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The Rotary RIP

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Guests

Martyn Walsh, Rotary Club of Pickering, Guest Speaker.

Paul Marcie, guest of Karen Bibeau.
Ajay Sinha, guest of Cathy Smith.

Upcoming Programs

November 1 – Past District Governor Ted Morrison – The Rotary Foundation.

November 8 – Joe Dale – a brief history of disability and its place in society.

November 15 – Michael Maloney, from the Belleville Rotary Club, about the AMAROK Society

November 22 – Monthly Business meeting

November 29 – World AIDS Day topic.

Announcements

After a truly awful rendition of "O Canada," (ouch!) because Ray Richardson was not here to lead us, President Mike forgot to have the guests introduced, for which omission he was appropriately fined.

District Conference: President Mike gave a report on last weekend's District Conference, which he said was "phenomenal." Mike, Joanne Ashley, Mark and Valarie Wafer, Joe Dale and Ray Richardson represented our club.

Presentations to the Conference were made by Joanne Ashley and Mark Wafer.

Joanne said there were some proud moments for us at this conference and stated everyone should try to get to a Rotary Conference at least once. One of the proud moments was seen when Valerie's VTT team made its presentation about its visit to Australia earlier this year.

Our club will host the 2013 District Conference when Valerie Wafer is District Governor.

Mark Wafer described the PolioPlus Walk which was held at the conference, and photos of the walk were distributed to the meeting.

Polio Plus at the GO Transit station: Twelve members of our club handed Rotary Polio information pamphlets out at the GO transit morning commute at the Whitby station on October 24th.

President Mike was rejected so many times by commuters in a rush that he wondered how Des Newman was able to get such good results from the people he approached. Joe Dale was pleased to meet a man who showed him the brace on his leg as a result of polio.

Rotary International Polio Week: Rotary International Polio Week is this week and there will be two-for-one Paul Harris credits for donations made this week - until October 28th. To make a donation, contact the web site:

<http://www.rotary.org/EN/CONTRIBUTE/Pages/ridefault.aspx>

where you can contribute to the PolioPlus Fund.

If you are asked for your Rotary ID number, you can locate this on your Rotarian Magazine label – it is the last 6 or 7 numbers after the zeros in the line immediately above your name and

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address on the label. e.g. – if the number above your name is 000628978, then your Rotary ID is 628978. If the number is 00231286, then your ID is 231286.

Green Gym Project: Neil Smith reminded us to turn in our forms and money to purchase bricks in the walkway proposed for Heydenshore Park. Neil was told that Barry Mount of the Sunrise Club is having tax receipts issued to its members, and promised to look into this for our club. Inscribed bricks are \$200 each and there is an additional \$50 for Corporate Logos. Neil hopes we will reach our target of 150 bricks by the end of November.

Pink Mitts for Breast Cancer: Mark Wafer has ordered 3,000 pink mitts (1,000 more than last year) to sell for the Canadian Cancer Society. Of the \$10.00 price for each pair, \$4.50 will go to our club and \$1.00 to these charities:



Susan G. Komen for the Cure fund, in British Columbia, as well as the Canadian Cancer Society.

The mitts will be distributed to members during the first week of December. Mitts only will be available, not scarves or hats.

Membership: Cathy Smith reminded us of the occupation cards we were given a few weeks ago. We are asked to bring the name of a person with address and phone number to the meeting next week or suffer the consequence of being fined.

A different way of looking at Rotary: Betty Vetere told us an interesting story about meeting a Rotarian from Michigan. She was told that this Michigan Rotary Club was all about money and that prospective members are scrutinized for six meetings and may not be accepted. "To me, Rotary is for service, not money," she said. "I'm disappointed how some other groups work. I am proud of ours." President Mike added that at the District Conference it was noted that each club had a net increase of one member last year, whereas ours had a net increase of five or six.

Christmas Party: Neil and Cathy Smith will again host the Rotary Christmas Party at their home on Friday, December 9. Spouses are welcome and there will be a catered meal. Tickets will be available soon, so mark this event on your calendar.

Day of Giving: Members are reminded by Jeff Gallery to bring rakes, shovels and other tools to the AMC Theatre at 9 a.m. on Saturday, October 29th to help selected seniors prepare for winter. Ten or twelve of our members have signed up and will be joined by members of the Rotary Club of Whitby Sunrise Club in this community project.

Rotary Leadership Institute: November 12th at Loyalist College in Belleville, a level one session will be held to acquaint new Rotarians about the details of Rotary and to update old members. The cost of \$70 per person will be paid for by the club for up to eight participants. You are asked to pay the \$70.00 and pass on your receipt to Treasurer, Joe Murray, who will reimburse you. To register, contact Ted Morrison by e-mail at ted.sharron@sympatico.ca or phone him at 905-576-0641.

Sergeant-At-Arms

A couple of good old Joes (Dale and Murray) asked members to volunteer what they did "bad" during the past week and pay up. Cathy Smith admitted she missed the polio information distribution at the GO transit station because she was reading too much about polio.

Marion Irwin admitted that she forgot to contact the host families and tell them that 1981 exchange student Rhonda Lancaster Dougherty will be visiting us next week.

Anniversaries: Des and Marjorie Newman, October 29th (56 years); Brian and Pat Winter, October 23rd (35 years); Jennifer and Ed Clark, October 21st. Brian Winter paid a happy \$35.00 bucks for his anniversary, stating his marriage was the best thing he ever did.

Other Happy Bucks: Anne Nurse is now able to obtain the Shoppers Drug Mart Senior's

Discount. Brandon Lambert was best man for his brother's wedding.

Draw: The pot was an astounding \$540, and Doug Freeman won it all.

Today's Program

Our speaker for today was Martyn Walsh, a graduate of Dalhousie and Trent Universities, who started out as a mechanical engineer and is now a tour-de-force in the nuclear industry. He is President of Candu Industries and an international nuclear consultant. He lives in Pickering and is a member of the Pickering Rotary Club.

Martyn's topic was Global Warming, and he gave us some sobering things to think about. There are six greenhouse gases, 5 of which are Carbon Dioxide, Methane, Nitrous Oxide, Sulphur Hexochloride, which have increased dramatically, especially in the last 30 years.

Martyn outlined the history of greenhouse gases, from the period of 1750 to 1850 when whale oil was used for energy and greenhouses gases were non-existent, until the beginning of the industrial revolution in 1850 when we began to use more energy.

Today we have reached a level where the world is consuming 1,000 barrels of oil per second, every day. "Industries such as cement production are particularly bad for producing greenhouse gases", Martyn said. As a result of the increased production of greenhouse gases, the temperature of the atmosphere has risen one degree Celsius in the past 30 years, and there has been a huge increase in carbon produced since 1996.

Although carbon dioxide is a threat to our environment, methane is potentially worse, as it is trapped in perma-frost and the ocean bottom, and it is being released as the global temperature rises. It is 40 times worse than carbon dioxide and is leading to "runaway global warming," Martyn warned. Fish are dying as the oceans get warmer, and there is a severe increase in hot and cold weather, more severe hurricanes and

tornadoes and frequent and severe flooding and droughts.

Martyn informed us that population growth and energy consumption coincide, and presently four countries in the world consume 50 per cent of the world's energy. Canada consumes four times more energy than the average country in the world.

To avert a catastrophe, we must use energy wisely, use no or low carbon energy resources, minimize world population and minimize the negative consequences of greenhouse gases, and do this sooner than later.

In thanking the speaker, Brian Winter stated that some people vote for the Green Party to try to get politicians to wake up to the threat to the environment, for if there is no environment, you won't be voting for anybody; you won't even be here.

WHITBY ROTARY THROUGH THE YEARS 10 YEARS AGO– October 23, 2001

- Instead of a Sergeant-at-Arms report, all members were asked to give \$10 for an AIDS ribbon from the Sandown Rotary Club.
- 11 members plus Sue and Bill Fry of the AIDS camp attended the District Conference representing 25 per cent of the membership.
- Bingo netted \$3,000 last weekend.

25 YEARS AGO: OCTOBER 21, 1986

- Twenty-two ladies attended the meeting to welcome District Governor Jack Millar (Toronto-Eglinton) and District Governor Representative Bill Longworth (Oshawa- Parkwood).
- The Rotary Choir members rendered four rousing numbers before business announcements were delivered.
- District Governor Jack inducted new member George Fitzsimmons.

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30 YEARS AGO; OCTOBER 19, 1981

- ☀ The speaker was Paul Vaughan, of the Creation Science Association of Ontario, a World Concern group.
- ☀ A special thanks was given to Past-President Bill Winter for writing up the summary of the address by Paul Vaughan.
- ☀ This is attendance month, members were reminded.

Words of our Founder

Rotary is a miniature model of a world 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.

From a radio broadcast by Paul Harris on Rotary's 36th anniversary

Rotary Information



On World Polio Day on 24 October, Rotary Foundation Trustee Anne Matthews, General Secretary John Hewko, International PolioPlus Committee member John Sever, Bill Gates, and International PolioPlus Committee member and past RI President Jim Lacy, accompanied dozens of Rotarians on Capitol Hill to affirm the joint commitment of the Bill & Melinda Gates

Foundation and Rotary to make history by eradicating polio. *Photo courtesy of Gates Foundation.*

On the Lighter Side

REPLACEMENT WINDOWS:

Last year I replaced all the windows in my house with that expensive double-pane energy efficient kind, and today, I got a call from the contractor who installed them. He was complaining that the work had been completed a whole year ago and I still hadn't paid for them. Hello, just because I'm blond doesn't mean that I am automatically stupid. So, I told him just what his fast talking sales guy had told me last year, that in ONE YEAR these windows would pay for themselves! Hello? It's been a year! I told him. There was only silence at the other end of the line, so I finally just hung up. He never called back. I bet he felt like an idiot.

GRAFITTI

Hypochondria is the only disease I haven't got
 Joan of Arc was Noah's wife
 The future isn't what it used to be
 Where there's a will there's a delay
 If Ella Fitzgerald married Darth Vader, she'd be Ella
 A bird in the hand is safer than one overhead
 Unemployment isn't working
 Plumbers have pipe dreams
 John Doe is a nobody

More Modern Dictionary

- Committee**
Individuals who can do nothing individually and sit to decide that nothing can be done together.
- Yawn**
The only time some married men ever get to open their mouth.
- Father**
A banker provided by nature.

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