



3rd Annual Golf Tournament—September 13, 2011

The 3rd Annual Golf Tournament will be held on Tuesday September 13, 2011 at the terrific **Nobleton Lakes Golf Club**. The good news for SCW. Canada is that all the spaces are filled. The committee made up of Robert Antonel, John Gregoris, Mario Covatta, K.J. Fernando, Bryan Blackert, Massimo Perricone, Michael Ferreira, Annette MacDonald, Dave Snelgrove, Pat van der Wolf, Tania Antenucci, and Cathy Papais have all been working hard on this event and as a result, all of the sponsorships are sold out. Some hole sponsorships and dinner tickets are still available. For sponsorship forms, please go to our website www.scwcanada.org



A lucky participant will win the **GRAND PRIZE**, sponsored by **PLATINUM NATURALS** and **COMFORT CONNECTIONS**. It is a 7 day trip for two to Roatan, Honduras that includes: Round trip for two to the all inclusive resort **HENRY MORGAN** and two 18 hole passes to a first class golf course **THE BLACK PEARL**, which is Roatan's first and only golf course. The 18-hole, par—72, 7200 yard championship golf course was



created by world famous golf course architect Pete Dye. The course starts at the ocean's doorstep, rises into the island's rolling foothills, then takes golfers on a wild ride back to the seaside clubhouse. With more than 100,000 plants and trees, the golf course is one of the largest sanctuaries of plant and animal life. The Henry Morgan Hotel and Beach Resort is located in the trendy West Bay Region and along one of the most beautiful beaches in the world. A great place for family fun, a diving odyssey or a relaxing get-away, Henry Morgan has it all. So buy your raffle tickets at the tournament! Who knows? **YOU** could be the winner of this terrific vacation package.

Thank You!!!

A big thank you to Tania Antenucci for driving the brand new soccer uniforms donated by Robert Antonel to Montreal to be shipped by container via the Honduras consulate..

Thank you to our new volunteer Alyssa Cantarutti (student at McGill University) who is helping out Annette with the multitude of administrative tasks.



Thank you to Dr. Juan Carlos-Rivera and Mrs. Giovanna Rivera Calderon for the donation of this wonderful painting to be auctioned off at one of our upcoming fundraisers. The painting was received by Tania Antenucci, John Gregoris, Ron McKnight and Annette MacDonald at an afternoon reception held by Tania & family in May.

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President's Report by Dylan Marando

Empowerment Evening. SCW Canada's 2nd Annual Empowerment Evening—**A World Transforming?** held on May 31st with Janice Stein, Director, Munk School of Global Affairs was a tremendous success. The event generated approximately \$6000 in donations and attracted more than 100 supporters. Attendees also enjoyed a silent auction and opening remarks from SCW President Dylan Marando. **A special thank you to our sponsors: Acquicon Construction, Facilitate IT, and Richard Armstrong.** A big thank you as well to those who donated to the silent auction and sent letters of support including: SCW Honorary Director, the Honourable Elizabeth May, MP, the Honourable Bob Rae MP, former Toronto Mayor David Miller, and Mary Cosentino. This event was made possible by the outstanding work and leadership of Heather MacKay and Carolyn Doyle.



In the first two years, the Empowerment Evening has raised approximately **\$15,000** for SCW projects. If you are interested in joining the 2012 Empowerment Evening Event Committee, please contact Empowerment Evening Co-Chair Heather MacKay at hamackay@rogers.com

In addition, a donation of **\$1,000** was received from **St. Timothy's Church.** This was a "multiplier effect" of the above event. A tangible benefit of "raising awareness" of our cause. A member of the church was in the audience and was impressed by our story and asked her group for support. So the momentum and outreach are both working.

Empowerment Program has raised approximately \$10,000. This year, Michaelle Jean Public School and Langstaff Secondary School joined SCW's Empowerment Program which attempts to build partnerships between schools in Canada and schools in Haiti and Honduras. Together these schools raised more than \$4000. Through their involvement with SCW, which was facilitated by SCW Ambassador Liam McGuinty, Michaelle Jean P. S. and Langstaff S.S. joined Julliard School, Brescia University, St. Theresa Catholic H.S., Wells Street P.S., and Richmond Hill H.S. as Empowerment Program participants.

If you know of a school interested in participating in the Empowerment Program, please contact Liam McGuinty at liam.mcguinty@utoronto.ca

Champions Program— This year, SCW Canada launched its Champion Program. The program, led by Stan Zalewski and the Honourable Bryon Wilfert P.C., attempts to attract major supporters for **our most ambitious school construction project to date—an 18 classroom bilingual school in Honduras.** SCW Champions receive a series of Champion Rewards including: formal recognition as Champions on SCW literature, an invitation to our annual Champions Event, company or name inscription on a school plaque to be placed on the new school, and an opportunity to actually visit the partner school in Honduras.

THANK YOU TO SCW'S FIRST CHAMPION, STANLEY STANKIEWICZ OF RICHVALE YORK BLOCK INC. FOR HIS GENEROUS DONATION OF \$10,000

If you are interested in becoming an SCW Champion, please contact Program Chair Stan.Zalewski@norr.com

If you or someone you know would be interested in volunteering in any capacity for SCW.Canada, or would like to make a contribution to our endeavours, please check out our website at www.scwcanada.org or e-mail info@scwcanada.org

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GREAT NEWS!!

THE PORTILLO NORTE PROJECT WAS COMPLETED ON JUNE 15TH.



Portillo Norte is a SK to Grade 6 School. It opened with 57 children in attendance and that number has grown to 61.

The photos were taken by Alejandra Madrid.

Congratulations to everyone involved in this project.



Visit To Honduras!

On June 19th to June 23rd, Directors John Stephenson and Norm Grey-Noble visited Honduras. Assisted by Alejandra Madrid we visited 7 schools sites on the mainland. Rural sites included El Eden and Amor Y Vida with both school projects having excellent potential. The El Eden school requires replacement of a derelict existing classroom and new washrooms and a well to be dug on this site.

We met with officials of the Santa Cruz Municipality and along with them, visited La Gran Villa, Villa Nueva, Villa Real and Cabanas within Santa Cruz. La Gran Villa, Villa Real and Villa Neuva are small existing schools that need additions to accommodate present enrolment as well as growing enrolment.



Existing Temporary Classroom Villa

The Villa Neuva school has great need for an addition and renovation. The attached picture illustrates the temporary classrooms that have existed for three years at Villa Nueva. The existing Cabanas school is overcrowded with 770 students in grades 1 to 6. This school facility is in reasonable shape and there is an adjacent municipally owned site where a new school could be constructed to ease congestion and to address the rapidly growing enrolment in this suburban location. While in Santa Cruz, we also visited the JFK School and met the principal to look at the wing of classrooms requiring replacement.

We spent a full day on Roatan Island visiting a potential new school site at the east end of the island at Pandey Town at Oak Bay. The existing school is operated from two houses and serves approximately 200 students in grades 1 to 9. We met with local community leaders at a potential site which we determined was unsuitable. We assessed a much better site adjacent to a community funded and constructed basketball court.

A follow-up meeting was held with community representatives. They confirmed that the landowner would provide the land to the municipality. A local engineer has surveyed the site as a donation to the school. There are an additional 400 students in the immediate area that are currently travelling a significant distance to another overcrowded school on the island.

Submitted by Norm Grey-Noble (Director, Construction Division Member SCW Canada)

We had a very good day in Tegucigalpa, including a meeting with our friend in the ministry of education, Vice Minister of Education Elin del Cid. During that meeting, we delivered the signed agreement to turn over the school facility database to the Ministry of Education. We also reviewed past accomplishments of SCW in Honduras, including 14 new schools and over 65 school renovations, and our newest pilot project to provide diagnostic and limited treatment services to children with special needs, and train educators and parents in the Municipio of Santa Cruz. Vice Minister Cid informed us that a new law was being drafted to require that services be provided to all children, including those with special needs, and offered to allow us to review the text of the law prior to its release. The Minister expressed her desire to see our collaboration continue.

Thanks to everyone at SCW-Canada for championing this effort to offer special education services to the children of Honduras!!

Thanks to the efforts of Tania Antenucci and Honduran Consul Miguel Diaz Barahona, we met with Director Nicolas Rishmawy of the Secretary of External Relations. Representatives of the Ministry of Education, specifically requested by Vice Minister Cid also attended the meeting. Esperanza Gomez, the director of the clinic, made a wonderful presentation.

The attendees were very impressed with the work that had been accomplished and fully supported the community based approach. Director Rishmawy suggested that our requests for collaboration with the national government were reasonable. The discussion then centred around how this could be replicated in the other municipios in Honduras. Director Rishmawy noted that he really liked the designs of our schools, asked for photos of the completed schools and indicated that his office would like to collaborate with SCW on a number of their new initiatives to improve educational services in Honduras.

I will be traveling to Haiti to meet with Jason Krumm and the leaders of the Spanish Red Cross school construction team. At that time, I will see how the projects in Haiti are proceeding. The projects have been held up due to property disputes. We believe most of those disputes have been settled. We also hope to discuss some additional project opportunities with the Spanish Red Cross and USAid. Stay tuned!!

Submitted by Chuck Newman (President and Co-Founder SCW US)