



Our Weekly Club Bulletin

The Rotooter

February 25, 2020



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Ile-a-Vache, Haiti:

Bonnie Melichercik & Bruce Leeming!

What a fascinating story these two presented tonight! So vastly different from our life in Canada. Hard to imagine the poverty and the daily struggles the Haitians must face each and every day.



Ile a Vache is a small island off the south coast of Haiti.

Friends of Ile a Vache is a non-profit charitable group led by Bonnie and Bruce, with basically just their family and close friends in support.



Population is in some 10 villages of 1,000 people each, with no hydro and few roads. Friends of Ile a Vache focus on four critical needs of the people - Medical, Education, Clean Water and Food Security.

We have seen progress photos of the Fish Farm (pond) and the Chicken Coop to which we have donated funds. Crime is so bad that they even have a guard house at the pond for security. Why is the pond dug by hand - simply to provide hours for workers to earn money - they could bring in equipment but that's not the 'fair to all' way.

So many hardships - plastic sheet sails if they cannot get used ones from Canada; kids too sick from bad water they can't go to schools, so cisterns were provided; sewing classes so they can make their own cloths and repair their existing ones many times over; education costs \$60/yr for all supplies and \$250/yr at the high school level; etc., etc., etc.

Bruce presented RCO with a Tree of Life sculpture, hand made from an oil drum side - Knut suggested we auction this at Doc's Auction and give the proceeds to Ile a Vache - Good idea; they need all we can give, and more! Bidders are lining up already!



Upcoming Rotary Meetings:

- Tue Mar 10 Business Meeting
- Tue Mar 24 Doc's Auction
- Thurs** Apr 9 Joint Lions/Rotary Meeting
- Tue Apr 14 cancelled - see Apr 9
- Tue Apr 28 Business Meeting

Today's Meeting:

Guests:

In addition to our Speakers Bruce & Bonnie, Gil & Debbie Sipkema joined us for the meeting. Gil and Bruce are related, and it was Gil who introduced Bonnie & Bruce to Lynda, who then brought the Haiti projects to our attention. Lynda's husband Graham Bryan joined with us as well.

March Birthdays:

- Danny Brackett 11-Mar
- Charilyn Wright 30-Mar

March Anniversaries:

- Lorna & George 9-Mar

Attendance:

23 of 47 - 48.9%!

*Better turn out - but still less than 50%.
We miss you folks when you're not here!*

Sgt. at Arms:

Sgt Steve passed the hat and collected lots of Happy Bucks - mostly from members who were happy about the excellent Haiti presentation!

50/50 Draw:

The lucky winner tonight was Fred Murphy, congratulations - and Fred promptly turned around and gave his winnings to Bonnie for Ile a Vache - well done Fred!

In This Issue.....

- **Projects & Life in Haiti:** - Very Interesting!
- **Project Updates** - Hockey Equipment & Chicken Coops.!
- **Club News** - Bowling, Spring Cleanup & Lots of Other Stuff!

Save these RCO Dates!

- Mar 24th Doc's Auction (note new date!)
- Apr 4th District Assembly
- Apr 16th Lions & Rotary Joint Meeting
- May 30th District Conference

Club News:



Let's Make Orangeville Shine Saturday, May 2, 2020

Ed & Bill E. are co-chairs for this event (and Sheri continues on the Committee). Fred and Steve are also active for some of the important activities.

Mark the date please - we need all hands on deck!

Bowl for Kids Sake

Big Brothers/Big Sisters
Fri. Mar 27 or Sun. Mar. 29

RCO is sponsoring a Lane once again this year. Pledge Sheets to come.

Looks like our crack Bowling Team from 2019 will do it again! Thanks Mike, Charilyn, Taunya and Amy!

How about 4 more for Team#2? Any volunteers?



Doc's Auction Tues. Mar 24th

Named in honour of its Founder, Doc, this is our annual 'for fun' auction to raise funds to apply to our General Account with the idea of keeping our Dues as low as we can.

So it's in everyone's interest to attend, to bring lots of interesting items, and to bid often and bid high!

Members bring 2 or 3 or more items of value, (or questionable, but fun, value), antique, modern, bottles of liquid refreshment perhaps even high test? Almost anything goes, but be sure to attend for all the fun!



Auctioneers 2019

Notices of Motion

- Bereavement Policy:** The Board has passed a motion to bring to the Club for a vote to increase the allowance for floral arrangements in memory of deceased members and spouses of members. To be voted on at our next meeting.
- Roll a Hippo Donation:** The Board has passed a motion to bring to the Club for a vote to donate to this organization, through the Rotary Club of Gibsons BC, to cover the cost of 10 units. To be voted on at our next meeting.
- Orangeville Rotary Club Foundation:** The Board has passed a motion to bring to the Club for a vote to donate funds to cover the 2nd Commencement Bursaries. To be voted on at our next meeting.

As per our Bylaws, Proxy Votes are encouraged from members who will be unable to attend the next meeting. Please send your vote to Secretary Don

Request for Volunteers

Sat. Apr 25th

The Town OSAT Committee has asked if RCO would again provide 6-8 volunteers for a BBQ during their **Earth Day Tree Planting** event at Harvey Curry Park.

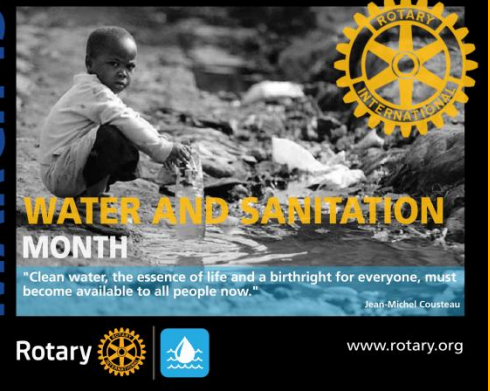
OSAT provides the BBQs, food and everything, RCO provides the cooks from 9:30am to noon. Please advise Secretary Don this week if you can help.



**This Year it's at Harvey Curry Park;
Should be more out of the wind!**

R.I. News:

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District News Rotary District 7080

District 7080 is made up of 49 clubs with some 1,625 members throughout Southwestern Ontario. It is one of many Districts in the world with 1,228,000 Rotarians in total.

District Events in 2020

District Assembly & Leadership Training

Sat. Apr. 4th 2020 - Kitchener

Registration: on the District Website.

District Conference 2019-2020

May 30th 2020

(Bingaman's Catering & Conference Centre, Kitchener
A one-day conference; registration now open.

Registration: \$119 before March 31st

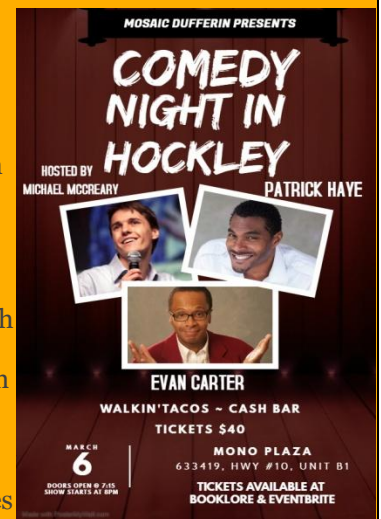
Community News:

- **Outdoor Market**
Alder Street
9:00-1:00 Feb 29, 2020

Special!



- **Comedy Night in Hockley**
- Fundraiser
- Mosaic Dufferin
- Non-Profit Thrift Store
- Mosaic is Partnering with Community Living Dufferin & Dufferin Child and Family Services



*Yours in Rotary,
Don Voisey,
Editor for today*

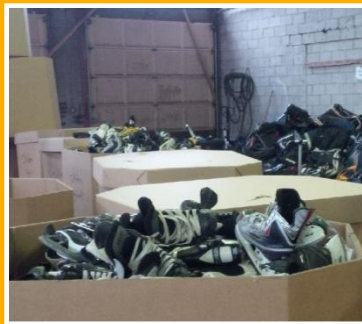
Hockey Equipment Drive 2020:

Rotary Clubs of Palgrave and Etobicoke

RCO once again contributed funds towards the shipping of the equipment to northern indigenous communities. Included in this year's donations was equipment from the Orangeville Flyers. Some of those jerseys are being displayed by Howard Sproxton, along with Susan Hicks of RC Palgrave and Gerry Liu of RC Etobicoke.

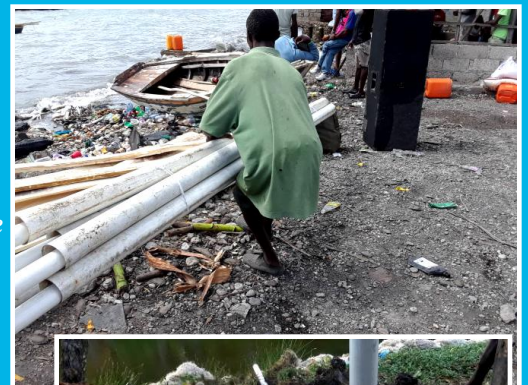


Used equipment was donated by our own Orangeville Flyers.



More about the Chicken Coops: An Interesting Approach, in Haiti, to: is it "Beneficial to All Concerned?"

The fellow who has brought the pvc pipe to the boat is not the usual Ile-a-Vache person, Wagner. It is proper in Haiti to have someone carry the stuff you purchase to your boat. It is their way of ensuring everyone gets a few dollars.



It would be below the store owner to carry your goods, and, if you were to carry them yourself, it would be considered not appropriate as you are taking a job away from someone that could be earning some money.

It takes anyone from outside to get used to having someone cart your stuff. Especially if it is a little something that you could just carry yourself



Support Special Olympics:

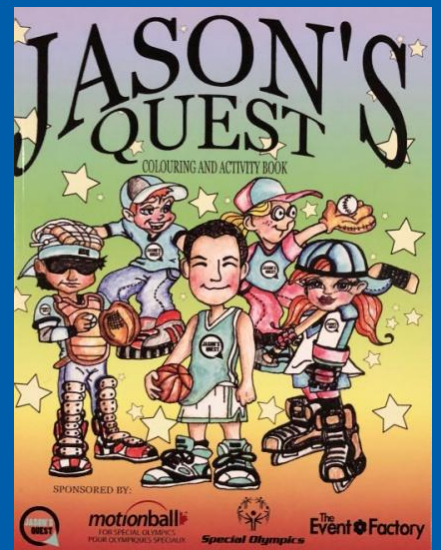
Jason's Quest - a Colouring and Activity Book

Special Olympian Jason Scorcia, aka Scorch, teamed up with friend Chris Tampin and illustrator Wendle Beaton to create this all-ages colouring book packed with fun pictures and inspirational quotations.

The goal of the book is to promote understanding of mental health challenges, and net proceeds go to the Special Olympic and Motionball charities.

Bolton's Jason Scorcia and Chris Tampin co-founded Jason's Quest, an organization dedicated to helping families offset the costs of involvement in Special Olympic programs.

\$20 per copy, available through Booklore, with Nancy making sure the full \$20 goes to the charity - well done Nancy!



FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS
POUR OLYMPIQUES SPÉCIAUX

Emergency Department Acute Care Room:

RCO Donates to the Headwaters Health Care Foundation

President Richard, President -Elect Taunya, and Rotarian Sue, join with Foundation folks Dora Boylen-Pabst, Executive Director, Geoff Harris, Director Emergency Services and Jenn Davies in the presentation.

Project is in the final stages of approval by the Ministry so we should find out fairly soon as to when the construction will start



Walk for the Food Bank

'Rotarians Against Hunger'

RCO & RCOH combined for this walk

At last count, raised \$2,810 (112% of their goal of \$2,500).

Some of the Participants gather for a photo after the walk:



- DJ Charles & Heather
- Wrights - 3 generations
- Knut looks cold already (and its before the walk!)



Chef Mark, who leads the program, is shown here with food for the Coldest Night of the Year fundraiser. The sign above acknowledges the School, Food Bank, and Rotary

SHSM - What's That?

The Specialist High Skills Major (SMASH) is a ministry approved specialized program that allows students to focus their learning on a specific economic sector while meeting the requirements for the Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) and assists in their transition from secondary school to apprenticeship training, college, university or the workplace.

and How is RCO Connected?

The Freezer that RCO donated is for this program. You will recall that the freezer is to store meals prepared by the students in the SHSM cooking program - food comes from the Food Bank, the students cook the meals, then freeze them, and then the meals are sent back to the Food Bank to distribute to the needy.

Win, Win, Win!

