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Helping All Of Us This Morning:

Door Keeper	David Nourse
Greeter	Pam Bingham
Gracer	Jean Fletcher
Finer	Steve Greer
Introducer	Stephen Cryne
Thanker	Ed Wright
Cleaner Upper	Rob Rubino

Today's Program

Today's Lucky Draw Pot:

\$500

Today's Thought

When you do say Yes, say it quickly. But always take a half hour to say No, so you can understand the other fellow's side.

Francis Cardinal Spellman



Many RCOW members were on hand last week to enjoy the 25th anniversary celebration of the Rotary Club of Oakville Trafalgar.

New Member Approved

It's almost official now. Dr. Peter Clark is the newest member of RCOW. Peter will be inducted into the club at tonight's club assembly which, incidentally, kicks off at 6:00 p.m. at The Oakville Club.

RCOW Club Assembly Details

Here's the agenda for the club assembly next Tuesday evening, September 30th at 6:00 p.m. Looks like a great meeting...particularly the bit from 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

I understand the bar will reopen following the meeting. Perhaps the winner of the 50/50 draw will treat us!!

6:00 - 6:30pm Cocktails
Committee sign-up

6:30pm	Singing of the Anthem
	Grace
	Induction of Dr. Peter Clark
	Buffet Dinner
	Attendance Report
	Fine master
	"Happy Bucks"
7:00pm	<i>Fundraising / Fund giving - Structure and process</i>
	A full club discussion on the importance of developing a "criteria for commitment" that RCOW can follow for projects we support in the future.
8:00pm	50/50 Draw
	Adjournment

Hosts Sought for Visiting Student

Oakville's Rotary clubs will host a Youth Exchange student from Mexico for a one year period, starting in January and volunteers are being sought for hosting duties.

Judy Warrington, of the Rotary Club of Oakville, is coordinating the exchange, She

hopes that each of the four clubs will host the student for three months. To volunteer or get further information, please contact Judy.

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Upcoming Events

RCOW Club Assembly...September 30th

September Birthdays

September 5, Ron Gall
September 6, Nur Cowan
September 7, Joanne. Skantzios
September 10, Bruce Norman
September 29, Andrew Keitner

The Words of Paul Harris

"Rotary has a long way to go. One who thinks of the movement as a finished product is indeed short sighted; there is nothing in the past to justify such a view; those who have been long identified with it think of it as having made a beginning only; the grandeur of Rotary must be in the days to come".

Paul Harris - "The Founder of Rotary" p. 122

I love to quote Paul Harris': ".... the grandeur of Rotary must be in the days to come".

It is my firm conviction that Rotary's best days lie ahead. We have demonstrated our strength and our ability to solve the problems of mankind on this globe. In immunizing the children of the world, we have demonstrated the ability of Rotarians united to make the 21st

century the prime of Rotary service, and because of Rotary service, mankind's best century ever I see the day when people everywhere will recognize the Rotary wheel as the hope, help, and life of mankind the people who solve problems.

Richard D. King, RI Past President 2001-2002,
Mankind is our Business

Next week: Focus on agreement

BE A CONTRIBUTOR, We are now interested in additional contributors like President Rick. Anyone with an interest in history is welcome. What is your favorite Paul Harris quote? Send it to us, with your comments on why you believe Paul Harris's words are relevant today. Please include the date, publication and page where Paul Harris wrote the quote. Also send your name and club. We'll credit you for your assistance. Send the quote and information to editor@whatpaulharrissaid.org

EDITOR'S CORNER

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Bill and I were discussing business over lunch when he glanced at the next table and opened his mouth in amazement.

"What is it, Bill...is something wrong?" I asked.

"Do you know who that is?" he replied, his eyes still fixed on the table next to ours.

I turned to look.

"Yes, that's Ron Ellis," I said.

"We have to go over there and talk to him," Bill said.

"No! The guy came here hoping to eat his lunch in peace. It's not fair to pester him."

"I guess you're right. It sure would be nice to talk to him, though!" Bill replied as he gazed wistfully at Ron Ellis.

As we placed our orders and waited for our food to arrive, Bill's eyes scarcely left Ron Ellis' table. People kept walking over, introducing themselves to Ron Ellis and shaking his hand. He received everyone graciously, but didn't have much opportunity to eat.

By the time our food arrived, Bill was fit to be tied.

"I'm a big fan, you know!" Bill said.

"I never would have guessed," I said.

"He's going to be very annoyed if we don't recognize him," Bill said. "Celebrities are like that. They get upset if you don't make a fuss over them. We really ought to go over. We don't want to offend him!"

"Bill, celebrities like to eat their food while it's hot, just like you do. So why don't you eat your lunch and let him finish his meal. The poor guy has barely managed a bite. Every time he tries to eat, somebody interrupts him for an autograph."

"I don't want to make him mad by ignoring him. I admire him too much for that."

"Listen, Bill. Do you think Ron Ellis is going to remember any of those people who bugged him today?"

"I guess not."

"You're absolutely right, Bill! Do you know who he *will* remember?"

“No, who?” Bill responded, a confused look on his face.

“He’s going to remember you, Bill!”

“He will?”

“Of course! He’ll remember that you left him alone and didn’t bother him!”

Bill’s anxiety vanished and he beamed a broad smile.

“You know something? You’re right!” he said.

Satisfied that Ron Ellis would remember him, Bill happily ate his meal. Meanwhile, more people stopped by Ron Ellis’ table. They stayed for a moment to exchange pleasantries, then left.

However, the last person to arrive on the scene seemed to strike a chord with Ron Ellis and ended up sitting at the table with him. After a few moments they walked out of the restaurant together, engrossed in conversation.

No sooner had they left than the owner of the restaurant came to our table.

“Do you know who was sitting at that table?” the owner asked.

“No,” I said.

“Of course we do!” Bill insisted.

“No, we don’t, Bill,” I countered.

Bill, who still hadn’t spotted the piece of paper in the owner’s hand, continued. “Of course I know him. He’s Ron Ellis, one of the greatest wingers in the history of the Toronto Maple Leafs. He was one of the heroes in the 1972 series with the Soviets.”

“So, he’s a friend of yours!” the owner said.

“I’d be proud to call him a friend!” Bill said.

The owner slapped the paper on the table.

“Good!” he said. “You can pay his bill, then!”