



THE ROTARY CLUB OF GUELPH-TRILLIUM BULLETIN

Bulletin Editor: Peter
Date: January 6, 2010

Desk: – Paul and Laurie
Greeter: Liz

Chairperson for the week (while Sam is recovering from an operation – our best wishes to him) Barbara Fisk, Pres.-Elect

Guests:

All from Guelph South
Anne Caine, Frank Oudesluys, Thomas Newby, Andreas Hug
And Marcus, for the last time

HAPPY BUCKS:

Joe – Florida and Darlene recovering from a broken toe
Maureen – received a new car for Christmas – “I forgive you for everything”
David – Robin carried the torch past City Hall
Barbara – A delightful cruise, and brother-in-law is better
Peg – great Christmas – Marcus – a great person to know
Elizabeth – Fred Black scholarship winners in recent issue of Venture
Darlene – broken toe is better, so is a friend
Marilyn – Marcus is an amazing young man
Ernie – good to be back
Carrie – being 40 isn’t all that bad – also for her father who was visiting

Laurie – Good Christmas, had time to read a book. Kids are both heading to post-Secondary Education.

Paul – Marcus and a good Christmas

Peter – June received a Paul Harris for Christmas from a grateful husband

Sam – Marcus now joins his extended family along with all the exchange students he and Peg have hosted. Thanks to the other host families – Ryders and Players. Peg fed the whole family at Christmas - a total of ? bodies.

Dave – Reported on some bizarre New Zealand news

Cam – Father’s 80th birthday – lots of football

FINES :

None

50/50 DRAW :

Nancy picked the 10 of spades and dug the pot a little deeper.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CLUB BUSINESS

Bruce Macpherson – going to Uganda again and needs used hockey bags to transport things he will be taking to Uganda.

Paul Fitz – Keep Jan. 23rd as it is the date for Winterfest, again at the Balnars. See the

flyer for further details. It is pot-luck – BYOB and a salad or dessert.

PROGRAM:

Peter introduced Liz Fisk who has been involved in many organizations as consultant, advisor, board member, volunteer, including Rotary, when she joined our club in 2003. She spoke about Distress Centres of Ontario, which was one of her clients when it was going through a time of significant transition. She was asked to provide interim part-time services as Executive Director of DCO, and she provides capacity building support to various Distress Centres and Telecare lines.

DCO had its origins with the Samaritans in the UK and similar organizations in the USA. In Ontario, since the 60's and 70's there have been 20 Telecares and 26 Distress Centres, but now, 18 centres cover the Province with professionally trained and paid staff. There is still a great need for volunteers who will be willing to be trained as telephone call takers who help callers to find within themselves the resources necessary to receive help. Volunteers receive calls from a wide variety of callers who need help dealing with distress, crisis, suicide, information and help with a third party. Most callers are between 16 and 44 years of age. There is no stigma in asking for help.

The help lines provide a non-threatening, non-judgmental atmosphere.

There is always need for volunteers who receive 40 hours of training and on-line mentoring in active listening, and empathy for the callers.

Can you see yourself as a volunteer????
Watch for a Province wide campaign to be called "One Call Away" [www,dcontario.org](http://www.dcontario.org)

Clarence thanked Liz for her very informative presentation.

Sam and Marilyn presented Marcus with a "Memory Book" – photos of many of his activities since coming to Guelph last year at this time. A card was also presented to Marcus signed by all members.

SAM'S THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

This was the Thought for the Day – Marcus, a great person who received the good wishes of all club members as he returns to New Zealand.

WEBSITES:

Rotary Club of Guelph-Trillium RibFest:
www.ribfestguelph.com

Rotary Club of Guelph-Trillium:
www.trilliumrotary.org

Rotary District 7080:
www.rotary7080.org

Rotary International:
www.rotary.org