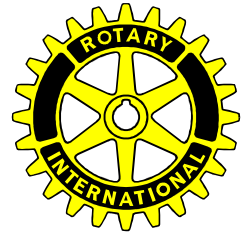


The Beacon News



The Rotary Club of Port Hope

News Bulletin for the Week of January 4, 2010

Bud Lynch but mainly John Mowat Reclassified!

PREAMBLE



President Sylvia called the meeting to order promptly at 6 pm on January 4, 2010, our first meeting of the new decade. She was pleased to welcome Elin, our exchange student, as well as Gael Moore, our ADG, and Rotarian Mike Parker (whom President Sylvia seemed to think was in a pear tree), our once and future ADG.



It was noted that Rotarians Roger Ingram and Bud Lynch were seated menacingly on either side of President Sylvia at the head table. They were tight lipped about the reasons for their being there.



President Sylvia thanked Rotarians Susan and Ted for their efforts at the Christmas dinner and Rotarian Bob for his pictorial record of the Christmas party.

Rotarian Leigh was thanked for his involvement in the Olympic Torch Run and Rotarian John Mowat for others for their efforts with respect to the ham and chocolate fundraising.

She also acknowledged Rotarian and Past President Rolly, head scribe, as being this evening's scribe whereupon he searched in panic for yours truly and was relieved to find that he was not responsible for this week's Beacon.



During the well ordered chaos, which marks our lining up for dinner, President Sylvia continued in her welcoming remarks thanking Merv for his return after a brief leave.



President Sylvia announced that it was the hundredth anniversary of Rotary in Canada and encouraged us all to read the Rotarian magazine which had highlighted the 107 mile Highway of Heroes where many of us have attended at overpasses and paid our respects to the fallen soldiers. A document supporting the nomination of Zac Andrus for the Municipal Outstanding Youth Award circulated with enthusiastic support.

Rotarian Ron and Rotarian Ken are attending an information meeting concerning the Group Study Team that is visiting from India this year between April 7 and 13. They consist of an agro-industrial rep, an MBA executive, a project manager, a lecturer at a medical college, and an MBA/electrical engineer as their group study team head.

DESSERT REPORTS

Further reports continued during the dessert period including John Mowat's advice that the hams were almost gone and that he had about five extra. Anybody wishing extra hams could contact John.

Rotarian Ken indicated the roster was available for the people manning the door between January and March and he indicated to the delight of Club Members that the 500 Club made \$6,650.

Past President Ron advised that he was taking over the website.



He further mentioned Thomas, our exchange student, who had contacted him and related that he had recently been on a trip to Patagonia and that it was an unusual feeling wearing shorts and a t-shirt at Christmas time. The unaccustomed attire reduced any pangs of homesickness during the holiday season. He said that he got up on Christmas morning and made a big Canadian breakfast for his host family

including bacon, eggs and home fries, toast, etc. much to their delight. He said he was going to spend January at the beach.

HAPPY BUCKS

Rotarian Erin Brown donated a happy buck for Port Hope's being a municipality of character and spoke about Terry Evansen and how he is a motivating speaker when he talks about his recovery from a catastrophic head injury.



Rotarian Doug Burke put in happy bucks for the outstanding Rotary effort in assisting with the Salvation Army Kettles.



Rotarian Ken reported he had asked Santa for a large figured measuring tape so he can see what the heck he was measuring. Santa got the message loud and clear and he ended up with four of the tapes. Rotarian Ted Rafuse was apparently gifted with Christmas *spirits*. Rotarian Roger Ingram seemed to be happy that he was up at the head table.



Rotarian Cleve was happy that he had received a fully decorated Christmas tree from the Capitol Theatre which he promptly gave to one of his daughters.



Exchange student Elin was very pleased to have experienced a great Canadian Christmas. Apparently Swedish Christmases are celebrated quite differently. She was fortunate, she said, to be given tickets to *Fiddler on the Roof*.



ADG Gael Moore was pleased that she became a great-grandma. Rotarian Leigh said the participation in the Olympic Torch Run made him proud to be a Rotarian. We are all happy that he is as well.



Rotarian George once again gave credit to Doug Burke for his work and also was very pleased that Cleve was fortunate enough to receive the Capitol Christmas tree.



Rotarian Roger Ingram was unhappy that he didn't win the Christmas tree.

Rotarian Bud was pleased that he had been able to visit retired Rotarian Arnie who was initially a bit crusty but asked that Bud come back again very soon.



Rotarian Linda put in happy bucks and she had every right to.



Rotarian Wilf put in a sad buck that he would be away from us in Florida for about three months although he disguised his misery extremely well.



Rotarian and future ADG Mike Parker spoke about the interaction between squirrels at the bird feeders and the movie *A Christmas Story* and advised his wife that she ought to be very careful because she might *put her eye out*.



PROGRAM

Following the thorough change vacuuming by Rotarian Bruce Coleman as sergeant-at-arms, Rotarian Bud as Program Chair told us how he had spoken to President Sylvia and indicated to her how difficult it was being a program chair, whereupon she promptly re-gifted him with the task.



He advised that back in the days when Ewart Marsden was involved in the Club there was a Club Day Racing and he wondered if that might not be an idea for a future meeting. He asked for input from members. He also spoke about the potential for classification talks to get them done early and spoke about the potential for reclassification. All of this was by way of preamble to allow us to reacquaint ourselves with Rotarian John Mowat who has agreed to become President Elect.



John is a fixture at the Port Hope Rotary but it was nice once again to hear him speak of his background and his family and listen with interest to the fact that John has been engaged in just about every role at Port Hope Rotary except for President and he has now agreed to take on that role and we are pleased that he has.

John moved with his family in 1959 – 1960 to Richmond Hill and they landed in Port Hope in the 1960's and he attended high school and worked in a local hardware store. He left high school and kept working at the local hardware store and later after a conversation with his parents went to local banks and put in his resume. He said he got two calls back and started at the Bank of Commerce in 1964. Later he became a bank manager in Whitby and in other

localities, but his duties on the audit crew, a not exactly revered group from John's description, allowed him to travel throughout the province. He said his attendance in places like Hornepayne (by way of explanation your scribe went to the Environment Canada weather website and found that the current temperature in Hornepayne was minus 30 degrees Celsius). Hornepayne is about a 13 – 15 hour drive up highway 11) to perform an audit paradoxically created some of the warmest memories that he has had. The hospitality and good naturedness of northerners contrasts with some of the receptions that he had received in some of the more southerly areas of the province.

He said he went back and forth to many other branches and then finally went to Cobourg and then the bank began expanding and he went back to Port Hope and then after twenty-nine years and ten months with the bank they started their downsizing and he took a year off.

John was approached by Roger Ingram who asked him if he was looking for work. John said no, and Roger asked him if he wanted to work and again John said no, but he apparently expressed enough interest and he started working with The Investors' Group and still is there. He is enjoying this work with The Investors and he likes his colleagues and he will keep working as long as he enjoys his job.

John spoke further about his three sons, Brian, Jeffry and Matthew and how there are always interesting and adventuresome exploits and

said that Diane is still hanging in there. He said they enjoy living out in the country which is really not more than a kilometer east of Cobourg.

He talks about joining Rotary back in the 80's and then being secretary for a long time and being asked to become treasurer which he was for a long time and it seems natural, now that he has been asked, for him to take over as president.

Club members as always appreciate John's easy going and approachable style and showed it in Port Hope Rotary fashion.

Rotarian Roger Ingram thanked John and said that he has known him since 1986 and said that John failed to mention that he loves cars.



We at Rotary know that John runs the rally every year and does a bang-up job (no pun intended). He said that one thing that John forgot to mention in terms of being enticed to join the Investors' Group was that he asked the question, "do you have to work hard?", and when the answer was, "no", he said, "where do I sign?".

We thank you, John Mowat, for your reclassification speech and we appreciate your efforts as President Elect and look forward to your upcoming term as president in this important year for our Club.

50/50 DRAW

The winner of the 50/50 draw was Bud Lynch,




who passed on his hard earned winnings to exchange student Elin.

The meeting ended with a rousing rendition of the national anthem.

FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE

January 11	Paul Appleman – Olympic Torch Run	K of C	TBA	Rolly
January 18	TBA	K of C	TBA	Ken
January 25	Robin Long – Historic PH Buildings	K of C	TBA	Dianne
February 1	TBA	K of C	TBA	Jim
February 8	Club Assembly	K of C	TBA	Rolly
February 15	Family Day – No Meeting			

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