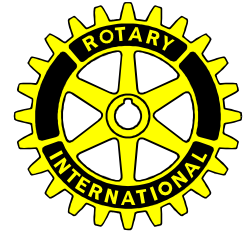


The Beacon News



The Rotary Club of Port Hope

News Bulletin for the Week of April 7, 2008

Linda Laliberte & Ganaraska Forest

CALL TO ORDER

President Ron, away on a family mission, was represented by Incoming President Jim who called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm



Jim's first order of business was to introduce the head table which consisted of R. Cleve, our guest speaker, Linda Laliberte, and her assistant Penny Crawford.

Jim then had us sing Rotary Grace. This was a truly delightful experience which I have not witnessed since last July: to hear such angelic voices rising to a glorious crescendo.....

Jim awarded the stress ball to R. Sylvia who has agreed to take on the position of Incoming President on Jim's Board next year

GUESTS & VISITING ROTARIANS

As previously mentioned, Penny Crawford of the Ganaraska Conservation Authority and our guest speaker.

PREPRANDIAL REPORTS

PP Jan - Next meeting is a

membership night. We have already 8 perspective new members coming. Please let us know if you are planning to invite anyone so she can give the Hall the numbers.

Coline and her class mates have a project to raise money for an educational initiative in the third world. The girls plan to overnight at one of their parents' houses and the idea is that everyone has to stay awake all night. They need sponsors

We then sat down to a good, if heart stopping, roast beef dinner.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

No Secretary, no Report

DESSERT REPORTS

Jim reminded us about the forthcoming District Assembly which will take place on April 19. Committee heads, the President Elect, the Treasure and the Secretary are expected to attend. And, of course, there is the forthcoming District Conference at Deerhurst.



PP Ken reported the excellent results of last Sunday's bonspiel. We came second. In true keeping with the Rotary spirit, our team contrived to share their glory with Sunrise, the only other team competing, by helping them to come first. Isn't Rotary all about sharing....well, isn't it?

R. Cleve asked for suggestions of possible social events for the summer. PP Jan, for example, has organized a winery tour. Speak to him if you have any ideas.



R. Trish - She is looking for volunteers for Camp Enterprise. She also noted the date for the Lobster Night has been changed to Friday May 30 because a number of Rotarians were unable to attend on the Saturday. Please focus on getting auction items now as the event is not that far away.

R. George - There have been some Rotarians who feel that the annual golf tournament should be held at a club that is located in Port Hope. Others have indicated

to him that they feel that the current arrangements are perfectly adequate. Please let him know your thoughts on the venue of the tournament.



HAPPY BUCKS & FINES



R. Sylvia: - Happy that she was able to get tickets to “Dirty Dancing” in Toronto for the Lobster auction. This package is worth \$300.00

PP Ken - Two bucks. One for the return of our esteemed Sergeant at Arms and one for the glorious outcome of the curling bonspiel.

PP Ben - Happy for a two week vacation in Spain

PP Jan - Happy that she is visiting friends in Iceland this summer. (My, we do have a peripatetic Club - Dick, look the word up in your Funk & Waganal)

Guest Penny Crawford - \$1 happy to have had the pleasure of eating

dinner with our Sargeant at Arms (good grief !!)

R. Trish – Anticipating events put in a buck. She knows she is going to get fined. The only question is for what.

R. Joe – By happy coincidence, met a group of Anglican Church ladies who are in touch with a group of Catholic nuns in a remote village in Botswana. They have a perfectly good well but no piping and no pump. A good project for the water committee.



Needless to say, our Sergeant at Arms could not restrain himself from fining your humble scribe who had come to the Club for dinner in the hope of resting his wary bones after weeks of travel in strange and foreign lands. I tried to explain to him that I really wasn't there at all as I was still on a leave of absence and would he please just leave me alone. Next, addressing a frequent complaint of his, I promised him that I wouldn't use any long words in the bulletin but I would restrict my vocabulary to words that he could understand such as “dog”, “cat” etc. Alas, gentle reader, to no avail!!

GUEST SPEAKER

Rotarian Cleve introduced our guest speaker. Lynda Laliberte has a long connection to Rotary. Both her grandfather and her father were members of the Port

Hope Club and both were Paul Harris Fellows. Lynda's father was a charter member of the Brighton Club as well. Lynda is a CGA and Treasure of the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority and will be speaking to us about “Building for a Change” the current capital campaign of the GRCA.



Lynda's talk was accompanied by a very well prepared video. For once, the equipment didn't go on the fritz

The GRCA was created in 1946. It eventually accumulated almost 11,000 acres of re-forested lands that are now known as the Ganaraska Forests. As most of us know, the Forests offers a variety of cross country skiing trails in the winter and an equal variety of hiking trails in the summer. What some of us might not know is that it is also an important educational facility.

In 1976, the GRCA purchased a nearby camp which was run as a Junior Ranger Facility. The buildings on this acquisition continue to be used as a kitchen, dining hall, dormitory servicing the outdoor environmental educational facilities.

An important function of the facility is educational. From June

to September, the Forest Centre offers, amongst other options, courses in such things as wilderness survival, cross country hiking night hiking etc. Most of the children are there for the day only but the Centre has overnight facilities for 42 people.

In 2005, a study was done to determine the feasibility of launching a campaign to raise funds for the redevelopment of the Ganaraska Forest Centre.

Earlier, in the late '90s, aware that the current facilities were not only out of date but also inadequate, a business plan to renew and expand the Forest Centre was commissioned. The plan also produced architectural drawings and landscaping.

In 2006, on the heels of the feasibility study of 2005, the Building for Change capital campaign began.

The new building will boast

19,000 square feet of space and will accommodate as many as 200 people in the dining room. There will be overnight accommodations for as many as 80 people. The developers intend to make the building a state-of-the-arts showcase of ecological design. Grey water, for example, will be reused to service the WCs

The estimated costs is five million of which about a third has been already raised.

In closing, Lynda asked for our help in raising funds for this worth while project.

WEB SITE

Please take a moment to visit the Port Hope Rotary web site.

www.porthoperotary.com

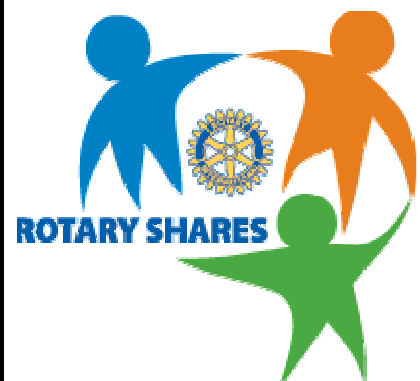
We will be adding new information all the time.

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The Four Way Test

“Of the things we think, say and do:
Is it the TRUTH?
Is it FAIR to all concerned?
Will it build GOODWILL and better

FRIENDSHIPS?
Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?”



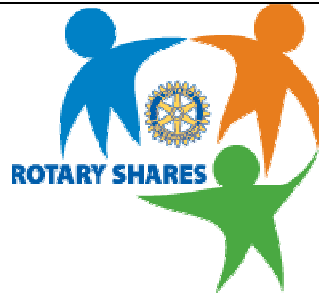
FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE

Date	Speaker	Location	Door Duty	Scribe
April 14	Membership Meeting	KofC Hall	Jameson Ross, Peter Rossi	Rolly
April 21	Steve Rutledge – Port Hope Festival	KofC Hall	Will Ryan, Paul Tait	
April 28	TBA	KofC Hall	Bob Wallace, Ben Currelly	
May 5	Will Ryan - ACO	KofC Hall	Bud Lynch, Dick O’Toole	
May 12	TBA	KofC Hall		
May 19	Victoria Day – No Meeting			

Sergeant-at-Arms Schedule

Mar 24 Trish; March 31 George Apr 7 – Roger

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