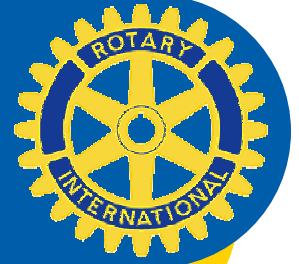


Toronto East Rotary Club



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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.



VP Steve & Rtn. Dinesh Sharma

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.



PP Jack Embrey & Mike Hicks

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

Meeting Notes from October 22, 2009



We had the great pleasure of inducting our newest member, **Jacqueline Thompson**. PP Jack did the honours in advising Jacqueline of some of the benefits and responsibilities of membership in Rotary and Toronto East. Mary Moore sponsored Jacqueline and we thank her for efforts on behalf of the membership team. The members assembled enthusiastically welcomed Jacqueline and we look forward to her input, thoughts and ideas going forward.



Something new in the induction process??

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, 0% opposed, 27% did not vote**

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, 0% opposed, 27% did not vote**

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!

Our speaker



Our speaker last week was **Art Belanger** giving a classification talk. Art spoke of his many years working in the chemical industry for a variety of firms, rising from laborer to plant manager. When he left that field, he joined Timothy Eaton Church as a sexton and once again started the ascent to his current position of property manager. In that capacity, Art has negotiated and supervised millions of dollars in renovation and repair to that stately old building and supervises all the maintenance staff.

Art was first introduced to Rotary by **Jack Embrey**. When the club was involved in running a Caravan pavilion in the late 70s, Art volunteered as a black jack dealer. In 1992 he was able to join the club as an active member and has served in many board capacities since then. Art runs our weekly bingo on Saturdays at the Kennedy Bingo hall.

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 \$15 each and can be obtained through Mike Phelan. The club has purchased 10 tickets for member's guests

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



PolioPlus Update



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.

Member Celebrations

October 31

Karen Somerville and Al Munn celebrate an anniversary.

Hope they have a spooktacular time



Club Calendar

Oct 31

Casserole Day

2 pm @ Timothy Eaton

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 Fundraisier

<http://www.rotary7070.org/event.php?show=event&eid=497>

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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>

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Microfinance Conference

<http://www.microfinanceconference.ca/>

