



Today's Meeting May 17, 1999

GSE Team Presentation

Speaker: GSE Team from Argentina

Chair: Gaie Woodside

Co-Chair: Bush Dumville

SongLeader: Tom DeBlois, Jr.

Greeters: Marilyn MacKinnon, Ted Van Lunen

Next Week May 24 NO MEETING

Happy Victoria Day

Next Meeting May 31, 1999

Easter Seals Wrap Up

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Welcome GSE Team Members from Argentina

Belisario, Maria

Marcelo, Anna

On behalf of the membership, welcome to our Club. We hope that you have enjoyed your time on Prince Edward Island, and that you take some fond memories with you as you continue your visit to District 7820 and return to your homes.

It has been our pleasure to serve as your hosts.

Maurice Rodgeron

President

THANKS FOR GSE HELP

A number of Members of the Club deserve a special thanks for their assistance with the GSE Team visit: Home hosts, Stu and Ada, Wayne and Wilma, Yvonne and Gerald, and Allan and Charlotte; Vocational hosts, Harry and Albert; Drivers, Mark, Paul, Wayne and Harry; Program, Allan, Harry and Albert. Special thanks as well to our sister clubs of Montague and Summerside for key parts of the program, and to Hillsborough and Royalty for invite to meetings.

President's Message

"*What do I get out of Rotary?*" was the question asked by a person considering their continued involvement. I suggested the more appropriate question might be "*What do I put into Rotary?*" The later question determines our ability to answer the former.

The truth is if you do not put in, you will not get out. That is as true for Rotary as it is for any volunteer service club. There is certainly nothing wrong with 'getting something' from your involvement. That is only fair and reasonable. But, what is wrong is to expect to continue to make withdrawals when you don't make any deposits.

Those who enjoy Rotary the most are those who are making a solid effort to take part in the projects and activities of the club. They are the ones willing to volunteer, to do their part of make projects successful and to help the Rotary friends. It is through such work (putting in) that you build good will and friendships (take out). Those who join Rotary for the business contacts, or to add it to their resume, soon disappear from the membership roles, either that or they become involved in one of the club projects and turn into a true Rotarian.

The process is an ongoing one. To return to the bank account analogy you can't claim to have made a fairly large deposit many years ago and assume you can continue to draw down on that deposit for life. Just because you chaired a project five or ten years ago does not end your requirement to 'put in' in order to 'take out'. Try the more positive approach. Make a little extra effort to put more of yourself in Rotary. I'm willing to bet you soon find dozens of ways to answer the question "*What do I get from Rotary?*"

The bottom line. You can do a lot to help yourself by helping others make a difference.

Bulletin Board

Birthdays: May 17 - 30

May 18 Jack O'Keefe

May 19 Betty Gay

May 22 Valerie Downe

May 23 James Macnutt

May 25 Rundell Seaman

May 27 Michael Caveney

May 30 Don Hanrahan

Many happy returns - Remember the Foundation, and don't forget to renew your drivers license.

Anniversaries: May 17 - 30

May 17 Howie and Audrey Jamieson

May 18 Ron and Donna Profit

May 18 Bill and Karen Flemming

May 19 Rundell and Beatrice Seaman

May 20 Angus Orford and Karen Rose

May 26 Kevin and Roberta MacRae

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Congratulations and Best Wishes

Board Meeting

The monthly Board Meeting will be held tonight at 5:30 p.m. at Seaman's Beverages. All directors are asked to be in attendance, or to let Secretary Allan McLeod know if you can not attend.

Greeters

Today Marilyn MacKinnon, Ted Van Lunen

Next Meeting Lloyd Palmer, Lloyd Patriquin

June 7 Kathryn Coll, Ken Campbell

June 14 Ken Gillis, Ken MacDonald

June 21 John Morrison, Nelson Hagerman

June 28 Neil Buchanan, John MacInnis

If you are unable to act as Greeter on your appointed day, please make arrangements with another Rotarian to take your place.

Calendar Watch 1999

May 31 Easter Seals Wrap Up Meeting*

June 7 Heart and Stroke Presentation, Dr. Sweeney-Kennedy

June 14 Cancer Society Presentation

June 21 Rotary International Programme

Paul Harris Presentations

June 28 President's Handover, and Changing of the Guard

* Rotary Club of Charlottetown Meetings

Previous Meeting

Attendance: 75.8%.

Congratulations

President Moe extended congratulations to **Bob and Kim Sear** on the latest addition to their family - Christopher.

Howie Jamesion was congratulated on becoming a Grandfather.

Cash draw: Spencer Campbell picked up \$41. in winnings, but drew the six of clubs, leaving the Queen of Hearts still hiding in the deck.

Jennifer Evans: President Moe presented Jennifer Evans with a Certificate of Appreciation in recognition of her active involvement with the Easter Seals Campaign.

The President noted that such was her dedicated that her involvement with the committee actually began before she was officially a Rotarian.

MARCH OF DIMES

Jim Macnutt updated the Club on the March of Dimes. A mail campaign was conducted, centering around Mothers Day. It is the latest effort of the Club to reactivate the March of Dimes which raises funds to meet the needs of individuals beyond the age served by Easter Seals.

KIDNEY FOUNDATION

We sometimes forget the significant advances that have been made in addressing health problems, such as kidney disease. Chair Bob Sear brought that point home when he indicated his father had died from kidney failure because at that time there was no treatment.

Maria Bell, President of the Kidney Foundation of Canada, is herself a kidney transplant recipient. She told club members that it was the lack of any treatment for kidney failure that led to the establishment of the Kidney Foundation. In order to gain greater understanding of the factors causing kidney failure and ways to treat those problems the Foundation decided to focus its efforts on research. Over the past 35 years some \$53 million has been invested in kidney and related research. That investment has been made possible by the efforts of some 70,000 volunteers across the country and the Canadians who contribute to the Foundation.

She went on to highlight some of the research activities. Funds are invested in basic science and genetic research. Many diseases of the kidney are genetic and therefore identifying the genes involved assists in more effective testing, early detection, and better treatment.

Research also translates into better care. Dialysis used to require three twelve-hour treatment sessions per week. Through research the time required for each session has been reduced to just three and a half hours. Better methods of dialysis have been developed, and there are fewer complications. Knowledge about the impact of antibiotics on the body and organs such as the kidney has improved and because of that possible damage can be reduced.

Those who have a kidney transplant must take medications in order to prevent rejection. Because of the research that has improved those drugs, and our ability to use them effectively there is now an 85% success rate with kidney transplants. That means longer and better lives for those facing kidney failure.

Research in areas such as urology benefits the general population as well as those with kidney problems. The removal of kidney stones once required a significant surgical procedure. Now they can often be treated with minor surgery or by avoiding surgery.

The funding provided by the Kidney Foundation has helped in some personal and professional achievements. Ms. Bell referred to an Ontario researcher by the name of Andrew. Unfortunately Andrew passed away last year from cancer, but the accomplishments of his Kidney Foundation research lives on. Andrew had an interest in preventing rejection of kidney transplants, and last year Andrew achieved a major breakthrough that will benefit patients for years to come.

The chances we may benefit directly from such research is increasing. For example while the general population increased by 14%, the percentage of the population with kidney failure increased 110%.

Ms. Bell personalized the progress that has been made. In 1955 her parents were told she didn't have long to live because there was no treatment for kidney failure. Now at 60 years of age, and 12 years after a transplant she is more active than ever.

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