



The Ambassador

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District Governor's Visit

District Governor Rick Sterne met with the Board of Directors and addressed the club on Sept. 6.

Rick is especially impressed by this club's efforts in the area of literacy.

Rick invited everyone to attend the 7090 District Conference the weekend of Oct. 12 - 14 in Brantford. Our club will be hosting a hospitality suite.

During the meeting, Rick inducted new member Jordan Hambleton and presented Paul Harris Fellowships to Joan Heels and Trevor Pringle.

DG Rick's High five are:

- Let's have fun in Rotary;
- Think outside the Box;
- The three P's - people, programs, projects;
- Make the Rotary Foundation your charity of choice;
- Ask someone to join Rotary.



District Governor Rick Sterne, right, was on hand September 6 to induct new member Jordan Hambleton. Jordan was also welcomed by President Bob Munroe and Andrew Jubenville, Jordan's sponsor.

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Century of Service Gala Will Be Swingin'

The 2013 Gala Committee is delighted to announce that we have arranged to have entertainment at the Nov. 2, 2013 event provided by the Hamilton All Star Jazz Band Inc. (HASJB) led by our old friend Russ Weil.

The band and various musicians will provide background music during the cocktail reception and during dinner, as well as a 'Motown' band for the dance.

Entertainment may also be provided by HASJB at the Cathy Wever School Christmas Party on

Dec. 13 and at the Paul Harris dinner in February.

The HASJB has a fall and winter concert series at the Old Fire Hall in Ancaster.

Our club has the option of being highlighted at one of the fall concerts and one of the winter concerts (including meeting the entertainers and introducing them at the concert).

There is also the option of having a reserved table for

four at each of the two nights that our club is highlighted.

Please contact Lisa Legacy to reserve your tickets for this fabulous event!





Rotary Youth Exchange Program

Host Families Needed

The Youth Exchange committee is looking for host families for an exchange student who would arrive in Canada in late August 2013.

The recruitment process to select an outbound student takes place this fall. When the club sponsors an outbound student, it is expected that we will in turn host an inbound student. This is why it is imperative that we have host families in place shortly.

Following are a few pointers on hosting:

A student has three host families during the year – usually mid August to December, January to March, April to end of school year or July if the student goes on the cross Canada tour.

Treat the student as you would your own son/daughter not as a guest.

If you have planned a trip or other circumstances arise, there would be a back up family for that period of time. The student is also assigned a counsellor from our club who would be available to help if the need arises.

We would like the student to attend Hillfield Strathallen College. In the past the college has most generously donated a one year scholarship to our exchange student. This still has to be confirmed by the college.

Attendance for the student at most district events is mandatory; however, transportation to such events is arranged by District or local car pooling by clubs.

Host families, including any person living in the home over 18 years, must have a Vulnerable Police check. Our rotary club will reimburse any cost incurred for these checks.

An exchange student should not be a financial

burden to the host family. Your responsibility is to provide an additional plate of food at meal times. The club provides a small monthly allowance to the student as well as a monthly bus pass if needed.

I have attempted to answer just a few questions that you may have about hosting.

If you are able to help keep the Youth Exchange program alive in our club, please contact me for more information. You may also want to speak to Nancy Harkness or Mike Yamamoto as they have been the two most recent host families in our club.

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Through Service

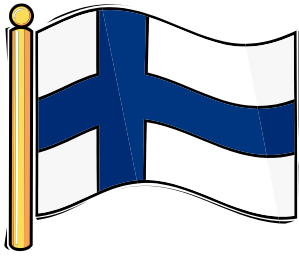
Sakuji Tanaka

Rotary International President
2012-13



Rotarians love interacting with our youth exchange students. Here Joan Heels visits African Lion Safari with Svenja Hucker from Germany.

Update from Finland



Jocelyn Cross is a student from Westmount Secondary School. She will be completing her Grade 12 after her year in Finland. Chelsea Crealock is her counsellor.

Hello! I figured you might appreciate a quick update of what's going on so far in Finland.

It's hard to believe that I've been here for almost a month - time is flying by so quickly. As soon as I got to Finland, I was at the language camp in Karkku for a week, which was a lot

of fun. Especially meeting all the other exchange students; I think there were about 150 or so of us.

School started in my second week. I'm taking five courses - English, French, Latin, Photography and History. I like school well enough, even though it is very different. It kind of reminds me of university in Canada, as the schedule changes each day depending on what courses you select, and you don't have each class every day. I'm excited too, because I might have a chance to go to Rome in the spring with my Latin class!

I'm also taking Finnish lessons, which start this Tuesday evening. My host dad said that once they start, that's all we'll be speaking,

which is good... although it should be interesting, to say the least. Right now, we are using mainly English, although both of my host parents take the time to point at random things and tell me what they are. Pronunciation is really difficult, I've found, when you're only repeating sounds rather than picturing them as words, so multiple times I've had to ask them to write it down so I could see how it was spelled.

I've been very busy outside of school, too. One Saturday, my host mom and I went to a Women's Walk around Oulu, which was a 7.5 km route around part of the city. I've also been to my host brother's hockey tournament, to an exhibition, to one Rotary

meeting (I have my next on Monday - I go every other week because it's during the school day), and to the Air Guitar World Championship.

Overall, it's been absolutely amazing so far, with promises to get even better.

Hopefully things are going well with you,

Jocelyn
Rotary International President
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Inner-City Youth Committee

The Inner City & Youth Initiatives Committee (ICYIC) is looking for new members.

This very active committee meets the second Thursday of each month from 8am till 9:30am.

The ICYIC Committee works on many projects and initiatives such as the annual Christmas lunch at Cathy Wever School, the Rotary Summer Literacy Program, the EarlyAct program at Queen Victoria School,

Adopt-a-Park and our involvement in the Wever Hub.

The committee is hands on and would like to invite Rotarians who are interested in working on projects that benefit children and inner city youth causes.

Please attend our next meeting on Oct. 11th at 8 a.m. at Dodsworth & Brown Funeral Home - Robinson Chapel (King Street at Wellington).

If you have any questions or would like further information, please contact Alex Moroz, Committee Chair, at amoroz@cogeco.ca

Mark Your Calendar!

Thursday, December 13 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. is the Cathy Wever Christmas Party. More than 700 children enjoy a wonderful holiday party at Cathy Wever Elementary School. Rotarians get in on the fun by helping serve a turkey dinner with all the trimmings to the children. It's a festive way to enjoy the holidays! New members in particular should try to attend - it's a wonderful way to find out about what your Rotary Club does.



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Rotary Board Meetings 2012/2013 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Tuesday, Oct. 9, 2012
Monday, Nov. 12, 2012
Monday, Dec. 10, 2012
Monday, Jan. 14, 2013
Monday, Feb. 11, 2013
Monday, Mar. 11, 2013
Monday, Apr. 8, 2013
Monday, May 13, 2013
Monday, June 10, 2013

Location of meetings:

Dodsworth & Brown
Robinson Chapel
15 West Ave. N.,
Hamilton, ON L8L 5B9

Your Sgt @ Arms is watching!

This is just a friendly SAA announcement for all members of our club.

As many of you are aware, it is our club policy that if an announcement/advertisement is made (either at our lunch meetings, over ClubRunner e-mail services, or generally to our club members) concerning a non-Rotary event or request, it is the SAA duty to charge the good member a \$10 fee per announcement/advertisement.

As your SAA, I am pleased to have you announce your non-Rotary events or to advertise to our club membership list as the \$10 fine will be put to our club's

good use for those in our community.

I just wanted to give everyone a "heads up" that I will be collecting from anyone who utilizes this great marketing tool to our membership. Of course, you will receive an income tax receipt for your \$10 donation

Kevin "10 Bucks" Anstee



President Bob Munroe hamming it up at SAA Kevin's expense.

Telling Tales



It was a beautiful day to catch up with old friends at Telling Tales on September 16. Past Assistant DG Anne Bermingham meets up with Past DG Karen Oakes and her husband Wolfgang Lindemann.

About the Newsletter

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Please send your business card as a jpeg file to the email above. The number of times each ad runs will depend on the number of ads received. Each ad will be run a minimum of twice.