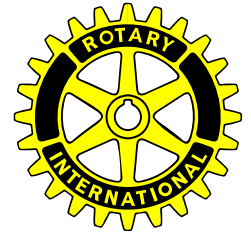




The Beacon News



The Rotary Club of Port Hope

News Bulletin for the Week of September 8, 2008

COMPUTER ASSISTED LITERACY

Pres. Jim welcomed us back to relatively unfamiliar surroundings as we met back at our regular meeting place at the K of C building after our absences of almost two months.



Because of our steady diet of summer socials, Pres. Jim reminded us of this year's theme of RI President DK Li "Make Dreams Real". Jim reminded us that children are our most precious resource and we should endeavor to work this into the implementation of the Rotary 4 Way Test.

Not that I have anything against corn and burgers and hot dogs, but it was a real treat getting back to Brigget's home cooked pre-thanksgiving special of turkey, dressing, gravy, cranberries and dessert. Just what some of us slim Rotarians needed lest we be accused of being anorexic. There were a few disciplined abstainers at our table.

DESSERT REPORTS

Director and Foundation Chair Ken O'Neil talked to us about:



The upcoming **Group Study Exchange:**

Coming to our club Wednesday Oct. 15th to Monday Oct. 20th.

Already has 5 host families and needs 1 more

Thursday is Vocation Day (not a day at the seminary)

Friday – Tours of Port Hope

Will be our guests at meeting Oct. 20th

More details later.

500 Club:

Ken returns as committee chair for 2008-09. Last time he so functioned Ken had sideburns, This year's dinner and draw Monday Oct. 6th. Directors reluctantly have decided that in view of declining profits from the fund raiser the 08-09 year will be the last unless members show their desire for its continuity by more sales. Grand prize 08-09 year \$1,000 (\$3,000

this year). Invitations for dinner and 09 tickets handed out to members.

Fall Fair Booth:

Chairman and ADG Bob Wallace provided details:



Committee of 6 meeting regularly to organize.

Details of roster distributed to members by separate e-mail.

Members encouraged to pay entry fee at gate to show our support for Fair Board and its many volunteers.

Even though many of us may not be overly enthusiastic about our shifts at the fair, it is one of the best examples of our acting our motto of "Service Before Self". Not only does this give us tremendous exposure to our fund raising audience, but it shows them how we are willing to roll our sleeves up to raise funds to help those less fortunate. It is a great door opener for future fund raising projects.

Don't underestimate your importance in meeting your shift commitment. Your confusion about time or forgetting could leave customers grumbling about slow service and other fellow Rotarians under pressure trying to make up for your being AWOL. Please take a second look at the roster and don't let us down. If an unforeseen problem, call Bob.

Foundation Walk in Cobourg



Chairman Wilf Quigley reported that there were 9 Port Hope Rotarians and 14 participants.

Great walk and rains held off until final walkers in.

Wilf distributed sign up list for Port Hope to make commitment.

We were reminded of the District Plan of having every Rotarian contribute \$100 every year.

Over 500 people were treated to a steak dinner provided by PDG Bill Patchett.

Rotary Club of York had 97% attendance.

Rotary Club of Quinte Sunrise will be hosting next year as a result of raising the most at \$152/member.

Raised over \$120,000 for Rotary Foundation.

Not sure whether they estimated our contributions.

World Community Service



Chair Joe James read a letter of appreciation from Sister Alice in Lasatho Strait. The school there of 566 students had water but no pump to deliver to students. Our contribution of \$2,000 along with others uplifted their spirits by our show of support.

At the risk of offending the Pres. I have included these items in the normal order rather than the order at the meeting.

SECRETARY'S REPORT



Rotarian "Kiwee" reminded us that several members appeared to be having difficulty maintaining 50% average attendance. In order that members may know whether it affects them, a red star accompanies their name on the roster.

HAPPY BUCKS

It probably saves us a lot of fines if the Sgt-at-Arms were let loose at the end of the meeting. Sgt. Dick was so moved by the program that he didn't have the heart to be mean to us individually. Instead he fined us all to welcome us back to our regular meeting place.

PP Ron Tuttle modeled a red and white hat that had been left at the Club BBQ. No apparent claimers. It would make a great Christmas gift for your significant other. I think it was one of those co-ed hats.



PROGRAM

ADG Bob Wallace introduced our speaker Vince Walter who was personally recruited by Past RI President Wilf Wilkinson to chair the Rotary "Computer Assisted Literacy" (CAL) program.



Vince, despite his international notoriety these days, was no stranger to Port Hope and the K of C building because formerly was a preacher here with the Salvation Army in 1953. Vince

knew many former Rotarians and this part of Ontario His experience included many executive positions in various industries before encountering a life changing experience in 1986 when he was exposed to what a tremendous effect this program had on an uneducated youth.

Humorously Vince told us of a Rotarian misinterpreting 2007 RI President Wilf's theme of Rotary shares. That Rotarian thought Wilf was selling shares of Rotary. In fact our speaker referred to this program as an investment.

i.e.:

It involves a capital commitment (of time)

It pays dividends in form of a child's sparkling eyes

Currency isn't money but rather love

One always gets more dividends than you put into it

Startling statement and information about CAL:

Provincial Education Ministries of Canada admit that 40% of Canadians are illiterate where literate is defined as reading ability below that required to function effectively.

Program developed in Ontario several years ago by funding provided by Ontario government. Since pruned and tested worldwide so of use to all inhabitants of our world

Letters recently sent to 5,000 Librarians endorsing the use of the CAL program to facilitate improvement in literacy.

Many heartwarming examples of major change in reading ability after few hours of training.

The computer program requires a computer but also a facilitator to function as a type of coach.

A judge has suggested including mandatory use of program in sentencing those law breakers who obviously function below the level required to function effectively. I wonder if that was the problem of Conrad Black and Ken Rae.

Young Aboriginal leaders who discouraged government providing grants that encourage them to become dependent on system and others; instead encourages one to get on with life and look out for self through use of program. What a breath of fresh air.

Vince completed his emotional address by comparing life to a runway rather than a road with many bumps. Fearing that one might be running out of asphalt (runway), we had better concentrate on making the most out of the portion we have left.

Pres. Jim thanked Vince for including our Club in his visits and familiarizing us with this most important program. Since it only costs \$80 to buy the program, Jim promised that we will be thoroughly exploring making this one of our projects.



50/50 DRAW

Won by PP Bill King.

FALL ATTIRE

Next week return to formal dress or face the wrath of the Pres. or his enforcer.

PROGNOSTICATION

The weather looks like it could be wet this weekend so don't be purchasing any sausages, hamburgers or hot dogs at the store.

See you at the fair.

Pinchhitting for the Judge,

Rotarily yours,

Scribe TBC

St. Patrick's Day – Part II

Murphy told Quinn that his wife was driving him to drink. Quinn thinks he's very lucky, because his own wife makes him walk.

Mrs. Feeney shouted from the kitchen, "Is that you I hear spittin' in the vase on the mantle piece?" "No" said Fenney "but I'm getting' closer all the time".

Q: What do you call an Irishman who knows how to control his wife?

A: A bachelor.

FALL FOLIAGE TOUR THRU NORTHUMBERLAND

As previously mentioned at the Rally Event, I have scheduled the above event to take place on Sunday Sept. 28th/08.

We will leave from Gilmer's Home Hardware parking lot at 2pm SHARP.

We will travel thru the county on numerous roads, mostly hard surfaced, maybe some gravel roads too, viewing the autumn colours and some impressive "Valley Views".

Total travel time should be about 1.5 to 2 hrs.

I can arrange to have a "Tea" stop should there be enough interest.

Minimum of at least 5 vehicles.

WHAT I NEED TO KNOW

by Sept. 26th;

Who are interested in joining the group.

Number in your party.

Tea stop or no Tea stop. (might be a pee stop for some too.)

My contact numbers are; H 377-0666, W 372-0202-223,

Email,

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com.

Last Minute from Peter Gabany

Dear Rotarians,

We need your help. We know you love Port Hope so we're asking you to put the Port Hope Fair on your weekend agenda. At 1:30p.m on Saturday a major community campaign is being launched at the Fair. It's called, "RAISE YOUR HAND IF YOU LOVE PORT HOPE."

There's a press conference at 1:30 pm and we need as many residents and fans of Port Hope as possible there. The local press, plus CTV's W5, CHEX (CBC) and others will be there and this is our chance to show how proud we are of our community. We want everyone to come out and have a great "show of hands" for Port Hope. Then after the brief press conference we are taking a photo of hundreds, maybe a thousand people all raising their hands in support of our great town..

We need your help!

Spread the word - we need as many people as possible to be in a photo to celebrate Port Hope. It's also a great time to visit the fair. Unfortunately, rain is predicted so dress accordingly.

Time: 1:30p.m.

Location: Cameco tent

Bring your family, friends and neighbours.

When you join us take part in the Speakers Corner, which is set up in the Cameco tent. We are recording (video and audio) people telling the world why they love Port Hope.

Come out, speak out and raise your hand for Port Hope. It's an opportunity to give "voice" to your love of our community. And you may be on TV, radio, on-line, and in newspapers.

If you can volunteer some additional time it would be most welcome – please call myself or Michelene.

Regards, yours in Rotary – and Hands Up for Port Hope!

Peter Gabany

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:

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
Sept 15	Sheila Burns – Primrose Donkey Sanctuary	K of C	Jan Boycott, Rolly Dalla Rosa	Trish
Sept 22	Mike Phelan – District Governor’s Visit	K of C	Susan Rafuse, Bill Lang	Bud
Sept 29	Wendy Curtis – Nor. Com, Futures Dev Corp	K of C	Bruce Coleman, Bill King	Rolly
Oct 6	500 Club Dinner			
Oct 13	Thanksgiving Day – No meeting			

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