



# The Nor<sup>W</sup>ester

The Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Halifax Northwest

*"The Friendly Club"*

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## Program Schedule

### 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**

**August 11, 2010**

**Business Mtg.**

**August 25, 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.**

**For assistance call: 499-9932 or 866-2130**

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## JUNE 30, 2010 - FELLOWSHIP:

A modest but enjoyable meeting with old ( meaning long standing ) friends. No one in Rotary is old – eh?; in spirit at least.

Pres. Bonnie presiding, she asked Past Pres. Dick to lead the anthem and then proffered grace.

Sgt. at Arms, Gordon Kyle, reported 18 members present plus two guests, Anne, better half of the Gregory family, and our guest speaker, Tareq Yousef.

Marlene reminded us that tomorrow is Kubilay's first celebration of Canada Day as a citizen of Canada.

Congratulations and welcome to the Kubilay family.

Incidentally Kubilay and Hatiche will not be with us for much of the summer. They will be in Turkey from mid July to mid August.

Kubilay, Bill Day and Doug Gregory were with us having returned last week from the RI Convention in Montreal which, according to Bill more than 18,000 Rotarians from 154 countries attended. Kubilay enthusiastically told of his impressions of the convention, and all three recommended attendance at next years meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana. Doug reminded us it will be the last time for at least five years the Convention will be held in North America.

### Loose Change for Eyesight:

According to that diligent sorter and counter of pennies, other loose change, foreign currency and tokens he is given each week at our meetings, John Williamson confirmed we have been collecting a total of almost \$1,500 annually for Operation Eyesight, a program first introduced to the club by Jimmy Murdoch. John told us that to date in the current year we have donated just over \$1,000, and he appealed that since we will be missing four meetings during July and August we be at least twice as generous at the meetings we do attend. \$25 to cure the eyesight of one person; you can't find a better return on your investment.

### Guest Speaker:

Every year Bill Day receives approval from his Rotary friends in Ottawa to send one student to its Adventure in Citizenship Program, and then every year he arranges for the selection of a student from Halifax West High School. Under Bill's guidance the process works smoothly and efficiently and this year the result was the selection of Grade 11 student Tareq Yousef, whom Bill introduced as our guest speaker.

Tareq first thanked the club for sponsoring him to what he termed his outstanding adventure of the year. He said he had not just learned about what it means to be a citizen of Canada and about its politics but he had experienced them. He told us about the thrill of sitting in the House of Commons seat of his Federal MP, meeting with the Speaker and visiting the Supreme Court among many other visits. But above all he confirmed he had been introduced to some lasting friendships and the generosity and thoughtfulness of Rotarians. In fact the visit so impressed him he is thinking of joining Interact in September.



Tareq was thanked by Past Pres. Dick, who was one of the Rotary team who selected Tareq for the venture.

### **Caldarozzi's Lobster and Steak:**

Our annual fun and feast is still on for Saturday, July 10<sup>th</sup>; this year at the Caldarozzi lakeside estate in Mount Uniacke. For details and directions to get there see the club's website. Master chef, Jon Denman reported about 30 persons will be there, Most have ordered lobster, but a few are already salivating in anticipation of Jon's cooked to order steaks.

If you aren't going then you will be missing one of the best annual social gatherings of members. If you intend to go, call Jon or e-mail him ASAP. You can pay the cost of \$20 per head at the door. Guests welcome.

### **We Are With It - But Use It Or Loose It:**

Because we enjoy the diligence and dedication of a computer savvy web master you can now pay for all kinds of Rotary activities via Pay Pal. Your golfing friends and acquaintances will be able to buy the \$30 book of discount tickets mentioned in earlier Nor'Westers and available from Blaise Curry. See details on the website. In addition, Web Master Al told us he will be e-mailing a PDF flyer to all members for distribution to their golfing friends explaining the discount program and providing a link for them to buy a ticket via Pay Pal. You can also use Pay Pal to contribute to The Rotary Foundation

The website is your site, so use it, not only to facilitate payments and donations, but also for information about the club's members, administration and activities. BUT !!, and this is a big but, it will be of little interest and little used if it is allowed to get stale. You can prevent this only by keeping your reports on Board, Committee, fundraising and project activities up to date. Al needs your input. He can't invent it. Don't expect him to remain frustrated for ever. So help him to maintain one of the best, if not the best, club website in the District. It is after all our most powerful tool to inform the public about Rotary and our club and to market our fundraising efforts.

### **November Nog:**

Jon Denman, who you may notice is hardly limping at all now, wonderful what our surgeons can do with a drill, hammer and a bit of bright steel, announced that planning for the November 19<sup>th</sup>. fundraiser is well on track. Ticket sales will start at the beginning of September under the direction of Doug Gregory. Presumably the website and Pay Pal will be a significant part of that task.

### **A New Interact Bursary:**

Those silent and more than generous schemers, Marlene Moore and Al. Shatford, have introduced a new annual award from the Club to our Interact Club at Halifax West High School. Here is what Marlene has to say about it:

"It was my pleasure at the school's graduation ceremony, on Monday, June 28<sup>th</sup> to present to Kosta Georgakakos the first annual Terry Simms Interact Bursary. Kosta, who was the 2009 – 2010 President of our Interact Club at Halifax West, is certainly a deserving recipient of this \$500 bursary donated by members of the Rotary Club of Halifax Northwest. During the school year, our Interact Club, under Kosta's leadership and with the support of Nicole Symonds White (their teacher supervisor) and Terry Simms, our esteemed Rotary colleague, raised over \$4000 to support local and international community service projects. The Interact Club honored Terry in June 2010 with the Terry Simms Award and we decided to add to this award a bursary for a graduating student in the Interact club who had shown exceptional leadership and commitment to Service Above Self. This year Terry, Al Shatford, myself and Alex Dunbar contributed the \$500. Terry's daughter has already committed \$100 for 2011 and President Bonnie and Jon tell me they too are committed for 2011. In addition to acknowledging the hard work of the Interact leaders, the presentation at graduation was a chance to publicly acknowledge our Interact Club and Rotary HWN's commitment to support its ongoing work. A new group in our club (under Ellen's leadership) will be liaison with our Interact club during 2010 - 2011. We wish them well".

### **Anniversaries and Birthdays:**

No one in the club got married or was born during the first week in July.

*That's it folks for the next two weeks, until our next regular meeting on Wednesday July 14. Remember that we'll have author Col. John Boileau Ret'd, as our guest speaker that day. In the meantime we'll see those who enjoy good fellowship with lobster and steak at Pres. Bonnie's lakeside abode on July 10<sup>th</sup>.*

*For some of us a perfect summer day is when the sun is shining, a breeze is blowing, birds are singing and the lawn mower is broken. Have a great summer, all two months of it.*

# HAPPY CANADA DAY!

