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CLUB 90 -- MONDAY, NOON, UNION CLUB OF B.C. -- DOWNTOWN at 805 GORDON STREET

Program for Meeting Number 4743 -- December 10, 2007.

Greater Victoria Chamber of Commerce

HOST: Terry Jones

BIRTHDAYS: Dec. 09 to Dec. 15

FUTURE PROGRAMS

Dec. 17 - Club 90 Christmas Luncheon

Bess Noble Dec. 09

Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve



Dec. 31 - New Year's Eve

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ROTARY CLUB 90 DISTRICT 5020



Meeting of December 03, 2007

With about three weeks until Christmas, weather was the main topic as members of the Rotary Club of Victoria assembled at the Union Club once again. The region had seen a cycle of warm temperatures to cold with snow (and wind) then back to warm (and wet).

Ahead of members' arrival came Gordon Greeniaus with an inventory of new membership rosters, Peter Norman with tickets for the Christmas luncheon, together with those putting Shelterbox and information about the Rotary Foundation on each of the tables.

Dirk Maasland was at the piano, with the assembly of Rotary Singers around him under the direction of Dave Perry. When all was ready, those to be seated at the head table paraded into the dining hall to the singing of the Smile song, Oh Canada was sung, followed by the Invocation.

Prior to President Terry Toone calling the meeting to order, Secretary Stu McGowan announced that our exchange student Daniel was experiencing some successes as a member of a curling team. And it was Daniel who was called upon to introduce the two visiting Rotarians and one guest after the meeting had been called to order and those seated at the head table had been introduced.

Then it was down to business with Larry Rittenhouse, who could not resist starting off with a humorous story before introducing past district governor and current District Foundation Chair Joan Firkins.

Joan had a considerable amount of subject matter to cover, and had a "power point" presentation to speed the presentation along. It was obvious that every month is Foundation month for her, not just November. And it goes without saying that the demands on Foundation funds are growing. She reviewed the goals and achievements in terms of Foundation giving in the previous year, (such as the per



capita goal of \$125 per member exceeded by 7%) before highlighting the current year's goals and how the District and Club 90 are doing to date.

Joan also gave us an update on PolioPlus, noting the previous week's big announcement of support from the Bill & Linda Gates Foundation. Our guest speaker also managed to fit in the telling of her own experiences visiting Africa, specifically Ethiopia. She advised that anyone else considering taking the trip to keep in mind that whatever money you take, you'll give away.

Then it was time for some presentations. Norm Bradshaw was acknowledged as a multiple Paul Harris Fellow, John Ratel with Mickey Hajash presented as Benefactors, and Mickey additionally gaining Level I in the Paul Harris Society. President Terry was inspired to pass along a donation so as to remain a Sustaining PHF member.

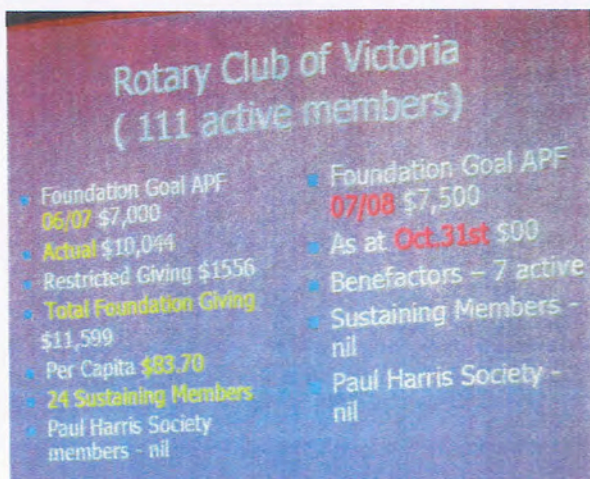


Paul Harris Fellow Presentations

Peter Norman, still wearing a Santa hat, reminded all that tickets for the Christmas Luncheon on December 17 must be pre-purchased.

The Building Bucks were won once again by Gerald Marks, there were three members with birthdays prompting the singing of HAPPY BIRTHDAY, which brought the meeting to Graham Isenegger who commented that he's "always so tickled over the response from members" when announced as the Director of Recognition.

The meeting was adjourned with the singing of GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.



Nominations for 5020 District Governor

It is the time of year again when nominations are requested for the position of District Governor - this year, for the Rotary year 2010-2011. District 5020 has a history of selecting well-qualified candidates from clubs on both sides of our border and I know that this year will be no exception. Here is a small sample of the attributes and qualifications necessary to be a District Governor:

- individual must have completed 7 years of Rotary membership at the time of taking office of District Governor.
- be a member in good standing of a club in the District.
- have served as "President of a club for a full term or be a charter president of a club having served the full term from the date of the charter to 30 June, provided that this period is for at least six months".
- must possess the esteem and confidence of their own club.
- must be an individual that has their business or professional work so well organized that they can give the time necessary to carry out Rotary work.
- have a thorough knowledge of Rotary, its purposes, Object and constitutional documents, and be a Rotarian of recognized loyalty to RI.
- be a person whose integrity and the conduct of their immediate family is beyond reproach.

It is imperative that nominations be solicited immediately and, upon obtaining the consent of the individual, the name be forwarded to myself by the Club President, by email, confirming that the individual has agreed to let their name stand.

Please note **the deadline for nominations is January 1, 2008.**

Many thanks for your assistance with this important matter ~

Joan Firkins
District Nominating Committee Chair 2007-08

ROTARY'S HIDDEN GEMS

Rotary Fellowships/ Action Groups: Part of R.I.'s Global Networking Groups, with Fellowships geared towards recreation or a vocation while Action Groups focus on a specific project.

Rotary Scholarships: Ambassadorial Scholars further international understanding while the Peace program works at dispute resolution.

Rotary Volunteers: Encourages Rotarians to involve themselves in hands-on projects putting their vocational skills to work.

Rotarians for Hearing: This is of particular interest to the current D-G of 5020, Norm Watts.

Friendship Exchanges: Geared to Rotarians and their families but also happen at a district level.

The Rotary Foundation of R.I. Programs

PolioPlus	3 - H Grants	Group Study Ex.
Matching Grants	District Simplified Grants	Disaster Recovery
Individual Grants	Solidarity in South Asia	Ambassadorial Scholars
Grants for University Teachers		Peace Fellowships

REMINDER

Members receive 200 points towards a Paul Harris Fellowship by enrolling a new member into the Club.



Nominations For Club 90 Directors

The following members have agreed to let their names stand as candidates for election to the Board of Directors for the years 2008 and 2009.

Ed Boomars

Mark Ford

Sarina Hoi

Alex MacKenzie

Duncan MacKenzie

Ross Noble

The election will be held on Dec 17th.

CONFERENCES / CONVENTIONS

District Assembly February 23 – 24, 2008
Victoria, B.C.

District Conference May 29 – June 01, 2008
Parksville, B.C.

R.I. Convention June 15 – 18, 2008
Los Angeles, California

Early registration deadline: December 15, 2007.

FOUNDATION CONTRIBUTIONS

A reminder from Keith Walker and Larry Rittenhouse that the 30% bonus is currently in effect for contributions to the Rotary International Foundation.

SHELTERBOX FUND-RAISER – Nanaimo North Rotary
120 Calendars = One Shelterbox

In the world of "triple bottom line economics" this project qualifies as it promotes Rotary, supports the artist community on Vancouver Island, and helps with disaster relief internationally.

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OPINIONS

"Bigamy is having one wife/husband too many.
Monogamy is the same. -- Oscar Wilde

"If life was fair, Elvis would be alive and the impersonators would be dead." -- Johnny Carson

"Relationships are hard. It's like a full time job, and we should treat it like one. If your significant other wants to leave you, they should give two weeks notice. There should be severance pay, and the day before they leave you they should have to find you a temp." -- Bob Ettinger

From Patricia M. Crossley --- Ethiopia: Part 2

After completing our share of the polio vaccinations in and around Addis Ababa, the group of Rotarians left for various destinations. Some took a safari to Kenya, some to Northern Uganda (where they did manage to see gorillas as well as visit a project in Lord's Resistance Army territory), and some to specific projects in South Africa and Mali. Rod and I stayed in Ethiopia and began a tour of some of the historic sites north of Addis.

The Horn of Africa is a region of the world with one of the longest records of human habitation. Civilizations have mingled to provide a rich historic and cultural experience. Our first leg was a flight to Bahr Dar. We made the mistake of not reconfirming our flight and, although we were at the airport at first light and before the check in desk opened, by the time we reached it, the flight was full. Fortunately there was another 30 minutes later. We reconfirmed for future flights!

The city of Bahr Dar is on Lake Tana and the source of the Blue Nile. Since we had visited the source of the White Nile at Jinja in Uganda, this completed the picture of this most important river. Lake Tana is considered the source of the Abay (father of rivers) although Ethiopians prefer to honour the sacred springs in the Mountains of Sekela as the true source. The lake holds over 30 islands and 20 monasteries some dating back to the 13th century. Most of the islands remain inaccessible and unexplored, but we were able to visit one church where outsiders (especially women) are allowed. This particular island was rich in wild coffee which led to the settlement of villagers, driving out the hermit monks but leaving the church still active. This church has an illuminated copy of the Bible on vellum which dates from the 7th or 8th century.

Our hotel in Bahr Dar had seen better days, although it was clean and reasonably comfortable. We found a replica of this hotel (albeit with a different colour scheme for decorations) at our next stop, Gondar, after travelling about three hours on a good road through magnificent scenery.

From the end of the 13th century there was no national capital since emperors had to keep on the move to safeguard their empire and to ensure allegiance. Beginning around the 16th century, Ethiopia (Abyssinia) enjoyed a period of about 200 years of relative peace. This allowed an expansion of architecture, art, music and literature. Turkish baths, swimming pools and extravagant ceremonies flourished. In 1636 the Emperor founded Gondar and began to build magnificent castles with turrets, battlements and towers. Succeeding emperors added new ones. There are now some eleven castles and related buildings in Gondar.

From Gondar we flew to Lalibela, the site of many rock churches. In Ethiopia there are over 50 areas where rock churches can be found but Lalibela has the highest concentration. They have lighting systems of openings in the walls, water channels and a network of interconnected subterranean passages.

King Lalibela who built most of them, is said to have taken 24 years in construction of three different kinds of church. The built up cave churches are carved inside a natural cave. Then there are the rock hewn cave churches, carved inwards from a cliff face and making use of or widening an already existing cave. Then there are the rock hewn monolithic churches, hollowed in the ground, cut out in one piece from the rock and separated from it all round by a trench. All the churches are still in regular use and are richly decorated with carvings and wall paintings.

We had two excursions outside Lalibela which is at 2,300 m (about 7,500 feet). Starting early, we climbed a neighbouring slope by mule until the animals could go no further on the stony and narrow track. We continued on foot for at least another 300 metres (1,000 ft) to a plateau. The view from there was magnificent with sharp peaks, deep gorges and small plantations wherever there was a piece of flatter ground. We could see for miles. Descending the track was quite an experience since it was steep and covered with shale with a steep drop on one side! However, we, our guides and our mules arrived safely down.

On another day we drove about 45 km to a remote village with a built up cave church. There we saw some of the poverty of the rural people. Blind and crippled women lined the path and we were able, through our guide to give them a small amount of money to share. When we returned to Addis, we left some money in the name of Victoria Rotary Club with one of the Rotarians who promised to find the boy, bring him to the city for assessment and try to provide him with therapy and braces. We hope he might even be able to go to the Cheshire Home which operates on young polio victims and provides braces, wheel chairs and boots.

We have been back in Kenya for a couple of weeks now and are immersed in our workshops, computer training and water projects.

Travel to the R.I. Convention in Los Angeles, June 2008

Rotary District 5020 has established a group package price for travel by Amtrak ("The Rotary Express") from Tacoma to LA and return. This group rate is for 20 or more on Train 11 to and from these stations. The details are as follows:

Departing Tacoma Amtrak (Dome Station) on

Jun 11 -10:31 AM. Arriving Los Angeles June 12 at 9:00 PM

Returning to Tacoma Amtrak (Dome Station) on

June 19 leaving LA Union Station at 10:15 AM; arrive Tacoma June 20 at 7:15 PM

Return fare is \$387.00 with all meals and sleeping included, based on double occupancy in a roomette.

Arrangements are available for Rotarians traveling to Tacoma with one night stay in Tacoma before and after rail travel with provision to leave a car. Each overnight can be booked for \$86 + tax at La Quinta Inn in Tacoma (very near the Dome Stadium Amtrak departure point).

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