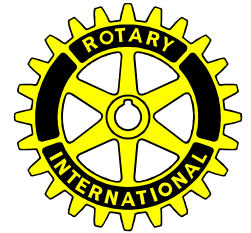




The Beacon News



The Rotary Club of Port Hope

News Bulletin for the Week of December 8, 2008

AGM and Induction of New Members



President-Elect Sylvia called the meeting to order at 6:02. She passed to the Club President Jim's regrets for not attending the meeting and explained that our esteemed President and barrister is in Mississauga defending the poor, meek and oppressed (in that order).

Tonight being a Club Assembly, there was no guest speaker. The head table consisted of Sylvia, PP Ron and Rotarian Doug.

Sylvia presented the stress ball to Dianne in recognition of the amount of work she was doing in putting together the Christmas party. The stress ball, dear reader, was not the current one but that old rubber globe that has been bouncing around for years. I guess it is OK. Once a stress ball, always a stress ball.

DESSERT REPORTS



Ulan reported that last Friday he went to Toronto for the Inbound Youth Exchange Christmas weekend. On Friday the 16 students went up the CN tower and then went shopping at the Eaton's Centre. They were hosted overnight by the Rotary Club of Toronto.

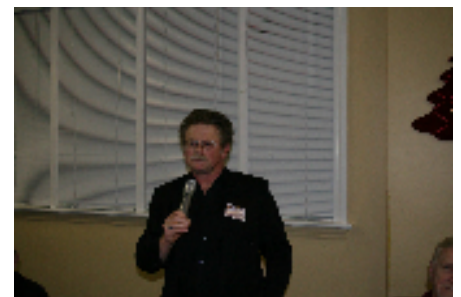


On Saturday the students dressed as clowns to help at the Rotary Club of Toronto's Christmas party for over 200 handicapped children. On Saturday evening, the Exchange Students went to Camp Samac in Oshawa for their own

Christmas Party. Although he did not get much sleep, Ulan had a great time!



PP Ken - Just over three hundred 500 Club tickets have been sold. This is the break even point. Any tickets sold now will be money available to the Club. President-Elect Sylvia reminded us that this was the final year for the 500 Club, and encouraged us to try to sell more tickets.



Rotarian Andrew reported that the ham sales were going very well and that 560 had been sold. The hams can be picked up at Ben's barn next **Tuesday**,

December 16 after 3:00 p.m. Anyone willing to help sort out the hams, please report to Ben's at 1:00 pm. Ben's business is on Kellogg Road north of Massey Road. Look for the large grain elevators.



PP Paul (Tait) reported on the current activities of the H. B. Stevens Fund. The Fund is helping a young girl who is suffering from tumors and a two year old who has serious feeding issues. Both children are required to travel a great deal to hospitals and doctor's offices. The two year old, for example, has been to the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto no less than 44 times this year. The Fund is helping out with the traveling costs.



Rotarian Dianne reported that the preparations for the Christmas party were progressing well. She asked that the members let her know no later than Tuesday night whether they were planning to attend so she could establish the final numbers. Members participating in the skit are to

meet at 5:30 on Friday for a final rehearsal at the Pendock's. The party on **Monday, December 15** starts at 5:30 p.m. for social time and dinner at 6:00 at Dalewood.



Rotarian Doug had good news and bad news about the Salvation Army Christmas Kettle drive. The kettles are doing surprisingly well. For example, the kettle at the Independent has collected over \$7000.00. The bad news is that the request for hampers is up by 70% over last year. Please contact Doug if you can cover a one and a half shift at the LCBO on December 11 – 14 or 18 – 23. Thanks to all of the Rotarians who volunteered at the meeting.

President-Elect Sylvia reported that she had attended the undergraduate awards ceremony at Port Hope High School. She found it to be a great experience to witness the medallions (sponsored by our Club) being given out to deserving students. This year, unlike the occasion in the past when our scribe attended the ceremony, our Club got ample recognition for our contribution.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

To the disbelief of his adoring audience, Secretary Merv

announced that he had a very long report. He then assured us



that he decided to forgo most of it unless someone complained. Needless to say, no one complained out of fear of their lives. Merv reported receiving thank you note from Emily Turner for the award she received from our club at the Port Hope High School commencement.

HAPPY BUCKS



Sergeant-at-Arms Dick was present but did not - I am sure much to his disappointment - participate in levying fines tonight as he was busy judging the competence of his protege, Sergeant-at-Arms-in-Training, Rotarian Roger. Be assured, gentle reader, that Roger's performance was flawless. He is a chip off the old block. You could just see that Dick was bursting with pride

Roger, probably as a statement of independence, first fined his teacher and mentor, Dick, "for being here" - whatever that may mean. He then fined Secretary

Merv and your gentle scribe because we didn't have our pins. Merv and I both begged for mercy, explaining that "the devil made us do it". Our pleas fell on deaf ears.



PP Ben - Happy to see the movie "Australia". A long chick flick but beautiful photography.



Rotarian Paul Weber – Happy for the first anniversary of his practice in Port Hope. Will have a little party on Friday at 11:00 a.m. Join him if you can.



Rotarian Bill Lang - Happy about something. Sorry Bill, I missed it because I was being bugged by Roger.

PP Ron - Happy about the arrival of his sixteen month old grandson and daughter-in-law

who will be staying with he and Bonnie for four weeks. Their son will also be here from Kenora for two weeks at Christmas.



Rotarian Erin - Happy to have attended the undergraduate awards many times at Port Hope High School when she was a school trustee. This award ceremony is the best one at all the high schools because of the support from the Rotary Club of Port Hope.



Rotarian Ken Bell - Happy that he spent a nice weekend with his children at the family cottage.

President-Elect Sylvia - Happy to wish our departing Sergeant at-Arms a good trip. (Sylvia, this will get you no where, trust me.)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The first order of business was to hold the Annual General Meeting.

President-Elect Sylvia called for someone to bring a motion forward to open the Annual General Meeting. This was duly done by PP Ken O'Neill and seconded by Rotarian Jamieson.



PP Ron Tuttle, on behalf of the Nominating Committee, presented a slate of officers for consideration of the membership and called for nominations from the floor. There were no such nominations and the slate was unanimously elected. Our new officers for the 2009 – 2010 Board of Directors are:

President – Sylvia Binkley
 President-Elect – Doug Burke
 Treasurer - Paul Tait
 Secretary – Erin Brown

Ron advised that the other four Directors' positions on the Board will be filled at a meeting in January.

A motion to close the meeting was brought, seconded and unanimously carried.

INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Past President Ron Tuttle introduced the new members. Each sponsor was presented with a special Rotary pin with

the word "Sponsor" under the Rotary emblem. The induction ceremony included a talk by Ron where he reviewed Rotary International's history and the current status of Rotary world wide including the work of the Foundation, Polio Plus and the Clean Water campaign. After saying a few words about the history of our own Club as well, he explained to the new members the meaning and the spirit of the Four Way Test and especially the idea of "Service above Self".

Ron concluded his talk by inviting the membership to extend a hand of welcome to our new members which we all did.



The new members and their sponsors are:

- Bill Lang sponsored by Bud Lynch
- Hugh Parker sponsored by Jim Gilmer
- Bill King sponsored by Wilf Quigly
- Erin Brown sponsored by Ron Tuttle
- Paul Weber sponsored by Bud Lynch
- Eric Wright sponsored by Jaimieson Ross
- Leigh Facey-Crowther sponsored by Ted Rafuse
- Kelly Groves sponsored by Ben Currelly
- Dave Watson sponsored by Ron Coleman

50-50 WINNER

Won by Rotarian Cleve.

NEXT WEEK

Our club Christmas Party at Dalewood Golf and Country Club.

DOOR DUTY

Ted Refuse and Roger Ingram

SCRIBE

Joe James

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.

Sergeant-at Arms Duty Roster: 2009

- Jan 07 – Bruce, Jan 14 – George, Jan 21 – Roger, Jan 28 – George
- Feb 04 – Bruce, Feb 11 – Roger, Feb 18 – George, Feb 25 – Bruce
- Mar 03 – Roger, Mar 10 – Bruce, Mar 17 - ?, Mar 24 – Roger, Mar 31 Bruce
- Apr 07 - George



The new members were reminded of the importance of regular attendance and encouraged to be active, participating members of our club.



FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE

Date	Speaker	Location	Door Duty	Scribe
Dec 15	Club Christmas Party	Dalewood	Ted Rafuse, Roger Ingram	Dianne
Dec 22	No Meeting – Merry Christmas!			
Dec 29	No Meeting – Happy New Year!			
Jan 5	Erin Brown – Classification Talk	K of C	TBA	Rolly
Jan 12	TBA	K of C	TBA	Bud

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