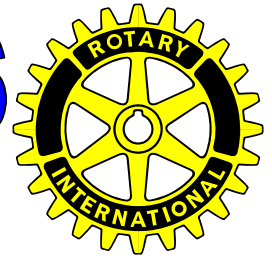




# The Beacon News



The Rotary Club of Port Hope  
News Bulletin for the Week of Mar. 3, 2008

## CLUB ASSEMBLY

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### GUESTS & VISITING ROTARIANS

There were no visiting Rotarians or guests but Secretary Merv reported a make up by Roger Ingram.



### OPENING REMARKS

Pres. Ron welcomed a rather smallish group of Rotarians this typical March evening. It appears that many Rotarians may have been getting an early start on the March break.

The recognition awards keep piling up for Rotarian Joyce Best. Fresh off her selection of Cobourg Chamber President's Member of the Year award, Pres. Ron presented her with the

stress ball in recognition of her tireless efforts in arranging the Mardi-Gras (capably assisted by Wil Ryan and Ben Currelly).

### DESSERT REPORTS

Our dinner Fund Raising Chair Sylvia Binkley challenged us to consider and comment on existing and contemplated fund raising events.

Part of our Rotary membership involves supporting our neighboring clubs in their endeavors and Pres. Ron reported that he, George Harvey, Ben Currelly, John Mowat and Bob Wallace accompanied by their LL's (lovely ladies), all attended the Sunrise Club's auction and dinner evening that had a Caribbean theme.

Advance notice that no meeting on Easter Monday March 24<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting April 7<sup>th</sup> at home of Wil Ryan where a membership blitz will be the focus.



### BIRTHDAYS

None

### HAPPY BUCKS

Rotarian Trish found it is easy to get another Rotarian to help you in Rotary service as she contributed \$5 to the pot to appoint Rotarian Dick O'Toole as her designate in acting as Sgt.-at-arms.

First off the mark our beloved Richard acted politically correct as he fined everyone who has been south on vacation \$1; then he fined those who haven't been on vacation also \$1. Difficult to say that he discriminates against anyone.

Roger Ingram paid a sad dollar for missing Mardi-Gras as he participated in (only limited involvement I believe), in a 32 hour in labour process before the arrival of his new grandson.

Jan Boycott in gratitude of her citizens award for her work in Hospital fund raising.

Sid Hatch for forgetting the lovely Kitty's birthday.

Paul Tait for a month in Florida and he had the tan to prove it.

Ken O'Neill for his vacation in Cuba.

Joyce Best for her awards and the support of her daughters in her volunteerism.

Your scribe for a lovely week in Punta Cana and on the healthy arrival of grandson #2 tying up the grandchild gender game at 2 all.

Sylvia Binkley for her prior vacation in Punta Cana and promoting tickets for the Rotary Fashion Show and Hi Tea on March 27<sup>th</sup> in support of Northumberland Shelter for Women.

President Ron for enjoying the fun he had at Mardi-Gras in particular watching his guests David and Joanne who so enjoyed the dancing.

Sgt. Dick paid a dubious buck for the privilege of spending this winter in Canada (why should we suffer alone?).



## PROGRAMME

Program this evening was club assembly whereby we take the time to discuss in more detail the inner workings of our club activities.

Director Sylvia Binkley (fund raising) was first off the mark and talked about some of the things she learned at the District Leadership Workshop.

### Highlights:

1. Detailed discussions of changes to consider with regard to the 500 Club.

Lamented fact that out of total sales of over \$20,000 only a profit of \$5,000 and that only because 100 members don't come to dinner

Considered price increases, lower prize money and possible phasing out as our older 500 Club members decline

Great open discussion and food for thought

2. This lead to a discussion of perhaps trying to focus on 1 or 2 major fund raisers with greater success rather than too many smaller ones with only nominal success.

We should consider working harder on projects that are easier to sell and solicit fund raising from public rather than club members.

3. Lobster Night

This lead to an open discussion about the possibility of really growing this project by both more attendees and bidders, but more importantly on the solicitation of more significant items for auction.

There was considerable discussion of possible items and this discussion should prompt all of us to truly seek out something substantial. We should be able to move beyond our members of the last few years and with EVERYONE'S support, this could be a \$20,000 project rather than \$10,000.

The current committee members of Joyce, Trish, Diane and Sylvia challenge some men to join the committee especially as it relates to

public relations, advertising, press releases and promotion of ticket sales. Please join that team if you can help.



#### 4. Doug Burke

Talked to us about his attendance at a District seminar called 'Rotary 101'.

He was given a 2 hour tour through the website and was most impressed with what Rotary was doing. He challenged all of us to take the time to check, guaranteeing that no matter your years of Rotary membership, you will gain a greater appreciation of Rotary and all the benefits of our membership that we sometimes take for granted.

A new section of our bulletin will be

restricted to say "did you know that".

Doug suggested that each week some Rotary facts and information be included so that we may all be better ambassadors for Rotary.

Perhaps Pres. Ron or the directors may wish to assign someone the responsibility to provide the information to the bulletin editor. March is literacy month.



#### 5. Membership:

Past President Jan Boycott lead a discussion about methods of increasing club membership being a special drive in District 7070.

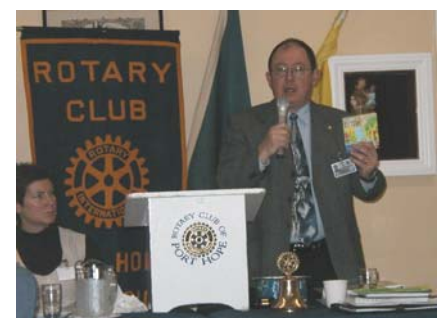
In addition to the previously mentioned meeting at Will Ryan's home on April 7<sup>th</sup>, there will also be a special members' dinner on April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

The assembled members broke into groups of 4 or 5 to complete lists of potential members for that committee to consider inviting to that meeting.

Overall a great meeting for our club as every member given plenty of opportunity to input their views.

#### Announcement re District Governor Nominee

President Ron announced that along with our own Bob Wallace, 4 other very qualified Rotarians were nominated for District Governor. Rotarian Bob was not successful this time, but our club certainly hopes that Bob will resubmit his name in future years to possibly become the first District Governor ever from our club.



## 50/50 DRAW

The 50:50 was won by your scribe who returned the money to acting Treasurer John Mowat.

## 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.

## Things I've Learned So Far:

I've learned that

It is taking me a long time to become the person I want to be

That we are responsible for what we do no matter how we feel

(a) That either you control your attitude or it controls you

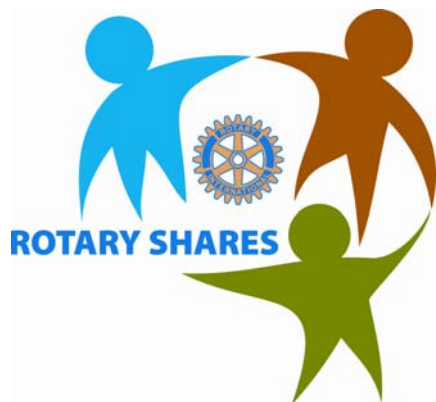
Rotarily yours,

TBC

### 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?"



## Upcoming Meeting Schedule

Date	Speaker	Location	Door Duty	Bulletin Scribe
Mar. 10	Blair McFadden – Northumberland Read Centre	Kof C Hall	Ken O'Neill, Hugh Parker	Sylvia
Mar. 17	TBA	K of C Hall	Cleve Pendock, Wilf Quigley	Jim
Mar 24	Easter Monday – No meeting			
Mar 31	TBA	K of C Hall	Susan Rafuse, Merv Richards	Sylvia
Apr 7	TBA	K of C Hall	Jamieson Ross, Peter Rossi	Rolly

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