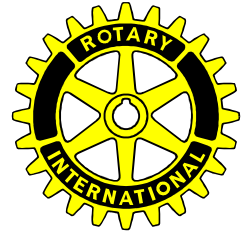


The Beacon News

The Rotary Club of Port Hope

News Bulletin for the Week of Mar 17, 2008



Sandra Boyko and Mosaic Northumberland

OPENING REMARKS

March 17th, our first St. Patrick's day at the Knights of Columbus Hall.



President Ron introduced our head table featuring our speakers, Sandra Boyko and Barbara Moorcroft. These ladies would speak to us on the celebration of racial diversity through the formation of *Mosaic Northumberland*, a committee dedicated to addressing Canadian experience with immigration. Unfortunately, secretary Merv was away presumably singing *Danny Boy* on the street corners with our PA system in tow. The stress ball was given to Rotarian Roger Ingram who fortuitously was serving also as sergeant-at-arms.

President Ron reminded us that there would be no meeting on Easter Monday.

President Ron advised that there would be a Niagara-on-the-Lake Garden Party on Saturday, May 10, 2008.

He also gave us notice of the invitation from the Cobourg Club for their April 4, 2008 meeting at which Peter Kent of Global TV will be guest speaker. President Ron asked that we let him know as soon as possible how many of our club members would be attending.

We were also reminded of the New Rotarians' Dinner in Richmond Hill on April 22, 2008. This meeting is of special interest to us because Rotarian Ted Lacey will be given an award for 50 years in Rotary by R.I. President Wilf Wilkinson.

DESSERT REPORTS



Rotarian Jan spoke to us of the membership drive that is ongoing for the first 2 weeks in April and

advises that our membership dinner will be on April 14, 2008 at the Knights of Columbus Hall; new members and prospective members will be invited to attend as guests of Port Hope Rotary. The brochure was circulated by Rotarian Jan.

President Ron advised that he has a meeting with the Municipality of Port Hope with respect to the Rotary Walkway and in particular the Rotary Bridge which needs some repair. He will provide further information from the Town once it is made available to him.



Rotarian Ken reminded us that on April 6th, 2008 there is the annual bonspiel at Dalewood where the two Port Hope clubs square off against the Cobourg club; cost for the event is \$45.00 per person.

Rotarian Susan discussed the upcoming fashion show to be held on Thursday, March 27th. Rotarian Ben's services as a model dresser were offered and a suggestion of \$10,000 was advanced for the privilege.

Rotarian Roger pointed out that the Rotary Youth Leadership Program, known as RYLA, is being held this year at Loyalist College for one week in May. He asked that anyone knowing eligible university or college students in the 19 – 21 year age bracket present a recommendation to him. The individual originally scheduled to participate is unable to because of a job offer.



The Lobster Dinner tickets have been printed and Rotarian Joyce has 250 tickets to sell for \$60 each. Arrangements for the dinner are proceeding as planned and Rotarian Trish has outlined an action plan for obtaining items for our silent auction during the lobster dinner.

Rotarians Ken, Jan, Diane and Paul (who is putting together a list for the club assembly) are assisting. Rotarian Paul said he would tell us “where to go”.

A lively discussion ensued over the number of lobsters per table. Rotarian Doug called out the 500 club winners.

SECRETARY’S REPORT & BIRTHDAYS

As previously stated secretary Merv was undoubtedly out celebrating St. Patrick’s Day and President Ron was pleased to present the secretary’s report in the style of Merv.

HAPPY BUCKS

Rotarian Roger paraded around the room with a shillelagh and a green derby in pursuit of Rotarians who did not have green as part of their clothing. Several fines were issued for this oversight. Rotarian Roger, notwithstanding his brandishing a shillelagh was very polite in extracting an impressive number of happy and sad bucks from the guilty throng.



GUEST SPEAKERS

Incoming President Jim (also your scribe) introduced our guest speakers, Sandra Boyko, a teacher who also holds a Masters degree in Theology, and Barbara Moorcroft, a retired educational consultant in the field of speech, language and English as a second language.

The topic of discussion was *Mosaic Northumberland*. This organization, we are told by both Ms. Boyko and Ms. Moorcroft has been established to try to promote a sense of belonging among new immigrants to Canada. Over the years we are told the nature of immigration has changed. It is

interesting to note that the message of tolerance and inclusiveness that was being delivered by our two guest speakers occurred on St. Patrick’s Day and that today descendants of the Irish immigrants who arrived in and around the 1850s comprises about 10% of the Canadian population. These immigrants helped define the meaning of Canadian. Since they spoke English, the Irish could participate in Canadian society more easily than many non-English speaking immigrants. As Barbara Moorcroft pointed out, it is not sufficient that immigrants be isolated; they ask immigrants for something in return. Acceptance and inclusiveness is a two-way street, and it is necessary that these people be integrated into the greater community of Canadians.



Mosaic Northumberland invites all members of the public to the International Day to Eliminate Racial Discrimination on March 19th, at 7:00 pm at the Lions Center in Port Hope. We are told that a poster day held for students has revealed that discrimination and isolation has manifested itself in music and other areas of modern expression. The focus is on convincing younger people in the grade 7 and 8 level to be “friendly neighbors”. The idea is

to get people to think of friendship as the greatest ship of all. There are, we are told, reasons to work from the bottom up rather than the top down to try to eliminate the hatred that some immigrants bring with them to Canada from their homelands.

Today immigration is primarily from places such as India, China, Philippines, Pakistan and Iran. Even though our community is not as significant a destination for some immigrants as our urban areas, the proximity to places such as Oshawa and Toronto, where immigration is very evident, should influence our encouragement of tolerance and acceptance.

Following the presentations Rotarian Ted Rafuse thanked the speakers on behalf of those assembled.

ROTARY FOOTBRIDGE

President Ron Tuttle and Rotarian Jim Gilmer attended a meeting with town staff and two town councilors last week about the Rotary footbridge over the river south of the library. The town has received an engineering report about all of the bridges in the municipality. There are some serious structural problems with the Rotary footbridge. It will need some major repairs. The town places a high value on the Rotary footbridge because of its history and its prominent place in our downtown. The town is currently getting a second engineering opinion about the structural problems with the bridge. The bridge may have to be closed due to safety concerns. Although the Rotary Club paid for the installation of the bridge, it is owned by the town. The town will keep our Rotary club informed about the situation as it develops.

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?”

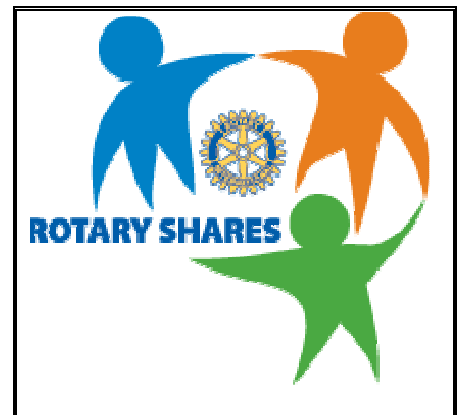
MORE GLITZ AND GLAM AT THE PALM

This fashion event is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Port Hope with proceeds in support of Northumberland Services for Women. Reserve Thursday, March 27, 2008 for High Tea, 1-3 pm, \$30 or Evening Appetizer 7-9 pm, \$40. Tickets are available from The Palm, Susan Dewhurst Ltd., The Campbell Company and Bling on King in Cobourg.

CLOSING

President Ron reminded us once more that there would be no meeting next Monday, March 24th. The meeting of March 31st will be a Club Assembly. At that meeting Diane Pendock and Ted Rafuse will be at the doors and Trish will be our scribe. Sergeant-at-arms George will perform extractions.

**HAPPY EASTER TO
EVERYONE!**



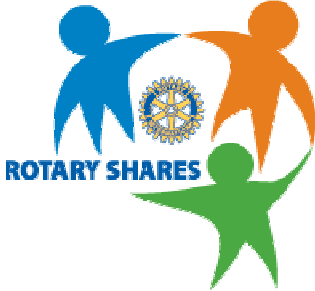
Please note that an attachment from President Ron has been sent out by a separate attachment.

FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE

Date	Speaker	Location	Door Duty	Scribe
Mar 24	Easter Monday & St. Patrick's Day – No Meeting			
Mar 31	Club Assembly	KofC Hall	Dianne Pendock, Ted Rafuse	Trish
Apr 7	TBA	KofC Hall	Susan Rafuse, Merv Richards	Sylvia
April 14	Membership Meeting	KofC Hall	Jameson Ross, Peter Rossi	Rolly
April 21	TBA	KofC Hall	Will Ryan, Paul Tait	
April 28	TBA	KofC Hall	Bob Wallace, Ben Currelly	
May 5	TBA	KofC Hall	Bud Lynch, Dick O'Toole	
May 12	TBA	KofC Hall		
May 19	Victoria Day – No Meeting			

Sergeant-at-Arms Schedule

Mar 24 Trish; March 31 George Apr 7 – Roger

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