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## This Week's Program...



District Governor **Susan Bellor** will make her official visit to our club on Tuesday. She also wishes to meet with our Board of Directors at 11:00.

She is past president of the Massena Rotary Club, director of her club's Rotary Foundation committee, a Benefactor, Bequest Society member, Paul Harris Society member and a major donor. Sue serves as co-chair of the district's Million Dollar Dinner, November 4<sup>th</sup> in Ottawa.

Governor Sue will be more fully introduced at our meeting.

## Birthdays and Anniversaries this week...

*Happy Anniversary, Knud and Ruth...*

*... Monday, August 28<sup>th</sup>!*

## Future Programs...

Aug 29: **Wendy Gariepy**, West Island Mission's Operations Manager, will tell us how her organization provides **food assistance and other related aid to West Islanders** in need.

Sep 5: **NO MEETING** (during a statutory holiday week.)

Sep 12: (Tentative) **Joe Zemanovich** will talk about **Operation Smile**, the program to finance surgical correction of cleft lip.

Sep 19: **Glorefe Kozma**, who transferred from her first Rotary club, the Puerto Princesa club in the Philippines, will tell us "**Why I Joined Rotary.**"

## Special Events...

Aug 28: (Monday) Graham Martin Memorial blood donor clinic, at the Kirkland Sports Complex from 1:30 to 7:30. Sign-up sheets for volunteers were sent out to members last week.

Sep 29-30 (Friday, Saturday) **District Conference, "Celebrating Our Service"**

Akwesasne Mohawk Casino Resort,  
873 NY-37, Hogansburg, NY 13655

Oct. 20: (Friday) All Rotarians are invited to enjoy a special luncheon in Hartford, Connecticut, featuring **RI President Ian Riseley** and **Sylvia Whitlock**, Rotary's first woman club president (RC Duarte, CA), \$45 (USD) per person. See **Bill** for details.

Nov 3: (Friday) Our annual **Oyster Party**, at the home of the Baie d'Urfé Rescue Squad, 300 Surrey Drive, Baied'Urfé. **This is the best Oyster Party on the West Island!** It will also be our biggest fundraising event of the fall. We're counting on **YOU** to sell lots of tickets this year, as we aim to match last year's amazing success.

## Last Week's Meeting...

Sixteen members present last week were **Wayne**, President **Helen**, **Stan**, **Bill**, **Murray**, **Semi**, **Glorefe**, **JP**, **Steve**, **Anne**, **Knud**, **Brenda**, **Emily**, **Cameron**, **Deniz** and **Joe Zemanovich**, as well as Honorary Member **Joe Maxwell**.

We were also pleased to welcome **Margaret Moors**, guest of Steve, and visiting Rotarian **Sati Khanna**, RC Nagpur, India.

## Among the announcements...

- President **Helen** told us that **Knud** had given her a jar in which members can deposit their loose pocket change. "The jar is labeled 'We can transform the life of a child born with a cleft palette.' Every time we collect \$240 (Canadian), we will send that amount to Operation Smile, to pay for corrective surgery on a child somewhere in the world. Knud has started us off. Whenever you have loose change, bear this in mind. The jar will be here on the head table from week to week. This will be an ongoing project during this Rotary year."
  - Helen also announced that she and Club Secretary Cameron would be going to Cornwall that afternoon to participate in the inauguration of the newest club in our district. "It's an E-Club called the **Passport Club** and its Charter President will be **PDG Ariane Carriere**. We'll be making a small donation to help that club get started."
  - Community Service Chair **Brenda** told us, "We have made a donation to *Camp Kinkora*, where Cori-Ann Surette is Camp Director. This is the third year in a row that we have made a donation of some kind to the camp so hopefully next year we'll be invited to visit. We have also made a donation to Montreal General Hospital Foundation, with instructions that it be used for **Wendy Sherry's** new organ donation booklet"
  - **Brenda** also told us that she, **Helen**, **Rosie**, **Glorefe** and Glorefe's daughter **Anastasia** were at *West Island Mission* where they worked for two hours assembling back-to-school backpacks as well as food and clothing that several hundred families would be picking up the following day. On August 29 Wendy Gariepy, West Island Mission's Operations Manager is coming to speak to us. I've also invited journalist **Rhonda Massad**, the founder of *West Island Blog*, to join us."
  - Lastly, **Benda** told us that the following day, August 16<sup>th</sup>, she would lead a team of volunteers to the *Welcome Hall Mission* for their big back-to-school event, which will feature major media coverage.
  - **Murray** told us we have a student from Beaconsfield High whom will sponsor for the *Adventure in the Environment*, hosted by the Cornwall Sunrise club, September 11 to 14.
- Murray** proceeded to entertain us with his weekly **Moment of Mirth**, courtesy of his 7- and 9-year old grandkids:
- What has hands but cannot clap? A clock or watch.
  - What has an eye but cannot see? A needle or a hurricane.
  - What becomes smaller when you turn it upside-down?  
The number 9.

- What becomes bigger the more you take away? A hole.
- What travels the world but stays in one place? A stamp.
- What invention lets you look right through a wall?  
A window.
- What room can no one enter? A mushroom.

**Bill** had a joke for us: "A hip young man goes out and buys himself a Ferrari 599 GTO. It costs him \$495,000. He takes it out for a spin and stops for a red light.

An old man on a moped (both looking about 75 years old) pulls up next to him. The old man looks over at the sleek, shiny car and asks, "What kind of car ya' got there, sonny?"

The young man replies, "It's a Ferrari 599 GTO. It cost nearly half a million dollars!"

"That's a lot of money," says the old man. "Why does it cost so much?"

"Because it's a limited edition." the young guy says proudly.

The moped driver asks, "Mind if I take a look inside?"

"No problem," replies the owner. So the old man pokes his head in the window and looks around. Then sitting back on his moped, the old man says, "That's a pretty nice car, all right!"

Just then the light changes so the guy decides to show the old man just what his car can do. He floors it, and within 20 seconds, the speedometer reads 160 miles per hour!

Suddenly, he notices a dot in his rear view mirror. It seems to be getting closer! He slows down to see what it could be and suddenly - whhhooooosshhh! Something whips by like a rocket.

"What on earth could be going faster than my Ferrari?" the young man asks himself. Then, ahead of him, he sees a dot coming toward him. Whoooooosh! It goes by again, heading in the opposite direction. It looked like the old man on the moped!

"Couldn't be," thinks the guy. "How could a moped outrun a Ferrari!?" But again, he sees a dot in his rear view mirror! Whooooosh, Ka- bamm! It plows into the back of his car.

The young man jumps out, and it turns out to be the old man on the moped after all! He runs up to the old man lying on the ground and asks, "Oh my God! Is there anything I can do for you?"

The old man whispers: "Unhook ... my suspenders ... from your side-view mirror."

Our long-time visiting Rotarian from India, **Sati Khanna**, gave us a tender farewell. "Greetings, my friends. As Stan told you, this is my last visit of the year before I return to India. Today is Independence Day of India. Of course, India has been there for centuries, but on this day in 1947 an Act of the British Parliament partitioned the country into two dominions, India and Pakistan. So I convey to you all, Greeting from India, from my Rotary Club of Nagpur. And I want to thank each one of you for your great hospitality, affection and fellowship. Special thanks to President Helen for showing me around and bringing me to the meetings. She is a great president, I can tell you. I'll be here next June, before the Convention in Toronto.

"And I repeat my standard invitation for lo, these many years: Please come and visit our club in India. Already, two members here today have promised me they will visit India. Can you guess who they are? Your new Treasurer, **Semi**, and your International Service Chair, **Deniz** !

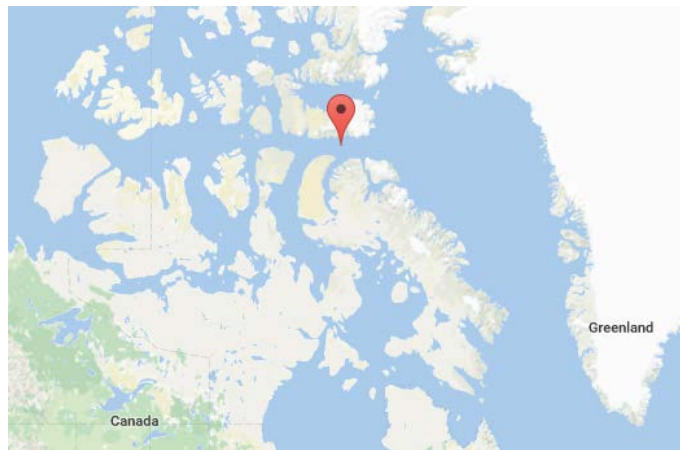
"One last thing... It is my fondest hope that this fine Rotary club and my club in India can do an international service project together. **Knud**, I ask you to please me help make this a reality. Thank you all for everything!"



President **Helen** had one more announcement, "When our District Governor called me this morning to arrange her visit to our club next Tuesday, she commented that she looks forward to reading *The Lakeshorian* every week. She said she considers it the best Rotary club bulletin in the district."

Our speaker was Club Secretary **Cameron**, who led a discussion on Canada's far north.

He began by observing, "There was an article on the news last evening and again in *The Gazette* this morning about a cruise ship heading eastward through Canada's northwest passage at this very moment. My question to you is, 'Are you happy about this?' Ice forms up there in northern Canada. That cruise ship could be caught in the ice. Counting passengers and crew there are 2,000 people on that ship." A few more facts emerged as the discussion continued. The cruise ship was accompanied by a Canadian ice breaker and a helicopter. And the cost per passenger to take this cruise was about \$10,000.



The consensus was we were not happy about this. There is a very real threat to the environment by such a large ship, powered by either diesel engines or gas turbines. Secondly, Canada's responsibility for rescuing these people is unclear.

**Cameron** had a second question, also related to Canada's north and that is the recent doubling of the size of the Lancaster Sound conservation area, indicated by the red marker in the image above. "Do we concur with this change, which resulted from an agreement with the Inuit people?"

It will provide protection from mining, energy development, dumping and over-fishing. This conservation area is home to most of the world's population of narwhal, as well as beluga and bowhead whales, seals and walrus, polar bears and seabirds. Cameron said the new conservation area would be 130,000 square kilometers in size.

The consensus on this question was that it's a good idea. Bill asked if it was in the path to be taken by the cruise ship. Cameron didn't know but as we look at the map above it would appear that the cruise ship will pass right through it.

President **Helen** thanked Cameron, noting how nice it is to have one of our own members set a lively discussion in motion.