



*Service Above Self*

## THE ROTARY CLUB of WHITBY

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### *The Rotary RIP*

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#### *Guests*

Bob and Cathy Wallace, our District Governor and wife.

Maswood Alam, a visiting Rotarian from the Rotary Club of Dhaka in Bangladesh, guest of Betty Vetere.

Danielle Lalonde, fiancée of Maswood who is involved with Sleeping Children Around the World, guest of Betty Vetere.

Brian Thompson, Assistant District Governor  
Kyle Erickson, guest of Mike Finigan.

#### *Upcoming Meetings*

**July 12<sup>th</sup>:** Our new President, Mike Finigan, presenting his year's program.

**July 19<sup>th</sup>:** Dr. Paul Thistle from the Howard Hospital in Zimbabwe.

**July 26<sup>th</sup>:** Abilities Centre presentation.

#### *Announcements*

**Bingo:** Fred Wynistorf reported on the large crowd at Bingo last Saturday. He was glad to have five people in total to run it although it was a struggle to get five. (Fred's wife, Faye, went along to make up the fifth person. Thanks, Faye!) The next Bingo will be Sunday, July 24<sup>th</sup>, a breakfast Bingo beginning at 8:30 a.m. Those helping need to be there at 7:45 a.m. Fred still needs help for the August 3<sup>rd</sup> Bingo but then is fine for volunteers until the December 13<sup>th</sup> one.

**Bottle Drive:** Mark Wafer passed around the sign-up sheet for the July 9<sup>th</sup> bottle drive. Just

need to leave your bottles on your porch or front steps and Mark, Mike Finigan and Joe Dale will pick them up. Mark's hope is that we've encouraged lots of drinkers over the Canada Day weekend so that there will be lots of bottles to pick up!

**Board Meeting:** Next one is Wednesday, July 20<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. in the library board room just inside the south door.

**Vandenbos Air Cadet Squadron Photo:** Marion Irwin noted the photo in the recent SNAP newspaper showing the cadets who participated in the provincial debate contest. Sgt. Kyle Fisher, son of the library custodian, Steve Fisher, was a member of the team which made a great showing coming in 2<sup>nd</sup>. This piece of information was to update everyone and let our newer members know that our Club has supported the Squadron with a \$2000 sponsorship each year since its inception eight years ago. This is very much in line with our Club's desire to support children and youth programs. Kudos to Kyle and his team!

**Membership Committee:** Cathy Smith announced that she will be calling a meeting of this committee as a start for our new Rotary year.

**International Committee:** Ray Richardson, Committee Chair, reported on this committee's meeting last week. The seven members were brought up to date regarding the projects undertaken last year and the suggestions for this year. Each committee member has taken on one of the projects to espouse and research.

~ *With Rotary, Peace is Possible* ~

## *New Member Induction*

The induction today of our newest member, John Calderon, who was sponsored by Ray Richardson, was special in that it was led by our District Governor, Bob Wallace on this his official visit to our Club. DG Bob referred to the motto, "Service Above Self", as the ideal of Rotary in which John would now share along with the rest of our Club members. John is the Resource Development Officer for Durham Deaf Services. According to the website for this agency, John is the only male staff person and must get along with eight women!! Welcome to our Club, John! We'll look forward to your classification talk so that we can learn more about you and your work.

## *Special Guest Presentation*

Maswood Alam, our guest from Bangladesh and a Rotarian in the Rotary Club of Dhaka, spoke briefly about his country as part of presenting President Mike with a banner from the Dhaka Club. Bangladesh is an extremely poor country that is about 80% Muslim. Ladies play a big role in the country's government beginning right at the top with a female Prime Minister, Hasina Wajed. As well, there are many other ladies in prominent government positions. Maswood listed a number of projects in which his Club has been involved including a cancer hospital, cataract surgeries, and a medical camp.



Prime Minister, Hasina Wajed

## *Sergeant-At-Arms*

Well, your RIP Editor is in big trouble and will very likely be royally fined next meeting. It probably serves her right as she did not get the last June RIP done before the first July meeting. Being as she suffers from Gray Hair Syndrome on occasion, she mixed up the Sergeant reports for these two RIPs! Wonder if anyone noticed?!

It was actually for today's meeting, not the June 28<sup>th</sup> one, that Arthur Capon, one of our newer members, took on the daunting task of Sergeant-at-Arms and performed admirably. Aside from the raffling off of the six draw tickets described in the June 28<sup>th</sup> RIP but actually undertaken today, Sergeant Arthur was quick to fine the Tim Horton's coffee drinkers. He took umbrage, too, with the fact that he has not yet received a Rotary name badge and, therefore, wished to fine whoever was responsible for this oversight. Marion Irwin owned up but pulled Cathy Smith into the fray because she and her Membership Committee brought so many new members in so quickly that Marion couldn't keep up with the name badges.

Ray Richardson paid up for being born and was duly serenaded for this event which occurred on July 10<sup>th</sup> some number of years ago!

Lots of "happy bucks" saw Betty Vetere grace the pot as she is going on a trip to Canmore, Alberta and Whitehorse in the Yukon where she intends to visit Rotary Clubs in both places. Brian Barton was quick to follow up with his happy buck for his trip away in Europe where he was for a whole month.

Joanne Ashley was happy because the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary maple tree planted in Rotary Centennial Park in the spring of 2008 is alive and well. So, she contributed to the Sergeant's pot along with Larry Giofu who had a great time fishing with his son.

Well, Brian Barton was happy a second time and paid up because, once again, Grant Souter loaned Brian a kicker with which to install the carpet in his boat. This seems to be a yearly loan for which, this year, Brian sent in a

donation to the Rotary Foundation in appreciation of Grant's help.

Hans Rempel paid a happy buck for the privilege of working at the Quick Cash Bingo on Saturday. He was particularly happy and complimented as he was continually called "young man" by the patrons there. Wonder what that says for the ages of the patrons! Why, he even received a tip at the end of the evening!

Singing is what Jeff Callery loves to do. This he did on the Canada Day weekend when he performed in the day's celebration in Ganonoque, Jeff's hometown. So, he was happy to give the pot a contribution.

Des Newman drew a few chuckles and paid up when he said how happy he was with his week in Kelowna visiting his granddaughter and, yes, an 8-week old Chihuahua!

Joe Dale's happy buck was contributed because Joe's wines won 7 medals at the provincials. This led him to be able to enjoy performances by Diana Krall and Tony Bennett. Way to go, Joe!

Well, it was really today that Arthur's winning luck did not rub off on any of those to whom he sold those six 50/50 draw tickets. In fact, no one won today; so, the pot continues to grow!

### *70-days Program*

What a great way to start off our Rotary year! Surely having the new District Governor, Bob Wallace, as the first speaker of our year will get us off to a really good start! In introducing Bob, Brian Thompson, the Assistant District Governor for our Club, told us that Bob was born in London, Ontario where he ultimately graduated from the University of Western Ontario in Material Sciences and subsequently married Cathy, a nurse. Brian seems to think this combination makes a great team being quick to point out that his own situation was the same as he, an Engineer, married Karen, a nurse.

From Ottawa where he first worked, Bob moved to Port Hope where he and Cathy have lived for several years. Bob has always been involved in

community work in his church, the golf club, and Rotary. He works in the field of nuclear energy producing nuclear fuel for plants not only for Canada but the world as well.

In his Rotary world, Bob has held many positions both in his own Club in Port Hope and in District 7070. As is Brian now, Bob was an Assistant District Governor for four years.

Passionate about Rotary, Bob does not take leadership lightly. He feels his role as District Governor, the leader of District 7070, is to support all the District Rotarians for it is they who do the work of Rotary in fundraising and project planning and implementation. He feels, however, that it is very important that we enjoy fun and fellowship and he wants that to be a big part of this Rotary year. Fun and fellowship in all we do - our meetings, fundraising, projects, etc. - helps to "attract" not just "recruit" new members. Well, we must be doing something right as we've inducted about seven new members since the beginning of 2011.

Bob quoted the slogan for the 2011-2012 Rotary year: "Reach within to Embrace Humanity" as introduced by the new Rotary International President, Kalyan Banerjee, from India. This can be done by choosing to put "service above self". "This may not be easy", says Bob, "but it is the right thing to do!"

We are encouraged to ask ourselves: Why am I here (in Rotary)? Why do I stay? Then, we should share this Rotary experience in our community at various events. As we have been doing so well during the first six months of 2011, we should increase our membership giving special attention to more women, more diversity to reflect our community, and more age mix.

Creating new Clubs is requiring some innovative thinking. There are now two new Clubs in the District that are "no meal" clubs. Instead, the members meet after work for drinks, fellowship, and service.

Bob wants us to support our Rotary Foundation. Last year, DG Ted Morrison established a

District goal of \$300,000 and conscripted Bill Patchett, a name and person very familiar to many of us, to head up the achieving of this goal. Bill immediately changed the goal to \$400,000 but, in actual fact, when the past Rotary year was over on June 30, 2011, an incredible \$808,000 had been raised in our District for Rotary Foundation. Needless to say, Bob is hoping for a similar amount this year!

Bob commented on the fact that, over the years, there has been a reluctance on the part of Rotarians to promote what they do. But, the amazing and tremendous PolioPlus project which has been undertaken by us Rotarians all around the world over the past 26 years has certainly raised Rotary's profile greatly. We are urged to continue to increase this promotion of Rotary as we live now in a PR world. It's a social media generation which Bob believes we need to embrace. He suggests that Facebook, for example, is the way to create awareness of Rotary and what it can do.

Bob brought several District Rotary projects to our attention. He feels that the Leadership Institute is a very good place to glean Rotary information. November 10<sup>th</sup> will likely be the date of the first day for this.

He mentioned, too, the RADAR program started a number of years ago by our own Joanne Ashley to create and increase awareness of HIV/AIDS. Bob will continue the funding program where each Club is encouraged to donate \$139 to RADAR, the amount of money required to keep a child with HIV/AIDS alive for one year. Last year, the RADAR program supported Dignitas in its war on HIV/AIDS. James Fraser, one of the founders of Dignitas will be a featured speaker at this year's District Conference.

The water program known as WASRAG (Water and Sanitation Rotarian Action Group) is an important part of our District work. Water is fundamental to so many other projects. It's difficult to run a literacy project, for example, as girls can't be in school if their families don't have water. In many countries, simply getting

water is hard work done mostly by women and girls. So, until families have their daily water supply, as meager as that may be, girls cannot attend school. Also, a family's health is determined by the quality and amount of water available.

Bob mentioned the several youth programs available to us to support: RYLA, Rotaract, Interact, and Youth Exchange. As well, he is promoting and commending to Clubs the Rotary at Work program, now expanded to District status and started by our own Joe Dale and Mark Wafer.

We were reminded about the District Conference in October which will feature not only James Fraser but Ramesh Ferris, a polio victim and survivor who has an amazing story to tell. We'll hear of sweat equity done by a group of youth led by Steve Truelove in Tanzania and will enjoy fun and fellowship at the dinner dance with music provided by the Fab Four.

We're not to forget the Trump AIDS Walks in Toronto and Belleville, the Foundation Walk in the Ganaraska Forest, and the Ontario Philharmonic Orchestra End Polio Now Concert at the Regent Theatre in Oshawa which will feature a massive orchestra including the Heidelberg Youth Chamber Orchestra and the Durham Youth Orchestra playing Beethoven's 7<sup>th</sup> Symphony.

After this exhaustive and impressive list, Bob ended his talk very simply by saying: Rotary is not just another Club. It's a way of life!

In thanking Bob, Des Newman referred to the RI President's theme and how that is the spirit of Rotary. To underline Bob's final remarks about Rotary, Des quoted Past President Stephanie Fox-Comery's description of Rotary written by her at the conclusion of her Presidential year and considered by Des as "no finer description":

"Rotary is a worldwide network of inspired individuals who translate their passions into relevant social causes to change lives in communities."

Des felt that Bob's talk to us today reinforced this definition. He appreciated that Bob

mentioned RADAR and Rotary at Work saying that he felt that those programs reflected great leadership as Bob did with his words of encouragement.

*Words from our Founder*

Rotary will continue to be charitable, but it can do more than that; let it remove the cause of that which makes charity necessary.

The Rotarian, August 1916

*Rotary Information*

A little more on how Rotary has changed – this time from my personal experience.

Bill Irwin

When I joined Rotary, the procedure for introducing new members to Rotary was quite different from what is practised now.

The “old” is as has been recommended by Rotary International in its Manual of Procedure:

- ☀ The name of a prospective member, proposed by an active member of the club, shall be submitted to the board in writing, through the club secretary . . . . The proposal shall be kept confidential except as otherwise provided in this procedure.
- ☀ The board shall ensure that the proposal meets all the classification and membership requirements of the standard Rotary club constitution.
- ☀ The board shall approve or disapprove the proposal within 30 days of its submission and shall notify the proposer, through the club secretary, of its decision.
- ☀ If the decision of the board is favorable, the prospective member shall be informed of the purposes of Rotary and of the privileges and responsibilities of membership, following which the prospective member shall be requested to sign the membership proposal form and to permit his or her name and proposed classification to be published to the club.

- ☀ If no written objection to the proposal, stating reasons, is received by the board from any member (other than honorary) of the club within seven (7) days following publication of information about the prospective member, that person, upon payment of the admission fee (if not honorary membership), as prescribed in these bylaws, shall be considered to be elected to membership.

The “new”, which is working very well, is as it has evolved in our Club:

- ☀ Prospective members are invited to attend some of our meetings so as to get a “feel for” Rotary and our Club. This also allows the Club to assess the prospective member;
- ☀ The Proposer of the prospective member submits a Membership Proposal to the Board;
- ☀ Upon Board approval, the proposal is sent to the membership for its consideration and response, if any, within 7 days.
- ☀ If both the prospective member and the Club are satisfied, induction into membership in our Club, as well as into Rotary International, follows.

*In Conclusion:*

Two of the greatest qualities in life are:

*Patience and Wisdom*

