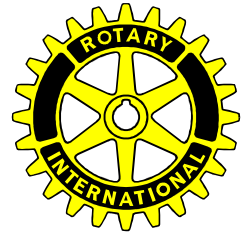




The Beacon News



The Rotary Club of Port Hope

News Bulletin for the Week of Feb 2, 2009

Dave McGill & Dillon Haverly - Outward Bound

President Jim called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm. Jim decreed that Rotary Grace would be sung tonight. Jim keeps on telling us that the sung Rotary grace is in your humble scribes' honour but suspect that he just likes to hear his own voice.

President Jim introduced the head table which consisted of our Outward Bound guest speakers, Dave McGill and Dillon Haverly.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

PP Bill (King) was the recipient of the stress ball.

Hallelujah!! The left side table was, for once, allowed to go first!! Our excitement was palatable.

PREPRANDIAL DESSERT REPORTS

Incoming President Sylvia -On February 7, "Tourism Port Hope" is putting on an event which aims at promoting

tourism in our fair town. The organizers would like to get Rotary involved in this event which will take place between 11 am and 3 pm on the day in question. Sylvia would like to get six of us signed up as volunteers.



PP Jan -The Diamonds and Denim Committee will be setting up sub committees to look after various aspects of the planned event. She will be passing around a list to enable you to state your preferences. as to what committee you would like to serve on.



GUESTS & VISITING ROTARIANS

Stuart Brown - R Jameson



SECRETARY'S REPORT

Secretary Merv has received a complaint that his reports are too long. Apart from that, he has nothing to report.



HAPPY BUCKS & FINES

PP Jan - Happy that Valentines's day is coming up.

R Cleve - Came to the meeting without any money. Had to borrow funds to pay for the dinner. Sadly, he doesn't have

anything to pay fines with (an other clever old fox - he would never get away with it if Sergeant at Arms Dick was here.)



R. Will - Happy. Jenny's anniversary. (Will, you old fox, why didn't you say something earlier.)



R. Roger - A birthday buck for R John.



PP Ben - Happy with his trip to Niagara. Drank a lot of wine (what's new?).



R. Dave (Watson) - Happy that he was the starter for this year's first track meet.



R. Leigh - Happy for 32 years of marriage.



R Cleve - happy that R Ken lent him the money to pay for his dinner and, to boot, for putting up with him through dinner.

P Jim - Happy that Ulan will be coming to live with he and Betty for two months.

PP Ken - Happy because there were a lot of retailers in his booth - presumably at some district event. He wasn't very clear.

R. Ted (Rafuse) -Happy about the exciting Super Bowl.

R. John (Mowat) - Two bucks. One for his birthday and one that he was elated that he was not subjected to the torture of having to listen to the Club sing "Happy Birthday"

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES



None. Well, one. No one was

born or got married except for R. John (Mowat)

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER

Our guest speaker Dave McGill. has been teaching in local high schools for thirty two years and founded the Port Hope High School's "Outward Bound" program a few years ago. We were also fortunate to have Dillon, one of Dave's students who participated in the first Outward Bound excursion for Port Hope High which took place last fall

GUEST SPEAKER

It costs around \$15,000.00 to take a group of fifteen to twenty students for a week adventure into the wilderness. This outing will give the participants a sense of achievement and self respect.



Each year, fifteen to twenty students at the High School get involved in criminal activity or go on welfare. You can be assured that the cost to the community of these wayward students is a lot more than \$15,000.00

A couple of years ago, Dave, with a colleague who shared his

love of the outdoors and the belief that the outdoors provided a class room for the kids, were discussing what they could do to help their students deal with the difficulties of adolescence and they mutually conceived this idea of “Outward Bound”.



The idea would be to take the kids to a wilderness park such as Algonquin or Killarney for a week of hiking or canoeing. Each participant would carry sixty pounds of supplies and, of course, shelter would be provided by portable tents and meals would be cooked over a camp fire. The participants would be taught bush survival skills and encouraged to “commune” with nature.

The first outing, which was a hiking trip in Algonquin Park took place last fall. Dave personally financed this outing to the tune of \$9000.00. It was a thirty seven kilometer hike on the Western Upland Trail and it was over the course of seven days. The actual time on the trail was four days, the remaining days being spent at “base camp” where the students were taught various outdoor skills such as rock climbing. Approximately twenty people took part.

One of the interesting exercises that the students were asked to participate in while they were at

“Base Camp” was what Dave called going “solo”. Each student was asked to choose a remote spot away from “Base Camp”. They then, equipped only with a plastic sheet for shelter, would go there after dinner and stay there, by themselves, until six am the following morning. Dave feels that this is a real challenge for young people today to be by themselves for any extended period of time as they are constantly in touch with each other by cell or text messaging. During the “solo” exercise, the students were asked to write a letter to their self setting out their impressions and feelings which they experienced over the night

Dave showed us a video of the hike showing us the kids participating in various activities and the magnificent lakes and forests border the Trail.



Dillon, who is one of Dave’s students and a participant in last fall’s outing, was the next speaker. Dillon gave a testimonial of his own development as a result to the trip. He expressed the view that this was an edifying experience for himself and his fellow

participating students. He described two ceremonies that were part of the outing, the “circle ceremony” and the “pinning ceremony”. The purpose of the ceremonies was to affirm the concepts of self help, support of others, and personal achievement.



In conclusion, Dave asked that the Club help the students of Port Hope High School by helping finance future Outward Bound outings which would allow us to participate in this incredible experience.

R Jameson thanked the speakers and remarked that Dave had been one of his teachers when he attended Port Hope High School in his youth.

50/50 DRAW

Won by R Leigh (Facey-Crowther) who generously donated his winning to Outward Bound

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.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF PORT HOPE

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
Feb 9	Cleve Pendock – Classification Address	K of C	Joyce Best, Jameson Ross	Rolly
Feb 16	TBA	K of C	Sylvia Binkley, Bill Lang	TBA
Feb 23	TBA	K of C	Ken O’Neill, Jan Boycott	Bud
Mar 2	TBA	K of C	Bud Lynch, Erin Brown	Joe
Mar 9	Sylvia Terpstra – Dir of Ed KPRDSB	KofC	Susan Rafuse, Rolly Dalla Rosa	Trish
Mar 16		KofC		Dianne
Mar 23	Foundation Night Dinner	KofC		Bud
Mar 30		KofC		Rolly

**Sergeant-at Arms Duty Roster:
2009**

Feb 9 – Roger, Feb 16 – George, Feb 23 – Bruce

Mar 02 – Roger, Mar 9 – Bruce, Mar 16 - ?, Mar 23 – Roger, Mar 30 Bruce

Apr 07 - George

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