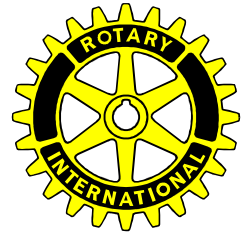




# The Beacon News



## The Rotary Club of Port Hope

### News Bulletin for the Week of November 8, 2010

#### Remembrance Day with Ken Scott, RCN, ret

##### CALL TO ORDER

John called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

The Stress Object was not awarded. Clearly, John feels that no one in the Club is worthy of this great honour.



At the Head Table were PP Bud, our guest speaker, Ken Scott, John and PP Sylvia.

##### GUESTS & VISITING

R Jaimeson introduced R Bree's son, Kanen.



##### SECRETARY'S REPORT

Silent Cleve was a virtual chatter box this evening. So far, this year, we have had a

79% average attendance record with a few members registering 100% attendance (this is phenomenal considering the quality - or lack thereof - of the meals. (Scribe's editorial comment).



A letter from Rotary announced that \$290,000.00 has been raised to build a school in Afghanistan.

##### PRE-NOURISHMENT REPORTS

PP Ron - Eight students at Port Hope High have expressed their interest in Rotary Youth Exchange. Next week, Ron will hold an information meeting with the students and their parents

Ron would like it if the Club members start registering for the District Conference now. It is to be held at Blue Mountain from October 31 to October 23, 2011. In order to confirm your registration Ron would ask that

you put up \$100.00 by way of a deposit. This money will also help the Club as organizer of the Conference to finance it's obligations.



R. Avril - Thirty people have signed up for the Habitat for Humanity build. The build will take place on November 21 from 8:30 to 4:00 pm on the corner of Ward and Hope Street. Avril will organize lunch but she would ask that you bring your own cutlery and plates.



R. Dave - On November 11, there will be two Remembrance Day services. P. John will be placing the wreath at the downtown service which will take place at 11:00 am. The second service will take place at 2:00pm at the Hope Township Municipal offices on Country Road 10. R Clive will be placing the wreath there.



PP Bruce - The Santa Clause Parade will take place on November 27 and Club members involved are to meet at the Rotary shed at 9:00 am. We need some new “present boxes”. The size of the boxes should vary but the bigger ones should not be bigger than 1.5 by 1.5 feet. The boxes should be brought to the November 22 meeting.



**DESSERT REPORTS**

Non - they were all handled as pre-perandially.

**HAPPY BUCKS**

P. John - Happy that he has gotten everything winterized. When asked what he winterized, he refused to

answer.



PP Bud -regaled us with one of his awful Rotary jokes.



R George - Went to see “All Singing, All Dancing” at the Capitol. Happy that it was an outstanding performance.



R. Kelly - The Candle Light Walk will take place on the night before the Santa Clause Parade.



R. Bree - happy to have represented the Club at the Port Hope High School convocation.

R Erin - Happy to attend her daughter’s convocation at Sir Wilfred Laurier University.



R. Dave - Happy for the birth of a great grandson last week.

R Bill (Lang) - Told joke. Much better than Bud’s. Sad he missed a meeting.



R. Doug - Just plain ol’ happy.



PP Sylvia - Attended a play at the Northumberland Players. Happy that Jenny Ryan was one of the actresses.

P. John - His firm will be holding a “customer appreciation night” at the Capitol for “All Singing, All Dancing”.

PP Jim (Gilmer) - Wildly happy that he is sitting next to the Sergeant at Arms, which, as you all know, exempts him from fines (For the newer members, this rule is set out in Paragraph 93 (7) (d) (iii) of the Regulations of the Rotary Constitution).



## PROGRAM

PP Bud introduced the Guest Speaker Ken Scott. Ken was born in India to a service family. He became first acquainted with Port Hope when he attended TCS before the War. During the War, he served in the Naval Reserves. Although he lived in Toronto for most of his adult life working in the insurance industry, he returned to Port Hope on his retirement.

Ken began his talk by saying that he has had a long time relationship with the Rotary Club. He has been a member of the Probus Club for 22 years.



Ken advised us that he will not be giving a power point presentation but he will simply be sharing with us some experiences he had while serving in the Navy's longest engagement during WW II, the

Battle of the Atlantic which took place from September of 1939 to May of 1945.



His first experience of note was when he was serving on a ship that was one of the escorts for a huge convoy from the UK to Halifax. He later discovered that the convoy was carrying not only a large number of German POWs but also Winston Churchill, himself, and the Dutch Crown Jewels.

Shortly after he was commissioned as a sub lieutenant, he was station on a destroyer which was manned by a crew of Newfies. On Christmas Eve of 1944, his ship was patrolling just outside Halifax. They knew that there were subs in the area but it was very difficult to locate them because the waters outside Halifax are full of thermoclines. (a thermocline is a layer of water which is colder than the ambient water - apparently a sub can hide underneath this layer because the thermocline interferes with the efficiency of sonar - scribe note). Ken was taking the watch when suddenly there was a tremendous explosion in a nearby vessel. It had been hit by a German

acoustic torpedo. Ken described the tense situation of trying to rescue the crew of the stricken ship while trying to avoid being torpedoed themselves

On another occasion, Ken's ship almost came under "friendly fire". One night, they were in very rough seas when they flood lighted by a Catalina Flying Boat which had mistaken Ken's vessel (which was in between large waves) for a conning tower. After a hasty exchange of radio messages, the Catalina realized its error and broke off the attack.



Ken stated that each year we pause for Remembrance Day - the day that we commemorate our war dead - which is especially significant in places such as Port Hope because we live besides the Highway of Heros. Canada has never fought an aggressive war. But World Wars I and II, Korea. Somalia and now Afghanistan have been fought to protect our way of life. More than 2.3 million Canadians have served in the military over the years.

In closing Ken recited a poem which commemorates the dead. Our guest speaker was thanked

by PP Jim (Gilmer).

## OTHER BUSINESS

Your Beacon Editor attended the Remembrance Day ceremony at the Port Hope Cenotaph along with his two grandsons earlier this day of publication. While there he noted that the Port Hope Rotary President, there to place a wreath, was introduced as Bill Mowat. Your editor has never met this Bill Mowat but in appearance the presenter surely looked like our President John! Your Beacon Editor will need **Door Duty** and **Scribe** lists commencing for the New Year. Those in charge of these committees please note and forward same to the editor ASAP.

## 50/50 DRAW

Won by Fabiola, again!

## CLOSING:

The singing of the national anthem.

## Our Scribe at Work



## WEB SITE

Please take a moment to visit the Port Hope Rotary web site.  
[www.porthoperotary.com](http://www.porthoperotary.com)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Habitat for Humanity**  
**Santa Claus Parade**  
**Christmas Party**

Ward & Hope Sts.  
 (volunteers needed)  
 Dalewood

Sunday Nov 21, 8am-4pm, bring eating utensils

Saturday Nov. 27, morning

Monday Dec 13, 6pm for cocktails, 6:30pm for dinner

## FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE

Date	Speaker	Location	Door Duty	Scribe
November 15	Denise Marshall	K of C	Dave W, Sylvia B	Jim
November 22	Kevin McAlpine – Chief of Police, Port Hope	K of C	Anna T, Doug B	Bud
November 29	Richard Onley – Former Lieut-Gov, Ontario	K of C	Cleve P, Ken B	Ken
December 6	Rob O'Neill – Food4All Warehouse	Food4All Warehouse	Ben C, Bud L	Rolly
December 13	Christmay Party	Dalewood		Sylvia
December 20	Anna Tucka - Classification	K of C	Ken O, Linda T	Jim
December 27	TBA			
January 3	TBA	KofC		

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