



Treasurer John Ferguson honoured by Leadership Windsor



John Ferguson

Congratulation to Windsor St. Clair club member and Treasurer John Ferguson! Leadership Windsor/Essex recognized John as the recipient of the 2009 Community Impact Award.

The Community Impact Award celebrates leaders who roll up their sleeves and solve issues facing Windsor/Essex, who believe in civic unity, and who are steering the community to a better quality of life.

John was honoured March 3 at the annual Leadership Windsor/Essex breakfast at the Caboto Club where he was joined by friends, family and Windsor St. Clair Rotarians.

In accepting the award, John spoke

eloquently and passionately of the role of volunteers and community service, both in his life and in the community.

On accepting the award, the 2009 Community Impact Award Winner said that "giving back to a community is about more than writing a cheque. That's important, of course, but giving your time and assistance to a variety of organizations is probably more important in many ways."

John closed his remarks by saying that we all have special gifts and it's up to all of us to use those gifts and reach out to people who need our help.

Again, congratulation John!

TV auction to launch April 23

"It's the gifts - stupid"

One of the most popular Windsor St. Clair fundraisers is slated to launch later this month – the **Rotary Auction on TV Cogeco**. A fundraising partnership with the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario (Windsor-Essex County Chapter), this will be the 22nd year the club has teamed up with TV Cogeco to present a television auction. Plans are already underway to top the total raised last year of \$50,145.

"It's the economy, stupid" was a phrase in American politics widely used during Bill Clinton's successful 1992 presidential campaign against George H.W. Bush. We can borrow and adapt it to our use during the 2009 TV auction campaign – "It's the gifts, stupid!" With the local Windsor and Essex County economy challenged on a daily basis, club members and volunteers are going to have to work doubly hard to round up the gifts necessary to make the auction a success. **Without gifts, we don't have an auction.**

Immediate Past TV Auction Chair Paul Charbonneau and 2009 Chair Chris Woodrow have been meeting regularly since the new year to formulate plans

and a strategy for 2009. There is consensus the game plan for 2009 should be sectioned into three distinct phases to optimize club participation – factoring in other activities which draw on volunteer time and resources.

Phase One will run from the launch on April 23 through the end of June and will concentrate on visiting those donors and friends of Rotary who contributed to the 2008 campaign. Club members will be asked to contact those gift suppliers they visited last year with a view to securing gifts for this year. With the TV auction not to distant in their memories – it is hoped this 'ask' will be relatively easy for club members. By the end of June, it is our goal to have banked a significant number of gifts.

Phase Two will begin in July and run through the end of October. The summer months will be slow, but in Phase 2, club members and friends will be asked to approach donors who have given in past years but haven't participated recently.

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Early Bird Winner

The Pluck-a-Duck Early Bird Draw for \$1000 took place at the Heart and Stroke Soup Kitchen March 27 - and **Debbie Desjardins** was the lucky winner. She receives a cheque for \$1000 and her ticket goes back into the May 9 draw at Devonshire Mall. Congratulations Debbie!

The draw provides area residents with the opportunity to purchase raffle tickets to win prizes valued in excess of \$15,000.

COMING EVENTS

April 9	WFCU Concessions
April 16	TV Auction Meeting
April 18	District Assembly
April 30	District Conference
May 3	Mackinac Island
May 23	Shanfield Shores/ Ganatchio Trail Cleanup
June 3	Nijola Golf Tournament

A Message from the President-Elect

Alan Drouillard

Two weeks ago I had the chance to visit Kalamazoo to attend the 2009 President's Elect Training Conference (PETS). I didn't meet Elvis, but I did meet Rotarians from Ontario, Michigan and Indiana all preparing, with various degrees of excitement and trepidation, to assume the presidency of their rotary clubs on July 1.

Participants came from many different vocations: some were long time Rotarians and others had been Rotarians for less than a year. I even met a few who were assuming their club Presidency for the second time *(but not in back to back years, Shelly. You are definitely one in at least several hundred thousand)*. I had the chance to meet and become acquainted with other PE's in District 6400 and work on the idea of a Multi-Club project with the representatives from the Area 10 clubs. (more information to come).

ROTARIANS LEARN TO PLAN FOR THE FUTURE

More than 400 Rotarians came together to learn new skills, how better to use existing ones, and educate ourselves on the many aspects of Rotary to consider when developing plans to allow us to leave our Rotary Clubs in 2010 a little better than when

they were entrusted to our care the previous year.

The food was great and the fellowship was outstanding. We heard many excellent Rotary speakers, including Past RI President Frank Devlyn, Rotary International Directors Mike Johns and Tom Thorfinnson, John Germ from The Rotary Foundation and even our own PDG Fred Sorrell.

PRESIDENT-ELECT PRAYER: PLEASE GOD DON'T LET ME SCREW UP

Honestly, if I had known I would be asked to write a message about my experience, I would have taken detailed notes on what was said, the messages delivered and then recite them back to you in a clear and concise manner. However, I didn't take detailed notes, I sat and listened and absorbed the messages, and moved through various emotions, ranging from astonishment at what that Rotary Foundation accomplishes, all amazingly, through Rotarians like ourselves giving a few dollars at the door each week.

I experienced a feeling of pride at being associated with an organization such as Rotary. I experienced fear at the thought of becoming president and said the PE's prayer more than once, **Please God don't let me screw up.** I experienced anger at hearing of the

injustices in the world. I experienced sorrow at hearing of the suffering of children all over our planet. I experienced indecision about whether we should help people in far away lands or help people in our own troubled community, and I experienced joy at the realization that if we work together, as a group through Rotary, we can do it all.

The one boy on the beach made a difference to a few starfish. Our club of 51 members each doing something can make a significant difference in our community and the world. The clubs in district 6400 with their combined effort can accomplish amazing things and together with other Rotarians working together we can truly change the lives of millions of people, all by doing something to make a difference.

2009-2010 THEME: THE FUTURE OF ROTARY IS IN YOUR HANDS

The Rotary theme for 2009-2010 is **The Future of Rotary is in you Hands.** I truly believe it's not the RI President's hands, it's not the RI directors hands, and it's not the District Governor's hands, it's our hands. The hands of all the members of the 33,000 clubs all doing to make a difference. I look forward to doing "some things" with you next year.



Collaboration: Dolly Parton autographs a child's book in Atlanta, announcing a new collaboration between RI and the Dollywood Foundation's Imagination Library. The partnership will provide a book each month to children from birth until age five. Photo courtesy of the Dollywood Foundation.

CELEBRATIONS

Happy Birthday...

April 2	Carl Fama
April 4	Nick Torra
April 14	Michael Browne
April 15	Nick Krayacich
April 18	Chris Woodrow
April 18	Shelly Duben
April 21	Phil McCullough
April 23	Bruce Taylor
April 28	Marg Prince

Happy Anniversary...

April 25	Bill and Denise Proulx
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FOUR WAY TEST: Is it fair to all concerned?

DEVONSHIRE MALL Pluck-a-Duck Ticket Schedule

Club members have been assigned a time slot to sell Pluck-a-Duck tickets at Devonshire Mall. If for any reason you are unable to work your assigned shift, please do the following: trade your shift with someone else and then email Mike Browne at governormike@hotmail.com outlining your schedule change.

April 27	5 p.m.-9 p.m.	Hardy Wheeler Chris Woodrow
April 28	5 p.m.-9 p.m.	Danielle Stuebing Bruce Taylor Lea-Ann Suzor
April 29	5 p.m.-9 p.m.	Al Santing Bill Proulx
April 30	5 p.m.-9 p.m.	Barb Porter Marg Prince
May 1	5 p.m.-9 p.m.	Michelle Moro Bob Morand John Ferguson
May 2	9 a.m.-1 p.m.	Panos Sechopoulos Phil McCullough Charles Gauthier
	1 p.m.-5 p.m.	Dick Marentette Ed Link Mary Lou Decou
May 3	11 a.m.-2 p.m.	Ilias Kiritsis Terri-Ann Hurst
	2 p.m.-5 p.m.	Caro Lepain Ken Lepain
May 4	5 p.m.-9 p.m.	Carlo Abati Alynn Anglin Debra Harshaw
May 5	5 p.m.-9 p.m.	Ann-Marie Athavale Dennis Arrand Todd Grondin
May 6	5 p.m.-9 p.m.	Frank Batal Roger Brothers Nick Krayacich
May 7	5 p.m.-9 p.m.	Karen Cichon Arnie Charlton Meg Bang
May 8	5 p.m.-9 p.m.	Alan Drouillard Ruth Coursey Thom Hunt
May 9	9 a.m.-Noon	Ann Fama Carl Fama Michael Duben Shelly Duben
	Noon-3 p.m.	Terry Cloutier Paul Charbonneau Phyllis Charbonneau Diane McKinley

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Also targeted will be business and others who are new to the auction and have never participated before. Preparation for this will be done in July and August – with a concerted push in September and October.

Running concurrent to phases one and two, will be a small team of gift foragers with the goal of soliciting children's toys and clothes. Much of the feedback from both club members and volunteers and also auction participants last year focused on the lack of children's items. It is our intent this year to focus on this and ensure come November this gap has been filled.

Plan on attending the April 23 club meeting for the 2009 TV Auction Launch. Additional information will be available. Check out composition of the TV Auction Committee on Page 4.

World Water Day celebrated

The United Nations has designated 22 March as World Water Day. Rotarians worldwide are focused on the issue throughout the year, volunteering their time and resources to provide safe water and sanitation facilities to communities in need.

Charles Clemmons, general coordinator of the Water Resource Group, estimates that clubs are involved in 6,000 to 7,000 projects internationally, all aimed at addressing the lack of access to clean water and sanitation that claims more than two million lives each year, a majority of them children.

"Rotarians bring a unique set of qualifications to such projects," says F. Ron Denham, who heads the Water and Sanitation Rotarian Action Group. "Being members of the

community, they understand how to get local ownership. They understand local culture, which often determines success or failure. They know the local nongovernmental organizations and which ones are good partners for their project. And they connect with a worldwide network of people with similar values and commitment."



Sara Lucena, a member of the Rotary Club of Puerto Plata Isabel de Torres, Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic, helps four-year-old Eric Antonio Polanco write his name on the new bio-sand filter she just installed in his family's home in Aguas Negras. Rotary Images/Alyce Henson

Service Above Self

The Rotary Club of Windsor-St. Clair was founded November 20, 1975. Regular meetings are every Thursday at 7:15 a.m., at the Windsor Yacht Club, 9000 Riverside Drive, Windsor, Ontario.

For more information, please visit
www.rotarywindsorstclair.com



FOUR WAY TEST: Will it build goodwill and better friendships?

Committee Reports...Committee Reports...Committee Reports

Community Service

- ▶ The committee voted to donate \$500 to the Special Olympics and \$250 to the London Family Military Resource Centre.

Foundation

- ▶ Committee members passed the following motion dealing with matching donations: "The amount donated by members will go directly to Annual Giving, while the matched

amount will be designated for Polio Plus. The amount will be up to a maximum of \$2,500.00 and will be pro-rated."

Membership

- ▶ Plans have been finalized for the May 23 cleanup of Shanfield Shores and Ganatchio Trail. Members can sign up on the website and in the weekly binder distributed at meetings.
- ▶ Nijola Golf tournament - has been scheduled for June 3 at Kingsville Golf and County Club. More details to follow.
- ▶ The Peche Isle event is scheduled for July 19, 11am- 5 pm. Karen and Mike Cichon will provide transportation using their two boats. Food will be potluck - each

member to bring a dish that will serve 6 people- will arrange a sign up sheet in the near future.

- ▶ The President Elect swearing in ceremony will be at Shanfield Shores Park on June 25.

Youth Service

- ▶ Committee discussed supporting the OPP Cop Camp and Canadian Diabetes Camp Discovery - more information will be obtained
- ▶ There will be a RYLA presentation at the May 7 club meeting. Paige, Justine, Clark & Ailish will attend as well as Carley Schweitzer, a former Out Bound Exchange Student who will speak. The RYLA students will each have a few minutes to share with the club their experience about RYLA.

Program Schedule for APRIL

Rotary Magazine Month

SPEAKER & TOPIC

2	Mark Meldrum Financial Planning
9	R.J. Franklin/CFL
16	Win Harwood/Parenting
23	Club Celebration
30	TBA

INTRODUCER

2	Ed Link
9	Michael Duben
16	Debra Harshaw
23	Caro Lepain
30	TBA

THANKER

2	Alan Drouillard
9	Bob Graham
16	Terri-Ann Hurst
23	Ken Lepain
30	TBA

GREETERS

2	Ann & Carl Fama
9	John Ferguson/Charles Gauthier
16	Todd Grondin/Thom Hunt
23	Ilias Kiritsis/Nick Krayacich
30	Ed Link/Phil McCullough

Rotarians assigned duties of introducer, thanker and greeter are responsible for finding a replacement if unable to fulfill the duties.

BOARD NEWS

- ◆ Attendance for February was 74.25%. Our membership is unchanged at 51.
- ◆ New Member Proposal: Dino DeSimone (classification - Human Resources) proposed by Diane McKinley.
- ◆ Leave(s) of Absence - None

If you have not done so please review your contact information on the club web site. Once you login to the members-only section go to My ClubRunner, click on View Club Directory and click on your name.

2009 Rotary Auction on TV Cogeco Committee

Auction Chair

Chris Woodrow

Auction Vice-Chair / Gift Chair

Ruth Coursey

Immediate Past Chair

Paul Charbonneau

Cataloguing Coordinator

Diane McKinley

Scripting Coordinator

Hardy Wheeler

Auctioneer Coordinator

Bruce Taylor

Bid Telephone Coordinator

Debra Harshaw

Callback Telephone Coordinator

Lea-Ann Suzor

Marketing Coordinator

Mary Lou Decou

Warehouse Coordinator

Bob Graham

Food Coordinator

Phyllis Charbonneau

Club Treasurer

John Ferguson 2008-2009

Karen Cichon 2009-2010

Gift Guru

Bob Morand

Heart and Stroke Foundation

Bambi Blondin

TV Cogeco

Robert Scussolin

Committee Meeting - 5:30 p.m., April 16 at the Lion's Head Tavern.