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Florence's Message

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I WISH YOU ALL A HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR!!!

Please join us at our first Rotary luncheon meeting of this new year. President Paul Gibel will be chairing the meeting. Our speaker this week is the Mayor of Hamilton, Mayor Larry DiIanni. His topic is "The State of the City".

TAN, our exchange student from Thailand. Many of you have expressed your concern about our exchange student Tan Tantipiriyakij and his family's well being in Thailand. His family is okay and so is Tan!

Tan is from Phuket, Thailand and as you are aware the Tsunami did hit Phuket. Luckily, Tan's family lives on higher ground inland in Phuket and therefore avoided the dangers of the Tsunami. Tan's father is a general surgeon and as you can well imagine, he is working extremely hard attending to the sick and wounded in Phuket.

Tan spoke with his family on December 31st and he was reassured that his

father, mother and sister are all fine.

Tan had a great holiday season in the homes of three Rotarian families... Marie Robbins, Rick Broadfoot and Sandra Stephenson. Starting next week, Bob Leek's family will once again be his host family.

A FEW REMINDERS:

Locations of Rotary Weekly Luncheon Meetings: Please note that our Rotary luncheon meetings will be held at the Ramada Plaza Hotel (Pavilion B) beginning January 6, 2005 until May 26, 2005. Our temporary Rotary Office location is also at the Ramada Plaza Hotel during this time. We will be moving our Rotary luncheon meetings as well as the Rotary Office to our permanent location at the Art Gallery of Hamilton on June 2, 2005.

Speaker for Next Week on Jan. 13, 2005:

The scheduled speakers for next week are two of our new

Rotarians: Guido DiCesare and Madelaine Steller. They will be giving their classification talk. So please plan to attend this meeting and give your support to our new members.

GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER:

Date: Saturday, January 8th, 2005 is the first dinner

Time: 7:00 p.m.

HOSTS: guests will arrive at 7:00 p.m.

GUESTS: be by your phones Saturday morning at 10:00 a.m. to receive your secret destination.

Any questions please contact the chair of this event, David Buckley at davebuckley@cogeco.ca.

Enjoy your evening!!!

ROTARY FOUNDATION ANNUAL GIVING:

You can make your contribution by cheque or credit card. Please make cheques payable to the Rotary Foundation. Forms are available at the Rotary meetings. We need 100% participation, so please remember to give whatever you can.

ATTENDANCE:

Please submit your makeups to me either by email or by mail or by voice mail so that our Club can improve its monthly attendance statistics for the district.

Information on other Rotary Club meetings can be found through the Rotary International website at www.rotaryinternational.org or if you are doing makeups in our district, please visit the district website at www.rotarydistrict7090.org.

Regards,

Florence Rosato

Administrator of the Rotary Club of Hamilton
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Asian Disaster Relief

The following correspondence was sent from Rotary International to District Governors of Rotary in Canada. This introduces the efforts being made for disaster relief, and further information will soon be available about our Club and District. As of yesterday, January 5th, we have asked if money donated to this fund will be eligible for the Canadian Government matching funds program, and have not yet received clarification. Details about this important question, and about further developments in general relief efforts will be sent to the mailing list as soon as they are available, and published in The Ambassador next week.

We are writing this note as a follow-up to the letter that you will have received from President Glenn and Chairman Carlo concerning the tsunami disaster in the countries bordering the Bay of Bengal. We know that you and your district Rotarians are reaching out to our Rotary friends and their communities that have been affected. We encourage you to do all that you can to provide both immediate help where practical and longer term assistance as the needs become clearly identified.

Many initiatives have already been undertaken by Canadian clubs and individual Rotarians. We applaud and thank you for the sincere outreach and concern that is being shown and the need for solidarity in response to this tragedy. Many twin districts and clubs between Canada and India/Sri Lanka have been communicating on some practical advice as to what the greatest need and priorities should be. Information is now becoming more reliable from the countries on the east side of the Bay and the need is equally urgent. We will try to keep you informed of any information that might be useful. It is clear that the immediate need is in the nature of emergency relief (potable water, medical aid, food, clothing, shelter). Rotary is not in the "emergency aid" business but works cooperatively with those that are (i.e. Red Cross, UNICEF).

Rotary has historically however performed "miracles" in international development work and no doubt the long term impact of this tsunami will generate considerable relationship building between Rotary clubs that will participate in the assistance which will be required.

You might want to stay tuned to the <www.rotary.org> web site for regular up-dates on the relief efforts being undertaken by individual Rotary clubs and districts..

On Tuesday a conference call was convened involving John Eberhard (RID), Wilf Wilkinson (Chairman of the Rotary Foundation of Canada), Bob Scott (Trustee TRF), John Osterlund (TRF Manager) and Raju Paul (President of CRCID). We considered a "Canadian" appeal for funds to be funneled through the Rotary Foundation (Canada). These funds will be "restricted" and eventually used directly for purposes associated with the disaster.

In time, a decision will be made in consultation with Rotary leadership in Canada as to how these TRF (Canada) funds will be distributed. For now, the TRF (Canada) account will be the point where district, club and personal funds will be consolidated.

Rotary International has established bank accounts in Toronto. These comprise accounts for the Rotary Foundation (Canada) in U.S.\$ and Can.\$.

Please note that donations made at District or clubs, wired to Evanston or sent by credit card to Evanston are **not** reported to TRF Canada. It is important that funds be sent to the Canadian Foundation account.

At this time, donations will not result in the usual TRF recognition (i.e. Paul Harris Fellow recognition or DDF). This special fund has not (as of now) been recommended as a program of TRF by its Trustees or approved by the RI Board of Directors, both of which are required to make it a TRF program. This is a decision that will eventually have to be considered. Canadian income tax receipts will be issued. If the donation mailings are post marked by December 31st, the donor will receive a tax receipt in 2004.

Donations can be made by cheque or credit card addressed to:

The Rotary Foundation (Canada)
(reference: "*The Solidarity in Asia*" or "*Asian Disaster Relief fund*")

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This letter has been released to DG's in the 23 districts of Zone 22. It specifically applies to Canadian Rotarians and we are suggesting that the Governors establish accounts (or earmark funds) in their club communities for furtherance to the TRF Box number in Toronto. It would be quite appropriate for you to alert local media and the general public through banks or other commercial entities of the facility for members of the general public to make donations. All of these funds will be pooled and distributed to the relief and reconstruction of peoples lives in the Asian areas affected under the supervision or direction of Rotarians.

We hope this assists in you being able to broadcast an appeal in the name of the Rotary Foundation in support of this needy cause.

Thank you for all you are doing for Rotary and those suffering from this unprecedented disaster.

From our Scribe

What a Holiday Treat!

Daughter #1 invited Scribe and Mrs. Scribe to visit at their Chalet at Osler Peaks Ski Club. What a wonderful private club.

In 1949 two chaps from Toronto, Stuart Robertson and George Kingsmill became impatient with the long line ups at Blue Mountain Ski Resort and felt that they should form a private club. The escarpment which runs around our city continues to the outside of Collingwood, making a big turn to follow along Georgian Bay. Along that side of the mountain there are the Blue Mountain Resort, Georgian Peaks and Craigeath Ski Clubs. Stuart and George, the two determined Torontonians, trudged over miles of terrain around the mountains finally deciding that they should select 50 acres above Peak Road outside of Collingwood for their private hill. They managed to purchase 50 acres from Peak Road to the mountain top for \$2,000 and to lease two other 100 acre farms for a period of 10 years at \$200.00 a year, which were eventually bought for \$6,500 and \$2,000.

Now they had a problem. How were they going to find 100 members at an outlay of \$100 each? It took time and persuasion, but by the end of 1949 they had 93 and got the hundred early in 1950. The Club was born.

Along with volunteers, the determined couple cut down trees and moved rock to develop the first run. With some engineering help they built the first tow. This consisted of 4 farm carts on rubber wheels, each holding 32 skiers on back to back benches and a cable pulled by a used caterpillar motor. As the cars ascended the hill the folks on the top of the benches slid down on those on the lower end. Partitions between the seats fixed that. So, 1950 saw happy skiers, with no line ups, skiing down the new run. A payoff for persistency.

Osler Ski Club today has 700 members and their families. The entry fee is \$50,000. Ten new members are admitted each year. If you applied today, you would likely be accepted in 2 1/2 or 3 years.

There are now 22 runs. Five or six Tows, some triple lifts, some T-bars. A large attractive Clubhouse at the foot of the main run. There's another great lodge at the base of some another runs. You can bring your own lunch or there are lots of good things available in the snack bar.

The Club has 60 instructors who teach basic and advanced skiing and ski racing in many categories. Your scribe's daughter and spouse are in the seniors racing and race every weekend. Their 12 year old daughter and 10 year old son are on the junior racing team.

Osler has produced many outstanding skiers. The greatest, Laurie Graham, won five world titles a few years back.

Once the original hill was going, the Club bought extra farms around the base of the hill and many of the early members built modest chalets. The original area was completely filled some years ago. A new area was developed and beautiful chalets with as many as seven bedrooms have been built and are still being built on large lots. (When you have a chalet, you have guests) Several lots are available for about \$120,000 and a chalet would likely run about \$300,000, so you can become a member and have a chalet for about half a million. Annual fees are very reasonable. Of course, most members are from Toronto (The Rich!).

Two of the original members of the first 100 were Dr. Alan Lane and Dr. Charles Jaunet of Hamilton and their families. Alan and Corky skied at Osler for 51 years (Al was 76 when he turned in his skis) and their children now own their original Chalet and many of them enjoy the club.

We certainly enjoyed the wisdom and determination of two men, both deceased now. I'm sure they never envisioned the Osler of today. They saw Osler as a family Ski Club which it still is.

Your Scribe

Project Caring

Doug Bell is having a series of treatments for cancer, which will prevent him from attending most of our meetings for the next six months. His outlook is good and his attitude is great but he will be missing his Rotary friends. Doug has asked to refrain from phoning his home but would welcome E mails or cards from his friends.

We wish him well and will keep our members posted on his progress. His E mail address is dbell111@cogeco.ca.

Bob Wilson
Project Caring

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Introducing Rotarian Mike Rehill

Mike Rehill was introduced to the Rotary Club of Hamilton by sponsor, Russ Weil on December 9, 2004. Mike is also sponsored by Rotarian Larry Paiken. Mike Rehill was born



in Montreal and raised in Calgary, Alberta and Brampton, Ontario. He began his military musical career in the Princess Patricias Canadian Light Infantry Cadet Corp of Drums playing bugle. He eventually became Bugle Major and Drum Major of this band. Major Rehill was commissioned in 1976 and assumed command of the Lorne Scots Regimental Band. In 1979 he was appointed District Director of Music for

the Hamilton District as a secondary duty; in 1990 he assumed this position in a full-time capacity. From 1982-1986 he was Adjutant of the Lorne Scots. He was promoted to Major in April 1991.

Major Rehill holds an Honours Bachelor of Music (History and Theory) from McMaster University and a Bachelor of Education (Music) from the University of Toronto. He also holds a Ministry of Education Honours Specialist Certificate in Music and a Specialist Certificate in Dramatic Arts. Major Rehill is noted for his arranging ability particularly music for Military Band and Pipes. His arrangements have been recorded by many Bands, notably the Band of the United States Air Force Reserve. He is a composer member of the Society of Composers, Authors and Music Publishers of Canada (SOCAN).

The Royal Hamilton Light Infantry (RHLI) Band, under Major Rehill has performed for HRH Queen Elizabeth II on her last two visits to Ontario (1998 and 2002), as well as HRH the Prince of Wales. In May 2000, Major Rehill commanded the Buglers who sounded Last Post at the Tomb of the

Unknown Soldier in Ottawa. In 2002, the RHLI Band travelled to England and France to commemorate the 60th Anniversary of Dieppe and also Sounded Retreat at the Royal Chelsea Hospital in London, England.

Mike's scholastic career includes 10 years of teaching music at the elementary level and eight years of high school music. He is the former Head of Music at Scott Park and has served as Vice Principal and Principal of Sir John A. Macdonald Secondary School.

Mike Rehill holds the Canada Decoration, the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal, the Canada 125 Medal and the Forces Mobile Command Commendation for meritorious service to the CF reserves. In 1998, he was admitted to the Hospitaller Order of St John of Jerusalem and in 2003 he was created a Knight Commander of the Hamilton Commandery. In 2004 he was awarded a Vision 20/20 Award by the City of Hamilton for his work in Multi-cultural Leadership. He is a member of the International Military Music Society, Canadian Band Association, Canadian Music Educator's Association, and a founding member of the Ontario Principal's Council. He is currently Principal at Sir John A. Macdonald Secondary School in Hamilton.

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Club Membership July to December 2004:

The club finished the 2003/4 Rotary year on 30th June 2004 with a membership of 157 (including 5 Honorary members).

Since that time 7 members have resigned or moved away:

Tom Jacques	Nels Allen
Ray Walker	Eleanor Bacon
Karen Prine	Mike Sciarra
Bruce Wood	

and, sadly, Ken van Wyck and Hugh Murray passed away.

We have, however, inducted 4 new members

Guido di Cesare	Bob Bratina
Ed Giancola	Michael Rehill

And have a further 6 proposals "in the pipeline":

Sally Lloyd	Susan Lennox
John Cunningham	Judy Vanderwal
Sarah Murphy	Randy Bassett

The current membership is therefore 152 (including 5 Honorary members), with 6 more proposed members.

The Membership Development and Retention Committee has identified a further 27 potential members and these are presently being followed up.

On the negative side, the Board is talking to some 21 members whose attendance during the first half of the Rotary year was well below the required level. There are

also a small number of members whose annual dues are still unpaid. It is not unreasonable to expect that these contacts may lead to some further small loss of members.

Geoff Stephenson.

Membership Matters January 5/05

Start the new year off right and think about whether there is anyone you could recommend for membership in our Rotary club.

It may be a business acquaintance or someone you met socially over the holidays.

If you are unsure about the process, simply contact anyone on the membership committee for more information. We would be happy to help you bring the potential member on board.

Pearl Wolfe
Membership Committee

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Hosts, your guests will arrive at 7.00 PM.

Guests, be by your phones Saturday morning at 10.00 AM to receive your secret destination.

Then enjoy your evening.

Dave Buckley.

DUTY ROSTER NOTICE (January 2005)

DATE	January 6	January 13	January 20	January 27
BADGE BOARD	Vince Agro	Richard Allen	Joan Bell	Wendy Brawn
GUESTS & VISITORS	Pearl Wolfe	Doug Bell	Robert Beres	Anne Bermingham
NON EATERS				
ATTENDANCE	Bob Wilson	Larry Woods	Ike Ahmed	Mark Bowden
DRAW TICKETS	Jack Wallace	Allan Wright	Doug Wright	Bruno Bragoli
GRACE	Philip Winer	Gerry Aggus	John Clinton	Harry Banfield
LUNCH TICKETS	Janet Walsh	Hank Wright	Deb Barfknecht	Dave Buckley
LUNCH TICKET	Richard Broadfoot	Peter Baker	Patti Cannon	Kevin Carson
COLLECTOR				

NOTE: IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO PERFORM YOUR DUTY, IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO FIND A REPLACEMENT AND TO ADVISE OKSANA FISHER (522-3304 EXT. 228 or oksana@contacthamilton.ca) OF THE NAME OF YOUR REPLACEMENT.

PLEASE ARRIVE NO LATER THAN 11:45 AS YOU ARE REQUIRED TO BE READY TO RECEIVE MEMBERS AS THEY ARRIVE.



The Ambassador

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You can help save the club money for mailing and printing costs if you are able to download the electronic version, and no longer need to pick up a printed copy at our weekly meetings.

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