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## THE ROTARY CLUB of WHITBY

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### *The Rotary RIP*

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**Guests** Sue Dafoe, guest speaker from the YWCA  
Brian Thompson, our Assistant District Governor  
Chris Neal, prospective member

### *Upcoming Programs*

**October 11** - Business Development Bank with Lisa Paulin & Diane Gallo

**October 18** – Monthly Business Meeting – Membership classification discussion

**October 25** – Martyn Walsh on Global Warming.

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

### *Announcements*

**Green Gym:** Neil Smith reported that the Green Gym Committee was discussing how to deal with logos on the bricks for the pathway. It is likely there will be an extra cost. A brochure is being developed to promote the pathway and solicit brick purchasers. In all there are 350 bricks that can be sold although the actual number our Club needs to sell is 85. The exercise equipment is now in the hands of the Town and is being installed.

**Speech Contest Literacy Project:** Catherine Smith announced that the Contest is now up and ready for participants. Members are encouraged to check out the Club website at

[www.whitbyrotary.org](http://www.whitbyrotary.org) to see the great banner being used to promote the contest. Cathy has already heard from the Principal of Leo J. Austin High School who is quite excited about this contest.

**Club PR and SNAP Newspaper:** On behalf of Chris Butryn, Ray Richardson announced that our Club is proceeding through the PR Committee and its recommendation with a draft Rotary page sponsored by business card sized ads at \$125 per month. A three month trial will be undertaken with the cut-off time for the first page being October 15 for a November 1<sup>st</sup> publication of the first edition. Not only will this page create awareness about our Club and Rotary, it will also be a good networking opportunity for the advertisers as a connection with Rotary will reflect well on the priorities and values of a business.

**Board Meeting:** A change from the usual third Wednesday of the month to the fourth this month, October 26<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. Location TBD.

**Day of Giving:** 25 people from our Club have signed up to be on hand on Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> to rake leaves, trim hedges, put away outside furniture, etc. for seniors and those with disabilities. We'll be joined by members from Whitby Sunrise this year so that we should be able to perform quite a credible number of tasks which will be assigned to us by Community Care. Jeff Callery will keep us posted re times, places, etc.

**District 7070 Conference:** A reminder that this event takes place the weekend of October 21, 22, and 23. So far, the Smiths, Wafers, President

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Mike, and Joanne Ashley will be attending for the weekend with Ray Richardson doing a day visit on Saturday. Joanne will be heading up an AIDS/RADAR workshop session. There's still time for others to register----probably even on one of the actual days should anyone choose to do a day visit. Check out the District website where you can click on the conference icon for information - <http://www.rotary7070.org/>

**Bingo:** Fred Wynistorf announced that he'd deposited \$5,162.00 and change from the latest Bingo cheque. The next Bingo will be a breakfast Bingo run by Brandon, Ravi, and Jeff on Thanksgiving weekend. On October 19<sup>th</sup>, Fred will be attending a Bingo meeting where the new e-Bingo will be discussed and described. It seems that our volunteers will only be there for networking and representing our charity. There no longer will be any responsibilities for selling cards or handling cash. More to come!

### *Sergeant-At-Arms*

A new team in charge this month! So, Dave Comery picked up the Sergeant's baton from John Dale. He chose to recognize, first, Anne and Ray Richardson's anniversary and Brian Winter's birthday. As Brian was away, he'll be nabbed next week!

Anne was caught, too, for a derogatory e-mail she sent to the Sergeant and Brandon who was the bucket man for the fines. Probably wanting to make sure they were on deck and in line!!!

As Sergeant Dave was commanded to lay his fines close to the start of the meeting, he did not have time to note many misdemeanours by our members. So, he went quickly to "happy bucks" which very nicely filled the gap. To start these off, Espie Leone was really happy for her little guy who apparently loves playing volleyball.

Neil Smith's "happy buck" was somewhat off the wall, something not at all surprising when one knows Neil! He happily described his idea

for garnering funds for the Rotary Foundation, one that makes use of the inscribed stones in the Presidents' Walkway in the Rotary garden at the back of the Library. He has decided that, when he dies, he will have his ashes placed under his President's stone so that the usual cost of a cemetery burial can be paid, instead, to the Foundation. Joanne Ashley commented that she could probably kick if off to which comment Ray Richardson quipped, "In more ways than one!" Whether all three paid a "happy buck", your editor is not sure. But, they should have!

Joanne continued on her feet to pay happily for the success of the AIDS Networking night at the Oshawa Golf Club. She was particularly happy because all her new AIDS Committee members were there. Eight speakers took 3 minutes each to describe what their agencies do to expand the awareness of and deal with the AIDS situation in various ways. A rug donated as a draw prize by Dodd and Souter was won by Susan Reid who paid a "happy buck" when she told us how great the rug looked in her home.

For the upcoming hiking trip through the Grand Canyon with Ray Richardson and others, Mike Finigan was happy to pay up although he did mention that he was sad because Betty took husband, Gino, away from the renovations he's doing on Mike's new house. Seems Mike's ready for those to be finished!

Joe Dale is a very happy Rotarian as his recent trip to Ottawa has resulted in two Rotary Clubs there taking on the Rotary at Work program. The Lieutenant Governor, David Onley, will do two special events with Joe and Mark similar to the one held at MTC, one of which will be in Ottawa. If it's as successful as the one we had at MTC, we should be getting a few more happy dollars for our pot!

Lastly, Sophia Cal paid a "happy buck" for our guest, Chris, who was checking out our Club today as a prospective member. Wonder if we behaved well enough for him to be impressed?!!

No draw winners today. Only 21 cards left in the deck.

## *Today's Program*

Joe Dale introduced our guest speaker, Sue Dafoe, who is the Manager of Community and Fund Development for the YWCA and was born and raised in Durham Region. Although Sue did allude to the YWCA in general, her main purpose was to tell us about the 1 Man at a Time program. Despite the word, man, in its title and the fact that it does deal with men, the YWCA is not affiliated with the YMCA. Basically, the YWCA, in Durham since 1945, provides programs for vulnerable women such as temporary and permanent housing, second stage housing for regrouping and rebuilding, and outreach in the Ajax/Pickering area where counselors will go out and meet with the clients, something deemed unusual. Through these programs, women, children and youth find safety and an environment in which to grow. The Y's Wish Centre of 15 beds accommodated 100 women and 72 children in 2010 while the 24-hour crisis line received and dealt with 710 calls.

It is recognized that, on average, women will return seven times to abusive relationships before leaving permanently. In May of 2010, in order to try and deal with the violence of these situations, the YWCA launched its 1 Man at a Time program recognizing that there was a need to work with men who are the root of the abusive behaviour. Men everywhere were asked to commit to and sign a pledge to end abuse. The goal is to have 1000 men take this pledge to create awareness of the dire situation that exists in too many homes.

Sue detailed that, in Canada, one woman a week is killed by her partner while 360,000 children see and are affected by violence. There is reluctance, likely engendered by fear, on the part of most people to become personally involved in violent situations. But, pointed out Sue, these same people could become involved by supporting community programs such as the YWCA runs. She wanted us to know that 90 cents of every donated dollar goes into

programs. Salaries for staff come mainly from grants. In order to maintain this level of service, the staff even does such tasks as clean washrooms and change toilet paper.



A program called Random Acts of Kindness for elementary and secondary schools, stresses the opposite of what bullying does. It is an opportunity for kids to record acts of kindness to emphasize the positive aspect of interaction and relationships with others.

In conclusion, Sue told how passionate the YWCA staff is about what they do, so much so that they are asking for help. In response to questions, Sue explained that there are 5 shelters for women in Durham Region such as Denise House, Rose of Durham, etc. whose Executive Directors all meet and work together. It is their hope that, along with Durham Family Services, money can be raised for an administration centre that can be shared by all as a cost-cutting measure. To answer a question re funding sources, Sue told us that the Ministry of Community and Social Services provided funds for the housing and counseling programs in the amount of 2.8 million dollars for Durham Region last year while the YWCA itself raises funds for programs and outreach, a part of Sue's job.

It was easy to see that Sue Dafoe is passionate about her job as Manager of Community and Fund Development, and she was ably thanked for her time and efforts by Brandon Lambert.

## **WHITBY ROTARY THROUGH THE YEARS**

### **10 YEARS AGO– October 3, 2001**

-  There was no regular issue of The Rip this week.
-  Cathy Smith and Esperanza Leone were proposed as new members. Both are

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- still members of the club in 2011.
- Todd Armstrong is president and Beth Parise is secretary.

### 25 YEARS AGO – September 30, 1986

- Member Gerry Robinson had his picture on the front page of the Whitby Free Press and was fined accordingly; Former Mayor Harry Jermyn presented Gerry with a 30-year exemplary service bar from the Durham Regional Police.
- Member Hank Meinster introduced the latest developments in video cassette recorders manufactured by Sony.
- Whitby Rotary's team in the District Sloball Tournament triumphed over considerable odds to reach the finals. The "Considerable Odds" appeared to be libations supplied by Joe Sharp.

### 30 Years AGO – September 29, 1981

- Special guest Wayne Wu of the Rotary Club of Taipei, Taiwan donated a prize for Ladies' Night.
- Vice-President Dwight Swerdfeger presented slides on his recent trip to Scandinavia.
- Doug Davidson announced that the golf team of Dave Harries, Clare Rich, Bill Martin and himself won the District Governor's Trophy for the second year in a row at Cutten Fields in Guelph.

### Words of our Founder

Who would be interested in a garden containing flowers of one species or one color only? Variety has been truly said to be the spice of life. Sameness is monotonous, depressing."

(Paul, Harris This Rotarian Age, page 87)

### Rotary Information

### Rotary partners with Mercy Ships

By Arnold R. Grahl  
Rotary International News -- 5 October 2011  
[Rotary International](#) on Facebook

Rotarians will help improve the delivery of vital health care services to West Africa through a new strategic partnership between The Rotary Foundation and the global charity [Mercy Ships](#).



Top: Each year, more than 1,200 surgeons, dentists, nurses, health care trainers, teachers, cooks, seamen, engineers, or agriculturalists volunteer their time and skills with Mercy Ships. Bottom: The Africa Mercy. Photos courtesy Mercy Ships

Through the partnership, the Foundation will offer packaged global grants for Rotary clubs and districts to assemble vocational training teams of medical professionals. These teams will perform or assist in life-changing surgeries. The Rotarian volunteers will also work to enhance the skills of local health care professionals.

The initial projects will take place in West Africa, the area of operations for the charity's 16,500-ton state-of-the-art hospital ship, *Africa Mercy*, now based in Freetown, Sierra Leone.

“This strategic partnership with Mercy Ships enables Rotary to work with a globally recognized leader in the delivery of vital medical and surgical care to the world’s most vulnerable populations,” says Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair William B. Boyd. “It allows Rotary club members to directly contribute their valuable expertise and skills within the framework of a proven and highly successful health care program.”

Founded in 1978, Mercy Ships uses its hospital ships to deliver free, world-class health care and assistance in capacity building and sustainable development to developing countries. The charity has worked in more than 70 countries, performing services that have had an impact on more than 2.9 million people. Each year, more than 1,200 surgeons, dentists, nurses, health care trainers, teachers, cooks, seamen, engineers, or agriculturalists volunteer their time and skills.

“Mercy Ships is honored to be chosen by The Rotary Foundation as a strategic partner for disease prevention and treatment,” says Don Stephens, president and founder of the charity. “The scope of Rotary’s service to humanity is truly monumental, and it is my belief that the synergy of our organizations working together will be an even greater force to increase health care delivery systems in West Africa.”

### Previous projects

Rotarians have a record of working with Mercy Ships, carrying out projects in several countries. The Rotary clubs of Jacksonville, Florida, USA, and Tema, Accra, Ghana, helped equip the *Africa Mercy* in 2007 to provide medical aid in

Ghana. Jacksonville Rotarians also partnered with the Rotary Club of Monrovia, Liberia, to support eye and facial surgeries for more than 1,200 patients in Monrovia from 2008 to 2011. [See a video.](#)

Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland named Mercy Ships its Charity of Choice in 2005-06.

Rotary Foundation Global Grants support large, international projects with sustainable, high-impact outcomes in Rotary’s [areas of focus](#). Packaged global grants developed by the Foundation and Mercy Ships will directly support the disease prevention and treatment area of focus. Because the administrative work of designing the project and finding a partnering organization has already been done, Rotary clubs and districts can focus on identifying beneficiaries, providing technical expertise or direct service, and publicizing the effort.

One hundred districts are participating in the Future Vision pilot, a three-year test of the Foundation's streamlined grant structure, which began 1 July 2010. All districts will begin using the model on 1 July 2013.

The Foundation also has approved strategic partnerships with [Aga Khan University](#) and [Oikocredit International](#). Information on how pilot clubs and districts can apply for packaged global grants with Mercy Ships will be available soon at [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org).

### For more information:

- Read a story about the partnership on the [Mercy Ship's website](#)
- Learn more about Rotary's partnerships with [Aga Khan University](#) and [Oikocredit International](#)
- Learn more about [packaged global grants](#)

