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Weekly Message to Club Members

From Keith McIntyre, President
2005/06

October 20, 2005 Regular Luncheon Meeting:

Guest Speaker: Donna Cripps, St. Peter's Changes in Long Term Care

Membership Dues: To date, 45% of our members have OUTSTANDING dues payments. We appreciate and thank those members who have already processed their dues payments as the club has paid fees to Rotary International and the District on behalf of all club members.

Members who have outstanding dues payments are requested to please make payment in full or quarterly as soon as possible by post dated cheques or credit card as outlined by Treasurer Norman Preece. Second dues notices will be sent to delinquent members starting next week at extra cost to

the club so let's keep this to a minimum.

"Non-eaters policy:" the policy was reviewed at last night's board of directors' meeting and after considering all of the various inputs received about this matter from members, the board unanimously upheld the the club's policy...ie. no non-eaters.

The board feels any dietary restrictions of members can be addressed by the caterer if made known in writing to the Sgt @ Arms and with the caterer providing more choices for our luncheon meals, the essence of Rotary fellowship by members having lunch together should be preserved.

Guatemala: The board has voted to make a donation of \$5,000 C'dn from our Sunshine Fund to the Guatemala relief effort which will be overseen by the Guatemala Rotary District clubs. Members wishing to make personal donations to add to the club's donation may do so by cheque or credit card payable to our Sunshine Fund

indicating "Guatemala Relief". These donations may be leveraged by RI and/or the federal government

Pakistan: Since there are no Rotary clubs in Pakistan, RI's direct relief to the local scene is not the same as has been the case for Katrina, Guatemala and Tsunami relief donations. Consequently, members wishing to make personal donations to Pakistani relief may contribute to our Sunshine Fund indicating "Pakistani Relief" and we'll forward these donations to RI's relief initiative once it is announced.

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Help for Guatemala

Recently, the Mayan Indian highlands of Guatemala were ravaged by the forces of nature. Hurrican Stan, later demoted to a tropical storm, dumped almost a week of torrential rains on the slopes of the volcanoes that ring Lake Atitlan, a popular tourist destination. Most people were asleep when the mud slide hit at about 3 a.m. on October 6th. Two villages, Panabaj and Tzanchag, were entombed by a mudflow half a mile wide and an estimated 15-20 feet deep. Local leaders called off the futile and risky rescue operations, requesting that the villages be declared mass graves.

Officials fear that the death toll could reach over 2000. Out of a population of 11 million, some 130,000 people have been made homeless, and a further 3 million were left without electricity, water, and other basic services. Crops and livestock have been destroyed, while landslides have damaged nearly 2,500 miles of roads, virtually cutting off the entire western province of San Marcos. The biggest danger now is that of starvation and disease.

Many of you will recall that last spring the Group Study Exchange team from Guatemala visited our club. We hosted them for a week, arranged suitable vocational experiences, and showed them the highlights of our area. The leader of the team, Past District Governor Jorge Aufranc, is helping coordinate relief efforts on the ground in Guatemala. Funds are needed to provide bottled water, food basics, medicines, and the bare necessities (candles, blankets, clothing, etc.)

District 7090 has arranged for a collection vehicle for funds to be sent to Guatemala. Donations will be sent directly to the emergency fund set up by the Rotary Clubs in Guatemala. You can be assured that any donation will be used directly to assist those in dire need of help.

Your board has passed a motion to send \$5000 to help in Guatemala. If you are interested in adding to this amount, you can contribute by writing your check to the attention of The Rotary Club of Welland. This will ensure that you receive a Canadian Tax receipt. The fund set up by the Welland club is being administered by Rotarian Sue Dolan, one of the members that visited Guatemala as part of our Group Study Exchange team. She will forward funds directly to an account in Guatemala which can be immediately utilized by Rotarians there.

Should you wish to contribute, please give your cheque to me at your earliest convenience, or mail it to my office c/o The HEC Group, 69 John Street South, Suite 400, Hamilton, Ont. L8N 2B9. Please call me if you have questions or concerns, at my office at 905-527-7761, or on my cell at 905-741-5381.

Bob Leek

New Member Proposals

The following has been proposed for membership in the club.

Week one notification

Christopher Cutler
Executive Director, Volunteer Hamilton
For the classification "Association - Volunteer Hamilton"
Proposed by Jim Commerford

These membership proposals will be published for two consecutive weeks in the Ambassador. If you have any comments about these prospective members, please contact the Membership Committee chair Jim Commerford.

Request for Student Accomodation

Dear Sir:

We received your mail address from a Rotary member in here in Mexico. We are interested in sending our 19 year old son to study next term there in Hamilton. The College where he is studying right now offered us an opportunity for him to study his last term from January to April/May in Columbia International Collega, 1003 Main Street West. He speaks some English but need to practice and improve, so this is a great opportunity for him.

The reason to contact you is that we are looking for accommodation for him during that period, we are soliciting help to find a family interested in receiving him for this time - room and board - We please ask you to find out if any family will have interest in the Rotary Club to have him so they can get in touch with us, (and we can talk about the matter) We can tell that Willy is a quiet and structure boy, even mature for his age, independent and helpful if needed.

We have 30 years of marriage, both are Mexicans, and we lived one year in Oakville, Ont. in 1995, we loved and enjoy Canada so much that we really think it would be nice and good for him to live the experience. My name is William H. Pue Agnew, I am 57, (my parents were from the USA, but I was born in Mexico) I have a Master Degree in BA and I have an independent business. My wife is Linda Ancira Gonzalez, she is 53, has her mayor in Wellness and Personal Development and her job is give seminars, courses, workshops and conferences to open attendance and private corporations in Mexico.

We know this is an elemental information, just to start, but we are open to give what ever you need, questions or else to get assistance in finding a home-accomodtion for our son, because there is so many papers and things that have to be arranged on advance so he can be there the fist days of January.

Thanking you in advance, receive our gratitude for your help and best regards

Billy and Linda Pue
wellness@wellnessdbi.com.mx

Thanks.

From our Scribe

“41 Wonderful Seasons”

Slowly but surely, the 41st season of fun wound down. The 19ft Sunray is up on blocks, motor drained and in the boathouse tightly covered. The canoes and small runabout are under the cottage. Discovered the transom of the 9ft runabout had given way. A canoe and boat builder restored it – took \$678.00 from our pocket. The boatman says the boat is worth much more. The furniture is stacked in the bunkie and the small motor is inside the cottage. The barbecue is in the shed.

The gardens have been stripped and tulip bulbs have been planted. The beautiful blue Morning Glories still cover the ground every morning. A red maple we planted 3 years ago is wilting away and will have to be replaced in the spring.

Piles of garbage and yard trash have been taken to the dump. Coming from the dump, we drove between 12 or 15 black buggies filled with some of the Mennonites who live in the area. It was Sunday. They hold a service for 3 hours on Sunday morning at one of their homes, followed by a big spread. After lunch they socialize until about 4 pm. They were on their way home. One large buggy carried about 10 good looking young boys and girls having a great time, not too sure about the horse. Saw young couples twice out for a buggy ride, an old form of courting. They marry very young and have very large families.

Always something new. On the way to the golf course two good sized deer ran in front of us. We missed the first one and grazed the second one. He bounced into the bush, got up and ran away. Not a mark on our car. Both the deer and we were so lucky.

Finished the golf season with three nine-hole games, one with Son and grandson. Beat them both! 53-54-56

Forty five members of three families met for thanksgiving dinner and can you imagine, your scribe wasn't the senior of the group. A dear friend, Ida May Noble, age 98, was the Belle of the ball. Ida married a Lt. Colonel in the Canadian army and after he died, she married a Lt. Colonel in the American army. “Jack”, our grandson from New Jersey, age 2, was the youngest.

Our Pastor was on hand to head us in a beautiful Grace of Thanksgiving. We had so much to be thankful for, piles of food. Son John and your scribe carved two golden brown turkeys.

“Your stuffed Scribe”

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner

No fund raising, just 3 enjoyable dinner parties with fellow Rotarians and their partners. You will host one dinner party and be hosted for two more.

The fun is that you will not know who you are hosting until you open the door and you will not know where you are going until I call you on the Saturday morning of the dinner.

This is a great opportunity for both new and seasoned Rotarians to get to know their fellow members better and to enjoy a social time.

The dates chosen for 2006 are as follows:

Saturday January 14, 2006
Saturday February 4, 2006 and
Saturday May 6, 2006.

Consult your diaries and your partners now and get registered for this fun time. Let's get more members signed up for this since there is lots of time to plan your schedule. I'd like you to sign up for all three dates but if you can't make all three, participate anyway. I'll figure things out.

. If you need more information, talk to me at meetings, call me or email me; davebuckley@cogeco.ca

Dave Buckley
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OUR BIG FAT GREEK COOKING LESSON!

A special evening of Rotary fellowship, food and fun ...in the Spectator's new GOCooking kitchen!

Wednesday, October 26, 2005, 7-9(ish)

Join our own Margarita Tsangarakis, chef and restaurateur, for an energetic cooking lesson and tasting session prepared exclusively for the Rotary Club of Hamilton. A GOCooking wine consultant will be on hand to provide wine pairing advice.

Sample and learn how to prepare Grecian shrimp, sweet peppers with feta, Mediterranean dips, meatballs in egg and lemon sauce, salad and dessert.

This event is open to Rotary Club of Hamilton members and guests. Space is limited to 24 participants, so please book early. Cost: \$53.50

Please make cheques payable to The Rotary Club of Hamilton and give to Cynthia Janzen prior to the event

Held at the Hamilton Spectator, 44 Frid Street. The Spectator's GOCooking Kitchen is located on the main floor. Free visitor parking, please enter at the front of the Hamilton Spectator building.



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Rotary Calendar of Events.

- 13-Oct **Darrell Skidmore** United Way
- 20-Oct Donna Cripps, St. Peter's:
Changes in Long Term Care
- 3-Nov Hits of the Blitz -
Remembrance Day Program

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