



CAMBODIA FUNDRAISER: THURSDAY May 9, 2019

LOCATION: PENFIELD Country Club, 1784 Jackson Rd

9.30 am: REGISTRATION (coffee, tea, & pastries)

10.00 - noon: PATTI LEE "DOUBLES! DOUBLES! & More DOUBLES!"

12 noon: LUNCH

12.30 PM: Presentation on Cambodian Projects by PATTI LEE

1:15 - 3:45 pm: Duplicate Bridge Game

MINIMUM DONATION of \$35.00 (no maximum) (Tax receipts will be issued for your donation)

PLUS \$20 to cover cost of continental breakfast, lunch, and coffee & tea throughout the day

PLEASE PRE-REGISTER Please make checks payable to SALLY HILL

PATTI LEE is a wonderful bridge teacher, who has taught thousands of students at Clubs in Toronto, as well as all over the world on cruise ships. Patti believes that Bridge Lessons should be both informative and entertaining. Come out and have fun, while updating your current skills or learning some new aspects of the game of Bridge. There will be lots of practice hands to demonstrate the concepts. Notes will be provided.

We will also have a **silent auction and door prizes during the day.** Please contact **Pat Smith** at (pannsmit12@gmail.com) or (585) 537-7420 or **Sally Hill** at (shhill@rochester.rr.com) or (585) 872-1669 with any donations or questions. ***Please see over for more information about the charity.***

In 2011, Patti Lee, Barbara Seagram and a group of 50 docked in Phnom Penh. We were armed with clothing, pens, notebooks, rulers, sharpeners, toys, pencils, stickers, and other school supplies. We had heard about an Ontario resident, Lisa McCoy, who had dedicated the last few years to working in Cambodia for several months per year. Australian Pauline Johns worked alongside and together they founded Banyan Learning Tree Schools.

At that time, our group and other friends from the Toronto area donated 40 bicycles to a school outside of Phnom Penh. We went there in a small tuk tuk along the dusty roads in the countryside outside of Phnom Penh to find that the school was a one-room shack with a cement floor and no desks or chairs. The bikes were given to the children, mainly children of landmine victims. It was all very uplifting, but Barbara and Patti looked at each other and wondered how long this shack would remain standing.

We inquired how much it would cost to build a permanent school. After we returned to Toronto, they sent us an estimate of \$24,000 CDN. We became determined to build the school. We raised \$40,000 that year. Two other groups had also built schools, so with our funds, we not only built our school, but we also furnished all three schools and built a library at one of the schools. In early 2018, we opened our 5th school. We now have over 600 students and employ 16 Cambodian teachers and librarians. The cost to sustain the five schools, including taxes, supplies, salaries, etc. is now \$44,000 CDN (approximately \$33,000 USD) per year.

We currently support one young lady to go to University. This includes full tuition, books, room, and board. This is a three-year commitment from us. We have also committed to another young lady to supply her with the same opportunity starting in August, 2019.

Health and sanitation are huge concerns for the villagers and their children. We have toilets at our schools, and are building hand washing stations at three of our schools. As well, we are exploring ways to ensure that the children get clean water to drink while at school. This is a new project that we plan to implement in 2019.

We have also supplied toilets to 16 families and plan another 10 this winter. As you can see, we need much more than \$44,000 / year to maintain all of these projects.

Many children die before the age of 5 due to poor sanitation. We have a huge emphasis at our schools to teach good dental and health practices to the children. We also help to transport many of them and their parents to doctors / hospitals and to free clinics for dental and eye care.

Over the past years, many projects have been undertaken by ourselves and others to help make the villagers, many of whom are landmine affected, more self-sufficient: a bike repair business, chicken farmer training, sewing lessons with a sewing machine, crafts, technology centre, and the weaving centre.

Patti and Barbara are excited and optimistic about all of these projects and hold several fundraisers a year. If you are unable to attend but still able to make a donation, we would be so grateful.

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