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Founded: April 23, 1985
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Guests: Dinah Cephis (AIC), Benny Mwenda and Mary from TSAEE-Tanzania, Norm Woodcock (Saskatoon Nutana), Jackie Kriпки.

Announcements:

- Murray McArthur talked about the nice time a few members from the Saskatoon Meewasin had at the District conference and remind everyone about the flag raising at city Hall at 11h00 this Monday.
- Garth Courtney reminded people that they need to sale tickets for Lobster Fest and listed the members that did not pick up their tickets yet. There is a committee meeting on Thursday. Harold Empey reminded everyone of signing for the dessert cooking at LobsterFest..
- Ian Sutherland announced that "Meals on Wheels" held on Thursday will not be running in July and August this summer.
- Murray McArthur announced that the Meewasin rotary Club was honored by the Canadian Ripple Effect Committee and the Rotary District 5550, on behalf of the children of Guatemala, as a valued supporter of the Ripple Effect Program.
- (By email). CTV news reporter Jeff Rockstad will report about Rotary at the 6 pm news Monday, and on Tuesday, there will be radio interviews on different radio stations with local Rotarians, as well as articles in the news paper. On Saturday May 22nd, there will be a Shelter box set up at the farmers market.

Sergeant-at-Arms: Ken Howland / Chetan Thakore.

Were fined, David Popkin for being on the newspapers and the radio, Jacques Toupin for having trouble finding his name tag, all the members who did not go to the conference, Les Ferguson for being out of luck, Jack Braidek for knowing Mr. Anderson, Murray for his helicopter picture, Harold Empey for insulting Norm Woodcock, Ralph for selling tickets with different colors and Robert for not handling the budget of last year's LobsterFest..

H/S \$: Les Ferguson for his wife being on the board of directors of the University, Jack Braidek for his birthday and his grant daughter entering medicine school, Harold for his healthy heart.

Upcoming Events

May 31st: Rotary Induction
June 5th: LobsterFest
June 7th: District conference update
June 20-23, 2010: Rotary International Convention in Montreal
June 28th: Change over meeting (more info to come)

The future of Rotary is in your hands

Program: Benny Mwenda, chair person of TSAEE: "Tanzania Society for Education and Extension (TSAEE) Partnership Program".

Benny was introduced by Dinah Cephis, member of the Agricultural Institute of Canada (AIC). Dinah mentioned that AIC is funding projects in 7 countries, including Nepal, Vietnam, Tanzania, Ghana and Ethiopia. TSAEE is one of the projects funded by AIC. TSAEE has also funding coming from CIDA.

Benny started by presenting his country, Tanzania: 41 millions people, 75% rural with Kishwahili being the official language. The TSAEE has 4 main objectives: knowledge exchange, dialogue with government, farmer assistance and rural economic development. The TSAEE has 217 members that works as support and agricultural staff. TSAEE is very involved in women training and rural development. Results of their action showed increase of rural household income and food safety. Women and youth are getting more involved in economic and rural development.

Recently, TSEAA was involved with Saskatoon, a Rotary Club in MB and SNN (Charity organism from the Netherlands involved development of tree nursery) in a tree planting project. Trees are considered a National good and the government is encouraging new planting, as tree resources are diminishing greatly. The involvement of the Saskatoon Rotary club (\$5000) allowed purchases of trees and the planting was made with students from 3 high school (1500 students).

Other involvements of TSAEE: help micro enterprises (Potato/chicken/cassava farm by women, stove building, briskets as alternative fire source, local breads), provide groups to help with harvest and invite technical experts to teach new technologies (GPS technologies were taught by a Canadian team).

Questions: Explain how TSAEE deals with climate change, how Rotarian projects could help, why local Rotary clubs could not help more. Benny said that local Rotary Clubs could not handle too much and several projects could not go forward because local clubs could not deal with it.

Benny was thanked by Wayne Claypool.

22) This week's **Rotary Foundation thought** is about **why we support our Foundation**. Every minute of every day someone's life is being improved by our Rotary Foundation. Rotary clubs on every continent are working to improve the living conditions and health of their fellow citizens. Rotarians like you and me can make a difference by continually supporting our Foundation and the Annual Programs Fund. As Rotarians we determine where funds are allocated through District Designated Funds, which we can use for local projects or matching grants in another country. When we contribute to our Foundation we are promoting world-wide **Peace and Understanding**. Only if *Every Rotarian Every Year* makes a gift to the Annual Programs Fund will we will be able to continue to do the great work of The Rotary Foundation.

Ralph's raffle: Bob McLeod (Shoe polish), Chrystel Olivier (Water bottle, Jacques Toupin (golf balls).

"Rotary believes that the citizen who best serves his country is the one who wishes to know the truth about his neighbors, and who desires to replace hatred between nations with friendship."

— Address to 1939 Rotary Convention, Cleveland, Ohio, USA