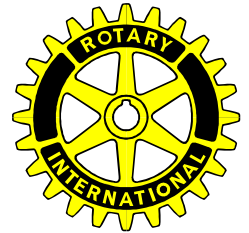




# The Beacon News

## The Rotary Club of Port Hope



**News Bulletin for the Week of February 8, 2010**

### Dave Watson – Classification Talk

President Sylvia called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Since the intended recipient of the stress ball was absent tonight, President Sylvia will present the stress ball next week.



#### HEAD TABLE

Sitting at the head table this evening with President Sylvia were Rotarian Dave Watson and Rotarian Doug Burke. Tonight was the occasion of Dave's classification talk.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sylvia reminded us that there would be no meeting next Monday because it was Family Day. Two weeks from today, we will have as our guest speaker Kyle Sutton who is our Returned Youth Exchange Student. He will tell us about his experiences in Sweden. This will be a spouses' night. **Please**

contact Rotarian Ken O'Neill by E-mail at [kyoneill@sympatico.ca](mailto:kyoneill@sympatico.ca) or by phone at (905) 885-4872 to let him know if you and your spouse will attend Rotary on February 22. We need to tell the caterer an accurate number so she can prepare our meals.

#### DESSERT REPORTS



Rotarian Paul Weber announced that a New Members Information Night will be held at his house at 162 Walton Street at 7:00 pm. on Tuesday, February 16. Paul has graciously agreed to provide food and refreshments so he would like to have an idea of how many Rotarians plan to come. **Please let him know if you are attending by Friday, February 12. (E-mail: [drpweber@hotmail.com](mailto:drpweber@hotmail.com) or by phone at (905) 885-9306.** Later in the year, Paul as Chair

of the Membership Committee will concentrate on new member retention.

President Sylvia informed the club that Rotarian Dick O'Toole has had some health problems, but he seems to be on the road to recovery.



Past President Bruce reminded us about the forthcoming Bowl for Big Brothers / Big Sisters which is to be held on Monday, March 1 in lieu of the regular meeting. Monies raised will be donated to Big Brothers & Big Sisters. Last year we raised more money than the Cobourg Rotary Club in this event.



DGN Bob Wallace reported that the King Tut event in Toronto was quite successful. There were about 280 Rotarians in attendance.

## GUESTS & VISITING ROTARIANS



Marcy Burg of the Cobourg Club, guest of Rotarian Kelly Morgan-MacKenzie



Dr. Anna Tucka was introduced by Rotarian Ken Bell

## HAPPY BUCKS



Rotarian Kelly - Happy that Secretary Erin got rid of her raccoons. Sad that said raccoons ended up in Kelly's attic. She would be happy to give them

back to Erin

Cobourg Rotarian Marcy - Happy because the Cobourg Club's annual Sportsman's Show & Auction which took place last Friday was a success



Rotarian Paul Weber - Happy that "Sweeny Todd" is going full force ahead. Has tickets available.

Past Presidents Jim Hunt and Hugh Parker were fined for babbling and being disruptive during "Happy Bucks"



Rotarian Joyce - Happy that her daughter is engaged and that her daughter also won \$1000.00 at the Cobourg Rotary Sportsman's Show.



Rotarian Ken Burgin - Happy that he has become a grandfather



Rotarian Merv Richards (not to be outdone) - Happy that he became a great-grandfather last Friday at 6:00 am.

Past President Bruce Coleman - (More like an announcement) - Civic awards night will be this coming Thursday



President-Elect John Mowat - Happy about his sons getting on in age.



Rotarian Bill Lang - Happy that he was able to give up smoking.

President Sylvia - Happy about the newspaper coverage that we

got regarding our efforts to help Haiti. Also, there was a two page spread on Port Hope Rotary in the Northumberland News



Rotarian Jim Adamson – Happy to be here each week

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

In the hoary tradition established by past Secretary Merv, Secretary Erin had nothing to report.

## PROGRAM

Our Guest Speaker, our own Rotarian Dave Watson, was introduced by Rotarian Doug Burke. Doug has not known Dave for a long time, but shortly after meeting him, he became impressed with Dave's commitment not only to the local community but also to the national community. Interestingly enough, this is Dave's first classification speech although he has previously been a member of this Club and the Sunrise Club over the years.



Dave's parents immigrated to Canada from Aberdeen, Scotland and settled in the Montreal area. Dave has four siblings, all girls.

He was born on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and, for awhile, he was very impressed with the fact that the Americans took such interest in celebrating his birthday. Dave has three children of his own.

He did his high school education at Montreal West where he spent more time involved in sports rather than in the classroom. From Montreal West, he went to Sir George Williams, which is now known as Concordia University. After two years as a full time student, he finished his university education as a night student. While at Sir George, he continued to take great interest in sports, earning letters in basketball, volleyball and swimming.



Dave has had an on-going interest in politics as well. He

was Chairman of Parks and Recreation in Hope Township. He ran for Council and was elected, the first time, by a landslide of five votes. He served for three terms on the Hope Township Council and one term as Deputy Reeve. After amalgamation, he served one term on the Council of the new Municipality of Port Hope.

While he was going to school, Dave worked as a cook for CPR getting to see Canada through the window of the train galley. After graduating from Sir George, he got married and worked as a supervisor for both Simpsons and Eaton's. The bulk of his career was spent with McBee, a business form manufacture. He worked there in sales and management for 35 years, retiring in 1994.

In keeping with his interest in sports and also because of the fact that his daughter was a great runner, Dave became involved in officiating track and field events all over Canada. He is a nationally qualified "starter" for all track and field events. He has officiated in four Pan Am games, in the Commonwealth Games and in numerous national championships.

As a result of his community and sports activities, he has received several honours including a Paul Harris Fellow from Rotary, a Golden Jubilee Medal and a Citation from the Ministry of Sports.

In closing, Dave recounted a funny story which took place during his days in track and field. One day, he was asked to

officiate some important games that were taking place in P.E.I. He was met at the airport by attractive young lady who identified herself as his “call girl” for the weekend. Of course she meant that she would be on call and helping him do the officiating for the weekend.

Past President Ron Tuttle thanked Dave for his interesting talk.

**50-50 WINNER**

Won by Past President Bruce Coleman

**DOOR DUTY ON FEBRUARY 22**

Dianne Pendock, Jim Gilmer

**SCRIBE ON FEBRUARY 22**

Rolly

**BEACON EDITOR ON FEBRUARY 22**

Ken Burgin

**WEB SITE**

Please take a moment to visit the Port Hope Rotary web site. [www.porthoperotary.com](http://www.porthoperotary.com) We will be adding new information all the time.

**FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Door Duty</b>	<b>Scribe</b>
February 15	<b>Family Day Holiday – No Meeting</b>			
February 22	<b>Kyle Sutton, Returned YE Student Spouse’s Night</b>	K of C	Dianne, Jim G.	Rolly
March 1	<b>Big Brothers/Big Sisters Bowling</b>	K of C	Roger, Ben	Kelly
March 8	<b>AIDS Fund Raiser – Belleville Rotary Club</b>	K of C	Jan, Erin	Dianne
March 15	<b>Club Assembly</b>	K of C	Merv, George	Bud
March 22	<b>Wrap Around Northumberland</b>	K of C	Ken B., Bud	Jim Hunt
March 29	<b>TBA</b>	K of C	TBA	Rolly

**COMING EVENTS**

Monday, April 19

**Foundation Dinner at the new Ganaraska Forest Centre Building**

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