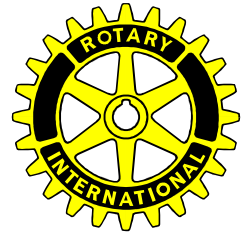




# The Beacon News



## The Rotary Club of Port Hope

**News Bulletin for the Week of Sept 29, 2008**

### Northumberland Community Futures Development Corp.



President-Elect Sylvia, in the absence of President Jim, chaired the meeting. Sylvia called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm and passed on greetings from Jim. In that ancient, time honoured, and hoary tradition of the season, Sylvia passed on Jim's wishes to the Club for a Happy Michaelmas. Secretary Merv and Wikipedia define Michaelmas as: "the feast of St Michael the Archangel, a day in the Christian calendar which occurs on 29 September. Because it falls near the equinox, it is associated with the beginning of autumn and the shortening of days."

Sylvia presented the stress creature to PP Paul for his work on Octoberfeast. and introduced the head table which consisted of herself, our guest speaker Wendy Curtis of Northumberland Community Futures Development Corporation and PP Hugh Parker.

#### GUESTS AND VISITING ROTARIANS



PP Ron introduced this year's 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.

R. Ron Coleman advised us that Dave Watson had been present earlier but had to leave and that Dave would be rejoining the Club.

PP Hugh introduced Wendy Curtis's assistant, Kris Duncan.

#### SECRETARY'S REPORT



This best friend of all Bulletin scribes had nothing to report.

#### DESSERT REPORTS



R. Doug Burke gave us an overview of the 500 Club dinner program which will take place next Monday at the Best Western in Cobourg and advised that if you want to bring someone without a 500 Club ticket to the dinner it will cost \$35.00.

Social Time: 6:00 p.m.

Dinner: 7:00 p.m.



PP Ron - 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.



PP Paul - asked all those who helped out with the Octoberfeast breakfast to stand up and accept the Club's thanks. Paul announced that about 65 breakfasts had been served and mused whether we should sell pancakes at the Fall Fair

**A number of Foundation Walk pledges are still out. Please give them to PP Wilf Quigley.**

**Reminder!** 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.

## HAPPY BUCKS/ SAD BUCKS



Poor Treasurer Ron Coleman got hit twice: a birthday and an anniversary.



In a rather imaginative piece of extortion, our esteemed Sergeant-at-Arms, fined everyone \$ 1.00 who had lost money on the Stock Market that day and fined those who had not lost any money \$1.00 as well.

R. Will Ryan - Happy that Jenny will be starring the forthcoming play " The Odd Couple" which will be coming soon to the community.

R. Joe James - Someone noticed that Joe was sporting a BLUE tie. Is there a message there, Joe? Bud, please take note.



Your faithful scribe - Just as the sun rises in the East, he found some excuse to fine me. When is he going to Florida???

PP Ron Tuttle - Happy about their trip to Kenora to visit with their son, daughter-in-law and grandson.

R. Bill Lang - Happy that his brother made him an uncle this week. ( presumably, with a little help from his sister-in-law.)

R. Diane Pendock - Happy to have received an escorted tour of the back roads of Northumberland organized by R. John Mowat and his spouse, Dianne.

R. Kelly Morgan-Mackenzie - two bucks. Happy one for the outcome of the Octoberfeast and sad one for her trip to the State of Georgia because it rained all the time.

PP Susan Rafuse - Threw in a dollar but didn't say anything. What would we call that, then ? A silent buck?.....a Merv buck ?

Finally, a happy buck from our guest speaker. Her projector is working !!!!

## INTRODUCTION OF THE GUEST SPEAKER



PP Hugh introduced our guest

speaker, Wendy Curtis. Explaining that he himself is one of the Port Hope reps on the Board of Norcom (Northumberland Community Futures Development Corporation), he attested to what an excellent job Wendy was doing as the current executive director of that organization.



Wendy spent a portion of her youth in Cobourg. She obtained a Bachelor of Commerce degree (Honours) from Queens. After spending several years in progressive market managing positions with Pillsbury Food Company in Toronto, she went to live in Mexico City where she was actively involved in executive positions of a large NGO. She returned to Cobourg in 1996 and, apart from her responsibilities at Norcom, she is actively involved in a number of community organizations, including the Cobourg Rotary Club. She was honoured last year as Business Woman of the Year.

## PROGRAM

Norcom is the Northumberland County operation and one of 61 Community Futures Development Corporations (CFDC's) located throughout

rural and Northern Ontario. Norcom is a not for profit corporation run by a board of directors of fifteen local people, three of whom are from Port Hope. It is funded by the Federal government, but often it collaborates with other levels of government and the private sector to implement projects or special initiatives targeted to their communities.

The mandate of the CFDCs is to provide strategic community planning and socioeconomic development, support for community-based projects, business services (i.e. advise and assistance in developing strategic plans) and to provide access to capital.

Wendy provided several examples of the kind of services Norcom might provide. For example, say an individual might want to start up a small community-based business. If the individual's application is approved, Norcom would not only provide capital but also business counseling and, in some cases, training. They are not in competition with the private lending institutions since in most cases the applicant's application has been rejected by these institutions.

One of the interesting things about Norcom and the other CFDCs is that it is not run by bureaucrats, but it is run by people who live in the community and, thus, have first hand knowledge of the community's needs

In closing, Wendy listed some of the activities of Norcom in Port Hope itself including such

local institutions as the Capitol Theater and the Library, local initiatives such as the Habitat for Humanity Women Build and several businesses in Town who were able to develop business plans with Norcom's help.

Another very successful project has been the Youth Intern Program in which students are hired, with the financial assistance of the CFDCs, on a temporary basis by local businesses and organizations.

A brief question period was held during which PP Ben Currelly, who has been Chairman of the Board of Norcom (then known as the Northumberland Business Development Association) pointed out that our very own R. Ron Coleman was the first General Manager of NBDA in 1987.

Wendy was thanked by R. Erin Brown and by President-Elect Sylvia.

## 50/50 DRAW

R. Paul Weber won the prize.

## DOOR DUTY

A reminder to Rotarians:

**It is your responsibility to arrange a replacement for your door duty if you will be absent.**

## 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.

### 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?"



## FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE

Date	Speaker	Location	Door Duty	Scribe
Oct 6	500 Club Dinner	Best Western Cobourg		Trish
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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