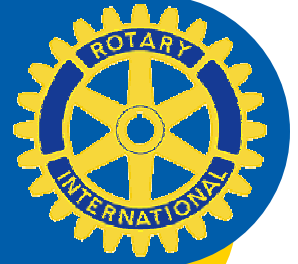


Toronto East Rotary Club



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October 22 2009

Meeting Notes from October 15, 2009

The meeting was ably chaired by Vice President **Steve Mastoras**

Guests this week included Rotarian Dinesh Sharma from District 3140 Mumbai. Dinesh was here to visit who son who was graduating from Shulich Business School.

VP Steve introduced his very good friend and cousin Leonidas (Leo) Loras visiting from Greece. Leo is a lawyer and the principal legal advisor for the municipality of Kifissia, an exclusive suburb of Athens.

Our guest speaker was joined by his wife Donna Dillman.

Our guest speaker Mike Nickerson has spent 35 years studying cultural evolution and communicating the sustainability message.

He has authored three books:

"Change the World I Want to Stay On" (1977),

"Planning for Seven Generations" (1993)

and, "Life, Money and Illusion; Living on Earth as if we want to stay," second edition recently published by New Society Publishers.

With Life, Money and Illusion in hand to provide details, Mike is on a speaking tour introducing the Question of Direction. He have been coast to coast in Canada twice and, last summer travelled through the US with the message. The Question of Direction Program encourages people toward changing the goal of increasing consumption, to one of sustaining long-term well-being while decreasing impacts on the planet and each other.

Mike contends that when, as a society, we wholeheartedly choose the new direction we will find ourselves moving toward a promising future.

Living an hour from Ottawa on 160 acres, Mike finds great satisfaction in his grandchildren. To support his studies and writing, he designs and builds custom furniture.



VP Steve & Rtn. Dinesh Sharma



PP Jack Embrey & Mike Hicks

Moved by Karen Somerville seconded by Bill Phelan

That we donate a size 6 Linda Lundstrom coat, valued at \$460 to the East York Rotary Club to be used in their television auction. [Approved - 73% in favour](#)

Moved by Brian Smith, seconded by Art Belanger

That we set aside up to \$500 for the purchase of ingredients to produce shepherds pie casseroles for a Queen St. homeless mission. [Approved - 73% in favour](#)

District Awards

Toronto East did very well at the District Conference, collecting a total of six awards.

1. Presidential Citation awarded by RI President DK Lee in recognition of our efforts last year to reduce child mortality and *Make Dreams Real* for the children of the world.
2. Membership Goals & Recognition Award awarded by RI President DK Lee in grateful appreciation for having met the recommended club membership development goals and achieving a minimum of 10% net increase in membership.
3. Recognition of Membership Development Initiatives Award presented by District 7070 recognizing our club for the development and implementation of a creative plan to support membership growth and for the organization of new a Rotary club - Toronto Twilight.
4. The Wally Large Trophy awarded by District 7070 to our club for attaining the highest percentage increase of membership growth during 2008/09.
5. RI Significant Achievement Award for our casserole program as it
 - addresses a significant problem - hunger and homelessness.
 - Involves most of the club members in personal service.
 - Is commensurate with the size of our club with our members putting in hundreds of hours of hands-on service
 - Enhances the image of Rotary in the community as we interact with Timothy Eaton Church and the Good Shepherd Refuge and we engage friends and family.
 - It is a project that has spread to other clubs and was repeated at the district conference
6. The Council of Past District Governors Trophy awarded to Virginia O'Reilly as the Rotarian of District 7070 who made the greatest service contribution during the 2008/09 Rotary year. Virginia became a Rotary Foundation Bequest member, a Paul Harris Fellow +4, served the club as secretary, conducted the literacy program on behalf of our club, was an Assistant Governor for four clubs and was the co-chair of the District Conference

Congratulations one and all!

World Polio Day - Oct 24, 2009

Rotary International is celebrating a major milestone reached in its global fundraising campaign to eradicate polio - nearly US\$100 million raised toward its US\$200 million challenge.

As part of a US\$355 million challenge grant awarded to Rotary by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Rotary clubs worldwide are aiming to raise a total of US\$200 million by 2012. The funding will provide critical support to polio eradication activities, including the distribution of a new, more effective bivalent polio vaccine that was recently approved for use in the coming months, for countries still battling the disease in parts of Africa and South Asia. Since 1985, eradicating polio worldwide has been Rotary's top philanthropic goal. In addition to the funds announced today, Rotary has contributed more than \$800 million and countless volunteer hours to the protection of more than two billion children in 122 countries.

Toronto Twilight Rotary Club

TTRC is holding a fundraiser for ShelterBox on Saturday November 7th at Central Restaurant located at 603 Markham Street in Mirvish Village. The evening will be a great success with our support, Tickets are \$20 each and can be obtained from Mike Phelan.

ShelterBox is a disaster response program run by Rotary Clubs and largely funded by Rotary Clubs. Additional info can be found at www.shelterbox.ca



Welcome Jacqueline



This week we have the great pleasure to officially welcome **Jacqueline Thomson** to Toronto East Rotary Club. Jacqueline is a financial advisor with Edward Jones
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Jacqueline was sponsored into membership by **Mary Moore**.

Member Celebrations

October

Louis Balkou celebrates a birthday on the 21st.

Jeff Harrison is currently 2/3 through the celebration of his birthday month. The official date is the 23rd.

Bill & Pat Phelan celebrate 62 years of marriage on the 25th.



Club Calendar

Oct 22 **Board Meeting**
11 am @ Whistlers - all welcome

Oct 31 **Casserole Day**
2 pm @ Timothy Eaton

Oct 22 **Luncheon - 12:30 p.m.**
Art Belanger

Dec 4 **Seniors Luncheon**
12 pm @ Variety Village

RI & D7070 Calendar

Oct 27 **PolioPlus Fundraiser**
Guest Speaker L.G. David Onley 6 pm in Oshawa

Nov 7 **TTRC ShelterBox Fundraiser**
<http://www.rotary7070.org/event.php?show=event&eid=497>

Nov 7 **Rotary SAS All Stars**
<http://www.rotary7070.org/event.php?show=event&eid=497>

Nov 14 **Rotary Leadership Institute - Loyalist College Belleville**
<http://www.rli-shiningwaters.org/Welcome.html>

Nov 14 **Microfinance Conference**
<http://www.microfinanceconference.ca/>

