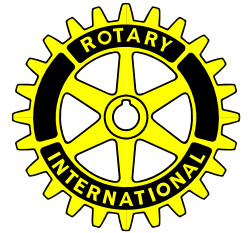




The Beacon News



The Rotary Club of Port Hope

News Bulletin for the Week of January 31, 2011

Anna Tucka's Classification Speech

CALL TO ORDER

Head Table Introduction

President John called the meeting to order promptly at 6 pm. After the Rotary Grace and a toast to The Queen, President John announced that on Friday, Feb 11th, there was a Valentine's evening featuring "The Royals" 16 piece band at the Best Western Cobourg Inn's Grand Ballroom starting at 8 pm and includes a late night buffet. This event is in support of the Northumberland Hills Hospital Foundation. Tickets are \$25/person and may be obtained by calling the Best Western 372-2105 or the NHH Foundation Office 372-6811 Ext. 3065.

GUESTS & VISITING ROTARIANS

Past President Ben introduced his guest Denise Westcott from her business, Travel Counsellors.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Secretary Cleve assured President John that he did not require the microphone for his non-existent secretary's report.



DESSERT REPORTS

Past President Ken reminded the conference committee of the meeting this Wed. night Feb 2nd at DGE Bob Wallace's at 7:30. Also he has obtained 16 tickets for the Northumberland Sunrise dinner and auction taking place on Sat. Feb. 26th. Tickets are \$75./person and cheques should be made out to the Rotary Club of Northumberland Sunrise. Ken can obtain more tickets if requested.

Rotarian Dianne brought more pictures to be identified. Any help with this test of memory is greatly appreciated.

Past President Jan was very encouraged with the response for our conference sponsorship. Her goal is \$15,000. And at this point, the thermometer is showing \$10,000. She and Rotarian Ken Burgin expressed their thanks later with "happy bucks"!

President John and DGE Bob are attending the Learning Institute session on Sat. Feb. 5th. This is a wonderful opportunity for members to learn more about Rotary and President John will let members know when the next opportunity is available.

HAPPY BUCKS

Sergeant-at-Arms Bruce announced that President John was going to be celebrating a birthday later this week and asked everyone to contribute a loonie in anticipation.

Bree was happy that her son Kanen not only introduced Fabiola to tobogganing that afternoon, but also to Kraft dinner.

President-elect Bruce was happy to have Fabiola staying with him and Barb while Faye and Paul were vacationing. Jamieson was just happy! Leigh was happy to have completed his "woman cave" in the basement and Ken was delighted that he had the privilege of coloring in the thermometer as sponsorship funds for the conference increased.

Dave was happy for President John's birthday, but sad that he could not take part in the

Legion Track meet the previous Saturday. Erin was happy that her daughter would be home for one day before she travelled to Fiji for two weeks. Past President Jim was happy with Leigh's presentation regarding Camp Enterprise last week. DGE Bob was happy to have had his kick-off with his District Team with 35 attending.

Past President Ben is happy to be travelling to San Antonio and New Orleans soon. Rotarian Kelly was happy to have the cast on her arm removed. Rotarian George was happy to have paid for Past President Rolly's dinner. President John was happy with the conference sponsorships and that he looks forward to his party later in the week.

PROGRAM



Past President Jan introduced Rotarian Anna as someone she met at a business dinner who has become a wonderful friend. She knew immediately that Anna would be a great addition to our Rotary Club.

Dr. Anna Tucka grew up in the northern part of Poland along the Balkan Sea. The daughter of a teacher and a chartered accountant, she excelled in mathematics and physics. Initially being interested in pharmacy, after she passed her

high school entrance exams, she opted for dentistry. It was during her university years that the changes in democracy were occurring in Poland – the shipyards were right across the street from the campus and as Poland became a military state, she was checked by the police several times a day going to classes. For two years during this time, she also had military training as an officer.

After graduation she travelled and ended up in Canada. Anna applied for immigrant status and although she spoke German, English was a completely new language. She completed her internship in Poland and over two years gained her Canadian status after writing four exams. Anna has been practicing dentistry here now for 14 years. Two and a half years ago, a dental practice became available in Port Hope and Anna states that the first day she was on site, she felt at home. Her practice involves general dentistry and she refers her patients to specialists as required.

Anna has been married for 20 years and her husband works in the computer industry. Her brother, who is two years older, has been a great influence as he is a single father of four who works with special needs children. His four children are very fortunate to have their Aunt Anna's support.

One of her wonderful accomplishments was crossing the Atlantic Ocean in a sailboat. After a severe car accident in 1991, when people were so helpful to her, Anna decided she wanted to give back and believes "what goes around,

comes around". She volunteers at a Toronto clinic and helps with new immigrant integration, as well as financially supporting new entrepreneurs. World Vision benefits from her generosity and she donates dental supplies to needy areas. Anna stated that it sadden her to see empty store fronts in town and asks herself - what can we do?

President John expressed the thanks of the club for Anna's well presented and really interesting story. The classification presentations provide an opportunity for all of us to get to know each other better.

OTHER BUSINESS

Bree forgot to take photos on Monday night (whoops!) so please enjoy a couple of photos from our summer activities!



50-50 DRAW

Rotarian Roger just happened to mention that President John would become a member of the "old codgers" club on Friday so it was befitting that President John won the 50/50 draw.

CLOSING

Members were reminded that Feb. 14th would be a partners' night. The meeting was closed with the singing of O Canada.

Scribe Hard at Work

Sylvia

WEB SITE

Please take a moment to visit the Port Hope Rotary web site.

www.porthoperotary.com


Scribes Please Note:

There are changes, noted as follows, to the editor of the Beacon. Please be sure to send your notes to the editors as indicated:

Jan 24, Ron Tuttle; Jan 31, Bree Nixon; Feb 7, Ken Burgin; Feb 14, Ron Tuttle; Feb 28, Bree Nixon; Mar 7, ted Rafuse and thereafter.

FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE

Date	Speaker	Location	Door Duty	Scribe
February 7	Kiera Turck – Teaching at an International School	KofC	Erin, Ted L	Rolly
February 14	Thomas Lang, Exchange Student – Guest Night	KofC	Hugh, Dick	Ken B
February 21	Family Day Holiday – No meeting			
February 28	Avril Ewing - Classification	KofC	Jim, Ron	Sylvia
March 7	Richard Onley	KofC	Ben, Bree	Jim
March 14	Dave Sheffield – Greenwood Tower	KofC	Bree, Avril	Bud
March 21	Rob Day – Business Success Program	KofC	Ken B, Cleve	Ken

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