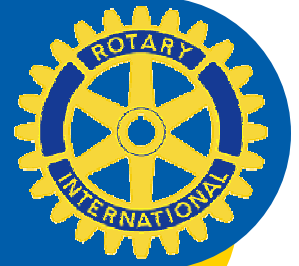


Toronto East Rotary Club



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December 10, 2009

December 3 Notes

Mike welcomed all to TERC's 22nd meeting in our 45th year.

Attendance: 19 members and 3 guests

Regrets: Elmar Moser, Ray White & Craig Logue (business pressures),

Guests: George Ganz (father of our guest speaker), Armando Calderon (guest of the club) and Cavel Hart Student Nutrition Culinary Coordinator - Food Share.



Mike Phelan introduced our guest speaker, Nick Ganz. Nick is a 16 year old student at Northern Secondary, currently in grade 11, a football player like his dad - a normal teenager in all respects. And yet last summer he spent time in Kenya, helping to build a school with other teens. The group was working with Free The Children

Free The Children empowers children in North America to take action to improve the lives of fellow children overseas. Their local leadership initiatives bring leadership and inspiration to tens of thousands of youth in the US and Canada. This particular project is one of many adopt a village programs run by Free The Children, that to date have brought over **500 schools** and **water projects** to communities around the world.

To attend the program, Nick had to raise over \$3000, which was raised doing part time jobs in his neighbourhood. The experience has left him with a wonderful new view of the world and a realization of the power of individual commitment. His experience has allowed him to inspire many others in his high school and we may well see a number of them return to Kenya with Nick.

Mr. Embrey did the honours in thanking this fine young man.



Bus Presentation

Oona Cass and Jim Hawtin attended the unveiling of the new bus presented to WoodGreen Community Services. The bus will provide transportation for seniors in the east Toronto area, shopping trips, doctors appointments, outings to visit family, etc.



Celebrations

No birthdays or anniversaries this week

Club Anniversaries

Oona Cass was inducted into Toronto East on Dec 12, 1996. Congratulations Oona on 13 years of service to the and the Toronto East area



Hellenic Hope Center

Initiated by Matt Matthews and proposed by the Service Projects committee, the club voted in favour of a \$2000 donation to the Hellenic Centre. The Center provides services to physically and mentally challenged adults. Our donation will be used to provide transportation for recreation and therapy outings for these individuals. Matt, Jeff Rayman and Rod Roblin will attend the center this week to make the official presentation. The vote was 82% in favour. No vote cast 18%



Last Call for Meal on Wheels Volunteers

Virginia would like to invite all members of the club and their families to participate in what has become a Toronto East tradition - delivering **Meals On Wheels** on December 25th. You work in pairs - 1 driver & 1 runner. The group assembles at 1170 Queen St East at 11 am and the visits take until 12:30 pm. If you are able to assist this year, please let Virginia know as soon as possible.

Important Dates

TERC

- Dec 10** **Nominating Committee Meeting** 11:30 am @ Whistlers
- Dec 10** **Paul Stapleton Induction & Wine Tasting** - with Gord Coutts of Masi Wines
- Dec 10** **Trevor Perry will attend to present a cheque for \$450 raised in last week's party**
- Dec 17** **Board Meeting** - 11 am Whistlers
- Dec 17** **Election of 2010-2011 Board of Directors**
- Dec 17** **Speaker TBA** - and a visit from the ladies from Fontebonne
- Dec 24** **No Meeting** - no excuses now... lots of time for those last minute shoppers
- Dec 25** **Meals On Wheels Delivery** - 1170 Queen Street East 11 am
- Dec 31** **No Meeting** - time to select those 2010 resolution that you will not keep.
- Jan 7** **First Meeting for 2010** - we'll check to see if anyone is adhering to their resolutions
- Jan 28** **Toronto Twilight Charter Night** - details to follow
- Feb 13** **No Sweetheart Required** - McNeil Room

District 7070

- Feb 13** **Rotary Foundation Grants Qualification Seminar** - Ramada (Victoria Park & 401)
- Feb 20** **President Elect Training Session** - Oshawa Golf Club 9 am
- Feb 13** **Rotary Foundation Grants Qualification Seminar** - Cobourg Best Western
- Mar 26-27** **Multi District PETS** - BMO IFL (Victoria Park & Steeles)
- Mar 28-29** **President Elect Trip to RI Headquarters in Evanston**
- May 8** **District Assembly** - board members should attend this 1/2 day assembly
- Oct 22-24** **District Conference** - Niagara Falls

Rotary International

Humanitarian Grants Cadre of Technical Advisers

The Humanitarian Grants Cadre of Technical Advisers is a registry of Rotarians willing to provide technical expertise to The Rotary Foundation and to Rotarians developing and implementing projects worldwide through Health, Hunger and Humanity (3-H) and Matching Grants. Cadre members volunteer to serve as technical reviewers and site monitors for projects in the following fields:

- Agriculture and food production
- Education and literacy
- Financial auditing
- Health
- Low-cost shelter
- Small businesses and revolving loans
- Water, sanitation, and environment

Technical reviewers write a review of the project but do not travel to the site. Site monitors conduct on-site project visits in Rotary districts other than their own, in areas where they are familiar with the language and culture of the assignment. Site visits generally last two to three days, and written reports are due within two weeks of the visit.

The Rotary Foundation provides cadre members with a per diem allowance and covers the cost of the lowest round-trip airfare through Rotary International Travel Service. Rotarians with expertise in one of the fields above are encouraged to register. The cadre is particularly in need of French, Portuguese, and Spanish speakers.

ShelterBox



ShelterBox tents sent to Burkina Faso are helping 5,000 people as they have been whose homes had been destroyed by torrential rain and flood water. A response team is currently in the country working closely with local authorities to complete the distribution of prepositioned aid.

Last Week to Save - Montreal Convention

Register before December 15th and save \$50. The convention next June will take place in Montreal and will provide an excellent opportunity for each of us to experience the wonderful world of Rotary. There is lots of information on the international website www.rotary.org, you can register on line or use the attached form. It promises to be a wonderful party and an inspiring 4 days.

Our Commitment



Not long ago, the world was paralyzed by the fear of polio. More than 125 countries were polio endemic, and thousands of families watched in anguish as the disease killed or crippled 1,000 people a day, most of them children.

In response to this suffering, Rotary began planning in the early 1980s for one of the most ambitious humanitarian programs ever undertaken by a private entity. In 1985, it launched PolioPlus, a multimillion-dollar initiative to immunize all the world's children against polio. Rotary's commitment was so great that the World Health Assembly resolved in 1988 to wipe out the disease that had killed and paralyzed for 5,000 years.

For the 20 years since, Rotary and its spearheading partners — the World Health Organization, UNICEF, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention — have worked tirelessly to rid the world of the wild poliovirus. Thanks to the generous support of Rotarians worldwide, Rotary has been able to contribute nearly US\$800 million to keep alive the dream of a polio-free world.

A promise to all children

