

**OUR ANNUAL CAMBODIA  
FUNDRAISER  
FRIDAY 2nd JUNE - SOLD OUT**

**LOCATION:  
TIMOTHY EATON CHURCH  
230 St Clair Ave West (west of Avenue Rd)  
Free parking at church and street parking on  
Warren Rd and Dunvegan**



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 a school at which Lisa McCoy from Gravenhurst and Pauline Johns from Australia were involved. Together they founded Banyan Learning Tree Schools.

At that time, our group and other friends from the Toronto area donated 40 bicycles to this school outside of Phnom Penh. We went there in a small tuk-tuk along the dusty roads through Phnom Penh and out into the countryside to find that the school was a one-room shack with a cement floor and no desks or chairs. The bikes were given to children, mainly children of landmine victims. It was all very uplifting but Patti and Barbara 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 and found that it would be \$24,000.00. We returned to Toronto determined to build a school. We raised \$40,000.00 that year, so we also furnished all three schools and built a library at one of the schools. Since then, a fourth school has been added; we now have over 750 students in our schools; and we remain committed to sustaining all FOUR schools...paying teachers, librarians, paying the cost of electricity, etc. The cost per year for sustaining all four schools is \$20,000.00 CDN. You can see that money goes a long way in this country.

Many other projects have been undertaken along the way to help make these landmine affected families self-sufficient: a bike repair business, chicken farmer training, sewing lessons with a sewing machine, crafts, technology centre, and a weaving centre. We are also involved in installing some toilets in villages.

There is also a huge need in the remote villages for medical help. Many never see a doctor: they do not have a doctor and cannot afford to travel to one. Malaria and tuberculosis continue to plague the remote villages. We need to educate throughout rural areas regarding the need for sanitation, aiding in the prevention and transmission of diseases. We need to work to ensure the health of mothers during pregnancy and childbirth. We help families and children to get to existing community clinics.

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

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## **ABOUT OUR CAMBODIA FUNDRAISING EVENT ON FRIDAY JUNE 2nd**

There will be a seminar with JOHN RAYNER, a SUPERB bridge teacher at 10.15 am. John has represented Canada in International competition and also owned for many years an excellent bridge club in Mississauga: Mississauga Oakville Bridge Centre. John is donating his time to our cause.

A light lunch will be served at 11.45 am.  
Presentation by Patti Lee after lunch. Game follows at 1.00 pm.

There will be a silent auction so we would welcome any donations of items that you think would be attractive for the auction. Restaurant vouchers, hair dresser vouchers, movie tickets, baseball games, gift certificates are always welcome, Please email Patti: [pattilee@sympatico.ca](mailto:pattilee@sympatico.ca) or Barbara: [bseagram@uniserve.com](mailto:bseagram@uniserve.com) with any donations.

If you know someone or are a frequent patron of a restaurant or store, it would be wonderful if you could solicit a donation for this cause.

**Please make out cheques to Barbara Seagram and mail to:**

**Barbara Seagram, 220 Lawrence Ave East, Toronto ON M4N 1T2**

**\_\_\_ I would like to make a donation to the cause.**

**Your receipt will be for the full amount of your cheque.**

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