

The SUNRISE

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The Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Norfolk Sunrise



AHOY MATEY

Sue Thompson

Our guest speaker was no other than our own newly inducted member Don Emerson. He certainly knows how to get your attention. Don pretended to read his notes for his classification talk off of some toilet paper, because he wrote it in some quite place. Blair Harrison introduced him to Rotary but it was Alan Plater that introduced him as he was the one that convinced him

to become a member.

Don broke down his life into four main areas. The first was retail, where he worked in the family business of china, linens and women's clothing for 21 years. The business was Emerson's China and Ladies Wear Ltd.. This is where he learned to love fine china especially that of Morecroft, England. He said it was lots of fun but found that you don't own a business, it owns you. Don moved on from that to teach at Fanshawe College, which meant that he had to go back to school himself for studies at Laurier. He taught Computer Sciences.

June 1983 to July 1994 was the shortest span of life that he referred to but the most significant. Gwen and Don packed their bags and traveled east for one year. He stated that they took way too much and ended up shipping most of it back. Eight kg. is all you need. He mentioned how another traveler would go to the Salvation Army in that country and buy some of the local clothes to wear

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Upcoming Opportunities for fun and fellowship!

Curling Evening

Saturday April 5

Simcoe Curling Club

Social: 6:00

Dinner: Buffet prepared by Patti Pepper 6:30

\$10 per person

Curling: 7:30 - 9:30

Potters' Creek Clean Up Day

Saturday March 22

Any club members who can come with pails, mops, Windex, cleaning liquids, etc. to help get the camp in "ship shape" your help would be much appreciated. Lunch provided. Come with your best "spring cleaning" smile!!

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committee reports

MARCH MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT ~ Keith Jones

- ★ Membership PODS are working! Of our nine PODS, four have used their imagination with some great names. Cathy Harrop's POD is the "Body Snatchers". Don Emerson's group are the "International Harvesters". "President's Choice" is Julianne's POD, and Kazi's POD are the "Six P's (in a Pod)".
- ★ The International Harvesters have put forward Barbara Rideout's name for membership, and she has been accepted. President's Choice is putting forward the name of Bill Clevette.
- ★ It is interesting to note that we have one female and one male, thus keeping our "delicate balance". So Tilly, Jeff, Scott, Steve, and Diane, as POD captains, let's see some creativity in a great name. The POD captains should be gathering their group together to invite the best possible guest who would make a great new Sunrise member.
- ★ We have nine PODS, with one new member and one proposed. Every POD should be successful in bringing in one new member by the end of May. Have fun with your POD and help sustain our Club.
- ★ Any questions, contact the Membership Committee of Yvonne, Jeff (the sexiest man in Rotary) and Keith.

PR/COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE ~ Carolyn Wiens

- ★ Vests were distributed and will be proudly worn by members we're sure!
- ★ Committee to determine balance left in budget to determine if advertising in local paper will continue/ new campaign to be started?
- ★ Web site continues to be updated / Ross will continue to work with Wes, our volunteer webmaster, to develop the photo album online

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and then give them back when he left.

They visited 31 countries and a couple of the highlights was getting in to see Buckingham Palace and the Gates of India.

At this point in time Don had to wet his whistle with a glass of water, mentioning that he was a Hydroholic. Don said that they "allowed good things to happen" on their trip. It was like Devine Convergence, when they needed something it was there. For example, when they where in Bombay, India, which is now called Mumbai, they where in a bus that was going to drop them of a good distance from their hotel. They could not speak the language and could not get directions at first to give to a cab. As luck would have it they meet a South African gentleman and his family on the bus that spoke the language and gave them directions. In return they gave him the 10 rubies (35 1/2 cents), that he did not have for his cab ride to the same area.

Don is a great story teller. He related a story about an old Cape Buffalo that stood his ground initially against 3 lionesses. He was assisted by a young buck until another lioness showed up with 3 cubs, and than he went back into the group. The old buffalo fought off all of them and it was the lionesses that went hungry.

Don has seen the world and still thinks that Canada is the best place to live. He says every time he sees Niagara Falls he still says "WOW!".

Don is now retired and has renewed old friendships, helps the Simcoe Caring Cupboard, the Daffodil Brunch and helps other countries trap water from the fog trapping droplets of water in ginseng net and letting it drop down into a trough. His new adventure is rotary. He seems to be enjoying it, lets keep it that way. Welcome aboard Don.

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