



Tamami With Grace

Tamami learned one lesson quickly about Canadians. We speak differently, but feel and act the same as the Japanese.

Since coming to the RCNS ten months ago, Tamami has delighted many people in our community and our club. She has grown personally in many ways, and has achieved her goals of learning to speak the English language and to understand the Canadian culture.

The Boerkamp's were Tamami's first Canadian family,

and Mark & Charlotte her Mom & Dad. Mark's loud manner gave her energy. Tamami learned two phrases in English: "Not yet" and "Boy, am I ever thirsty." Charlotte tried cooking Japanese food. Tamami really felt good watching a Japanese TV show with Charlotte on Sunday mornings. She felt very close to Tasha, her first Canadian sister. When Charlotte was hospitalized, Tamami helped with cooking and chores around home. In all, she really felt like part of the Boerkamp family.

While at Dave & Brenda Bradshaw's home, Tamami experienced a fascinating Canadian Christmas. She learned about Christian religious practices, including grace before each meal.

While with Gary & Gail Walker's family, Tamami appreciated having a younger brother, Owen. She has an older brother in her own family, but she and Owen played together a lot. While in Vermont during March Break, she learned a new sport – snowboarding.

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Director's Drivel - or Not

By Sue O'Dwyer

Highlights of the May 30th Director's Meeting:

1. A significant amount of time was spent discussing the **Norfolk General Hospital fundraising request**. A suggestion has been made to the club to commit to funding \$20,000 per year for 5 years for a total contribution of \$100,000. This is a major request, especially considering that our budgeted fundraising for the current year is \$23,800 and this budget was based on past history.

The consensus of the Directors is that we must **survey the club members to determine the will of the club** on this issue. Accordingly, at the June 5th meeting a survey form will be distributed to all members present. The form will also be mailed to members not in attendance along with their "we missed you letter".

It is critical that all members provide feedback, not just a vocal few. Please refer to the editorial in the Oct 20, 2000 edition of The Sunriser "Members Want More Say". I quote

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There is support for providing some funding to the Hospital Campaign as evidenced by directing the Cigar Night proceeds to the Hospital. However, is it the will of the club to make a one-time donation, \$20,000 per year for 5 years, or something in between. The options are many and could include a smaller

amount over a longer time frame or a fixed % of actual fundraised dollars, etc.

All ideas and comments are welcomed. Please give some thought to this issue and be prepared to document your recommendations, concerns, ideas, suggestions, etc on the survey. Your comments can be anonymous.

2. Keith Jones attended the meeting to advise of an opportunity he had only recently learned of regarding a Lynnwood function. Details are sketchy but Keith said he would have more details to present to the appropriate committees at the June 5th meeting.

3. **Harley raffle approved** to proceed.

4. Membership - due to employment demands, Dan Barker will not be returning. However, on a brighter note, **welcome back to Stella Galloway**. Remember Steve and Dave's membership challenge. The June 24th picnic would be a great event to introduce new members to Rotary, especially with the 3 Norfolk clubs participating.

5. Other - lots of administrative stuff and won't bore you with the details other than to quote Jerry Seinfeld "Yadda Yadda Yadda".

6. Action Jackson thought we should give this column another name to give it more dignity. Some initial suggestions were: Sue's News, Sue's Nue's, Sue's ya Lose, Bridget's Briefs, Board Briefs, Director's Droppings, Board Bites, Tweety's Twitter. We're sure the creative geniuses in the club can come up with many more.

Community & Environment Concerns

Expenditures to June 5th

Doris' Corner	\$ 500
Children's Aid Society (Fresh Air Fund)	\$ 2500
Upper Deck Youth Centre	\$ 2500
Simcoe Co-op Preschool	\$ 500
Simcoe Gliders Gymnastics Club	\$ 500
Norfolk Youth Basketball Assoc.	\$ 700
South School Breakfast Programme	\$ 1000
Young Theatre Players	\$ 990
GED School Board (Norfolk County Fair)	\$ 1200
Waterford Public School (W.F.Hewitt)	\$ 1241
Bird Studies Canada	\$ 500
Children's Aid Society Christmas Party	\$ 2000
Simcoe Women's Shelter	\$ 200
Norview Lodge	\$ 5000
Senior Support Services	\$ 1000
St. James United Church Youth Group	\$ 1000
Lynnwood Arts (Art Soup Project)	\$ 500
Simcoe Firefighters Association	\$ 425
Funds allocated and not spent	\$ 3800
Total funds allocated in 2000	\$ 26,166

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Tamami's current stay is with Ron & Yvonne DiPietro. "Ron asks a lot of questions," she told us. "We argue a lot." Ron challenged Tamami about a trait she considered a weakness before coming to Canada. Tamami claimed that a weakness she wanted to improve was her selfish personality. Ron disagreed that she is selfish – apparently Tamami has been successful in her goal.

Drama and music are memorable elements of Tamami's high school experience in Norfolk. She really enjoyed jazz dance lessons with the Mereweather girls too. Last fall at a Rotary meeting, Lucine presented a pair of dancing slippers to Tamami on the occasion of her birthday. She put those slippers to good use, and we're all welcome to attend the dance recital on June 27th.

Tamami commented warmly about our Rotary Club, and how much she enjoyed our events and meetings. "Rotary meetings in Japan are very strict," she noted, in comparison to ours.

Finishing her presentation with a traditional Japanese dance, Tamami left with us a lasting impression of her grace, her delightful personality, and the Japanese culture. We'll all be very sad to see Tamami leave.

Thanks, Tamami, for sharing your life with us.



Think Welshpool

By Dave Douglas

When the Welshpool team visits Waterford in October, Rotarian Dr. Chris Townsend and his wife, a nurse, will be in Waterford. Dr. Perris has agreed to host them, but since Dr. Perris works strange hours she cannot supply evening meals. She can host bed and breakfast only. **Please consider picking up the Townsend's for one or more dinner (evening) meals**, and returning them to Waterford. It's not too early to begin planning for our fall exchange. With any questions or offers, please call David Douglas at 443-4215.

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District Newsletter

The May issue of *The Pathfinder* is now posted on the District 7090 website. Please visit <http://www.rotarydistrict7090.org/>. There are several interesting articles, but of particular interest to some is the updated District Directory that shows changes in officers, addresses, phone numbers, etc.

Changeover Meeting June 19th

On this date there is no morning meeting. Please make sure you have notified someone (Susan Thompson?) that you are attending and whether you are bringing a guest.

Donna's Rath

You really don't want Donna on your case. Get those tickets sold - or pay up!