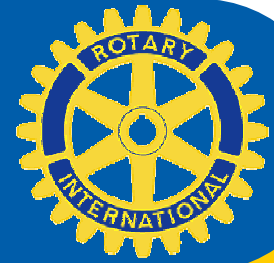


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Community Service Presentation

President Tony and Community Service Director Art made a cheque presentation to Craig Logue for the summer camp program at Broadview Community Youth Group.



April 9th Program

Last week two Rotarians from Whitby visited our club to talk about an employment program for mentally and physically challenged young people. Joe Dale, a new Rotarian, is looking after the program for Community Living Ontario. He is traveling around the district trying to encourage participation from Rotary clubs. Unfortunately the POD captain failed to appoint a recorder, so additional notes are not available. If you wish to contact Joe Dale, please call (905) 706-4348



Rotary SAS All Stars Program

This is a brand new program, established as a partnership between Rotary District 7070 and the Toronto Argonauts. Our district has subsequently invited the other Rotary Districts in Ontario to join the program



ROTARY SAS ALL-STARS

A partnership of
Districts 7010, 7070, 7080 and Toronto Argonauts



The **Rotary SAS All-Star Program** with our club's help, will put 2,000 lucky youth through Leadership Training Camp over the course of the next few months. The youth will be of high school age and will be selected on the basis of leadership potential. Each participant will attend one Argo home game and participate in a Leadership Training Camp. The program will include the game ticket, round-trip bus transport, T-Shirt, Playbook, Online Surveys, Speech by Argos Alumni, and Rogers Centre Tour. The youth will then be encouraged to follow up with programs and activities of their choice in their community.

All cultures need role models and leaders. Most of us agree that Rotary has a role to play in the development of youth, a responsibility that is critical in assisting with the development of leadership attitudes and skills in our young people. Many characteristics of gifted youth enable them to profit from leadership development. Those characteristics include the following:

The desire to be challenged.

The ability to solve problems creatively.

The ability to reason critically.

The ability to see new relationships.

Facility of verbal expression.

Flexibility in thought and action.

The ability to tolerate ambiguity.

The ability to motivate others.

These are the young people we need to support through the **Rotary SAS All Star** Program

Microfinance Conference

The District 7070 Microfinance Committee is conducting a conference on Saturday May 9, 2009 at Whistler's.

What Is Microfinance?

Microloans are used to help people living in poverty around the world start or expand a range of tiny businesses such as selling tortillas, delivering cell phone services to remote villages in developing countries, selling handmade jewelry and home repair businesses in Toronto. Eight out of ten borrowers worldwide are women with a remarkable 95% repayment rate.

Come and learn more about the most powerful, proven anti-poverty tool of our time and how you can be part of its success. Workshop speakers will present on examples from Canada and the developing world, advancements and advocacy, obstacles and opportunities. Learn about microfinance projects Rotary has supported throughout the developing world and how you can get involved.

Keynote Speaker

The keynote speaker and special guest will be Alex Counts, CEO of the Grameen Foundation, who will discuss the Grameen model, the work of Grameen Bank founder and Nobel Prize Laureate Muhammad Yunus, and microfinance as a platform for social change.

Program:

Workshop presenters include;

Opportunity International provides banking services and training to the entrepreneurial poor so they can work their way out of poverty

FINCA stands for the Foundation for International Community Assistance. Established in 1984, FINCA is best known for having pioneered the "Village Banking method"--one of the major forms of microcredit--and for leadership in microfinance overall.

Access Toronto through the ACCESS Community Capital Fund helps small and emerging businesses in Toronto to meet their need for credit by securing initial loans of up to \$5000

Ticket Details:

Date: Saturday May 9, 2009

Time: 8:00 am - 3:00 pm

Place: Whistler's 995 Broadview Avenue

Tickets: \$50 Full Day or \$30 Keynote Speaker Luncheon



Mariana Ponce and her children wave goodbye to Rotarian volunteer Julio Vilalta. She is rebuilding her life as a single mother selling soy products thanks to a Rotary microcredit loan.



This Honduran woman lost her home after Hurricane Mitch. A microcredit loan has her back in business selling plantains in San Juanito.



Thanks to a microcredit loan, Rita Baidya tends to her small farm to help support her family in Calcutta, India.

The Club Calendar

- Apr 16** **Luncheon Program - Uganda Microcredit Update**
Chris Kalema Organization for Good Life of the Marginalized (OGLM)
- Apr 18** **District Assembly**
BMO Institute For Learning (Pharmacy & Steeles)
- May 2** **Fontebonne Place Spring Cleanup**
Queen St E @ Strange (3 block east of Broadview) 9am –12pm
- Jun 20** **Variety Village Wheelchair Repair**
3701 Danforth Avenue Scarborough 9am –12pm
- Jul 1** **Toronto East Inaugural Canada Day Celebration**
Todmorden Mills
- Jul 29** **Double Blue(s) Patio Party - Whistler's Patio**
Kick off our Argo fundraiser with a party - live blues, Argo cheerleaders, lots of fun
- Aug 8** **Whistler's Golf Tournament**
Angus Glen - raising funds for Canadian Feed the Children
- Sept 24** **Toronto East Golf Tournament**
Sleepy Hollow Golf Course
- Oct 3** **Toronto East @ the Argos**
Our annual fundraising trip to the Argos - details to follow

RI & D7070 Calendar

- April** **Rotary Magazine Month**
www.rotary.org
- April 18** **District Assembly**
All members of TERC board and interested members BMO - IFL
- May 9** **Rotary/RESULTS Microfinance Conference**
8:00 am - 3:00 pm @ Whistler's <http://www.rotary7070.org/event.php?show=event&eid=496>
- May 24-29** **Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA)**
We need your help in nominating a candidate 19-22 years of age.
- Jun 21-24** **Rotary International Convention**
Details at www.rotary.org
- Sept 27** **District 7070 Rotary Foundation Challenge Walk**
CFB Trenton - full tour of the base
- Oct 16-19** **District Conference - Blue Mountain Collingwood**
Details at <http://www.rotary7070.org>



Fast facts about hunger

- One in seven people are undernourished worldwide.
- Hunger and malnutrition are greater risks to world health than AIDS, malaria, and tuberculosis combined.
- Children whose development is stunted by hunger and malnutrition earn 5-10 percent less over their lifetimes.
- More than 60 percent of people suffering from chronic hunger are women.
- Every six seconds, a child dies from hunger.

Data provided by the [United Nations World Food Programme](http://www.rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/Newsletters/Interactive/Pages/ridefault.aspx).

Rotarians are finding creative ways to combat hunger, as part of President DK's challenge for us to reduce child mortality. Check April Interactive for additional stories.

<http://www.rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/Newsletters/Interactive/Pages/ridefault.aspx>