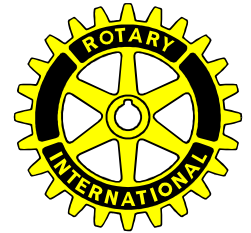




# The Beacon News



## The Rotary Club of Port Hope

**News Bulletin for the Week of June 8, 2009**

### COMMENCEMENT

Our noble President being off, once again, protecting widows and orphans from wicked and greedy predators, President Elect Sylvia, took his place at the head table. Sylvia called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm. Following Rotary Grace, Sylvia introduced the head table which consisted of Rotarian Will and his spouse Jenny.



The Stress Ball was presented to Rotarian George in recognition of the fact that he has quietly suffered, without complaint, his fate of always sitting at the last table to be called up for the dinner buffet. This time Sylvia called on George's table to go first after the head table.



### PREPRANDIAL DESSERT REPORTS

President Elect Sylvia:  
Read out a thank you note to the Club from Bridget.  
Announced that former Rotarian Rhonda Cook's mother passed away.  
Noted the list of the standing committees and their membership has been emailed. Sylvia has copies of the list for those who do not have e-mail.  
The Happy Car was on Toronto Road will contribute \$1 to the Club per car was or for a purchase in excess of \$25.00 of gas.  
Relay for Life was once again a success. Sylvia's team alone raised \$1500.00.



PP Ron -President's night will be held two weeks from now at Will and Jenny Ryan's house. Festivities will begin at 6:00  
R. John (Mowat) wanted direction from the Club as to when the car rally, which is scheduled for later in the year, should start. After some

discussion, it was decided that the first group should leave at 5:30.



Your Blushing Scribe - PP Paul and Debbie Racine are doing a fund raiser at their house at 1 Howard Street in Port Hope to restore the crumbling Veterans's Gate at the Port Hope Union Cemetery on Toronto Road. The event will be Sunday June 14 between 2-4 pm. Light refreshments will be served. Please confirm attendance at (905) 885 9658 or [pracinel@cogeco.ca](mailto:pracinel@cogeco.ca)



## GUESTS & VISITING ROTARIANS

Her Worship Mayor Lynda Thomson



Ken Burgin - guest of R Cleve



## SECRETARY'S REPORT

Merv encouraged the younger and newer members of the Club to take this position on. It is a wonderful way of learning more about Rotary.



## HAPPY BUCKS & FINES

We had a number of birthday boys this week and, needless to say, that did not escape the eagle eye of our Sergeant at Arms - Rs George and Doug and PP Wilf all fined.

Your faithful scribe was fined for something and when I made the mistake of telling Dick that I did not have a looney, he said he would take what I had. I suggested 1000 Vietnamese

Dongs (that's not a joke. That's what their currency is called) he said he would settle for "only" 5 Canadian dollars. What a guy !!!

R Dave (Watson) -happy to have participated in the Para Olympics as an official.



R. Ron (Coleman) -happy for a wonderful weekend in Montreal celebrating a friend's 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.



Her Worship - Happy that it is Doug's birthday.

R Joe - Happy for having spent a week in Dublin.



R Cleve- Happy \$5 - he has been having a winning streak. Won two happy bucks recently and first prize at the Thai Restaurant the weekend before last.

R. Will – fined for **not** having his picture in any of the local papers. Usually he is fined for having his picture in!

PP Ken - Happy to discover that

our SatA Dick had talents other than squeezing money out of people. During the Relay for Life he was directing traffic like a seasoned cop.



PE Sylvia – Happy that P. Jim will be back next week.

Secretary Merv – Happy about something. Didn't understand. Not fluent in Aussie. Didn't have Erin near at hand to translate for me but apparently Merv was happy because of the opening of the Community Health Centre on Wednesday.

## INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER

Our Rotarian Will needs no introduction.

## GUEST SPEAKER

Will and Jenny recently spent two weeks in Sri Lanka with Trip Canada.



The Tangalle Village area in southern Sri Lanka was devastated by the Tsunami which took place on Boxing Day several years ago when many of its inhabitants were rendered homeless. Trip Canada is trying to rebuild houses in the

area using local labour and financial donations and volunteer from Canada. Will and Jenny were amongst the volunteers.

Will and Jenny presented a slide show to the Club documenting their experiences. First, they took us through the Town that wasn't destroyed showing us its diverse architecture. This part of Sri Lanka was colonized first by the Portuguese, then followed the Dutch and finally the English. The architecture reflects this varied history. Will illustrated various styles of architecture from, for example, a hotel that was built in the classical Raj (English Colonial) style to a 200 year old Dutch Lutheran Church in the Dutch Colonial style.



There were other interesting architectural features that reflected the particular problems of the area. Because of the heat and humidity, for example, windows in the new housing were generally louvered and without glass and because of termites only certain types of wood could be used. Another problem was monkeys! They have a habit of removing and throwing around roof tiles unless they are properly installed.

Jenny remarked that,

interestingly enough, the Sinhalese, have no particular interest in preserving their own earlier architecture

The slide show then moved on to the project itself where Will explained in detail the building techniques used by the locals. Trip Canada has built a number of houses in the area and because of the low local labour costs, they are able to build for about \$6 a square foot or \$6000 per house. There were a number of pictures of our Will working away.

Their stay in Tangalle was not all sweat equity. On occasion, they were able to take time off at the local beach which, as the slides attested, was a beautiful white sand affair. Unfortunately, because of the undertow, swimming was next to impossible. They also visited a local animal reservation where they saw herds of wild elephants.

Their stay ended with a scrumptious meal with the other Canadian volunteers washed down with a high proof beer and a potent local drink called Arak.

## THANKING THE GUEST SPEAKER

R George thanked Will and Jenny and asked Will whether he might consider building him a house for \$6000.

## ROTARIANA Margaret Thatcher and Rotary.

When she was prime minister of the United Kingdom, she was once asked what she felt was the thing that she did in her life that she was mostly proud of. She said that when she was a

young woman she had a Pen Pal who lived in Vienna. Her Pal happened to be Jewish. When Hitler took over Austria (the Anshluss), her Pal's family wanted to escape to England but they did not have the money.

It happened that Margaret's father was a member of the Grantham Rotary Club which was situated in a town by the same name in Lincolnshire where she lived. Young Margaret started a campaign in and with the help of the Club to raise sufficient money to get her Pal's family out of Austria. As in most other things she did in life she was successful but only with the help of Rotary.

**(I, R. Rolly, would like to make "Rotariana" a feature of the Bulletin. If you have any interesting stories about Rotary that you might have come across, let me know.)**

## 50/50 DRAW

Won by R Diane.

## Coline Baudry

Those Rotarians who receive e-mail are aware of Coline's recent message sent to all recipients. In this text all Port Hope Rotarians look forward to seeing her once again this summer. Be assured Coline that there will be meetings throughout the summer, but at times they are not at our usual meeting place. Check the dates and locations in the Future Meetings section below. Contact a Rotarian to ensure that you can attend especially if you need a ride!

Merci pour votre lettre!

## DUES NOTES

At this time a gentle reminder that dues are due! Treasurer Ron will accept, preferably, a mailed cheque, payable to the Rotary Club of Port Hope, and forwarded to 5 Herbert Place, Port Hope, Ontario, L1A 4G7.

## 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
June 15	Lynda Kay – United Way	K of C	S. Rafuse, B. King	Bud
June 22	President’s Night – Spouses Night	Will & Jenny Ryan’s	P. Weber, P. Kulik	Joe
June 29	Future Directions – Pres Sylvia	K of C	C. Pendock, J. Ross	Rolly
July 6	District Governor’s Visit – Doug Byers	K of C	W. Quigley, W. Ryan	
July 13	Car Rally		R. Tuttle, Kelly M-M	
July 20	TBA	K of C	D. Pendock, S. Hatch	
July 27	Golf Tournament		L. Facey-Crowther, R. Ingram	
Aug 3	Simcoe Day Holiday	No Meeting		

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