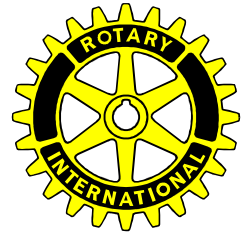




The Beacon News



The Rotary Club of Port Hope

News Bulletin for the Week of March 21, 2011

Avril Ewing – Classification Address

CALL TO ORDER

Pres. John called the meeting to order and after the Rotary Grace and a toast to The Queen, he presented his new token “Inukshuk” to Denise Westcott to salute her participation, along with her son, in the Big Brothers Big Sisters Bowling event held the previous week.



Head Table Introduction

P John introduced informally the three women at his head table: Speaker Avril, Introducer Bree and Scribe Sylvia.

GUESTS & VISITING ROTARIANS

There were none.

SECRETARY’S REPORT

Secretary Cleve shared information regarding a breakfast for Sleeping Children Around the World at the Royal York Hotel on May 4th at which Rod Black (television personality) will be speaking. A ticket for this fundraiser is \$150.



Cleve also mentioned that the End Polio Now program raised \$100 million during 2009/2010. Total amount raised since its inception is \$1.7 million.

PRE-NOURISHMENT REPORTS

There were none.

DESSERT REPORTS

R Kelly spoke alongside a visual presentation of the Trump Aids Poker Walk to be held in Belleville Sat. Apr. 16th. 75% of the funds raised come back to our club to use as we choose to combat aids & it’s also an ideal event to promote our Oct. District Conference. Kelly needs walkers to complete the second team. If you can’t attend or walk, your financial support would be appreciated. Contact Kelly for more details.



Mon. Apr. 11th is our Foundation evening. Tickets are \$40 each. A sign-up sheet was passed around. Please contact Rotarians Kelly or Linda to let them know if you will be attending.

Pres. John reported that the bowling evening raised \$985 for Big Brothers Big Sisters with some additional money still to come in. He thanked everyone for their support and from all reports, everyone had a great time.



R Roger read a thank-you letter from James and his mother Leslie who received funds from the H.P. Stevens Fund to purchase orthotics. Roger also mentioned that the Lobster Dinner tickets would be available next week. The tickets will be a 2-part tear-off design similar to last year and will sell for \$65 each.



HAPPY BUCKS

R Roger filled in for Pres. Elect Bruce and because it was the first day of spring, Roger suggested that everyone contribute a happy buck. Roger's second happy buck was on behalf of a wardrobe malfunction!



PP Ron was so proud to share his announcement of a new grand daughter, his 3rd grandchild! This scribe is having a most difficult time remembering names lately & unfortunately I didn't write down the name of the newest member to Ron and Bonnie's family. Ron's son and family also moved into their new Port Hope home the same weekend. Congratulations to all!



R Ken Bell announced that on Apr. 2nd he is involved with a fundraiser for the United Way called "Dance Your Ass Off" (I hope I heard that right?). Dress in your favourite musical decade. For more information contact Ken. Ken also was successful in losing 20 pounds. He reminded Ken O'Neill of the hair color challenge.



PP Jan was happy her boys returned safely from a western ski holiday.

R Leigh was happy his son received a radio station promotion. I'm not sure if he's happy or sad that his wife lost her "woman cave" to his daughter-in-law for an undisclosed period of time, but

he's definitely happy to have surgery completed and very pleased that Bree is doing such a wonderful job coordinating Camp Enterprise.



R Ken contributed for missed meetings and his lack of desire to coif his hair.



PP Jim donated as he's about to leave on a cruise.



R Bill was happy that it was Avril's birthday & also pretty pleased with his new truck.



Cleve donated a sad buck for missing Avril's birthday, while Bree was also sad that pictures from the bowling event were limited.



Pres. John tossed in some coin regarding an apology to Bill & a story involving water in his basement.

DGE Bob had several happy bucks for getting his car out on the road this past weekend, his 10 days south, attending the Rotary Club of Ajax's 60th anniversary, and for bringing greetings from Russell Mark who is now a member of the Toronto Club that meets at the Royal York.

PROGRAM

Our guest speaker was introduced by R Bree who described her friend Avril as reliable, assertive, extremely well organized, focused, and a positive communicator. Avril saw Bree having so much fun that she wanted to experience our Rotary Club for herself.



Avril delivered a very personal, and at times humorous, description of her interests. She was born in Scotland, but came to Canada as a baby. She was raised in Scarborough and later Markham. After high-school she worked in the city. During high-school she was on the dance committee, coached volleyball, and was editor-in-chief of the high-school paper for three years.



Her first volunteer position was in the Rehab, Continuing Care, & Physiotherapy departments at the Scarborough Grace General

Hospital the year it opened. She continued to volunteer here throughout high-school.

During her 20's she worked, travelled & also volunteered at the Stouffville Hospital where she shared a couple of funny stories.

Avril met her husband Rod in 2002 and they were married in 2003 when they honeymooned in Morocco, Paris, Venice, Scotland, & Wales. She has been thrown off a camel as well as a dog sled – so she feels her instincts to “hold on” have been honed.



She continued her volunteering at the Ajax Pickering Hospital in the Gift Shop and Library where she had the opportunity

to visit every patient and realized that many patients have no one visiting them.

In 2006, the Ewings moved to Port Hope and two years later their amazing son, Broderick, was born. Avril has always loved volunteering and our club is most fortunate that she chose us to share her passion.

Pres. John thanked Avril and welcomed her enthusiasm and willingness to volunteer.

OTHER BUSINESS

Next week's scribe will be Bud. Please check the Beacon regarding door duty responsibilities

As a final note, if anyone does not have a member name badge, please email Pres. John j.a.mowat@hotmail.com and this will be arranged.

50-50 DRAW

Won by PP Bud Lynch.



CLOSING

PP Jim Gilmer led the group with the singing of O Canada.

Scribe at Work

No image of PPSylvia pushing the pen.

WEB SITE

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

FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE

Date	Speaker	Location	Door Duty	Scribe
March 28	Dave Scheffield – Greenwood Towers	KofC	Dianne P, Joyce B.	Rolly
April 4	Rob Day – Business Success Program	KofC	Bill L., Ken O'	
April 11	Paul Harris Dinner	PH Lions		
April 18	Club Assembly	KofC	Anna T., Jan B	
April 25	Easter Monday – No Meeting			
May 2	Lou Rinaldi Northumberland Quinte West MPP	KofC	Susan R, Ted R.	
May 9	Adam McCue – N'Land County Long Term Waste	KofC	Anna T., Ron T.	
May 16	Fabiola Rodrigez – Exchange Student	KofC	Bruce C., Linda T.	

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