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## Editor's Note...

The editor of *The Lakeshorian* spent most of December in hospital, for two separate ailments. Both causes of ill health were remedied and he is now, hopefully, home to stay.

However, those episodes have caused us to fail to publish three issues of this bulletin: December 12, 19 and January 9.

Our apologies for the missing issues.

## This Week's Program...

**NO MEETING THIS WEEK! There are no rooms available at the Holiday Inn Pointe-Claire.**

## Birthdays and Anniversaries...

### Belated:

*Happy Birthday, Emily..... Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>!*

*Happy Birthday, Aytaç..... Wednesday, December 27<sup>th</sup>!*

*Happy Birthday, Meta Castagner...*

*... Saturday, December 30<sup>th</sup>!*

*Happy Birthday, Heinz Ritter ..... Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>!*

*Happy Anniversary, George and Mary Saad...*

*... Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>!*

*Happy Birthday, June ..... Thursday, January 11<sup>th</sup>!*

***There are no birthdays or anniversaries to celebrate this week.***

## Future Programs...

Jan 23: **Brenda** has invited **Marie Pier**, Women's Counsellor, External Services of the West Island Women's Shelter, to update us about her organization.

Jan 30: **Deniz** has invited **Maricarmen Raudales**, Director, Programs of Health Partners International of Canada, to update us about her organization.

Feb 6: **Murray** has invited **Lucile Kircher**, Présidente, to tell us all about le Club Rotaract de l'Île de Montréal.

## Special Events...

None that we know of.

## Last Week's Meeting...

Our first Rotary club meeting of 2018 did not attract many members...only 12 active members (**President Helen, Rosie, Bill, Carol, Murray, Semi, Glorefe, Sola, Knud, Brenda, Cameron and Joe Zemanovich**). We were also pleased to welcome **Honorary Member Joe Maxwell**.

**Murray** had organized a program featuring **Alexandra Fortin**, Political Science teacher at Cégep André-Laurendeau

in Lasalle who, with three of her students, would tell us about the National Model United Nations

Before we moved to the main event, however, we had some updates.

**Brenda** told us she is in need of socks for the boys and girls in Grades 1 to 6 who come to the La Corde Youth Centre in Pierrefonds. She is also hoping to receive cash donations to be used to help some of these kids go to camp this summer.

**Knud** was pleased to report that The Rotary Foundation has approved the Guatemalan project that our club has been working on with Vicki Horsfield on her project, "Creating Opportunities for Guatemalans," where we will be teamed up with the Rotary Club of Antigua, Guatemala.

Our club, as the 'lead club,' will receive cheques in US dollars from District 7040 (\$3300) and Rotary clubs of Montreal-Westward (\$1,000) and Hawkesbury (\$500). We will add our contribution of US\$ 1,800, to make a total of \$6,600. The project, located in San Antonio, Sacatepéquez, Guatemala, will provide 24 propane stoves, complete with tables, tanks and propane gas; 20 water filtration units and school furnishings, including a library desk and filing cabinet.

**Murray** proceeded to introduce **Alexandra Fortin** who would in turn introduce the three students she brought with her.

"Alexandra is no stranger to Rotary," Murray told us. "She was a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar sponsored by the Rotary Club of Québec-Levis. Born of a Chilean father and a Québécoise mother and raised in Quebec City, she has always loved to travel. She spent time in the Middle East when she was 19. With her BA, MA and PhD, she is academically qualified *par excellence* to teach Political Science at Cégep André-Laurendeau in Lasalle."

**Alexandra** introduced the three students, only a small part of the group of students who will represent their school at the National Model United Nations, taking place in New York City in March. They were **Nohémie Bokuma, Vincent Dubé and Erik Crivante**. The country they have chosen to represent at the NMUN is Costa Rica and they gave us a very thorough slide show presentation on the NMUN and about Costa Rica. They are reluctant to allow us to publish detailed information on their Costa Rican project, fearing that it might impede their chance of success if another college NMUN team became too familiar with what Cégep André-Laurendeau is putting together.

They told us that NMUN is an NGO (Non-Governmental Organization) associated with the UN Department of Public Information. Its programs provide a diverse group of informed students and their faculty advisors a forum for addressing global concerns in a real world context. Conferences address important issues including regional conflicts, women and children, peacekeeping, human rights, economic and social development, and the environment. Our goal is to provide a better understanding of the inner workings of the UN as students build skills in diplomacy and compromise.