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## THE ROTARY CLUB of WHITBY

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### *The Rotary RIP*

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#### *Guests*

Tracy DeSilva, guest of John Calderon.  
Lesley Taafe, guest of Cathy Smith.  
Ajay Sinha, guest of Cathy Smith.

#### *Upcoming Programs*

**November 29** – World AIDS Day topic.  
**December 6** – Club's Annual General Meeting  
**December 13** – Don Lovisa, Durham College  
President  
**December 20** – Joan Kingston – Thomas Cook  
Travel

#### *Announcements*

**Another great Rotarian is Peter Perry Award Winner:** A large percentage of the winners of the Peter Perry Award as Whitby's most outstanding citizen consists of Rotarians, and there was no exception in 2011.

The winner of this prestigious award, presented by the Whitby Chamber of Commerce is our own Des Newman. It is a rare thing to see Des speechless, but he was almost that when he was called up last Thursday night to receive the award.

Des started out by thanking his wife Marjorie and his family for all their support through the years of his public service to Whitby. With the exception of perhaps the priesthood, he said public service is the greatest calling, and Des is a fine example of the meaning of service.

He told how separate school Trustee Andy Miller asked him to fill a vacancy on the school board more than 50 years ago, starting off his political career.

Des later ran for council and for mayor, although he lost his first bid for the mayoralty. He was elected in December 1965 as Whitby's youngest mayor at the age of 34 and served as mayor until 1975 when he realized he had to pay attention to the needs of his family, and retired.

Des led the way in arranging the amalgamation of Whitby Town and Township, preparing Whitby for Regional Government, and by planting the seed for establishing Iroquois Park as Canada's largest municipally-owned sports and recreation centre.

Des reminded the assembled crowd that he is a Rotarian and a past president of our club. He closed with a quotation from this year's Rotary International President Kaylan Banerjee: **"Reach Within to Embrace Humanity."**

Congratulations, Des, on an honor well earned.

**Hearts of Durham:** Jennifer Clark has tickets for the annual "Hearts of Durham" draw which will be held Dec. 6. Price is \$20 per ticket and Jennifer has a reputation for selling the winning ticket each year.

**Christmas Party:** Neil and Cathy Smith would like those attending the Rotary Christmas Party at their home on Dec. 9 to pay in advance please. Cost is \$50 per person

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**Annual General Meeting:** Don't forget this meeting will be December 6 when our 2011-2012 Board will be elected.

**Correction:**

Last week 3 names were inadvertently left off the list of nominees for the 2012-2013 Board. Our apologies go to Narendra Sethi, Geno Dirrado and Des Newman.

**The proper list is:**

**President:** Cathy Smith;

**Past President:** Mike Finigan.

**Members:** Chris Butryn, John Calderon, Geno Dirrado, Brandon Lambert, Shauna Moore, Joe Murray, Des Newman, Ray Richardson, Narendra Sethi, and Grant Souter.

**Hiking and Volunteering in the Dominican Republic:**

Ray Richardson reminded us of this special event organized along with the Whitby Sunrise Club, which leaves for the Dominican Republic on February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012. There will be a 2 1/2 day hike for those energetic souls who wish to take, part with the second day devoted to a 19 km. hike and climb of Pico Duarte, the highest peak east of the Mississippi. The trek with pack mules takes you 3,175 metres above sea level.

The volunteer portion of the trip will be working with the Grey Nuns, most likely on seniors' homes.

The club will be able to donate \$1,500 to \$2,000 to this project.

For further information as to costs, please see the **RIP of November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011**. For assistance in signing up, please contact President Mike Finigan at 905-213-0013, or Ray Richardson at 905-430-2351, ext.221, or Joan Kingston at 905-493-0134.

**Rotarian of the Month:** President Mike announced that John Calderon is the Rotarian of the Month. John has organized our club's public

relations program in Snap Whitby and on Rogers Cable TV and has brought a guest to our meetings every week for the past six weeks.

**Attention Facebook Users:** You are invited to link up with the Rotary Club of Whitby Page.

**Speech Contest Scholarships:** Cathy Smith reminded us the the deadline for applications has been extended to the end of January, 2012. With Stephanie's help, Cathy has presented this new Rotary Scholarship program to the heads of the English Departments in Whitby's high schools, and urges members to promote it among the young people they know.

**Bingo:** Fred Wynistorf announced that we have the licence for seven Thursday nights in the first six months of 2012, and our last Bingo this year is on December 31<sup>st</sup>.

Bingo is making \$1,300 to \$1,400 a night for the club. Fred will pass around a sign-up sheet next week.

**Proposed Dr. William Mustard Award:** John Calderon informed us that his wife's grandfather is the late Dr. William Mustard, an orthopaedic surgeon in Toronto who had two heart operations procedures named after him and was a nationally-known figure.

John would like to see a volunteer award named after him and suggested that this could be a Rotary-based award. Dr. Mustard's cousin, Fraser Mustard, passed away recently, he said.

**Dinner to Help Thailand Students – a Reminder:** A dinner at the De-Siam Restaurant is being held on November 29<sup>th</sup> and half the proceeds will be 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. Rotarians are urged enjoy George's that evening. No need for reservations – just tell the server that you are supporting the Rotary Club of Whitby Sunrise's Thailand project.

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## *Sergeant-At-Arms*

Stephanie Fox-Comery surprised Brian Barton by making him Sergeant-at-Arms, but this did not bother Brian, for he immediately fined Neil Smith for his Green Gym brick announcement.

There were other fines and Happy Bucks, but a number of the participants did not speak up loud enough for the scribe to hear them.

**Birthdays:** Geno Diraddo on Nov. 25, Cathy Smith on the 27th and John Dale on the 28th.

## *Today's Program*

### **Monthly Business Meeting:**

President Mike started things off by listing the club's goals for 2011-13, as follows:

1. Increase membership by 10 per cent per year. (We already have five new members this year).
2. Volunteer 1,000 hours of community service.
3. Develop a multi-year action and succession plan.
4. Develop a long-range fund-raising plan.
5. Award two Paul Harris Fellowships to members of the community.
6. Hold five fellowship nights a year.
7. Create substantial Rotary Scholarships.
8. Develop a reference guide identifying club goals, contacts and procedures.
9. Every Rotarian contribute to the Foundation 100 per cent every year.
10. Establish a structured public relations program.

Next, Neil Smith outlined the club's Long-Term Fund-Raising Plan. He stated that the Board has

set a budget objective of \$78,500 for July 2011 to June 2012, with the following fund-raising projects:

1. Golf Tournament, \$24,000 (We have achieved this target).
2. Bingo, \$15,000.
3. Bottles, \$2,000.
4. Green Gym project, \$27,000.
5. Pink Mitts, \$10,000.

With hard work by all members, we should achieve our fund-raising goal said Neil. He emphasized the need for repeatable fund-raisers, and urged all members to get involved in the Green Gym project, for it is our biggest fundraiser of the Rotary Year. Here is a real opportunity to get your friends to set up memorials to persons of interest to them by buying one or more bricks for Heydenshore Park. We don't want Whitby Sunrise to beat us.

Neil and Cathy Smith pointed out that there will be no flower sales this year. We should be able to achieve our goals with a current membership of 52.

President Mike then asked for ideas on structural changes to improve the club. It was suggested that the members be informed of where the money goes that is raised by our fund-raising projects.

There should be a list posted at meetings of organizations that we support, as well as a calendar of events.

It was suggested that members read all the Rotary e-mails and use the club web site to make announcements and give out information.

Someone suggested a package for a Rotary Guide for members. Cathy Smith said we already have one but it could be refined by the public relations committee.

Another suggestion was to put information on line instead of on paper.

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## WHITBY ROTARY THROUGH THE YEARS

### 10 YEARS AGO – November 20, 2001

- ☼ No Rip has survived for this week

### 25 YEARS AGO - NOVEMBER 18, 1986

- ☼ Abb Gilbert, from the Oshawa Rotary Club, who still comes occasionally to our meetings in 2011, was a visitor.
- ☼ Barrie Lennox reported that over half the Christmas cakes have been sold and some members have sold more than 30 of them.
- ☼ Bryan Davies announced that the Rotary Choir will be leading in the singing of Christmas Carols Nov. 21 at the Fire Hall.

### 30 YEARS AGO - NOVEMBER 17, 1981

- ☼ Our Australian exchange student Rhonda Lancaster was a guest.
- ☼ A dinner and dance at Heydenshore Pavilion will be held Dec. 8 for the Rotary Exchange students going overseas. This is a Rotary District event and District Governor Fred Black will be present.
- ☼ Ron Murdock gave an excellent talk on Rotary and showed slides of Rotary's work around the world.
- ☼ District Governor Fred inducted new members, Jack Morgan and Mike Etere.
- ☼ A roast beef dinner was served, with English Trifle for dessert, and the Rotary Choir sang five numbers for the District Governor.

## Words of our Founder

Smiles are badges of friendship. There plenty within you. Do not hold captive. Set them free at right times and places and their beneficent effects will carry to the very gates of eternity.

The Rotarian, February 1934

## Rotary Information

### Rotary Celebrates, Takes Action on World Polio Day

By Dan Nixon

Rotary International News -- 2 November 2011



After the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in Perth, the governments of Australia, Canada, the United Kingdom and Nigeria, along with the Gates Foundation, made a combined pledge of more than US\$100 million in new funds for polio eradication. Standing with Canadian Rotarian and polio survivor Ramesh Ferris (center) are Nigerian President Goodluck Jonathan, Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper, British Prime Minister David Cameron, Pakistani Prime Minister Yousaf Raza Gilani, and Australian Prime Minister Julia Gillard. Photo by Petina Dixon-Jenkins

"In honor of World Polio Day, 24 October, we are asking for your help to tell the world about Rotary's achievements and to finish the job," stated Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair Bill Boyd, in announcing to club presidents a

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special online initiative in support of [Rotary's US\\$200 Million Challenge](#) for polio eradication.

Rotarians responded generously during the 24-28 October initiative, in which the Foundation offered double Paul Harris Fellow recognition points for online contributions of \$100 or more. Contributions are being tallied and the total will be announced soon.

Throughout the week, Rotarians took up the call to end polio in a variety of ways. In Australia, Rotarians and the [Global Poverty Project](#) carried out a petition drive to persuade world leaders to fully fund the critical work of the [Global Polio Eradication Initiative](#). Almost 25,000 supporters signed the petition, resulting in a \$20,000 contribution to Rotary's challenge by the Rotary Club of Crawley, Western Australia, which had offered to donate A\$1 (about US\$1) for each signature.

In Perth, the Global Poverty Project's End of Polio Concert on 28 October raised additional funds. The concert coincided with the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in Perth; Rotarians had teamed up with the group to encourage government leaders to put polio eradication on the agenda. Following the meeting, the governments of Australia, Canada, and Nigeria, along with the [Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation](#), announced a combined pledge of more than US\$100 million to support polio eradication efforts.

"I also want to acknowledge the efforts of Rotary in what has been a long-standing global initiative for change, and I'd like to remind everyone that change is possible," said Australian Prime Minister Julia Gillard. "When the Queen first visited Perth in 1954, it was in the grips of a polio epidemic. Of course, circumstances have changed in our country."

"The government of Canada is proud to have supported [the Global Polio Eradication

Initiative] for many years," said Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper. "When Rotary International first began the campaign that would lead to the 1988 WHO resolution to eradicate polio, poliomyelitis was still a devastating disease all over the world, crippling those it touched for life."

"Global collaboration has ensured that eradication is within reach," said Michael Sheldrick, the Global Poverty Project's polio campaign manager and a Crawley club member. "Our generation has a chance to realize a historic opportunity and ensure that no one else ever has to fear this disease. That's why it's vital we commit to finish the job."

In Washington, D.C., Bill Gates joined dozens of Rotarians on Capitol Hill to affirm the joint commitment of the Gates Foundation and Rotary to make history by eradicating the disease.

Rotary clubs in Arizona, USA, launched Hike the Arizona Trail to End Polio, aimed at raising \$250,000 by 14 February. Rotarians and others are pledging at least \$100 each to walk, bike, or ride horseback on sections of the 800-mile trail, which extends between the state's borders with Mexico and Utah.

In Italy, Rotarians and friends participated in the Run to End Polio fundraiser, organized by the Rotary Club of Venezia-Riviera del Brenta, as part of the 23 October Venice Marathon. Rotary club members and supporters also created personalized photos of themselves as part of Rotary's ["This Close"](#) public awareness campaign and used them as their social networking profile pictures on World Polio Day. Celebrity participants included Angelique Kidjo, Jack Nicklaus, Itzhak Perlman, Tanvi Shah, and Ziggy Marley.

The week that began with World Polio Day ended on another high note as well: more than

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80 million children in Africa and Asia were immunized against polio, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Learn more about polio and how you can help eradicate the disease:

- Learn more about [Rotary's polio eradication efforts](#).
- Use "This Close" resources from the [Rotary Media Center](#).
- Begin planning for an [End Polio Now lighting](#) to celebrate Rotary's anniversary 23 February.
- See a [video with Dr. Rob Murphy](#), Director of Global Health at Northwestern University, Feinberg School of Medicine.
- Learn [how the cold chain delivers the vaccine to remote locations](#).

## Food For Thought

### Interesting Quotes:

1. In my many years I have come to a conclusion that one useless man is a shame, two is a law firm and three or more is a congress. -- John Adams

2. If you don't read the newspaper you are uninformed, if you do read the newspaper you are misinformed. -- Mark Twain

3. Suppose you were an idiot. And suppose you were a member of Congress. But then I repeat myself. -- Mark Twain

4. I contend that for a nation to try to tax itself into prosperity is like a man standing in a

bucket and trying to lift himself up by the handle. -- Winston Churchill

5. A government which robs Peter to pay Paul can always depend on the support of Paul.

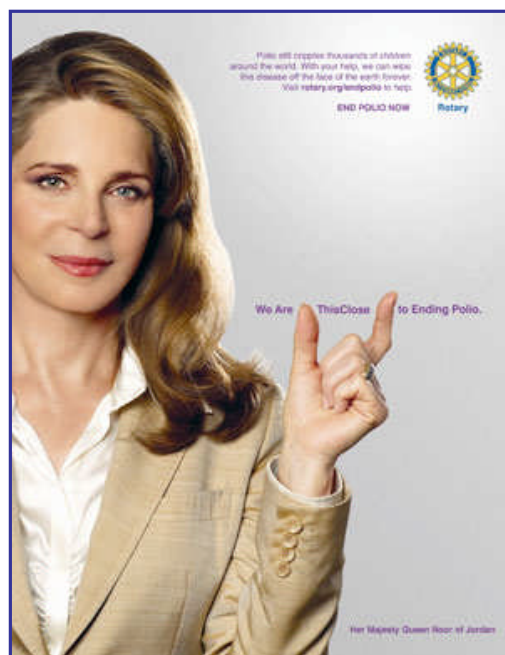
-- George Bernard Shaw

6. A liberal is someone who feels a great debt to his fellow man, which debt he proposes to pay off with your money. -- G. Gordon Liddy

7. Democracy must be something more than two wolves and a sheep.....voting on what to have for dinner.

-- James Bovard, Civil Libertarian (1994)

## We Are this Close!



Her Majesty Queen Noor is an international public servant who promotes international exchange and understanding of Arab and Muslim culture and politics, Arab-Western relations, and conflict prevention and recovery issues. She spoke at the 2010 Rotary International Convention.

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