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## This Week's Program...

**NO MEETING THIS WEEK!** President Murray is calling it the "Rotary Summer Holiday," which suggests the practice is relatively common around the Rotary world, at least in the northern hemisphere.

## Birthdays this week ...

*Happy Birthday, Fran Hepworth..... Today, July 31<sup>st</sup>!*  
*Happy Birthday, Maureen ..... Friday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>!*  
*Happy Birthday, Knud..... Saturday, August 4<sup>th</sup>!*  
*(No anniversaries that we know of during this period)*

## Future Programs...

**August** is *Membership & New Club Development Month*.

Aug 7: **[Evening meeting]** This meeting will take place at the home of **Wayne** and **Sandy**—99 Churchill Street, Baie d'Urfé—for a **BBQ/corn boil**. Bring family and friends. Plan to arrive between 5:30 and 6.

Aug 14: **PDG Bill** will talk about the early years of our club.

Aug 21: **Maricarmen Raudales**, Programs Director of Health Partners International of Canada, will give us a Virtual Reality presentation

## Special Events...

Aug 25: District International Service and Rotary Foundation meeting, Cornwall Lions Hall, 17413 McPhail Road, 9:30--12:30.

Aug 25: Grants Management Seminar, Cornwall Lions Hall, 17413 McPhail Road, 1:00—3:30.

Aug 27: We will help Héma Québec with **The Graham Martin Memorial Blood Donor Clinic, Kirkland Sports Complex, 16950 Blvd Hymus; Kirkland**

Sep 18: Official visit to our club by **District Governor Martha Weaver**

## Last week's meeting...

**Stan** spoke about Rotary on the World Wide Web, including Rotary International, District 7040 and our club's new website.

Attendance had picked up a bit, with 14 members from our original Montreal-Lakeshore membership—**Wayne, Stan, PDG Bill, Carol**, President **Murray, Glofe** (and her lovely daughter **Anastasia**), **Anne, Şade, Şola, Knud, Brenda, Emily, Cameron** and **Joe Zemanovich**—plus three new members in the process of transferring from the Hudson-and-Saint-Lazare club—**Louis-Philippe Lefrançois, Raymonde Lefrançois** and **David Warne**.

**Cameron** announced that **DG Martha Weaver** has invited him to be **District Secretary**, "and I have accepted," he said, to loud applause.

**PDG Bill** reminded us that our annual **Graham Martin Memorial Blood Donor Clinic** will take place on **Monday, August 27**, from 1 to 8 pm, at the Kirkland Sports Complex, 16950 Hymus Boulevard.

We will need 8-9 volunteers for each shift, i.e. 1-4:30 pm and 4:30 to 8 pm. I will email a reminder to all club members and I would appreciate a response indicating if you are available to help or not and, if so, which shift you would prefer."

**Brenda** told us about three volunteer opportunities coming up in early August:

- Thursday, August 9<sup>th</sup> from 12:45 to 4 pm, **Welcome Hall Mission** needs help to sort and distribute food. They are located at 4755 Acorn St, Door D, in the St-Henri area of Montreal.
- Friday evening, August 10<sup>th</sup> between 6 and 9:30, at the Westview Bible Church, 16789 Pierrefonds Blvd (corner St-Charles), **West Island Mission** needs volunteers to assemble back packs and set up the gym for distribution the next day to 465 school-aged children.
- Wednesday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, 12 to 5 pm, **Welcome Hall Mission** needs to help to distribute school supplies and clothing for 3,200 school-aged children.



**Murray** told us that our meeting on July 17<sup>th</sup>, at which we chose to join committee-designated tables, resulted in Budget Allocations among our three Areas of Service—Community, International and Youth, with the following breakdown of our club's \$23,500 of available funds—Community and International, \$8,500 each and Youth, \$6,500.



He invited members with concerns or comments to email them to him so he can bring them up at a future meeting and at the next Board meeting.

He added that, as a follow-up to that meeting, **Carol** had put out three sheets, one for each of the available committees and members were invited to put their name on the list for the one committee they would like to work on. Later on, he said, there would be four additional committees: a Finance committee, Media committee, Fund-raising committee and Membership committee.

**Bill** told a tale of a policeman who parked his cruiser across the street from a local bar. After last call, the officer saw a man leaving the bar so obviously intoxicated he could barely walk. The man stumbled around the parking lot for a few minutes, with the officer quietly observing. After what seemed an eternity, in which he tried his keys on five different vehicles, the man managed to find his car and fall into it.

He sat there for a few minutes as a number of other patrons left the bar and drove off. Finally, he started the car, switched the wipers on and off, although it was a fine, dry summer night, flicked the blinkers on and off a couple of times, honked the horn and then switched on the lights.

He moved the vehicle forward a few inches, reversed a little, and then remained still for a few more minutes as some more of the other patrons' vehicles left. At last, when his was the only car left in the parking lot, he pulled out and drove slowly down the road.

Having waited patiently all this time, the officer started up his patrol car, put on the flashing lights, and promptly pulled the man over and administered a breathalyzer test.

To his amazement, the breathalyzer indicated no evidence that the man had consumed any alcohol at all! Dumbfounded, the officer said, "I'll have to ask you to accompany me to the police station. This breathalyzer equipment must be broken."

"I doubt it," declared the man with pride. "Tonight I'm the designated decoy."

Invited to introduce our speaker, **Wayne** said, "Believe it or not, back in 1970 I had the pleasure of introducing Stan to our Rotary club. I first met Stan when I was 16 years old. We have raised our glasses together many times over the years. Our families grew up together. In fact, I knew Anita even before I knew Stan. Our children and grandchildren know each other.



"One thing about Stan: among our friends he was always the leader when it came to technology. He always had the latest gadgets. I think it is safe to say Stan is the only member of our club who has served as club president three times, each for a full year. He has been a great friend and a great Rotarian, always there when something needed to be done.

**Stan** began by observing that we must first find a way to access the Internet from wherever we happen to be, when we want to visit any particular website.

"Here at the Holiday Inn, the web address is IHG Connect. [password withheld at request of hotel. *Ed.*]

Stan then went on to show us how to access our new website, [www.rotarymontreallakeshore.com](http://www.rotarymontreallakeshore.com). "It's still a work in progress," he reminded us, "one that **Kelly** is putting together to take the place of our previous website, which had an expiry date that we somehow missed and was lost as a result. I think Kelly will tell us all about it once her work is complete. But for now, she has given us and our friends pretty free access to it even as she adds new material, almost on a daily basis. As we can see, she has already posted an org chart of our club's officers, current and back issues of The Lakeshorian, a welcome letter from President Murray and a save-the date announcement for our Oyster Party, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, under Fundraising Events.



"Under 'What We Do', Kelly has provided our readers with a summary of the work of our three main committees—Community, International and Youth. And she has prepared a page entitled 'Join Us', where she has invited non-Rotarians to get in touch with Membership Chair **Carol**.

"Kelly has added an excellent section entitled 'RECENT NEWS', which she keeps up to date, beginning with a donation we made recently to The West Island Palliative Care Residence, and has added newsworthy items regarding the Old Brewery Mission, awards made at our Changeover Party, right up to our recent donation of diabetic socks to the residents of Ste-Anne's Hospital.

"She has even created a list of 'Categories', so viewers who wish to zero in on Awards, Community, International or Youth can find information and photos that pertain to those particular categories.

"And lastly, she has put a fast and easy link to our club's Facebook page." This is already a great new website and it is just going to keep on getting better. That's what Kelly does!"

On the other two topics Stan was asked to talk about, District 7040 and Rotary International, he did not take the time to go very thoroughly into them in detail, but rather he mainly showed us how to access the home page for each:

"For the district website ([www.rotary7040.com](http://www.rotary7040.com)), please take note that every member of a Rotary club in our district has been assigned a login account name. As instructed on the district website. If you cannot retrieve your login name contact your Club President or email [logins@clubrunner.ca](mailto:logins@clubrunner.ca)."

Stan logged in and showed us what we can find on the district site, including the Events Calendar, the Governor's Calendar—DG Martha will be visiting our club on September 18<sup>th</sup>, **Murray** told us—plus extensive lists of projects and programs, as well as links to many other sites and sources of information.

Asked to show us our club's Facebook page, Stan admitted he does not use Facebook, but he did show us where to find it: [www.facebook.com/rotarymontreallakeshore](http://www.facebook.com/rotarymontreallakeshore). Murray showed us how we can click on thumbs-up "Like" and write a comment if we wish, and "Share" the link to this site with our friends.

"For the Rotary International website, it's best to access it from the My Rotary Member Dashboard.

"If you already have a My Rotary account you may be asked to sign in. There it will list your Email address and Password. Then just click on SIGN IN.

"If you do not already have a My Rotary account, go to <https://my.rotary.org/en> and you will see a place to either SIGN IN TO MY ROTARY or REGISTER FOR AN ACCOUNT. Click on REGISTER FOR AN ACCOUNT and follow the instructions."

Stan took a few minutes to show us what is available on these two websites. It was an amazing and enlightening experience to visit both of them and we could quite easily see why it is a good idea to be signed up for both. Everything you ever wanted to know about Rotary International, The Rotary Foundation and our District 7040 is available to every Rotarian, whether a seasoned member who has been around for several years or a relatively new Rotarian, there is a lot to learn from frequent visits to both sites.

Stan was thanked by **Anne**, who said, "I listened very carefully; I really did. I heard, 'Easy to do, easy to learn, not hard.' But I think I'm the least literate computer individual in this room. All the assists I got from you I get at home from my grandchildren. When I ask them how to do something, I get, 'But Nana, we showed you that last time!' "Thank you so much, Stan, for all your help with computers and the Internet"

