



# ROTARY CLUB OF *Norfolk Sunrise*

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## Front Page Sunrise News: RCNS members in the News



*'You don't communicate with guns . . . You communicate by building homes and providing ground water and hospitals'.*

*Charter RCNS member  
John Race*

*Editor's note – In addition to making front-page news in Norfolk County the news about member John Race's donation was also carried on CBC National news - radio and television.*

### **Simcoe man donates \$10,000 to school in Afghanistan**

Daniel Pearce - SIMCOE REFORMER

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The Simcoe Reformer — What can \$10,000 buy in Afghanistan?

A little bit of peace, Simcoe businessman John Race hopes.

Last spring, the 80-year-old wrote to Gen. Rick Hillier, Canada's top military official, offering to help the forces' campaign in Afghanistan with a donation of \$10,000.

That gift has gone through army hands and into the hands of Afghans south of Kandahar City, an area that is too dangerous for non-governmental organizations (NGO) to go thanks to Taliban forces and militants. There it was used to refit a school with new desks, furniture, papers, pens, and crayons.

Now 350 students attend a school where months ago only one-quarter of the classrooms were usable.

"Afghanistan has been under hell for 35 years," Race said. "They don't know what peace is, what health clinics are, what schools are, and they need it."

But by donating, Race said he is also helping Canadian troops look good in the eyes of the people they're trying to help.

"It's so important we support our troops. I feel our country as a whole has been a little bit negligent," Race said from his Queensway West office.

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## Spookhouse 2006:

### Pirates of Waterford - Pumpkin Head's Chest"

Sue O'Dwyer and Paul Zorad want to remind everyone that Spookhouse 2006 – The Pirates of Waterford is underway again. The annual Spookhouse Dinner will be held on September 17 at the Spruce Row Museum 6pm. See the weekly update for more information.




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## International News: Project Guatemala – News from David Alvarez

*Editor's Note –the following is derived from an email received from David Alvarez, our contact and project coordinator of Project Guatemala.*

Friends,

In the last few days I've been enjoying the love of God and all that he done for us. Please let me share with you why:

### Computer Project

This month was very special for this project, as you know we are working to improve our computer lab. We received some help from Two River Church, Carolyn Sperman and Sunrise Rotary Club in Canada for this. In just one week, we will complete the project. In all, we have had to build the area, buy computers, buy desks, and install high speed Internet.

### Feeding Program

We received the donation from Food for the Hungry to give each kid a hygiene bag.

We have kept up with our breakfast and our paint class

### Church

We had a great retreat for all the members, we went to a Christian camp on the Caribbean about 8 hours drive, but was wonderful and blessed.

God was grateful with us as we had a perfect time to enjoy his will for us and his wonderful creation.

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*Top: A picture of the new computer lab in Guatemala*

*Bottom: a church gathering/retreat*



## This past month at Norfolk Sunrise

September saw presentations from:

September 5: **Chris Fowler**, the program director and a co-founder of the organization National Service Dogs. Chris gave a very interesting presentation on the work his organization does to provide service dogs to work with and become companions for autistic children. More information @ <http://www.nsd.on.ca/>

September 11 Club Assembly ably facilitated by **Diane Cloutier**

September 19: **Wayne Ettinger**, president and CEO of the Trillium Railway Co. gave an excellent presentation on the establishment and current operation of the railway. The railway operates the Port Colbourne Harbour Railway (PCHR) in the Niagara Region and the St. Thomas & Eastern Railway between St. Thomas and Delhi.

September 26: **Jamie Shurr** gave his classification talk. By all accounts Jamie has lived a very exciting and committed life up to this point. We are thankful to have him on board at RCNS.



*Jamie Shurr explaining one of his many adventures during his Classification talk*



*Wayne Ettinger, president and CEO of the Trillium Railway Co. at the RCNS meeting September 19.*



*Chris Fowler, (centre) co-founder of National Service Dogs with a foster family and trainee.*

## RCNS Orientation School Held @ SCS

School marm **Mrs. Sue Thompson** held a RCNS orientation session at Simcoe Composite School on September 25 @ 7pm. Unfortunately the photos were overexposed; there are only memories of her spectacular appearance. Also teaching that evening were **Mr. Keith Jones** – who held court on Policies & Practices and **Mr. Jeff Mereweather** – who coached the eager young recruits on the importance of participation! All in attendance were left well informed and thankful when school was let out on that day!

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But one person I don't want to lose the opportunity to share with you is Koki, he is one of the most important members of the gang that God has let us work with. Please pray for Koki and his wife and family.

### Construction

We have finished the classroom area on the second floor; we are now working to finish the restroom area.

### Stan Homes

On October 23 we will officially open the King Express neighborhood. This is the end of one of my largest project this year. All are welcome to attend the opening

### Maine Trip

A church in Portland Maine has invited me to present to them some of projects we have undertaken. I will there from September 20 to October 4, 2006. I will be seeing some of my others friends at that time as well: Dr. Douglas Brown, Pastor Dorian Wayne and Ralph Merrill, and of course my host Sean Flaters Please pray that this trip will bring Fabiola (my wife) and myself new energy and more help for this ministry that God has given us.

Sincerely,  
David Alvarez



## Dates to Remember

**Spookhouse Annual Opening Night Dinner October 17** (replaces Tuesday morning meeting) @ Spruce Row Museum, Waterford, 7 pm.

**2006 District 7090 Foundation Dinner, the evening of Friday November 3rd**, at Salvatore's Italian Gardens Restaurant, Buffalo

**Coats for Kids distribution day November 11<sup>th</sup>** at First Baptist Church, Simcoe

## Links & Email

The monthly Rotary District 7090 Newsletter is at: [www.District7090.org](http://www.District7090.org)

Our club's website is here: <http://www.norfolksunrise.org>