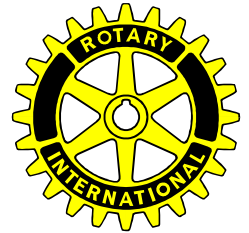




# The Beacon News



## The Rotary Club of Port Hope

**News Bulletin for the Week of October 6, 2008**

### 500 Club Dinner

Our annual 500 Club Dinner was held at the Best Western Hotel and Conference Centre. A large turn out of ticket holders enjoyed an excellent meal.



Doug Burke co-chair of the 500 Club – Jamieson Ross is the other co-chair – welcomed a gathering of ticket holders which filled the convention hall.



President-Elect Sylvia, in the absence of President Jim, also welcomed our guests and described many of the projects sponsored by Port Hope Rotary with fund raising dollars. Sylvia, during her remarks, floated the somewhat enticing

suggestion that Sgt.-at-arms Dick O’Toole levy a whopping assessment at miscreant President Jim Hunt, who was (unavoidably?) absent. The crowd roared its approval!



President-Elect Sylvia also introduced and welcomed our new Youth Exchange Student, Ulan Akimbaev, from Kyrgyzstan. Ulan arrived in Port Hope on September 23. His first host parents are Julie and David Stewart, 27 Scriven Blvd., (905) 885-9978. Rotarians are encouraged to invite Ulan over for supper or to accompany them for an activity. Ulan enjoyed meeting Colborne’s Youth Exchange Student from Mexico, Paulina Lujan and Rotarian Gerry Spence.



Jim Gilmer approached the microphone, gracefully, to pray.



Then, to music of Lee Bachelor and Bob Trennum, and at the direction and under the surveillance of Roger Tessier, the crowd rose, and, obediently, table by table, moved to the buffet tables of Best Western's best food presentation.

After a delicious meal, teams of Rotarians sold 50/50 tickets to our guests.



Following dessert, numbers and names were read, and winners announced. The winning names are listed below.



The individuals listed 6th through 2nd each won \$100.00, while the Grand Prize winner received \$3,000.00.

- 6th last - Jane Brereton
- 5th last - Simon Polluck
- 4th last - Arne Selvig
- 3rd last - Lynda Newton
- 2nd last - Carole Rowden
- Grand Prize - Floyd Beebe



After Ted Lacey picked Ron Tuttle's ticket for the 50-50 draw, Doug Burke thanked the audience for its support and participation, the national anthem was sung, and a successful evening concluded.



It was great to see our caterer, Brigid and her husband, Jim, join us for the 500 Club Dinner. We always enjoy the meals that she prepares for us at the Knights of Columbus Hall.



## WHO OWNS THIS HAT?



This hat was left at the Tuttle's after the Corn Roast. To claim the hat, please call Ron at (905) 885-4670.

## 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.

## RURAL/URBAN DINNER

The Rural/Urban dinner will be held on Wednesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>. - 6 pm to 7 pm social, with guest speaker TBA following the meal, at the Canton Church Hall. **Please make a sincere effort to attend this delicious feast! It is our club's turn to host this annual event, so we need a good turnout from Rotarians.**

## GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE

The Group Study Exchange people from Germany will be arriving October 15. That evening, Bonnie and Ron will be having a dinner for them and all the host families. On the 16<sup>th</sup>, the visitors will be taken for a tour of various businesses in Port Hope. The Group Study Exchange Team will speak to our club at our Spouse's Night on Monday, October 20.

## YOUTH EXCHANGE REPORT



Here is a report from our

Outbound Youth Exchange,  
Kyle Sutton.

Dear Rotarians and Friends,

I hope all is well back home and that things are going as good as they are over here! I really don't know where to start with this report, as there has been so much going on and so many things I've experienced so far. I will just start from the beginning and work my way to the present.

I arrived here in Sweden on July 30 at Göteborg International Airport. All of my host families, my counselor, and my club president were there to welcome me. The first day I had a tour of Lerum (my city where I am staying) and just talked with my new host family and got to know them.

My first host family consists of Fredrik, my host dad; Elizabeth, my host mom; and Axel, my host brother who is 15. They also have a son, Linus, but he is in Florida on exchange. I was able to meet him and I was here with him for one and a half weeks before he left for his exchange. My host family is very, very kind and in no time I felt as though I was part of the family. I feel so comfortable with them and we haven't had any conflicts at all. I think it helps that they have a son my age, even if he is abroad, because they know what to expect. They have recently just built a new house and it is very nice, very modern and Swedish as well. I live so close to Göteborg, Sweden's 2nd largest city that I can take the train for 10 minutes to get

there. I already know my way downtown and I go there frequently with friends and my family. My counselor is very nice as well and I feel quite comfortable with her.

My school is going very well. In Sweden you go with your class to each lesson, so I hang around with the same people most of the day. I really like it and I feel that it is a good thing because I have become close to them quickly. I am studying in the Economics Program and I take: Economics, Presentation Technique, Swedish, English, French, Gym and Math. The lessons are taught in Swedish, so most of the time I am working on my individual Swedish plan. The Swedish is coming along. I am speaking it almost all the time at home with my host family and sometimes with my friends at school (mostly bad words with them haha). I can understand quite a lot now and I can also write a bit. I am getting to the stage where people can talk to me in Swedish and I respond in English. Everyday I am learning more and more and it's finally starting to stick with me. I haven't dreamt in Swedish yet though, but I can't wait until I do!

As I said earlier, I have done so so so much here in Sweden and I have really gotten used to the culture and customs. The first week I was here, I went to Liseberg, which is the biggest amusement park in Sweden. It has really cool rides. They aren't as big or as fast as the ones in North America but they are special ones that are completely different than any

that you would see in Canada, so that was really fun! I have been to the cinema quite a few times also. A lady from rotary named Ula took me to a cafe for "fika" and then to see Mamma Mia. It wasn't my type of movie, but it was very Swedish because ABBA is Swedish and I enjoyed it! "Fika" is like sitting down and having a coffee but you also have something sweet to go with it, like a piece of cake or cookie.

My host brother was leaving for Tampa Bay a week and a half after I arrived, so four days after I came, we had a party at my house. It was a going away party for him and a welcome party for me. I met so many people and the majority of them are in my class, so I am good friends with them now. The day after, we went on a tour from Lerum to Stockholm visiting all the grandparents and aunts and uncles for Linus to say goodbye. He left on his trip from Stockholm and after he left, we stayed at my host mother's sister's house. We stayed there for three days and visited Stockholm. They had a boat and we went through the middle of the city on it, and that was amazing. They call Stockholm the "Venice of Scandanavia" because it was built on something like 19 islands. While we were there, we went to a big museum with this huge ship inside, we ate lunch in the highest building in

the city (like the C.N. Tower), and one night it was this big music festival and everyone in the city was there and that was awesome.

On the way home from Stockholm, my family dropped me off at a language camp and I met all the other exchangers there. It was fun to meet them and to start my Swedish learning experience! Then a couple weeks ago I went on a sailing trip with Rotary on a giant sailboat. It was so huge, and the weather was perfect for sailing. It was a great experience learning how to put up the sails and steer the boat. I also went on these jet boats with the coastguard. The boats go 40 knots and they are very agile.

I have been going to the gym every second or third day and every other week I go with my friends to the hockey rink and play some shinny. They love the fact that they are playing hockey with a Canadian (haha). I have seen a pro soccer game also. IFC Göteborg is the home team and they are high in the standings in the league but they tied when I saw them. But you may know that the Senators and Penguins are opening the NHL season in Stockholm. Well last Thursday, Ottawa played Frölunda (Göteborg's pro team) and I went to see that game live! I was in the seats second from the

ice surface and that was great. Ottawa won 4-1 and I think I was the only person other than 10 or 15 that were cheering for them. When they scored, no one at all cheered except for me and it was so quiet in the stadium! It is really neat to say that I've seen Ottawa play in both Ottawa AND in Sweden.

I am going to Stockholm again next weekend for my host mom's sister's 50th birthday. They are having a nice party and that will be exciting. I will also have another rotary function coming up. This Tuesday I am giving a presentation about Canada to my Rotary club. I go there every other week for the meetings.

That is it for now. I just want to let you know that everything is going as good as it could here. I am very close to my family and my friends and my relationship with my family back home is very healthy.

Thank you for this amazing experience!!!!!! It has only been two months into my exchange and already I have learned so much. I can't believe how much I will get out of this throughout the whole year!

Ha det bra (Have it good),

Kyle Sutton, Sweden

## FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE

Date	Speaker	Location	Door Duty	Scribe
Oct 13	Thanksgiving Day – No meeting			
Oct 20	Group Study Exchange – Spouses Night	K of C	Kelly MM, Hugh Parker	Dianne
Oct 22	Rural – Urban Night	Canton		
Oct 27	Club Assembly	K of C	Andrew Haynes, John Mowat	Bud
Nov 3	Joe James - Classification	K of C	Trish Kulik, Ben Currelly	Joe
Nov 10		K of C	Paul Weber, Paul Tait	Rolly
Nov 17		K of C	Ron Tuttle, Ken Bell	Trish
Nov 24		K of C	Ted Rafuse, Roger Ingram	Dianne
Dec 1		K of C	George Harvey, Jamieson Ross	
Dec 8		K of C	Jim Gilmer, Will Ryan	
Dec 15	Club Christmas Party			
Dec 22	No Meeting			

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