trfcCanada.org/>

Cash contributions - Use the “online” contribution form which is available by choosing “**Contribute**” and then “online” from the next page. Then choose the “online contribution form” which can then be completed and remitted.

Credit Card contributions – simply choose the “Credit Card” icon on the contribution page. You can then contribute by choosing either the “**Credit Card Contribution**” form or the “**Online Contribution form**”

 by mail – make cheque payable to “The Rotary Foundation (Canada) and mail to:

The Rotary Foundation (Canada)
Box B9322, P.O. Box 9100
Postal Station F, Toronto, ON M4Y 3A5

Note that this donation address is different from the TRFC Office, even though payment is to TRFC.

TRFC can accept donations in other ways, including:

☉ TRF-DIRECT Electronic Fund Transfer:
Donors in Canada can automatically transfer funds from their chequing, savings, or credit card accounts to the Foundation through electronic fund transfers.

☉ Donations of:

- ✓ life insurance
- ✓ stocks, bonds and other securities;
- ✓ real estate;
- ✓ tangible personal property, such as works of art, jewelry etc.

Become a Regular Donor: Every Rotarian is encouraged to adopt the Rotary Foundation as one of his or her “charities of choice” and, also, to consider joining Rotary International’s “Every Rotarian Every Year” Program (EREY).

Our club has had its own version of EREY, known as “Please Count Me In”, since 1993. Each September, at the time of the District 7070 Presidents’ Walk, our members are encouraged to support our President, or any walker, in the walk by pledging \$100.00 US (currently \$97.00 Canadian).

From the 2010 Walk, our club raised almost \$2,800.00 Canadian from some 20 sponsors. A total of 40 members and friends have supported this program since its inception.

Our Club’s Contributions to date: A total of \$572,174.46 (US) has been donated to the Rotary Foundation, by or through our Club, since our first contribution many years ago.

What can we do: When President Mike and other walkers circulate their sponsorship sheets for this fall’s Presidents’ Walk, sign on for whatever amount you choose. Of course, if you wish to join the “Please Count Me In” program by pledging \$100.00 US, it will be especially appreciated by all involved, including The Rotary Foundation (Canada), as well as the many benefactors of Rotary’s local

and worldwide service projects. Remember, one of President Mike’s goals is to have 100% Club support for the Rotary Foundation.

Food for Thought

The doors of wisdom are never shut.

Benjamin Franklin

In this life we cannot always do great things.

We can only do small things with great love.

Mother Teresa

All the adversity I've had in my life, all my troubles have strengthened me...you may not realize it when it happens, but a kick in the teeth may be the best thing in the world for you.

Walt Disney

The time is always right to do the right thing.

Martin Luther King, Jr.

Do what you can, with what you have, where you are.

Theodore Roosevelt

"Education is a progressive discovery of our own ignorance."

Will Durant

For Women Only?

Being a woman is a terribly difficult task, since it consists, principally in dealing with men.

Joseph Conrad

Men play the game: Women know the score.

Roger Woodis

The great question that has never been answered, and which I have not been able to yet answer, despite my 30 years of research into the feminine soul, is "What does a woman want?"

Sigmund Freud

Sigmund Freud once said, "What do women want?" The only thing that I have learned in fifty-two years is that women want men to stop asking dumb questions like that.

Bill Cosby

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