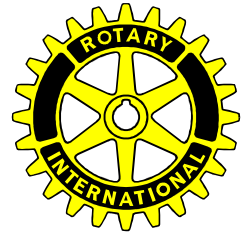




The Beacon News



The Rotary Club of Port Hope

News Bulletin for the Week of Mar 2, 2009

Sylvia Terpstra – KPRDSB Chair

President Jim Hunt opened the meeting by introducing the head table. Director of Education for the Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board, Sylvia Turkstra was the guest speaker for the evening and was joined at the table with Rotarian Erin Brown and President Jim Hunt.



year's Paul Harris recipients are Aldo D'Agostino and Liz Stuart.

Rotarian Kelly Morgan-MacKenzie, as our official chamber representative, announced that there are still spots open on the Chamber "Funspiel" Bonspiel on Wednesday and to contact Wendy Giroux at the Chamber if you wish to participate.



Rotarian Dianne Pendock announced that she and Rotarian Cleve would be attending the Sweetwater Country Band concert at Victoria Hall in order to check out potential entertainment for the "Denim & Diamonds" BBQ and Dance fundraiser. They asked that anyone interested please join them as everyone's opinion is welcome. Tickets are available at Victoria Hall.

Rotarian Bruce Coleman asked everyone to consider joining in our night for Bowling for Kids

Sake for the Big Sisters Big Brothers on March 30th. He provided a list and sponsorship sheets for everyone.



President Jim quipped, "This is right up our alley!"



Past President Jim Gilmer served notice that he would be nominating directors for the 2009-2010 board of directors:

- Rotarian Jamieson Ross
- Past President Ken O'Neill
- Rotarian Roger Ingram
- Rotarian Kelly Morgan-MacKenzie

DESSERT REPORTS

President-elect Sylvia had nothing to report.



Past President Ken O'Neill took the chance to remind the club that this year's Foundation Dinner would be held on March 23 at Dalewood and that we would be celebrating 2 Paul Harris Fellows that night. This

Nominations were accepted and agreed by acclimation.

SECRETARY'S REPORT



Secretary Merv announced that Dick O'Toole was paid up in attendance for all meetings. Syd Hatch has done a make-up and Paul Tait has also paid up in attendance while he is away.

HAPPY BUCKS

Rotarian Dave Watson gave a happy buck for the great time at the Northumberland Sunrise Rotary dinner and auction he attended on Saturday night.



Ron Tuttle put in 2 bucks on behalf of Rotarian Leigh Facey-Crowther who had to scoot off early.



Past President Ron Tuttle gave five happy bucks to celebrate

his trip up north to visit his grandson.

Past President Ken O'Neill had a couple of bucks for the Cuban holiday.

Past President Jim Gilmer gave a buck because he was happy to announce that the Rotary banners were to be permanently displayed in the hall and they were going up tonight.

Rotarian Doug Burke had a happy buck for Merv's great hat he was wearing, backwards.



Rotarian Dianne was sad she forgot her pin and paid up for that and added another buck for the banners.

Rotarian Joyce was sad as well that she forgot her pin and she paid up. She also had a happy buck for Fraser Ford who won the Chamber Business Award for best Retail Sector.

Rotarian Trish had a sad buck because she too forgot her pin, and 4 more happy bucks to celebrate Northumberland News' win at the Business Awards for best in communications sector.

Past President Ken O'Neill who had a question for Betty Hunt, "who owns the slipper"?

GUEST SPEAKER

Rotarian Erin Brown was happy to introduce Director Sylvia Terpstra from the Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board as guest speaker for the evening; Rotarian Erin

explained that Ms Terpstra has been improving the profile of the board since amalgamation. She has been a director since 2004, a superintendent from 200 to 2004 and prior to that she was with the York District Board.



Ms. Terpstra began by explaining to the club that she holds this group in high esteem and consequently came prepared to speak to the club on what matters to her most. She reminded everyone that for most it has been many years since we attended school but did recognize that she would be addressing a number of former teachers. She announced that she would be speaking about changes in education and in the system.

Ms Terpstra stressed that most importantly she would address the challenges in Public education. She listed some as; Finance, declining middle class, aging population, transient trends, technological trends, impact of the internet, demographics – minorities becoming majority, and increased poverty.

The Kawartha Pine Ridge District board has a budget of over \$350 million, includes 100 schools, and employs 4500 people, proof that we are now an economy of human resources not natural resources, with a knowledge intensive workforce. Ms. Terpstra talk was very enlightening where she went on

to explain that the profession has had to embrace new styles of teaching, for example, the emphasis on learning decision making has replaced data retention.

She acknowledged the work that Rotary International has done to fight illiteracy overseas but emphasized that there is much need to fight illiteracy here at home. She explained the challenges of teaching to students from diverse cultural and economic backgrounds and that it is important to use education to break the circle of poverty.



Ms Terpstra spent several more minutes enlightening the club on the challenges to education in the future and also went on to explain that the culture of education is changing with necessary school closures that enable the board to open new and modern schools that will meet the needs of our young people.

After speaking to the club Ms Terpstra opened the floor to questions and Rotarian Hugh Parker was first to ask her what specifically were the strategies to address illiteracy. Although the answer is complicated Ms Terpstra did offer the point that the board was heading toward full time early education starting with full day kindergarten.

Rotarian Dave Watson also addressed the question of extra curricular activities but unfortunately as Ms Terpstra explained that at this point there is no formal funding although there are activities on a volunteer basis that are dependent on teacher participation.

Rotarian Ken O'Neill graciously thanked Sylvia Terpstra for taking the time to speak with us.

50-50 WINNER

Rotarian Erin Brown



WEB SITE

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

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
Mar 16	Paul Weber – Classification Speech	KofC	B. Coleman, K. Morgan-Mackenzie	Dianne
Mar 23	Foundation Night Dinner - Spouse's Night	Dalewood	B. King, T. Kulik	Bud
Mar 30	Bowling for Big Brothers & Big Sisters	N'land Lanes	H. Parker, P. Weber	Rolly

Sergeant-at Arms Duty Roster:

Mar 16 - ?, Mar 23 – Roger, Mar 30 Bruce: Apr 07 – George

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