



ROTARY CLUB OF OAK BAY

District 5020 Victoria

British Columbia CANADA



2008-2009 Rotary International Theme: **Make Dreams Real**

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Join us at Noon on Tuesdays at the Oak Bay Recreation Centre ([MAP](#))

Program for October 14, 2008, reported by [Lori McLeod](#) [CLICK HERE](#) for Print Version



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President Neil began with a quote from 1925/26 RI President Donald A. Adams from the Rotary Club of New Haven, CT. in his address to the 1926 RI convention in Denver: *"Primarily Rotary seeks to apply the theory of service to business and community life... This is expressed in the first part of our code of ethics, 'To consider my vocation worthy and as a distinct opportunity to serve society'. 'He profits most who serves best' is a less ideal expression, but the suggestion of egoism is removed by the added words, 'Service above Self'."*

Tom Lidkea played for O Canada and **John Snively** said grace.

Announcements

Tom Lidkea reminded everyone that the 16th Annual **Broom Bash** is set for Saturday and Sunday (Oct 18 & 19) from 1:00pm till 4:00pm at Uplands Park. Meet at Cattle Point. Please come out and help if you can.

Neil Rawnsley reminded the Directors of their **meeting** next Monday (Oct 20) at Vicky Pitt's office. He also reminded everyone about the **Foundation Seminar** in Duncan on Saturday, October 18th from 9:00am till 3:00pm. If you plan to attend the Foundation Seminar, please register online for catering purposes. Finally, Neil noted that **Christie and Memory** will be here for a visit in November. The Interact Club will be having them speak at the school on November 4th and they are also organizing an



Guest Speakers Chris Fraser and Stephanie Malahoff with President Neil.

Wolf Schopper introduced our two guest speakers in detail. They both have extensive backgrounds! **Chris Fraser**, is a physician and works with the UBC Faculty of Medicine and is also the Medical Director for Cool Aid Community Health. **Stephanie Malahoff** is a Registered Nurse with Victoria Hospice. Both Chris and Stephanie travelled to Africa with their children to provide medical volunteer services through the **Canada Africa Community Health Alliance (CACHA)**. Their presentation, entitled "Tales from Tanzania: Volunteer Work at Kilema Hospital" was very engaging.

Chris worked primarily at the **Treatment and Care Centre** located in **Kilema** at the base of Mt. Kilimanjaro. At the site, there was a strong Rotary presence from Ontario Clubs. Rotarians were supporting school construction and many other projects. The main issue for the people here is disease - mainly TB, HIV, Malaria, etc. Tanzania has a population of 37 million and a life expectancy of 57 years. HIV prevalence rate is 9.6% and TB affects 550 per 100,000 people (vs. Canada at 1 or 2 cases per 100,000). Chris noted that lots of women come for treatment and testing, however, they need to find a way to increase visits by the men who don't come for fear of losing a day of work. It was hard for him to get used to seeing children affected by HIV and it was surprising that a special treat was so simple as pop and cookies.

Stephanie worked primarily with the **Orphan Program** in **Kilema** both at the treatment centre and in the outlying communities. Orphan children live primarily in family homes and approximately 80% are cared for by grandparents. It is not out of the ordinary for a Grandmother to be caring for 4 or 5 children. The work of the Orphan Program is to assess orphans for health and general wellbeing, including educational opportunities and family home support. The

Visiting Rotarians & Guests

Introduced by **Hans Ockermueller:**

Christopher Causton of Harbourside. **Chris Fraser, Stephanie Malahoff**, speakers, and **Elena Antunez**, were guests of the Club.

Sergeant at Arms

Wendy Hogarth levied three general fines:
 1. for everyone who did not cheer on runners in the Royal Victoria Marathon;
 2. for everyone who did not give thanks for being a Rotarian on Thanksgiving; and,
 3. for everyone who had not yet voted or doesn't intend to vote today.

Happy Birthday wishes are sent to **John Picken** and **Mary Canty**, both not in attendance today. And a **Happy Anniversary** to Dave and Lisa Maxwell. Dave was not here for this timely reminder, so hopefully he won't forget!

Happy and Sad \$:

Tom Lidkea was happy that Elena, a past Rotary Exchange Student, was here today visiting from her hometown of Pamplona, Spain, and of course staying with Tom's family. **Jack Petrie** was happy that he got to shake hands with Stuart McLean of CBC fame, even though he had to do it over the accidently sprawled on the floor musician, Jim Byrnes. **Lynne Murray** is happy that she is going back to work one day a week.

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