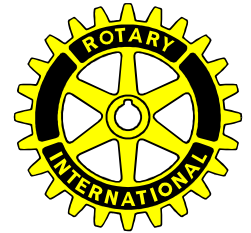


The Beacon News



The Rotary Club of Port Hope

News Bulletin for the Week of December 07, 2009

Linda Thompson – Classification Address

COMMENCEMENT

The meeting began at 6 P.M. with President Sylvia introducing the head table. Seated there were PP Susan, Linda, P Sylvia and PP Jim.



From this point on, the text portion of the Beacon will be sparse as no scribe notes were received at the time of compiling this edition and putting it to bed so to speak. With apologies to our readers, your editor can recall but snippets of the conversation and utterances that would accompany the imagery. Where possible, a caption has been added from a faulty memory.

GUESTS & VISITING ROTARIANS

Mike Parker from the Cobourg Club was again present. Perhaps we can nominate him soon for club membership at Port Hope!



IMAGES ASSOCIATED WITH DESSERT REPORTS AND HAPPY BUCKS



Was John reminding us of our Christmas ham sales and delivery dates?



And not to be outdone, Jamieson reminded us of the chocolates available for sale, not that your editor needs any!



Leigh laid out his plans for the Olympic Torch reception on Tuesday, Dec 16, in the late afternoon. Mercifully he is not running or the ceremony could be the following day! Instead he requests your assistance to provide substance to the great throngs that will accompany the torch. If you can, be at the Rotary Gazebo across from the town park by mid afternoon to help.



Wonder what he was searching for? His wallet?



What a bevy of ????? Four of the finest ??? of our local legal fraternity.



It seems I forgot what Kelly was telling us about, or what she was happy about. Know of a good hearing specialist for me?



Erin reported on the Rotary Rock 'n' Roast but in no way will I attempt to précis what she told the assembled.



Paul reported that his toy drive of last weekend was a greater success than the year previous. He also indicated that the drive would continue the upcoming weekend at his office.



Jan was speaking, as she occasionally does, and I wondered what had happened to the shy student I knew many years ago!



Leigh was back again with a wry grin and a tall yarn that I have since forgotten.



Not to be outdone, Bill also had a joke that for reasons only those present know, cannot be repeated in this august journal. Everyone laughed though!



Ben had a marvelous happy buck associated with his bathing of children with Burt's Bees lointment applied to their diaper rash buttocks. Seems Jackquie,

and they, were not amused at the time. What's that adage about pouring salt on a wound!



Ron was happy reporting something which has totally escaped me at present. But it is a good picture that should be included.



Ken of course had a word or two as well. Wonder what those words were now.



Will entertained us for a few moments with a tale but I don't recall enough of the details to warrant a description.



Is this the bucket from the S-a-A's bucket list? Note the sartorial tie. Shouldn't that warrant a smile?

PROGRAM

LINDA THOMPSON – CLASSIFICATION SPEECH

Rotarian Linda was formally introduced to the gathered Port Hope Rotarians by PP Jim Gilmer.



While your editor cannot recall all the intricacies of Linda's speech and career one or two highlights remain. Linda was a northern gal, at least to her way of thinking. The Muskoka's are still south to a lad who lived for a time 100 miles north of North Bay where the latter was considered a balmy escape.



Linda has had a variety of jobs spanning an international career, a career that started at the bottom and led to her own international consulting firm.

A relatively recent arrival to the area, Linda became immersed in her community as an active participant and volunteer.



In a crowning act of selflessness, she ran for public office, won, and is currently Mayor of the Town of Port Hope. (Observe in these two photos how she reaches all her audience!)

My apologies to Linda for omitting so much more.

I think all Rotarians present learned a great deal about Linda and her experiences both locally and beyond.

Linda was thanked by PP Susan.



REMINDERS

Program Committee to forward list of Program titles for January and beyond to the editor.

Door Committee to forward list of Program titles for January and beyond to the editor.

Scribe Committee to forward list of Program titles for January and beyond to the editor.

The Christmas Party for Port Hope Rotary at Dalewood, Monday, December 14, 2009. Social at 6, supper at 7.


FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE

December 14	Christmas Party	Dalewood	John Mowat, Bob Wallace	Jim
December 21	No Meeting			
December 28	No Meeting			
January 4	TBA	K of C	TBA	TBA
January 11	TBA	K of C	TBA	TBA
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COMING EVENTS

Olympic Torch Run – Tuesday, Dec 15, in front of the Town Hall at the Rotary Gazebo. Help needed for B-B-Q.

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