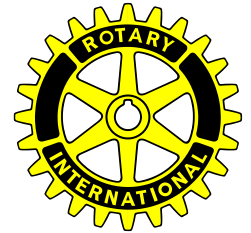


The Beacon News



The Rotary Club of Port Hope

News Bulletin for the Week of January 11, 2010

An "Olympic" Night

Note: this is a "special" non-pictorial issue of the Beacon as the humble camera of the humble photographer is very slow, and as no one ever stands still at Rotary, all the photos are blurred (except Guest Speaker, Paul Appleman who graciously posed for a photo with torch in his Olympic garb.) Use your wildest imagination as you picture the Rotarians delivering their desert Reports and Happy Bucks!

President Sylvia called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. She remarked that she was happy to see so many members in attendance.

Stress Ball

Sylvia, Silvia wherefore art thou. Is the ancient ceremony of "The Awarding of the Stress Ball", so beholden to our forbearers, forgotten? Alas, a thing of the past, confined to the dustbin of history???

Introduction of the Head table

Sitting at the head table this evening with Sylvia were R. Leigh,, PP Bud and our guest

speaker, Paul Appleman, current President of the Port Hope Sunrise Club.

Guests and Visiting Rotarians

- Robert Biron CEO of the Northumberland Hills Hospital guest of R. George
- Anna Tucka, a local dentist, - Guest of PP Jan
- Bril Nixon of FM 93.7 – guest of R. Cleve

Our side of the table was asked by President Sylvia to go first to the buffet for which we are eternally grateful to her but, PP Hugh, employing some dazzling legal footwork, for which he is famous for, convinced Sylvia to change her mind at let HIS side of the table go first.

Pre-prandial Dessert Reports and Announcements

Sylvia announced that she had received a Christmas card from Charlotte who was an exchange student with our Club a few years ago.

There will be another Rotary leadership course held in

Richmond Hill on February 5th. If you wish to attend, contact Sylvia.

Sylvia reminded us of the King Tut tour, which will take place on February 3rd.

There will be a regular Board meeting next week after the regular dinner.

Dessert Reports

R. Paul (Weber) wants to re introduce the concept of "Rotary Evening" for potential new members in February or late March.

Secretary's Report

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

Happy Bucks and Fines

Sergeant at Arms Bruce announced that, thankfully, there were no birthdays or anniversaries.

PP Ben - had two happy bucks, one of which was that he had finally learned how to fly his

new airplane that he has had since the Spring. (That gives me huge confidence - now I might agree to go up with him). Cleverly, PP Ben “forgot” to actually put the two bucks in the pot but he was caught red handed and reported to the President by, non-other, than your blushing scribe.

PP Hugh - Happy to have gone to the opera last Saturday and to have attended the “brown bag lunch” lecture before. The lecture helped explain the opera (Rosen Kavalier).

R. Kelly - Sad because she has retired her Beetle, happy she has gotten a new car,

PP Susan - Just plain happy.

R. Paul (Weber) - Happy that he was able to obtain a ticket to the musical “Rent”; sad buck that he was “practicing” the death of his character in the local amateur production of “Sweeny Todd”.

R. Roger - happy to have worked successfully with a colleague (missed name) for twenty-one years. Roger, we are happy, that your colleague has not ended his career at the funny farm after 21 years.

R. Sid - Happy to have recently passed his senior’s driving test. Sad for the poor drivers around Port Hope.

PP Bud - Happy to have entertained 82 relatives at the family farm. Also happy to report that R. Ted (Lacy) has settled into his new digs in Cobourg after his wife’s stroke.

Elin - Happy to have gone to see “Fiddler on the Roof” Tickets were a Christmas present from the Club.

R Leigh - Happy with his new GPS, which sounds like Shawn Connery.

Your Humble Scribe - Happy that Rotarian Ben has finally seen the error of his ways and has put \$2 into the pot.

Introduction of Guest Speaker

PP Bud introduced Paul Appleman, our guest speaker. Besides being a long time supporter of a number of community projects, an active Rotarian, and a busy local businessman, Paul is an enthusiastic marathon runner. He, for example, is single-handedly responsible for the Port Hope section of the annual Terry Fox Run.

Guest Speaker



Paul applied in May of last year for the position of torchbearer. In the application, he was asked what organization he would want to pledge his run to and he

replied that his wish was for the continuation of the Terry Fox Run. He has been associated with the Terry Fox Run for 29 years.

Notwithstanding Paul’s extensive experience in long distance running (he has run a number of marathons), there were no assurances that he would be chosen as the length of the of the Olympic Torch run segment was only 300 meters and on the RBC web site there was room for only 2010 successful applicants nationally out of close to a million hopefuls.

Completely unannounced, he received his Olympic uniform and he knew that his dream was now a reality.

About three weeks before the Torch arrived here, the organizers told him where he was running and at what time he should show up. He was given a torch which would be ignited by the runner that preceded him with the Olympic Flame which would then be carried 300 meters to the next runner and so on all the way across the country to it’s final destination at Whistler, in B.C.

On the appointed day, he did his thing in the presence of a crowd, which included some of his friends and relatives who were there to watch the ceremony. He gave a telephone interview. Apparently, they are writing a book about the Olympic Relay.

At the end of the ceremony, the sponsors told Paul that he could purchase his torch. He brought

it with him this evening and it was on display at the head table.


The Relay is being sponsored by Coca Cola and RBC and our speaker confirmed that they are doing an excellent job.

In concluding his talk, Paul expressed his appreciation for being asked to address the Club and to be allowed to share his experience and joy with his fellow Rotarians.

FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE

Date	Meeting	Place	Door	Scribe
January 18	TBA	K of C	Ken	TBA
January 25	Robin Long – Historic PH Buildings	K of C	Diane	TBA
February 1	TBA	K of C	Jim	TBA
February 8	Club Assembly	K of C	Rolly	TBA
February 15	Family Day - No Meeting			

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