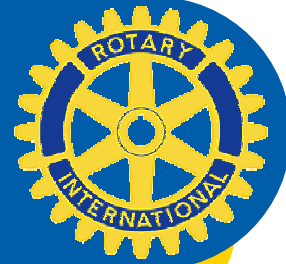


Toronto East Rotary Club



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Club News

The following projects were submitted by the Service Projects committee at the last luncheon. Approval was given by the quorum in attendance

Community Service Projects

Request for: Cash to purchase shrubs & trees

Location: Rotary Don Valley Eco Project **Budget:** \$1,500 **Submitted by:** Rtn. Jim Hawtin

TERC has been planting indigenous plant material in the Don Valley (behind Todmorden Mill) since 1991. The actual planting takes place in April and is done by local elementary school students. Jim Hawtin has coordinated the activity for our club and others in the district for many years. (Although not requested by Jim, the service projects committee would like to recommend that the TERC membership become more hands-on with this project.



Request for: Sports program for Middle School Children

Location: Bethany Church **Budget:** \$1,000 **Submitted by:** Rtn. Steve Mastoras

TERC has been asked to provide funding to purchase equipment and team sweaters for a youth program being run at Bethany Church.

Request for: WoodGreen Reading Circle Program Literacy Materials

Location: WoodGreen Community Services **Budget:** \$500 **Submitted by:** Rtn. Virginia O'Reilly

Virginia has run this program with friends and other 2 other Rotary clubs for a number of years. The request is to purchase books and small gifts to present to the children.

Request for: Soccer team sponsorship

Location: East York Soccer League **Budget:** \$1,000

Submitted by: Rtn. Karen Somerville Last year TERC sponsored children's soccer teams in this league – team sweaters and equipment. We are being asked to do so again for the 2010 season.



Request for: Wheelchair Parts

Location: Variety Village **Budget:** \$4,000

Submitted by: Rtn. Bill Phelan

For a number of years the members of TERC have attended Variety Village to repair and maintain sports wheelchairs. The requested funds allow us to purchase parts for those chairs.



Request for: Fontbonne cleanup

Location: Fontbonne Place **Budget:** \$1,000 **Submitted by:** Rtn. Rod Roblin

In 2000, Fontbonne Ministries established a facility on Queen St @ Booth. The facility nurtures the needs of the community, especially the homeless, alienated, economically poor and women at risk. At that time, TERC contributed to a garden / parkette at the front of the building and each year we provide a spring cleanup. The costs are normally minimal, but Rod feels we will need to do repair to the benches and other areas of the property.



March 4th cont..

Request for: BCYG Summer Camp

Location: Broadview Community Youth Group

Budget: \$4,000

Submitted by: Rtn. Craig Logue

The Broadview Community Youth Group (BCYG) provides affordable, entertaining and educational programs for youth aged 5-12 in East Toronto. We aim to be inclusive by providing subsidies to those families who need them, allowing kids from a wide variety of backgrounds to meet and have fun together.

Vocational Service



Request for: Rotary Youth Leadership Program

Location: District 7070

Budget:

\$850

Submitted by: Rtn. Virginia O'Reilly

The District 7070 RYLA program, "Leadership Begins With Me", provides an opportunity for young people age 19 - 23 to get to know themselves better and to cultivate the respect and trust of others. They are able to identify their own leadership skills and determine ways to make more effective use of their resources.

Their enthusiasm and technique is brought back to the community from which the participants were sponsored, and thus impacts on the young people being influenced by these youthful leaders. RYLA introduces a large number of young people and their families to the Rotary ideals of service each year. It helps bridge the communication gap between the generations and helps improve relationships among youth groups, families and the community. RYLA also has been instrumental in the formation of Rotaract clubs and complements all other Rotary youth activities.

Request for: TERC Community Service Scholarships

Location: TERC

Budget: \$4,000

Submitted by: Rtn. Virginia O'Reilly

Each year the club invests in post secondary education for young people in the community. The scholarships are competitive, open to graduating grade 12 students who are proceeding to post secondary facilities and are awarded based on contributions to the community.

World Community Service

Request for: PolioPlus Contribution

Location: TERC

Budget: \$3,000

Submitted by: Rtn. Mike Phelan

PolioPlus has been our signature project since 1985. At that time polio was endemic in 125 countries and affected 350,000 children every year. Today polio is endemic in only 4 countries and impacts approximately 1500 children a year. Our efforts to eradicate this disease require our ongoing financial support. At the present time we are raising money to match a Gates Foundation contribution of \$385 million. Every club in the world has been asked to raise \$6K. To date TERC has raised \$3K on this challenge

(Please note - most of this funding was raised by the 14 members who supported the recent Valentine's dinner and show)



Request for: Adult Diapers for San Michele Long Term Care Home

Location: South Africa

Budget: \$500

Submitted by: Rtn. Tony Matthews

There is a need for adult diapers at San Michele, which is a non-denominational home for mentally handicapped adults. TERC has supported this project in the past.

March 4th Luncheon



Our speaker last Thursday was Steve Brown, a member of the board of directors at Art City.

Art City is a not-for-profit organization committed to providing free and accessible art programs to the children of St. James Town. Art City in St. James Town opened its doors on December 2000 as a not-for-profit organization committed to providing after school art programs to children of elementary school age. The art programs are intended to foster creative thinking and nurture self-esteem and personal accomplishment. The studio is in a storefront space located beneath a high-rise apartment complex. It is highly visible and accessible. The space provides a safe non-discriminatory environment, dedicated to providing opportunities for the young people of St. James Town. We invite input and feedback from the parents,

caregivers and other community members that influence and participate in the everyday lives of these children.

Art City is registered as a charity with the Canada Revenue Agency. They rely on the support of the community to realize their mandate of promoting the development of creative thinking, problem solving, confidence and respect in the young people in St. James Town through free art programs.

<http://www.artcitytoronto.ca>

About St. James Town

St. James Town is the largest high-rise community in Canada. It consists of 19 high-rise buildings (14 to 32 stories). These massive residential towers were built in the 1960s. Approximately 17,000 people live in the neighbourhood's 19 apartment towers, making it Canada's most densely populated community, and one of the most densely populated neighbourhoods anywhere in North America.



Our Guests

Jim Parker & Alex Bisset from Bethany United Church receive a cheque for their basketball program.



Visiting Rotarian Marshall Green is welcomed by Sgt at Arms Matt. Marshall is with the Barrie Rotary Club.

Michelle Lydon and Andrew James were also with us last week.

Rotary Peace Fellowship

Applications are being sought for the 2011-2013 Rotary Peace Fellowship program at one of the 6 Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution. The application and a list of suggestions on where suitable applicants may be found is available on the district website

<http://www.rotary7070.org/news.php?show=news&nid=404>

All applications are sent to Lynn Bird, District 7070 Chair for the Rotary Peace Programs,

klbird@hotmail.com by May 1st.