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## NEW MEMBERS INDUCTED

Georgia Atkinson (sponsored by Mark Boerkamp), Cathy Harrop (sponsored by Tim Smith), Christine McCoy and Jenni Mudge -Winters (sponsored by Sue Thompson) were all inducted at the Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. Keith Flexman did the honours, reminding us all that Paul Harris, Rotary's founder, was the only Rotarian who was not invited to a Rotary meeting. To invite a friend or business acquaintance to a Rotary meeting is a simple thing to do. As Dave Murphy stated before breakfast, "Just appreciate what you've accomplished by being here today. If you get nothing else done on your "to do" list today, go home tonight and just be grateful that you've already accomplished a great thing, showing up this morning at this meeting, and being ready to serve your community." At the conclusion of the induction ceremony, club members filed by to warmly greet our newest members. Congratulations to all, and welcome aboard.





## OUT OF AFRICA

John Race, Alan Plater, Jim Peters and his companion Linda, and Dave Bradshaw are probably holding babes in arms as we read this newsletter. We should be very proud that we have so many members who will step up to the plate and go out on these international missions. Nigeria is celebrating 40 years of Rotary, and as it struggles with civil unrest, the ideals of Rotary are still held very high. I had the opportunity to call and speak with almost every one of the team before they flew out, and you could hear the excitement in their voices. We look forward to having them back, and are eager to hear their reports and stories.

## G'DAY MATE!

It's nearly time for our Australian exchange student, Sandy to arrive. He'll touch down on Jan. 20<sup>th</sup>, and be whisked away to Sue and Bob Thompson's for the first part of his stay. Sandy will be attending high school in Delhi, and according to Sue, it sounds like he's in for a great Canadian experience right off the bat. We'll have an opportunity to greet Sandy in early February at Sue and Bob's home. Watch for details.

**DISTRICT 7090 NEWSLETTER:** This is a great way to keep informed about what's happening in our district. See this info at [www.rotarydistrict7090.org](http://www.rotarydistrict7090.org)

## WORLD COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT

The committee is working hard in co-operation with Dr. Sumie Peeris to get involved in this project. The project deals with children with congenital heart disease. The cost is approx. \$10K per child, which covers travel from their homeland, medical and living expenses. Normally, the family billets with Rotarians. This year, one child is waiting, while one has already had the surgery. Both are from the Phillipines. It has

run for many years in Buffalo and London, but currently is suspended, as no surgical teams are available. All operations now take place at Sick Kids' in T.O.

The committee has budgeted \$1000 for a contribution to this program, which was approved through the budget process. At this point, the committee will now bring the motion to the club.

## EDITOR'S REFLECTIONS

More than ever, as life speeds by, and we're almost into the back half of January, we need to take time to evaluate our goals, our direction and our purpose as individuals and as a club. Take a few moments to re-evaluate your priorities, make some decisions to clean up those sloppy details that have bogged you down, delegate or delete those unnecessary things in your life (mental or physical) that keep getting in your way. As Maya Angelou, famous author, states in her no - nonsense fashion: "If you don't like something, change it. If you can't change it, change your attitude. Don't complain." I would just add "Be grateful for adversity. It is a very powerful teacher." Strive to be a hero in your life, however you may personally define that concept. Remember that to inspire is to be "in spirit". Think about that for a while, and God Bless you all as we face the new challenges and opportunities for service this New Year.

## CLUB VOTE YES!

After a brief discussion, club members who were present on Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> voted in favour of taking on the Ticket Sales Challenge for the spring shows which Dr. Ray Danly and his cast will be presenting at Lighthouse Theatre on May 4 /02. The profit is ours to earn. Deena offered Scotiabank as a ticket outlet, in which case any ticket revenue generated there will be matched by Scotiabank community dollars. We're hopeful to make the Saturday evening performance a fun fellowship event, and tie it in with some food and frolic at Judy's new digs, Cap'n Billy's restaurant. Watch for further details in an upcoming SUNRISER.



## THE HUMAN EXPERIENCE...

For those Rotarians who had the pleasure of meeting the Chinese, you will know some of the pleasure that we experienced. To all others, you missed a very worldly experience.

Bob and I attended the meeting at SCS where Carolyn Wiens had spoken of her experience with How. John Wallace had suggested that others should attend the gathering at St. Paul's parish in Port Dover on the following Saturday. Having been a host of Lenard, the leader of the Group Exchange from Holland, we felt that this would be a valuable experience.

On Saturday, we busily prepared to go to Port Dover and after several delays we set forth and arrived at about 1:30 P.M. We sat at the table that had Ken a vice principal from Sengen (not the correct spelling). After a brief conversation, while battling the noise from the crowd, Bob suggested that we go golfing. Ken insisted that we take the other 3 cottage members (Thomas, Ruth and Linda) with us, so we packed them off to their cottage and they changed their clothes for golf. We teed off at Delhi Golf and Country Club, Bob and I chuckled at their attempts and the laughter that followed. They were like a bunch of young children opening gifts at Christmas. You cannot imagine the pleasure that emerged from this new experience. We managed to get 2 holes in before dark and they were very thankful that we had offered this gift.

They insisted that we have dinner with them at their cottage and have an authentic Chinese meal. The meal consisted of Julienne potatoes cooked in ginger, garlic and oil, scrambled eggs and tomatoes, fish, pork, chicken and white rice plus lettuce boiled for a very short time. It was a fantastic eating experience. We had eaten at Yin's the night before and it paled in comparison. A hearty round of hugs completed the evening, a custom that they are not used to. The next night we invited them to our house for supper. We added How and Bonnie to the original 4. Our meal consisted of curried chicken, roast beef and gravy, mashed potatoes, and a green salad. Each participant took small amounts of each dish, but they could not get over the taste of mashed potatoes. Needless to say the only dish to completely disappear was the mashed potatoes. Naturally a round of hugs

completed the evening. We were invited to visit the Chinese at North Public School after their classes were finished. Bob made the initial visit and I caught up with them between treatments. I took several of the ladies to Paris to Mary Maxim to look at needlepoint kits. After their curiosity had been satisfied, they decided that they wanted to visit a jewelry store. They were great barterers. The proprietor played the game with them but insisted that he could not cut his prices too much because he had a baby to feed. That evening Bob and I took 9 of them to see Harry Potter at the Strand. They really enjoyed the show and were child-like in their reactions to the wonders of the big screen. Theatre is only for the very affluent in China. The evening came to an end with the presentation of gifts and hugs.

There were many more events that we shared with them including: visiting Delhi Tobacco and Heritage Museum, a dip in the hot tub, more golf, decorating the Christmas tree, preparation of Chinese food in our home, many, many photo sessions, visits to Sobey's, horseback riding, and a makeup party. Throughout this adventure Bob presented a cheerful countenance and was often referred to as Happy Buddha. Bob can imagine how George Wendt (Norm in Cheers) felt when he walked into the bar and everyone yelled Norm. Everytime he went into North Public School there was a quiet "BOB". He entertained with his slapstick rendition of karate moves and try to teach them the Wings version of "Mary had a little lamb" adapted to his own version of lyrics.

We received many great gifts from the Chinese, the greatest of all was the gift of human understanding and warmth. The Chinese never missed an opportunity to compliment me or tease Bob. We presented Ken with a Canadian flag as our token thanks for allowing us to be a part of their lives. There were many sad faces after horseback riding and the final hugs, for they knew that this was farewell to their friends. We have had many invitations to visit China to experience their hospitality. Although it was a very exhausting experience, it is one that we will never forget. I think that the feelings of the Chinese were best expressed in the tears shed by How on the Thursday night at the farewell ceremony.

Susan and Bob Thompson



## YOUTH EXCHANGE NOTICE

Our Australian inbound student, Sandy Pollard will not be arriving until the 20th of January . Therefore his welcoming party will not be until the 27th.

Best wishes for the New Year, Carolyn, and please make note in the Sunriser of the e-mail from J. Matesca, just in case there might be someone else out there interested in Group Study to South Korea.

## CHRISTMAS PHOTO GALLERY



## JANUARY 15th - DUTY ROSTER

Chaplain - Scott Morris

Greeter - Paul Zorad Sgt-at-Srms - ???

Speaker - Marcy Michener from Simcoe Health & Fitness

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