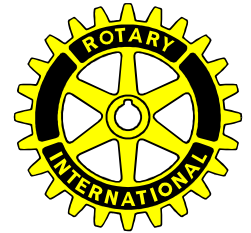




# The Beacon News



## The Rotary Club of Port Hope

**News Bulletin for the Week of July 28, 2008**

### **JIM GILMER – HOME HARWARE SYNOPSIS**

President elect Sylvia called those assembled to order at 6:00 pm. Rotary grace prayed and the Queen toasted, she extended a warm Rotary welcome to spouses Judy Wyatt and Rob Boycott.



The stress ball was presented in absentia to Rotarian George for his organization of the successful golf tournament on July 21<sup>st</sup>. Rotarians Rolly and Ben accepted on behalf of the absent stressees.

#### **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

The Secretary's report was a joke.

Those who got it laughed.

Those who understood it laughed.

#### **DESSERT REPORTS**

Rotarian Ken O'Neill – 6 guests from Germany (Europe) will be joining us from October 15-

October 19. Volunteer host families are needed. Other forms of host opportunities will be announced at a later date.

Rotarian Wilf – the Foundation Walk, hosted by Cobourg Rotary, will take place on September 7<sup>th</sup> at Victoria Park.

Treasurer Ron, through President Sylvia, looks forward to the annual fees paid forthwith.

Rotarian Ben – Estival on August 2<sup>nd</sup> and August 3<sup>rd</sup>, will included 60 performers and 400 musicians and artists on 3 stages, culminating in a tribute to Canadian jazz icon Jeff Healey at 8:00 pm on Sunday evening.



#### **HAPPY BUCKS & FINES**

A number of Rotarians were punished for having been born in August.

The remaining attendees were punished for not having been born in August.

Rotarian Rolly was fined for his (alleged) inappropriate handling of stress ball.

Rotarian Merv was acknowledged for his Secretary's Report.

Guest Rob Boycott celebrated the absence of their children (at camp), and the completion of their office on Hwy #2.

Rotarian Ken O'Neill marked his eager anticipation of Rotarian Jim's presentation. He reported being made wealthy by winning the 50/50 at the Ganaraska Probus Car Rally.



Rotarian Wilf survived 9 holes of golf for the 1<sup>st</sup> time in 3 years.

Rotarian Sylvia celebrated her daughter's move to and

employment in Northumberland.

Rotarian Jim reported that Marg Lacey has returned home, to the supportive acknowledgement of the group.

## GUEST SPEAKER

Rotarian Cleve introduced Rotarian Jim.



Jim referred to a table in the room laden with Home Hardware historical collectibles – newspaper articles, jackets and other items demonstrating the logos of Home Hardware over the years.

Jim described of the etiology, genesis, structures and development of Home Hardware.

Home Hardware was founded by Walter J. Hachborn in 1965 as an inspired response to the growth of discount chains and the demise of more than 1,000 independent hardware stores between 1953 and 1963. Hachborn established Home Hardware, dealer-owned stores organized in a dealer-owned co-operative.

Today Home Hardware is comprised of 1,150 dealer-owned stores nationally, has added building supply and furniture stores, and operates a paint and chemical plant.

Headquartered in Saint Jacobs, Ontario, Home Hardware remains a large co-operative organization with its dealers as investors. It has preserved its community roots.

Giffen's Hardware, on Walton Street in Port Hope, was one of the 1<sup>st</sup> investors in the Home Hardware enterprise. Dorothy and Jim Gilmer purchased Giffen's in 1967, and since then have moved premises from Walton Street to Ontario Street to the present location on Toronto Road. The retail operation is now managed by the second generation of the Gilmer family and has 55 employees.

Jim described the intersection with Rotary he has enjoyed during his years in business. He had praise for Bud Lynch, his accountant, Hugh Parker, his lawyer, and Ted Lacey, as a financial supporter.

Jim's presentation was a detailed and informative description of Home Hardware and his personal involvement in the hardware business.

Rotarian Ken O'Neill expressed the gratitude of the group to Jim, replete with his own family Home Hardware anecdote. Jim received warm, genuine and enthusiastic applause.

## 50/50 DRAW

Bruce Coleman was the winner of an undisclosed amount.

## ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:13 pm. The executive repaired to a local drinking establishment for other weighty considerations for the good of Rotary.

## COLINE BEAUDRY

sent this e-mail to the **Beacon** editor, and to several others, but for the benefit of all Port Hope Rotarians, it is reprinted here.

Hi there every one!

I'm so sorry it took me so long to write, but I've been kept pretty busy since I got back home, last Sunday morning! My flight and all the travelling part went very smoothly, and I wasn't too miserable as I left Toronto airport!!! Although I felt very sad inside to leave Canada, I don't think the reality of me not coming back for at least another year hadn't hit me yet... I was so happy to see my parents and my big brother again at the airport in Paris! I'm not going to see my little brother until tomorrow because he's on holidays with his best friend's family in southern France. Then when I got home around 11:30 a.m, tired and sick because I hadn't brought a sweater on the plane, my friends were waiting for me in the garden! I was so happy...

I still have a little trouble sleeping because of the jetlag but I think it's getting better. I'm leaving early tomorrow morning with my family for 2 weeks in southern France. Oh and I don't think I have had the opportunity to tell you that I had an AMAZING time with the group of students on the east coast trip. I don't think my year would have been complete without it! I met even more great people and learned a lot about eastern Canada! It is truly beautiful out there!\

I would like to thank you all again for this wonderful, amazing, extraordinary, beautiful year I've had in Port Hope, I really am going to miss Port Hope and Canada! Greetings to all of you, Coline

## REMINDER:

**NO MEETING THIS  
COMING MONDAY,  
AUGUST 4, 2008**

## **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.

### **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
Aug 4	<b>Simcoe Day – No Meeting</b>			
Aug 11	<b>Brighton Rotary Interclub – Spouse’s Night</b>	Proctor Park		Trish
Aug 18	<b>Car Rally – Spouse’s Night</b>	To Be Found	Joyce Best, Ron Coleman	Bud
Aug 25	<b>Corn Roast – Family Night</b>	Tuttle’s at Port Britain	Eric Wright, Sylvia Binkley	Diane
Sept 1	<b>Labour Day – No Meeting</b>			
Sept 8	<b>Vince Walter – Computer Assisted Learning</b>	K of C	Erin Brown, Sid Hatch	Joe
Sept 15	<b>Sheila Burns – Primrose Donkey Sanctuary</b>	K of C	Jan Boycott, Rolly Dalla Rosa	Trish
Sept 22	<b>Tanya Perry – ShelterBox Canada</b>	K of C	Susan Rafuse, Bill Lang	Bud
Sept 29	<b>Wendy Curtis – Nor. Com, Futures Dev Corp</b>	K of C	Bruce Coleman, Bill King	Rolly
Oct 6	<b>500 Club Dinner</b>			
Oct 13	<b>Thanksgiving Day – No meeting</b>			

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