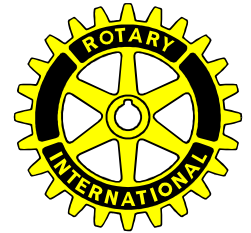




The Beacon News



The Rotary Club of Port Hope

News Bulletin for the Week of Jan 5, 2009

Erin Brown – Classification Address

From your Beacon News staff, with this first issue of 2009, we wish all Port Hope Rotarians and Friends a Happy and Prosperous New year.



President Jim called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm. He introduced the head table which consisted of PP Ron and Rotarian Erin. In honour of your blushing scribe, Jim ordered the singing of Rotary Grace.

PP Ben, surreptitiously, tried to convince Rotarian Jim (Adamson) to sit at his table. His motives were less than honourable and certainly not in keeping with the Four Way Test in that Ben figured that if Jim sat at his table, Ben would be asked to go to the buffet first. Alas, gentle reader, Ben's efforts were quickly detected by our eagle eyed President and his action came to naught.

PRE PRANDIAL DESSERT REPORTS



PP Ken has been asked by Rotarian Andrew to collect all outstanding ham monies and while he is at it, he would entertain collection 500 Club monies from ticket sales as well.



PP Jan- There will be a meeting of the Denims and Diamonds Committee at the K of C next Monday after our regular meeting notwithstanding the fact that there is also a Board meeting that night, as well.

GUESTS AND VISITING ROTARIANS

None

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The man is speechless

DESSERT REPORTS

None

HAPPY BUCKS AND FINES

PP Bruce has temporarily taken over the Sergeant at Arms position from R. Dick. Bruce assured us that he was a gentle and caring soul and that we had nothing to fear other than fear itself. We should relax.



These assurances had an immediate positive result in that

PP Ben put in two happy buck showing his approval of Bruce's attitude.



We had a few birthday boys, Jim Gilmer on Jan 5 and Jim Adamson who celebrated his 84th on December 20.



(One birthday that was missed, Rotarian Ted Rafuse on Jan 2. Wonder who will pay the fine for this oversight?)

PP Bill - Happy (Sorry, Bill I missed what you were happy about.)

PP Jan fined because she has had her picture in the paper far too often recently. For good measure, R. Erin also fined for the same offence.

R Dianne - Happy that Christmas is over.

PP Jan - thanked Dianne for the great Christmas party.

Incoming P Sylvia - Happy buck for Andy who's group

sold 530 hams

R Sid - Happy that he is going away for a couple of weeks.

R. Jameson - Just plain happy

R. Dianne - threw in a few more dollars and thanked everyone who helped her at the Christmas party, especially the entertainers. This drew applause from the Rotarians present.



R Leigh - Happy to have all the kids home for Christmas.



R. Doug - Happy \$5.00 for the success of the Salvation Army Kettle campaign Donations at the Independent were over \$13,000 representing a 68% increase over last year. Overall, \$31,000.00 was raised in our area.



Your modest scribe, not to be out done on the Salvation Army

front, thanked all those who participated in the distribution of the Salvation Army Christmas hampers. President Jim put \$20.00 into the pot on account of all Salvation Army efforts by the Club.



PP Ken - Happy that Dianne let him participate as an entertainer at the Christmas party.

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER

PP Ron introduced R. Erin.



Ron first met Erin when he was Principal of Port Hope Central Collegiate and Erin was Chair of the School Council. Later on she would become a respected Trustee on the Board giving Ron further opportunity to have contact with her.

GUEST SPEAKER



Erin was born in Flin Flon

Manitoba. Her father was a metallurgical engineer in the mining industry (hence, Flin Flon) and her mother was a nurse. After a stray in Flin Flon, the family moved to an isolated mining town in the Outbacks of Australia (the home of that motor mouth of our Secretary). At six, she sailed from Australia to Vancouver and then on to Ottawa. For a young child, the contrast of her way of life was extreme. As Erin put it, she went from a swimming environment to a skating environment very quickly.

In 1968, the family moved to Sudbury and then ten years later, to Zambia. In those years Erin had the opportunity to travel extensively in East Africa.

At the end of their stay in Africa, the family sailed from Mombasa to Bombay as it was then called. There they bought a van and traveled extensively throughout Asia.

Because she was forever the “new kid at school”, Erin developed an early interest in reading and a love of libraries. After finishing high school, she moved to Toronto and accepted a job in the Metro Toronto Reference Library. At this point, she started coming to Port Hope on week ends and it was on one of those occasions that she met her husband, Chris.

She moved permanently to Port

Hope after she got a job as a librarian for the Canadian Auto Workers.

After moving to Port Hope, Erin underwent a traumatic experience in that she lost her best friend to cancer. Her friend was only 42 years of age. As a result of this experience, Erin decided, against her family’s wishes, to run for school trustee. She felt that she could make a better statement in that capacity considering the short time we have available to us in this life.

She served as Trustee for two terms and then she decided to leave the School Board and pursue a new career in real estate. She has been working as an agent for two years now and she loves the job.



On a personal note, she loves cats. She has four of the little critters at home.

THANKING THE GUEST SPEAKER

R. Leigh thanked the guest speaker whom he has known since her School Board days where Erin was his “boss”. Leigh observed that as a new

Rotarian it was nice to hear about the lives of our fellow members.

50/50 DRAW

Won by R. Cleve

There is a Board meeting following the regular meeting next Monday.

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
Jan 12	Doug Burke – Classification Speech	K of C	Cleve Pendock, Kelly Groves	Bud
Jan 19	TBA	K of C	Wilf Quigley, Leigh Facey-Crowther	
Jan 26	Ted Savelle – JR Achievement, E Ontario	K of C	Bob Wallace, Eric Wright	
Feb 2	TBA	K of C	Diane Pendock, Will Ryan	
Feb 9	TBA	K of C	Joyce Best, Jameson Ross	
Feb 16	No Meeting – Family Day Holiday	K of C	Sylvia Binkley, Bill Lang	
Feb 23	TBA	K of C	Ken O’Neill, Jan Boycott	

Sergeant-at Arms Duty Roster:


2009

Jan 12 – George, Jan 19 – Roger, Jan 26 – George

Feb 02 – Bruce, 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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