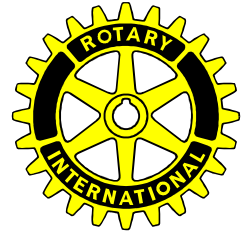


The Beacon News

The Rotary Club of Port Hope

News Bulletin for the Week of Mar 31, 2008



Club Assembly

CALL TO ORDER

On the last day of March, President Ron called our meeting to order and after the Rotary grace and a toast to the Queen. Susan Rafuse was awarded the stress ball and thanked for her efforts for coordinating and presenting the "More Glitz and Glam" Fashion Show which was held the previous week.



DESSERT REPORTS

The Cobourg Rotary Club is inviting our members to hear Peter Kent from Global News speak at their noon meeting on Fri. Apr. 4th.

91% of our goal has been achieved with donations to Rotary International so it would be great to reach 100% if more members would like to contribute to this achievement.

Dick O'Toole referred to the "Relay for Life" fundraiser for cancer at St. Mary's High School on June 6th and Jim Gilmer offered to co-ordinate two teams

from our club to help with the parking and the unloading of cars.



Sun. Apr. 4th is a wonderful opportunity for all the curlers from our club to join other Rotary clubs in the annual curling bonspiel at Dalewood. Call Ken O'Neill if you'd like to join a team for a great fun time of curling -for \$45. enjoy two games, breakfast, prizes and a great social time!

Port Hope High School and Dr. M.S. Hawkins Senior Public School are working hard to raise \$32,500.00 by May 31st to build a school in Sierra Leone western Africa. On Wed. Apr. 9th there will be a Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction hosted by both schools in the Port Hope High School gymnasium. Tickets are \$25 each with the Silent Auction opening at 6 pm and the dinner served at 7. Please call 905-885-6346 ext. 529 or email carolyn_oster@kprdsb.ca or

tickets are also available at Furby House Books.

Joanne Ashley, Chair of The District 7070 RADAR Committee (Rotary Action for the Development of AIDS Response) notified our club about a fundraising event called "A Taste For Life" taking place throughout Ontario Wed. Apr. 23rd and in Toronto on Wed. Apr. 16th. 25 % of the cost of your meal will be donated to local HIV/AIDS organizations and participating restaurants can be found at www.atasteforlife.org.

Two participating restaurants in Durham Region are Nice Bistro and Desiam in Whitby.

Susan Rafuse announced that the "More Glitz and Glam" fashion show made \$2000 which will be donated to the Northumberland Shelter for Women. This was a wonderful event hosted at the Palm restaurant with local merchants supplying the great fashions.



SECRETARY'S REPORT

Nothing new to report!

HAPPY BUCKS



Sergeant-at-arms George is waiting for Ben's return to collect birthday dollars from him, but Joe James and Hugh Parker's birthdays were celebrated in the usual manner by the members! Bud shared a hilarious joke which highlighted Merv's profession! Ted paid up for having his picture printed in the local paper and Jamieson expressed his pleasure at being present at the recent fashion show.



Jim Gilmer is looking forward to a Riviera week.

Wilf visited the Kennedy Space Centre on his way to Jupiter!

Roger was happy to announce that Emma Tedford will be our representative at RYLA this year – a very worthy individual indeed!



PROGRAM

As this was our Club Assembly several topics were covered starting with the updating of our Website. Kelly suggested that our website be linked to other sites in reference to disabled children so that information regarding the existence of the H.B. Stevens fund be more visible.



Andrew suggested that we approach a student to update our website and he is looking into this. Doug asked if there was a way we could differentiate between the general public or members logging into the site – not at this time.

A proposal to reorganize the Rotary Club of Port Hope was circulated. The emphasis of this was for a tighter organization tailored to our recurring activities and shrinking our board from 11 to 8 members (eliminating the

positions of Past- President, Vice-President, and Public Relations director). Hugh suggested that if we remove the Vice-President position, that the President-Elect position follow a year of holding a directorship position. Moved by Hugh, seconded by Roger, that we accept the proposal for reorganizing our board to 8 members with the inclusion that the President-Elect position follow a year of holding a directorship position – all were in favour.



Joyce brought to our attention that the Sat. Evening May 31st for our Lobster Dinner and Silent Auction was in conflict with another event that affected some of our members. A vote was taken as to which evening would be the most satisfactory (the Fri. evening or Sat. one). Joyce is looking into the availability of the Rec Centre for the Fri.



Paul Tait has compiled a list of silent auction items and companies for members to approach for donations. Copies of

a letter were also made available for members to approach companies with. Next week Paul will be looking for silent auction commitments from members. The Silent Auction committee is meeting each week after our regular meeting to discuss progress.



Sylvia continued with a discussion on fundraising trying to develop the comments which were expressed at the previous club assembly. The Lobster Dinner and Silent Auction in May is one of

our major fundraiser and now to try to organize a second major fundraiser for the fall of 2009 - to either take the best features of the Mardi Gras and the 500 Club and schedule an event like a Cabaret night for example – the question being how does one raise \$10-\$15 in one night? Jamieson represented a proposal he compiled a few years ago called the \$10k Raffle and copies of this lottery were circulated. This is strictly a raffle with elevated amounts drawn each month with the final 10th month having a \$10,000. amount. The tickets could be sold for \$50, \$75, or \$100 and numbers required to break even and make a substantial amount were displayed. Hopefully all our members are considering opportunities to raise funds! We will also continue our involvement with Port Hope's Fall Fair as this is great exposure for our club and contributes to the

community (and raises approx. \$5000.).

50/50 DRAW

This week our draw was won by Susan and her consortium.

CLOSING

President Ron reminded us of the New Membership meeting scheduled for May 14th at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Fellowship at 5:30, Dinner at 6. Complimentary dinner will be served to our guests and Jan will be organizing the program with Ted Lacey sharing with us why he joined Rotary 50 years ago.

Ken O'Neill and Hugh Parker are on the door next week and Trish will be the scribe. An enthusiastic rendition of O Canada closed the meeting.

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:

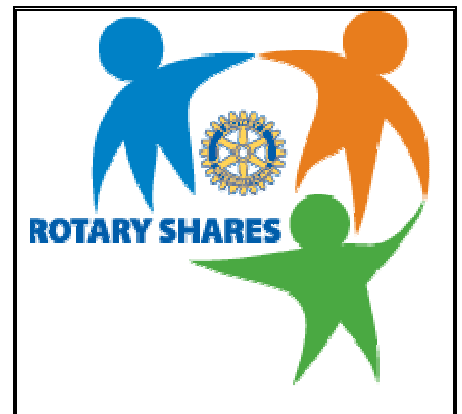
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Is it FAIR to all concerned?

Will it build GOODWILL and better

FRIENDSHIPS?

Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?"

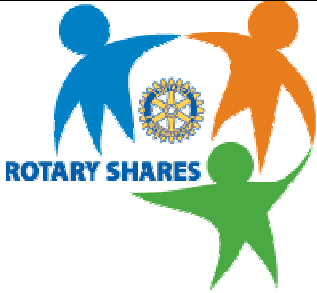


FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE

| Date | Speaker | Location | Door Duty | Scribe |
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| Apr 7 | Linda Laliberte – Ganaraska Forest Centre | 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 | | | |
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Sergeant-at-Arms Schedule

Mar 24 Trish; March 31 George Apr 7 – Roger

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| ROTARY CLUB OF PORT HOPE |  ROTARY SHARES | P.O.Box 191 Port Hope, Ontario, L1A 3W3 |
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