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This Week's Program...

This was supposed to be a **Working Meeting**, with members choosing a table according to committee work they are, or wish to be, involved in.

However, following recent events, it remains to be seen how the meeting will proceed and under whose chairmanship.

Birthdays and Anniversaries...

Happy Anniversary, Aytaç and Şehnaz ...

....Monday, October 1st!

Happy Birthday, RosieMonday, October 1st!

Future Programs...

October is Vocational Service Month

Oct 2: **Tess Widdiman**, Program Coordinator of ShelterBox Canada, re our club's Bronze Hero Award. [Tess may speak to us via an online medium, such as Skype or GoToMeeting or other form of video conferencing.]

Oct 9: **NO MEETING** (Tuesday after Thanksgiving).

Oct 16: T.B.D.

Special Events...

Oct 24: Board of Directors meeting (?) in the Boardroom of **Semi Karacova's** building, 6500 TransCanada Hwy West.

Oct 26-28: **District Conference**, Four Points by Sheraton Hotel, 285 King Street East, Kingston ON. Register at <http://rotary7040.com/page/2018-district-conference>.



What are the hallmarks of a healthy Rotary Club, and how do we foster the ideal conditions for a vital and engaged membership?

We invite you to participate in our professionally facilitated dialogue across all generations of Rotary (from Interact to Honorary Rotarians), as we focus on the opportunities and potential that lie ahead for our organization.

We will discuss the ongoing value, relevance, and accessibility of Rotary.

- Why might a Rotary Club consider changing its ways?
- How can we promote collaboration and mentorship between generations?
- How might we attract and engage new members of all ages?

Nov 2: [Friday] Our annual **Oyster Party**, 300 Surrey Drive, Baie d'Urfé (Rescue Squad's Training Centre).

Last week's meeting...

We had an attendance of 16 members for a presentation by **Ryan Li**, Vice-President, External Affairs, of the Rotaract Club of Downtown Montreal,

We were pleased to welcome **Wayne, Past President/ Area Governor Helen, Rosie, Esin, Stan, PDG Bill, Glofe, Louis-Philippe Lefrançois, Anne, Knud, Brenda, Emily, Cameron, Deniz, David, Joe Zemanovich and Joe Maxwell.**

In the absence of **President Murray, Cameron** chaired last week's meeting.

Our guest speaker **Ryan Li** had to leave early so we moved his presentation to the first thing on the program.

Ryan was introduced by **Stan**: "Ryan is Vice President of External Relations of the Rotaract Club of Downtown Montreal. He has been a member of Rotaract for over six years, in Montreal, Vancouver and Beijing. Trained in Finance at the University of British Columbia, he is currently working in Data Sciences in Montreal. He has to be back at work at one o'clock so he will speak to us now."

Ryan told us, "In the Island of Montreal we have two English-speaking Rotaract clubs—The Rotaract Club of Downtown Montreal and The Rotaract Club of Metro Montreal. Metro has more professionals, more people from abroad who are visiting Montreal, while the Downtown club has space at McGill and more McGill students. The two clubs—Downtown and Metro—share our resources. Although we have different leadership teams, we work together and meet together.

"In 2017 we had up to 47 active members. At the beginning of the school year we usually have close to 50 members, but as time goes by, because of exams, people leaving for summer holidays and summer jobs, our numbers drop off, but we always have a base membership of about 15.

"We really focus on two things—working in the community with charity organizations and fundraising events. We volunteer and help with community causes. The second area of focus is to advance personal development. Many Rotaractors have parents and/or grandparents in Rotary. Others have benefitted from Rotary scholarships or student exchanges. We all want to be engaged with the overall Rotary organization and mission. Ideally we want to develop our members, connecting Interact, Rotaract and Rotary as well. That's why we really appreciate opportunities like this one, to connect with a Rotary club and later to volunteer and offer support for your fundraising events and other charitable and community-based activities.



"Now that I've told you about Rotaract and our club, let me tell you a bit about what we do. For our flagship event, one that we have had for many years, we rent a local art gallery for one night, have live music, food and a silent auction. We sell tickets to this cocktail event and every year we vote on what charity we will support with the profits. Last year we set our target at \$1,000 and we actually raised \$2,000 for the Native Women's Shelter of Montreal. As you can see in this picture, our sponsors for this event were the Students' Society of McGill University, Rotary Clubs of Montreal and Montreal-Westward and the McGill Alumni Association.



"Collaboration with Rotary is a key thing for our club. Our members really enjoy it and it adds to the fun of our events as well. Over half of our members are students so we prefer not to charge a membership fee. We really benefit a lot from being able to work with Rotary clubs on bigger events, as we don't have the time or the resources to organize more than one big event each year. It also helps our members get further engaged in the community and be able to network and connect with people in Montreal. For example, last year we worked with the downtown Rotary club. We participated in some of their events and we sent members to some of their meetings. It resulted in more volunteer opportunities for our members. This year we would like to be able to work with your Rotary club, to help with your fundraising events and other initiatives. It will create more opportunities for our members to be involved with your West Island community. It will also give us a broader view of Rotary overall and, hopefully, some of our members will one day become Rotarians."

There were several questions seeking to explore the cost of a Rotaractor who also wants to be a Rotarian. **Helen** said that this issue was discussed at a recent District Council meeting. The level of financial commitment would have to be affordable for students or recent graduates who have little cash to spare. [It should be possible for an active Rotaractor to attend Rotary meetings as a Rotaractor guest and pay only for his/her meal. When he/she is ready to leave Rotaract and join a Rotary club, the usual Rotary club fees would, of course, apply. *Ed.*]

Ryan was thanked by **Emily**. "Thank-you, Ryan, for this wonderful insight into what Rotaract is. The concept of Rotary and Rotaract working together is a powerful idea and I believe that both would benefit from such an alliance. I noticed that you have a slogan that 'Rotaract is better with Rotary. We think so as well and believe that Rotary is better with Rotaract. We really look forward to continued contact. You should know

that every first Tuesday of the month we hold our meetings in the evening. That presents an opportunity for Rotaractors who are studying or working downtown to participate in one of our meetings. We will keep you informed about our activities and look forward to a greater collaboration in the future."

Joe Maxwell told us a bit about the Lakeshore General Hospital Foundation. "The foundation's Duck-Fest was held on Sunday, the 16th. Only one of the people I sold tickets to won a prize--\$1,000. They were from Pierrefonds and were quite delighted when they phoned to tell me the good news. None of the money raised goes for salaries. All of it is used to improve the facilities at the hospital and ensure that the patients get the benefit of the latest equipment and machines. I thank you all once again for your generosity and I hope to sell tickets again next year."



Knud told us he has decided to help reduce air pollution on the highways by capping his speed at 100 km/hour. "I passed one little old lady who was going 60 but everyone else on the road was passing me."

Bill had a little story for us. Before he began he warned the ladies present that it was a little rude.

"Two hillbillies walk into a restaurant. While having a bite to eat and talking about their moonshine operation, suddenly a woman eating a sandwich at a nearby table begins to cough. After a minute or so, it becomes apparent that she is in real distress.

"One of the hillbillies looks at her and says: 'Kin ya swaller?'

"The woman shakes her head no. Then he asks: 'Kin ya breathe?'

"The woman begins to turn blue and shakes her head no.

"The hillbilly walks over to the woman, lifts up her dress, yanks down her drawers and quickly gives her right butt cheek a lick with his tongue.

"The woman is so shocked that she has a violent spasm and the obstruction flies out of her mouth.

"As she begins to breathe again, the hillbilly walks slowly back to his table.

"His partner says: 'Ya know, I heerd of that there 'Hind Lick Maneuver' but I never seen nobody do it before.' "

Knud also had a story to share. He said it was true. "When Ken Lefrançois was a member of our club, we had a speaker who liked to tell a joke before he began his talk. 'This one,' he said, 'is what we call a Newfie joke. But before I begin, I have to ask, Is there anyone here from Newfoundland?'

"Ken spoke up and said, 'Yes, I'm from Newfoundland, but it will be okay, if you speak slowly.' "