



# The Norwester

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## Program Schedule

### June 23, 2010 Lunch Meeting

**Speaker:**  
Classification Talk  
by Maurice Muise

### June 30, 2010 Lunch Meeting

**Speaker:** Tareq Yousef - re his recent visit to Ottawa & Adventure in Citizenship.

### SUMMER SCHEDULE

### July 14, 2010 Lunch Meeting

**Speaker - Author**  
**Col. John Boileau.**  
John Boileau served in the Canadian Army for thirty-seven years, retiring as a colonel in 1999. He is the author of seven previous books, including *Fastest in the World* (shortlisted for the 2005 Dartmouth Book Award for Non-Fiction), *Valiant Hearts*, and *The Peaceful Revolution*. John and his wife, Miriam, live on a small island in St. Margaret's Bay, Nova Scotia. Intro Al Shatford

### July 28, 2010 Fellowship

## JUNE 16, 2010 - GENERAL MEETING:

Pres. Bonnie was alone today. Better half, lesser half, which is it ?, was confined to barracks recovering from a recent operation. Best wishes for a speedy recovery Peter. We need you at Fundraising, Interact and Membership, just to name a few.

Pres. Bonnie presiding, Peter Power lead the anthem and Bonnie proffered grace.

Sgt. Aat Arms, Gordon announced 20 members present, together with three visiting Rotarians, George and Judy Pather from District 5320, California, USA and Yuriy Titovets from Lviv in Ukraine. George is a past President of his club and Judy is a Past District Governor. Yuriy is not only a medical doctor but he is also an accomplished photographer and he presented two editions of his work to Pres. Bonnie. We were also graced with a past Rotarian and member of the club, Fred Vaughan, our guest speaker.

### Membership and Money:

Club Treasurer and Chair of the Membership Committee. Marlene, reminded us first that our annual dues of \$345 per head, will become due July 1<sup>st</sup>. So get your cheque books ready. She then told us that regretfully we are temporarily ( we hope it is so ) losing two new members. Dave Bourque will be committed for sometime to RBC volunteer work and Hemanta Datta has taken leave of absence for the balance of the calendar year while he studies at the NS Community College.

### Fundraising - Hither & Thither:

Three fundraising, somewhat garbled, announcements were made about three projects in the mill. First Jon Denman

confirmed his committee is actively progressing with the planning of November Nog, our principle fundraiser scheduled for November 19<sup>th</sup>.

Then Pres. Bonnie urged us to contact any store managers we know to ask them if they would permit \$2.00 Easter Seal tags to be offered for sale at check-out counters. Rotary will get \$1.00 for every tag sold, together with the publicity about Rotary outlined on the back of the tag. Dead line is July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Finally Blaise Curry urged all golfers, and those who know golfers, to purchase books of 32 discounts at 16 golf courses. Total potential value of savings is about \$1500. Cost per book just \$30. The club will retain 50% of each sale. For more details have a look at the club website.

### Support Our Lobsters:

Pres. Bonnie reminded us that July 10<sup>th</sup> is when we feast on lobsters and steak at her lakeside abode in Mount Uniacke. There will be a Google map on the website telling you how to find the place. She recommended car pooling because parking is limited.

Tell Jon Denman if you are going to be there and give him the \$20 per head. You can register via the website.

### Philatelists Note:

At the RI Convention in Montreal this month, all those present will be invited to attend the unveiling of the Rotary centennial postage stamp at the Rotary International Convention in Montréal. *Canada Post* has approved this new commemorative stamp to recognize 100 years of Rotary service in Canada. A special ceremony will be held at the RI Convention in Montréal to present the new stamp.

**Date & Time:** Saturday June 19, 2010 at 10:00 AM

**Location:** House of Friendship at Palais des congrès de Montréal.

RI President John Kenny, Past Trustee Chair Bob Scott and Canada Post representatives will unveil the stamp.

If you will not be in Montréal the stamp will be on sale at all postal outlets and post offices across Canada after the ceremony.

Many Rotarians from sea to sea to sea in Canada worked over a number of years to obtain this wonderful recognition of the 100 years of Rotary service in Canada. We thank each and every one for their many hours of work.

There is also an outstanding first day cover. If you are in Canada or the US you can order the first day cover by calling 1.800.565.4362.

Please let you club members know the stamp is on sale next Saturday. Lets use the stamp with pride!!



## **Annual Lobster Party and Steak Barbeque**

**Saturday July 10, 2010 at the Caldarozzi Abode in lovely Mount Uniacke. Enjoy a Lobster or a Steak. Same low, low price, \$20.00 per Member or Guest. Don't forget to bring: folding chairs, knives, forks and whatever you plan to drink. Also, bring a small salad, if possible for pot-luck. Festivities begin at 3:00pm, food served at 5:00pm.**

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### **Guest Speaker:**

He really needed no introduction because it was a pleasure to welcome an old friend back to the club . But Peter Power introduced Fred Vaughan with some humor and no curriculum vitae.

As we all know Fred is an authority of considerable and long standing on Canadian Constitutional Law, having taught at RMC, Kingston and at the University of Guelph for 29 years. In addition he was Visiting Fellow at Oxford University from 1972 to 74. Fred spoke to us about the deterioration of the quality of government in Canada and the increasing authority of the courts. Incompetence at the Federal level he suggested is best exemplified by Question Period, and the fact that our parliamentary representatives do not , as by constitutional law they should, represent the majority for the good of the whole of the nation. Rather they represent the political stand of the party in which they are forced to toe the strategic and regional objectives of the party.

He also explained and quoted examples of the transfer of governing authority from the elected parliament of the country to its appointed courts of justice. This as a result of the Charter of Freedoms and Rights which requires what is best in the public interest to overrule what the public desires. His examples of this transfer of power left us with a tangible sense of foreboding. Fred is a knowledgeable and comfortable speaker and it was pity the time constraint of the meeting prevented us hearing more from him.

Fred was thanked by Vice Pres. Al

### **Montreal Here We Come:**

On Friday, June 18<sup>th</sup>. four of our members, together with their better halves, leave for the RI Convention in Montreal. They are Bill Day, Doug Gregory, Steve Beaufoy and Kubilay Gonul. Hopefully we will be able to hear about their trip at the next Fellowship meeting .

### **50/50 Foundation Draw:**

Card master Gordon asked visiting Rotarian Judy Pather to draw the ticket. Winner was Alex Dunbar but he couldn't draw 'The' card so he got only \$5.00

### **Anniversaries & Birthdays:**

Congratulations only to Dianne and Steve Beaufoy who will be celebrating their Wedding Anniversary on June 21<sup>st</sup>. while they are in Montreal. No one will be celebrating a birthday during the coming week.

### **Donation**

**Father O'Malley answers the phone. 'Hello, is this Father O'Malley?' 'It is!' 'This is Revenue Canada, can you help us?' 'I can!' 'Do you know a Ted Houlihan?' 'I do!' 'Is he a member of your congregation?' 'He is!' 'Did he donate \$10,000 to the church?' 'He will.'**

