

Calming the chaos!

The Tavistock Ministerial held another successful Ecumenical Service in the Park on Sunday, August 10, 2014. More than 300 people worshipped in the Queen's Park Pavilion and enjoyed sausage on a bun and hot dogs topped with Men's Club sauerkraut. The meat was donated by Pork for Life and the buns from Valumart.

Entitled "Calming the Chaos," the message was presented by Rev. Dick Holm of Bethany Lutheran Church, Woodstock. "God comes to us as stillness and silence," Matthew 14:32.

Pastor Richard Brown of Trinity Lutheran Church welcomed everyone and offered the call to worship. Rev. Hugh Rutledge of Tavistock Missionary Church continued the service with prayers and song followed by a children's message by Pastor Brown. Grace United Church Pastor Mary Stewart and members Jean Lowe and Marg Pletsch gave the scripture readings along with Trinity member Richard Wilker.

The service was arranged by Trinity Lutheran, St. Matthew's Lutheran, and the Tavistock Missionary Church. The annual event was able to raise \$2,700.00 for the Tavistock Assistance Program (TAP).

BIRTH

CROFT: Anna and Jeff are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter.

Jenna Jean was born on Tuesday, July 15, 2014, at Stratford General Hospital. Jenna weighed 8 lb. 3 oz.

Proud Grammas are Nancy Croft and Jean Roth and looking down from Heaven are Grampa Gordy and Grampa Earl.

Adventure in Citizenship



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Nicole Stewart displays her Canadian Citizenship Certificate received during the Rotary Adventure in Citizenship Program she attended this past May in Ottawa.

Thanks to the Rotary Club of Tavistock, Nicole Stewart has many memories to share of her 4-day Adventure in Citizenship Program in Ottawa. This past spring, May 3rd to 7th, 2014, Nicole joined with 200 other students from across Canada for the 64th edition of the program hosted by the Rotary Club of Ottawa.

It was a unique opportunity for these young students to "familiarize themselves with the key values that shape Canada," said Governor General David Johnston, who wrote a welcome letter to the students during their

visit to the Parliament buildings. The final day of the program, each student attended a Citizenship Ceremony and re-affirmed their citizenship, each receiving a special certificate.

"I guess I was paying attention in history class," Nicole noted, because she remembered that the Parliamentary Library was not affected when the Centre Block burned in 1916. Daily schedules included a tour of the Library and Archives of Canada, the House of Commons, the Senate, and group photos with the Speaker of the House, The Hon. Andrew Scheer, M.P. The first day also included a keynote address by Rotary Adventure in Citizenship chairman Julie

Cugalj and Master Cpl. Jody Mitic of the Never Quit Foundation.

Nicole and roommate Tristyn Wylie of Brantford were fortunate to be billeted with Paul and Isabel Moen, who lived across the road from the Governor General. Mr. Moen was a member of the Ottawa Liberal Riding Association and the girls were honoured to attend a Liberal campaign breakfast at which Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne was the speaker. Nicole was able to meet with the Premier, one on one, and talk with her about her experiences there in Ottawa. The Moens also took the girls to the Quebec Museum of History, to the market and downtown shops.

In Ottawa, the students

toured the Canadian Museum of History, St. Brigid's Art Centre, and the University of Ottawa along with other monuments and points of interest. "I think I met one person from every province and territory," Nicole said.

At the start, the students were divided into groups and each was given a political party colour and each chose their own leader. During their day at the University of Ottawa, the groups were informed about peace and conflict resolution and toured the Wabano Centre for Aboriginal Health. Following a presentation by Elections Canada, a mock federal election was held with each student leader making their political pitch. "We talked about legitimate issues," Nicole stated. The event concluded with a "Canada Quiz" provided by the Rotaract Club of Ottawa.

A daughter of Frank and Rachel Stewart of Tavistock, Nicole, 17, is a Grade 12 student at

Waterloo-Oxford District Secondary School in Baden. She took the train from Woodstock to Ottawa, her first experience on the rail line. Nicole enjoys figure skating and is working on her Senior Silver with Skate Canada as well as her Silver Triathlon which includes Skills, Solo, and Interpretive skating. She skates in Plattsville and Tavistock with coach Cindy Brick and is also a member of a synchronized skating team. Nicole works at Tavistock IDA Pharmacy. She was the Blandford-Blenheim Township representative in the Queen of the Furrow contest last year.

When asked about her experience in Ottawa, Nicole admitted she was "a little nervous to go." However, "it gave me a chance to meet new people," she added. She is now looking into the possibility of joining a Rotary team that is going to Costa Rica to help build houses and provide community support.



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Nicole Stewart (middle right) and Tristyn Wylie at the home of their hosts Isabel and Paul Moen during the Rotary Adventure in Citizenship Program this past May in Ottawa.

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