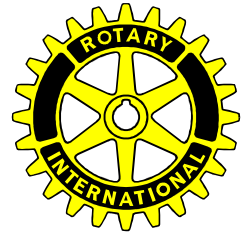


The Beacon News



The Rotary Club of Port Hope

News Bulletin for the Week of Nov 25, 2007

Club Assembly

ROTARIAN PROFILE

Rotarian Jim Gilmer was born during the Great Depression in Clarke Township, the third of four boys. World War II disrupted family life: two brothers enlisted, the farm was sold, and with his younger brother, Mom and Dad, all moved to Newtonville. With his younger brother, Jim walked five miles from school to his new home on moving day. As an adolescent Jim excelled in athletics, especially baseball and hockey. He played for the Kendall Men's Baseball Team along with Howard Quantrill the pitcher and grandfather of Paul Quantrill recently retired from Major League Baseball.



After attending Newcastle and PH High Schools Jim was hired by Thomas Garnett & Sons, Port Hope. At age 17 he commenced his association with hardware and building supplies. Two years later Jim joined W. Pennington & Son, another building supply firm, as a salesperson and expanded his knowledge of the industry.

Not all his enthusiasm focused on building supplies as he became interested in a former schoolmate, Dorothy Brown. Jim and Dorothy were married in 1954. During the next decade several job changes occurred in an attempt to increase income as there were 3 young mouths to care for. Jim spent time at Millbrook Reformatory: as a staff member, not an inmate! In 1964 Jim joined Giffen's Hardware on Walton St. About 1970 he and Dorothy purchased the business and changed the name to Gilmer's Home Hardware. Jim's 3 children continue to operate the business.

In 1970 Rotarians Ted Lacey and Ron Baxter sponsored Jim to join Rotary. Ever since, Rotary has, aside from his family, been his fondest association. Jim has served on many committees, as a director, and as Port Hope Rotary's President during the 2005 Century Celebration Year. In that year Jim attended the Rotary International Convention in Chicago. Jim over the years has played, coached and managed a number of baseball and hockey teams, some to provincial championships. He continues to provide his skill to a variety of community activities.

OPENING REMARKS

President Ron welcomed members to our General Assembly meeting which commenced with the repeating of Rotary Grace followed by a

toast to the Queen. The stress flag was presented to Sylvia in token of the fundraising activities her committees are working on and for becoming scribe for the evening.



ROTARY GUESTS

Wilf introduced his visiting daughter, Susan Barclay. It is always a pleasure to have Susan as a guest at our meetings.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Ron read a thank-you note from the learning and life skills class at Port Hope High School expressing their thanks

for the computer which Rotary purchased. Jamieson requested six members to join him on Sat. Dec. 1st to collect items in shopping carts for Fare Share during the Port Hope Santa Claus Parade. Ben Currelly's truck will be navigating the float. For more information on our parade involvement, please contact Jamieson.



Diane reminded all members about the Christmas Party on Dec. 17th at Dalewood. The cost is \$35.00 each and may be paid to Diane as soon as possible. This sounds like a great fun evening with skits, dancing, and lots of laughter. A sign-up sheet was circulated.



Rotarian Ken thanked the ten donors who have supported Rotary Foundation this year and encouraged others to consider

this unique time when District 7070's Wilf Wilkinson from Trenton is the Rotary International President and Bob Scott from Cobourg is the Chair of the Rotary Foundation. With such a special year, our Board is hoping that each Rotarian in the Port Hope Rotary will contribute \$250.00. This could be done in a series of \$25 post dated cheques. This amount is a one time request for your support during this very special and unique year.



Ken also mentioned two members who have pledged to the benefactor program- John Mowat and Ron Tuttle.

DESSERT REPORTS

Ted Rafuse reminded us that we have an excellent "man in red" suit that is available for use. If anyone has a need for this, please contact Ted immediately (he's away for a week starting Nov. 28th) and the suit is already booked Dec. 9, 17, and 20th.

Andrew reported on the "Ham It Up With Mustard" sales – over 300 mustards have sold. If you're not sure who your captain is, contact Andrew as everyone should now have their order forms for hams and mustards. Andrew thanked the Northumberland News for their recent press releases.



President Ron reported that at the Rotary President's meeting, our Port Hope Rotary won two awards. The Club Bulletin Award was presented to Bob Wallace for his excellent work in producing such a quality bulletin. The Rotary Inter-national Public Relations Award will be presented to Past President Rolly at the next opportunity.

Paul Tait announced that Brian Roman would be presenting an entertaining program at the Port Hope United Church on Wed. Dec. 12th at 2 p.m. This is a fundraiser for the food bank with either a donation of food or free will giving.

SECRETARY'S REPORT



Secretary Merv read a thank-you from Kyle Ferguson who was grateful to receive the financial support from Rotary for his studies at Queen's University. Merv also shared a thank-you

from Karen Baker for hosting the Russian Group Study Team on behalf of District 7070.

HAPPY BUCKS

Vacationing Sergeant-at-arms Dick would have been proud to see Lieutenant-at-arms George rally to the cause of collecting happy bucks! He started the contributions by asking for everyone to toss in a coin in support of the Port Hope Rally which had been organized last week. Also whether you supported the winning or losing team who played in Sunday's Grey Cup, one was asked to come forward with a happy or sad loonie.



Kelly was happy that on her recent trip to China, 51 children were fitted with hearing aides. It makes the whole club happy that Kelly donated her time and skill to these children!

Ted was happy that Susan made one of his life long dreams come true and he and his son-in-law attended the Grey Cup and witnessed for themselves the "sea of green" support from Saskatchewan and he highly complimented the Canadian Football League.

Andrew was delighted that he persevered and won a seven hour poker game on the weekend.

Sylvia reminded everyone of the delightful Christmas Tree Festival starting this coming weekend at the Capitol Theatre.

Our guest, Karen Barclay, was glad to be at our meeting and President Ron, a proud granddad indeed, enjoyed some recent time with his young grandson Benjamin. Jan was happy that her back was in better shape and that she was able to be back at Rotary.

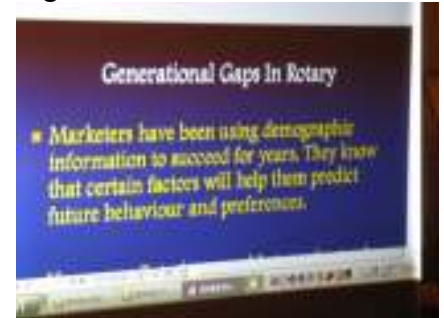
Lieutenant-at-arms George was so glad it is almost December that he almost forgot to solicit one of the tables!

CLUB ASSEMBLY

President Ron gave a very thorough report on the committee's search to find a meeting location. Several suggestions were not large enough while others had stairs, were more expensive, not logistically suitable or had little parking. From the committee's search, the Knights of Columbus Hall was found to be the most suitable to our needs. There is plenty of parking, the facility is large enough for extended meetings and a caterer has been approached. A \$70. rental for the hall can be accommodated within our current \$20.00 weekly dinner charge and the bar charges range from \$3.50-\$4.00. A brief discussion followed with Trinity College being mentioned along with the Penryn Golf Course.

Then Ron Coleman presented a motion to the club recommending our meetings change as of Jan. 7th to the Knights of Columbus Hall and that the committee arrange a

caterer for the dinners. Hugh Parker seconded the motion. Carried. Hugh reminded members that we are not a dinner club, but a community service and fellowship organization and that it's the spirit and the people that make a successful organization.



President Ron then proceeded to share an excellent power point presentation highlighting information he and President Elect Jim Hunt collected at a recent membership seminar. Exerpts are as follows:

There are four major age groups or generations that Rotary needs to relate to in acquiring new members:

- a) Traditionalists born 1922-1945 – influenced by the world wars and the great depression – education a luxury
- b) Baby Boomers born 1946-1964 – influenced by women's lib and Vietnamese war
- c) Generation X born 1965 to 1980 – space shuttle explosion, .com bust/boom
- d) Millennials born 1981 to 2000 – friends are family, celebrate diversity, always connected to the internet (blackberries), want information at their fingertips-work contracts

In addressing these four different age groups, we need to recognize the need for change. Various strategies are required to appeal to each of these four groups –

face to face contact or email? Younger generations learn differently than older ones. They have different personal goals and require flexible schedules, are interested in professional development and want feedback quickly.

President Ron suggested we get our "ask in gear" and invite a guest to Rotary. Someone we invited a few years ago may now be in a different situation and may be more responsive to an invite now. In 2001 our district had 2500 members. That membership is now 2100. It was a very interesting presentation!



Then Sylvia along with her Lobster Dinner and Silent Auction Committee spearheaded by Joyce, Trish and Diane, encouraged members to start thinking about hand made or crafted donations over the next few months. What would interest each of us to bid on at the silent auction? As companies and business finish their year end, now may be a good time to approach them for a donation for the auction. Trish will donate a thank you in the paper listing the donors and monetary donations will be gratefully used for profitable purchases. The time goes quickly so we are all encouraged to start thinking about our major fundraiser early. As a final topic Joyce and Trish described the Mardi Gras

evening on Feb. 23, 2008 at the Best Western where dinner, dancing, a psychic and a great fun evening is planned. One may dress-up "New Orleans" style if they wish! After hearing President Ron's presentation of having fun and lightening up, this evening seems to be right on focus. Tickets are \$55.00 and are available from Joyce.

Bob Wallace mentioned that Bill Gates had announced his donation of one million dollars to Rotary Plus. The following is the related press release:

The [Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation](#) announced today that it will award Rotary International a US\$100 million challenge grant specifically for polio eradication. Rotary has pledged to match the Gates grant dollar-for-dollar over the next three years to provide a much-needed \$200 million for the global fight against polio. Rotarians are strongly encouraged to share this newsworthy story with their local media. Rotary has prepared a press release that Rotarians can localize by adding content describing their club or district polio eradication activities, submitting photos of local participation in National Immunization Days, or adding comments from local Rotary leaders pledging continued support for this vital effort.

50/50 DRAW

Our guest, Susan, drew the winning ticket for the 50/50 draw and Will Ryan was delighted with her choice.

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

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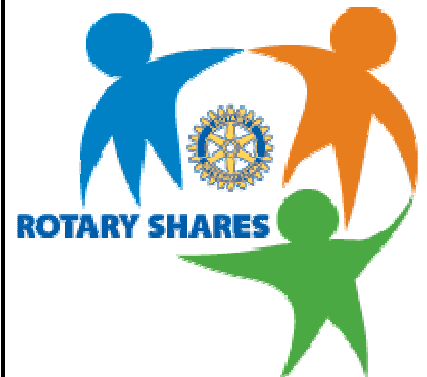
Is it the TRUTH?

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
Dec 3	Her Worship Mayor Thompson	Palm	Sid H, John M	Rolly
Dec 10	TBA		Andrew H, Kelly M	Trish
Dec 17	Christmas Party			Sylvia
Dec 24	No Meeting			
Dec 31	No Meeting			

Sergeant-at-Arms Schedule

Following Rotarians during Rotarian Dick O'Toole's southern sojourn will be Sargeant-at-Arms:
George Harvey (905-885-0041) **Trish Kulik** (905-372-8976) and **Roger Ingram** (905-885-5724)

Dec 3 – Roger; Dec 10 – George

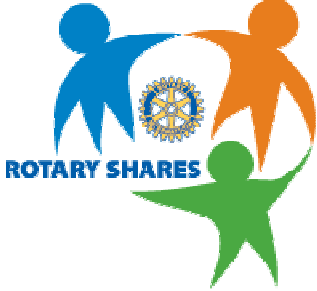
Jan 7 – Trish; Jan 14 – George; Jan 21 – Roger; Jan 28- Trish

Feb 4 – Roger; Feb 14 – George; Feb 18 – George; Feb 25- Roger

Mar 3 – Trish; Mar 10; George; Mar 17 Roger; Mar 24 Trish; March 31 George

Apr 7 – Roger

Remember, if you are unavailable for a particular day, contact one of the other appointees.

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