

Over \$50,000 raised at 22nd. Annual Rotary TV auction



AUCTIONEERS: Rotary International District 6400 Governor Bruce Goldsen (right) and local media celebrity John Fairley at work raising money for Windsor St. Clair and Heart and Stroke Foundation.

When the bidding concluded at the 2008 Rotary Auction on TV COGECO and when the telephones were finally silent and all of the volunteers had gone home - \$50,145 had been raised by the Rotary Club of Windsor-St. Clair and the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario (Windsor-Essex County Chapter) for important service work in our community.

Thanks to the many volunteers who made the event successful. They earned a much deserved rest last Sunday, following two hectic evenings of the televised auction.

"Many hours of planning and preparation go into the auction," says Paul Charbonneau, chair of the 2008 organizing

committee. "Without the generosity of local business donating the gifts, we wouldn't have an auction. I would like to thank them all for their community-minded spirit. This year we received 377 items. The close to 50 volunteers, both Rotarians and others, who staffed the telephones and worked behind the scenes, deserve to be congratulated for a fine job. And the Windsor and Essex County community deserves a pat on the back for coming through for us in these difficult economic times. The Windsor Star was instrumental in promoting the auction and also deserves a vote of thanks."

The Heart and Stroke Foundation uses the monies raised to fund research, health promotion, and community improvement projects while the Rotary Club of Windsor-St. Clair also uses the money raised to benefit the community, and beyond. In the past, monies raised at the auction have benefited projects like the Ganatchio Trail, Shanfield Shores, and the Rotary boundary-free playground in the Town of Tecumseh.

This was the 22nd year that the Rotary Club of Windsor-St. Clair has partnered with TV Cogeco to present a television auction and plans will soon be underway for the event next year. "The staff at Cogeco does a fabulous job for us," says Charbonneau. "and as soon as we close the books on 2008, planning will begin for next year."

It's never too early to start thinking about next year, especially regarding the positions of Auction Chair and Gift Chair. If anyone is interested in knowing more about these two roles, please let Paul Charbonneau know. The 2008 organizers will be sending thank you letters to sponsors and gift donors in the next couple of weeks thanking them for their participation and asking them to donate again next year. It would be great if we could direct interested parties to the new Gift Chair for next year while thanking them for participation this year.

A Message from the President



Shelly Duben

Many people think of Christmas as the "giving time of the year". People become more aware of the struggles and misfortunes of others, at home and around the world. It makes sense, because the onset of colder weather and the excitement of children everywhere waiting for Santa. What sets Rotarians apart is that we consider the entire year as the "giving time of year". We are always aware of the needs of

Rotarians aware of needs throughout the year

others, both locally and globally. This is evident through so many of our programs and projects.

One such program is the Salvation Army Soup Kitchen, where we serve a hot meal and extra treats to those down on their luck. Another, where we are the lead Club, is the "We Care We Can" food drive. Thanks to Arnie and Mayflower Moving, Alyn as Basic Needs Chair, the participation of the schools of the GECDSD, and to Rotarians in our Club, we will be able to fill the shelves of food banks in Windsor and Essex County. Remember

we are still looking for volunteers to help sort and organize the donated food at the Unemployed Help Centre.

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COMING EVENTS DECEMBER

- 01** District Governor 2011-2012 applications due
- 04** Smart Serve Certification (no meeting)
- 18** VIP Tour-WFCU Centre



Santa's Shoe Box campaign looking for volunteer elves to help

A team of busy elves, headed by head elf and Windsor St. Clair Rotarian Terry Cloutier, has been busy preparing for the 2008 Santa's Shoebox Campaign. Her team of Rotarians and other volunteers, have been collecting gifts in preparation for wrapping and then distribution to the less fortunate in the community, who because of the economic conditions in the area, are unable to celebrate the holiday season.

Rotarians and members of the community are asked to donate hats, scarves, mitts, socks, toothbrushes, toothpaste, school supplies, small toys and stuffed animals and craft items to the campaign. The campaign began Monday, November 24 and runs through Friday, December 12. Designated Community drop-off locations are Tecumseh Mall, Devonshire Mall, any National Bank or Royal Bank branch, AM800 CKLW and the Windsor Star.

Donations should be geared toward



those under 18-years-of-age. On completion of the campaign, donations will be wrapped and sorted and then distributed to community agencies across Windsor and Essex County on December 15 and 16, 2008.

The elves are looking for assistance with the pick up, wrapping and distribution. Please check the schedule below and if you have some time to spare – or know of anyone who can help – please contact Terry Cloutier at her North Pole office.

Wrapping Boxes & Packing Gifts

Tuesday	Dec. 2	5 pm - 9 pm
Saturday	Dec. 6	11 am - 3 pm
Tuesday	Dec. 9	5 pm - 9 pm
Saturday	Dec. 13	9 - 12 pm / 12 pm - 3 pm

Schools & Banks Pick up

Tuesday	Dec. 9	9 am - 2 pm
Wednesday	Dec. 10	9 am - 2 pm

Agency Pick Up Day

Monday	Dec. 15	9 am - 7 pm
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Representatives from the W.E. Can Campaign will assist with the collection of the items from the Drop-Off locations and transport them to a central location to be wrapped and sorted. W.E. Can is a partnership between United Communities Credit Union, The Windsor Star, the City of Windsor, County of Essex and the WindsorEssex Development Commission which encourages citizens from across our region to feel good about where we live and work and to spread that message.

The 2008 WE CARE...WE CAN Campaign aids local food banks

The **WE CARE...WE CAN** food drive is back and plans call for it to be more successful than last year. The campaign is a partnership between Mayflower/ Rose City Moving Company, the Greater Essex County District School Board, the Windsor Spitfires, the 10 Essex County Rotary Clubs and of course - the Windsor and Essex County Food Bank Association.

Last year, the food drive collected over 250,000 lbs. of food valued at more than \$1.2 million. This year demand at area food banks has risen by 20 percent which places added importance on the 2008 drive. Volunteers picking up the food items report they had more than 18,000 cans at the kick-off at LaSalle P.S.

An added bonus this year is the support of the Windsor Spitfires organization and the new WFCU Centre. The organization has proclaimed Tuesday, December 16 as **FOOD DRIVE NIGHT**. The game starts at 7 p.m., and all fans are encouraged to bring a non-perishable item for the campaign.

This year all the food collected will be taken to the Unemployed Help Centre by Mayflower/ Rose City and then subsequently distributed to area food banks.

Rotary volunteers - and others - are busy sorting the food and loading the trucks. Everyone connected to the initiative should be congratulated. Well done, all!

WE SURE CAN: Students at LaSalle P.S. assist volunteers with the food collected.



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: Is it fair to all concerned?



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YOUTH SERVICE

► RYLA - 3 students sponsored by Windsor- St Clair after obtaining board approval, a fourth student was also selected by this committee and was sponsored by the Essex club. The group will make a presentation to the club at a time to be determined.

► Discussion also focused on a 'Rotary at Work' project which has been initiated through Community Living. A presentation will happen in the new year for members.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

► The committee voted to support the "Jump Start" breakfast program at Begley P.S.

► Phil McCullough has agreed to take on the "Golden Oldies" Project.

FOUNDATION

► Contact was made with the GSE

Team Leader and arrangements will be made for the GSE Team to speak to our club following their return.

► November was Foundation month and speakers were scheduled on the topic at all regular club meetings

INTERNATIONAL

► Matching Grant Update - we have 3 quotes for desks and chairs for the classrooms at Mumboha Primary School. The quotes range from 4000 Kenyan shillings to 5000 Kenyan shillings (about \$50 -\$60 US) per desk. We have been provided with photos of the desk samples and we have selected a contractor. We hope to have the project completed within a couple of months.

► Mosquito Nets - We have been approached by a former Ambassadorial Scholar, Brad Jensen. Who purchased 500 military grade

mosquito nets. He has offered them to us to bring to Tanzania. We contacted a customs broker and will be sending the nets by air freight. We will also purchase approximately 500 nets in Tanzania to distribute to children in the Moshi area.

► Inner Wheel of Cozumel - The traditional contribution of \$3000 to the Inner Wheel of Cozumel was approved. If no member is travelling to Mexico we will be wire the money to David LaBranche to present.

► Defibrillators to Namibia - Local fire and rescue staff, including Dan LeMay, have put together a package of lifesaving equipment including 10 refurbished defibrillators to send to the Tsumeb Fire Department. We approved their request for financial assistance to help with the shipping costs.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

► The Board has adopted the 2008-09 Public Relations Plan. It will be posted to the member section of the website for your information.

► Approval has been given to proceed with the 'makeover' of our existing website. Our intent is to build on the excellent resource it is and make it more user-friendly - both from a member and community perspective but also from an administrative point of view. It is anticipated by the end of March 2009, that a new website will be launched. All content and material will be reviewed and revised for inclusion. An associated goal of the committee is to update the new website regularly and provide more reasons for members to use it as a one-stop resource for club, district and international rotary information.

ROTARY FOUNDATION DONATIONS

Rotary Foundation donations for the 2008 calendar tax year will be closed off as of the December 11/2008 meeting.

PAY IT FORWARD

NOVEMBER 6/ALYNN ANGLIN

Alynn knows of a woman who, due to a car accident, is unable to work. Her husband was diagnosed with liver cancer and cannot work either. The couple is struggling to make ends meet, so Alynn added \$100 to her Pay It Forward money and purchased a Zehrs gift certificate for the couple.

NOVEMBER 13/CARO LEPAIN

Caro knows Pam Pons, the director of the Unemployed Help Centre. She called her regarding the Food Bank and discovered they were low on many food items. Pam told Caro the type of food most required, and Caro and Ken added \$50 to the Pay It Forward money and purchased food items for the food bank. Caro knows the Unemployed Help Centre does great work supporting individuals in the community and she has committed to continue to assist.

NOVEMBER 20/ALAN DROUILLARD

Through Alan's involvement with the Soup Kitchen this year, he attended a daytime meeting at the Salvation Army. Alan was surprised to see the high level of activity during the day and the variety of people seeking assistance. There were men and women of all ages and families as well. Alan decided to donate his Pay It Forward money to the Salvation Army, but he also asked his co-workers to help. He challenged them to donate their 'coffee money' to the cause on a certain day, and in return, Alan served coffee to them.

NOVEMBER 27/LEA-ANN SUZOR

Lea-Ann knows of a single mom of 3 young children who is really struggling. Two of her children, ages 3 and 5, are autistic, so she faces many challenges. She doesn't have a car and is having difficulty coping emotionally and financially. Lea-Ann added some funds to the Pay It Forward money and gave the woman a card containing \$100. She told the mom that the money was for her to do something special for herself, such as going out for lunch or getting her hair done.

See Page 4 for the December Pay It Forward Schedule

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



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Rotarians aware of community needs throughout the year

See Alyn if you're interested, and thanks to all of you who donated food. Many Rotarians will be ringing the bells again this year through the Salvation Army Kettle Campaign. Look for Windsor-St. Clair volunteers at WalMart on December 6. Let Bill Proulx know if you're interested in helping. Our Community Service Committee has made financial contributions to the Downtown Mission, the "Jump Start" breakfast program at Begley School, and St. Francis of Assisi, just to name a few. Of course, one of our biggest projects during the Christmas season is Santa's Shoebox. Please contact Terry Cloutier to determine when your help is needed. (See page 2 for more information)

We are also giving to our global community through our international projects this holiday season. We have agreed to assist with the shipment of life-saving defibrillators and Jaws of Life equipment to Tsumeb, Namibia. We also continue to support the Inner Wheel of Cozumel. Our donation helps provide food and medication to hundreds of seniors in that area.

Our biggest project this season is the malaria project in Tanzania. Through the donation of 500 mosquito nets from a former Ambassadorial Scholar, the funds raised at the Past President's party, funds from the International Service Committee, an anonymous donation of \$1000, and a World Community Service grant, we expect to deliver close to 1500 mosquito nets to children in Tanzania.

Donation Cards fund mosquito nets

Studies indicate that the number of women and children who die everyday from this preventable disease can be compared to a jumbo jet full of women and children crashing into a mountain. The nets will be hand-delivered by Nick, Jennifer, Mike and I in December when we're in Tanzania. You can help support this event by purchasing "Gift Donation Cards" to give as gifts at Christmas. Gift cards are \$20 and can be purchased from any of the four of us.

Be proud, Windsor St. Clair Rotarians! Your commitment to the Windsor and Essex community, as well as the global

community, greatly benefits those in need during the holiday season and all year long!

BOARD NEWS

Attendance for October was 79.6%. Active membership is 50.

► The board accepted the resignation of Gary Lunau effective November 25, 2008. Gary and Rosemary moved to Brantford, ON in mid-November.

► New Member Proposals: None.

CELEBRATIONS

Happy Birthday...

December 1	Caro Lepain
December 7	Charles Gauthier
	Lea-Ann Suzor
December 22	Glenn Stannard
December 30	Ann-Marie
	Athavale

Happy Anniversary...

December 27	Beverley and
	Bill O'Kane

Program Schedule for DECEMBER

	SPEAKER & TOPIC	INTRODUCER	THANKER	GREETERS
4	Evening Meeting Smart Serve Training—WFCU Centre			
11	Matthew Romain/ Christmas Caroling	Roger Brothers	Arnie Charlton	Frank Batal Mike Browne
18	VIP Tour/ WFCU Centre			Paul and Phyllis Charbonneau
25	No Meeting/ Happy Holidays!	Santa Claus	Mrs. Claus	Prancer and Vixen
Begley Program		Soup Kitchen		Pay It Forward
2	Mike Browne Hardy Wheeler	6	Debra Harshaw + guests Barb Porter	
9	Ken and Caro Lepain	13	Ann and Carl Fama Barb Porter	11 Danielle Stuebing
16	Paul and Phyllis Charbonneau	20	Bonnie and Mike Browne Lynn and Dennis Arrand	18 Diane McKinley
		27	Ann and Carl Fama TBD	

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

FOUR WAY TEST: Will it be beneficial to all concerned?