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Program Schedule

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



Annual Lobster Party and Steak BBQ

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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JUNE 23, 2010 - GENERAL MEETING:



Officially it was a General meeting but actually it was Fellowship meeting, because our Guest Speaker failed to appear. Maurice Muise was scheduled to give a Classification Talk but evidently business commitments and demands have forced him to resign from the club. With the earlier resignation of Dave Bourque and the leave of absence granted to Hermanta Datta until next August, that means we are now down to 32 Active and Active 'E' members. Today, just 17, just over 50%, of them attended the meeting, a practice which cannot continue to persist if we are to avoid a slide back to pre. January 2010. Pres. Bonnie, who by the way supported the podium today, warned us that the Citadel Hotel was insisting we have to guarantee a minimum of 20 lunches at each meeting. You may all recall it was that demand, and our failure to meet it, that caused the financial crisis just prior to January 2010. Do we want to repeat that?, surely not. So Pres. Bonnie voiced a special appeal to attend the meetings, especially during the sunny months of July and August when we will meet every other week, on July 14 and 28 and August 11 and 25.

We were graced with the presence of one visiting Rotarian from a club in western Scotland. He gave us a banner, but more interestingly he told us about his club in a small town population of about 6,000, where everyone knows everyone. The club has 30 members of which about 20 attend the weekly meetings. Most of the club's projects are hands-on at the local high school and he seemed proud that one fundraiser achieved one thousand pounds, about \$3,000. In semi rural settings it seems easier to maintain an active interest, in a small way, in Rotary. PEI is an example in our region. Unfortunately we are in an urban environment of many distractions and competition for charitable dollars, including competition with four other Rotary clubs. So that is why we cannot afford to be complacent in attendance, participation and clear and dedicated leadership. We need to be focused on what we want to do and what we can do and then attend and participate in the doing.

Board Report:

We have the dedicated leadership, no question, and today we received a report of the Directors doings, the first in a long time. The Board convened a meeting today and Pres. Bonnie told us:

- that Treasurer Marlene's financial report will be posted on the secure portion of the website
- We will continue to donate, as we have done for many years, \$420 annually to Foster Children
- As mentioned above, the hotel is insisting we pay for a minimum of 20 meals per meeting.
- The Service Above Self Committee is still asking for "Hands-On" project ideas from members. If you have a suggestion tell Past Pres. Dick or Kurt Scholz. Hands-On was indicated in the earlier Strategic planning meetings and in the recent survey by the Membership Committee, to be a definite preference of members. It's an ideal opportunity for a 'small club' in an urban setting to become active. So let's participate and be active.
- Dick told us that we could do little with international projects until RI rescinds the moratorium placed on Matching Grants in the District. Evidently some clubs have to clear their book keeping before this will be

done.

He reminded us that Bill Day is Chair of International projects and Doug Gregory is Chair of The Rotary Foundation Committee.

We Have A Web Site:

It is undoubtedly one of the best, if not THE BEST in the District. Visit it and you will learn a lot about the club, its members and its activities. For example you can get a map and directions to Pres. Bonnie's lakeside property for the July 10th. Lobster feast. You can see the calendar of guest speakers and meeting programs and details about our past and current projects, RI contributions and Foundation donations may be made through the site's RI Canada Link. In fact the purchase of \$30 books of golf related discount coupons for 16 gold courses in the Province, mentioned in last week's Nor'Wester, can be done through Pay Pal. You are urged to use this very valuable source of information and to market our fundraising efforts.

This newsletter is devoted to telling you about our weekly meetings. The website tells you about your club. You are urged to use it, just as our visiting Rotarian told us he did, when he wanted to know what he was visiting.

Contribute to Camp Tidnish:

This is the summer camp near Amherst, founded by the Rotary Club of Amherst and operated by Easter Seals (formerly the Abilities Foundation) for mentally and physically challenged children. John Williamson reminded us we have at times supported the camp over many years. Visit it and you cannot help but be inspired. Now you have a chance during July to help again, by persuading as soon as possible, store owners or operators you know, to allow the selling of "Send a Kid Packing" tickets for \$2.00 each at check-out counters. Tickets and kits will be supplied by Easter Seals. We receive \$1.00 for each ticket sold. If you need more information ask Pres. Bonnie.

Contribute to the Rotary Foundation:

If you are, or want to be, an Every Rotarian Every Year subscriber to The Foundation, then RI has warned that for contributions to be counted in this Rotary year they must be postmarked by 30 June 2010 and received at the bank lockbox in Toronto or Evanston by Wednesday, 7 July 2010.

Credit Card Contributions - online via www.Rotary.org or www.TRFCanada.org must be authorized prior to 2400 hr 30 June 2010, CDT.

Contribute to the Rotary Club of Halifax North West:

You are reminded that our current Rotary year ends at the end of this month, that is at the end of next week, and then your annual membership dues for the 2010 -11 year are due. You can pay this year's requirement of \$345 via cheque or cash to Treasurer Marlene or via the website Pay Pal, in a single amount, or in two equal installments, the first in July 2010 and the second at the beginning of January 2011.

You are also reminded that if attendance at meetings persists below 20 meals per meeting you may well be contributing more to the club before the end of the year.

We Need Guest Speakers:

We have a Speakers Committee. They are Vice. Pres. Al Shatford, Bob Shepherd, Jerry Davis and Bill Day. It has to prepare a list of Guest Speakers for the coming year and it needs your help to do this. So, if you can suggest anyone who you think would be prepared to forfeit a couple of hours from their business time to talk for not more than 20 minutes to an average of 20 Rotarians, visitors and guests, then give their name and contact reference to the Committee.

50/50 Foundation Draw:

Card Master Bill Day was away enjoying himself at the RI Convention in Montreal, so Bob Shepherd wore the apron, and very dignified he looked. Bob asked our visiting Rotarian to draw the ticket, claimed by Rose Hopkins. But Rose was unable to draw the Ace so she was given only \$5.00.

Anniversaries and Birthdays:

A quiet week to end the month. No wedding anniversaries, and just one Happy Birthday wish to Peter Caldarozzi on June 28.

