

TV Auction raises close to \$69,000 for projects



CONTROL ROOM: The TVCogeco staff under the steady hand of Executive Producer Robert Scussolin.

The bidding has ended for this year at the **2010 ROTARY AUCTION ON TV COGECO**. The telephones are silent and the many volunteers who made the event successful are getting a much deserved rest. When the auction concluded at midnight November 13, **\$68,612** was raised by the Rotary Club of Windsor St. Clair and the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario (Windsor-Essex County Chapter) to undertake important service work in our community.

"Many hours of planning and preparation go into the auction," says Alan Drouillard, co-chair of the 2010 organizing committee. "Without the generosity of local business donating

the auction items, we wouldn't have an auction. I would like to thank them all for their community-minded spirit. This year we received close to 400 items. More than 60 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 as a major sponsor, as do Cogeco Business Solutions and International Power Canada.

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 24th 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 Drouillard, "and as soon as we close the books on 2010, planning will begin for next year, the 25th anniversary of the event."



AUCTIONEERS: The team of Tony Doucette (left) and 'Krazy' Kenny Koekstat take different approaches to preparing for their auction shift-thanks to both of them for a job well done!

COMING EVENTS

December 4	Bingo
December 8	Concessions
	WFCU Centre
December 17	Christmas Party
December 19	Bingo
December 21	Bingo
January 6	Bingo
January 18	Bingo

Message from the PRESIDENT



Phyllis Charbonneau

It's time for celebration! November proved to be the most exciting month our club has had in a long time. With our TV Auction raising over \$68,000, we'll be able to continue all of the great work we do both locally and internationally.

Thanks again to the Auction committee and to all members who participated throughout the weekend. On November 18, Don Sadler presented the city's vision for the new park and greenhouse project, a proposed partnership between our Club, Autism Ontario, the City of

CELEBRATIONS

Happy Birthday...

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

Happy Anniversary...

December 5	Bruce and Paulette Taylor
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Club Anniversary...

December 1	Charles Gauthier (31)
December 1	Bob Graham (33)

Happy Holidays

Windsor and Riverside Minor Baseball. The following week, at club celebration, Paul presented the steps taken in selecting a project, from the initial meeting in 2009 to today. Questions, comments and ideas were flowing and it was great to see members excited about the initiative. The Club unanimously voted to move the project forward, with a maximum financial commitment of \$75,000 over 5 years, a goal that we should have no problem achieving. A new project committee will be formed; if you'd like to be part of this exciting venture, please let me know and I'll add you to the list. See page 3 for more information on the project.

We have a busy month ahead of us. With Christmas just around the corner, please remember to bring in breakfast items for the "We Care - We Can" program. As a district, we need to beat our numbers from last year. Boxes will be set up at every meeting until December 16.

Thanks to all members, family and friends who have helped out with all our activities. This month we'll close the book on concessions with the last one on December 9. Thanks to everyone who stepped forward to fill the spots for concessions, bingo, soup kitchen, ringing the bell and reading at Begley.

Don't forget our Club Christmas Party on Friday, December 17. As of today, we have 26 attendees committed. It would be great to get the number up to 40! The food will be great, the drinks plentiful and some old friends will be joining us. I look forward to seeing you there.

Thanks again for such a terrific month. All the hard work has paid off and we

can now get to the fun part - spending!

Christmas wishes to you and your families this holiday season.



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Club votes to proceed with new major project

The Rotary Club of Windsor St. Clair has a new major project – a project which follows the success of local initiatives such as the Ganatchio Trail, the Regional Cancer Centre, the Nijola Gazebo and Shanfield Shores Park and the Boundary-Free Playground in Lacasse Park.

At the Club Celebration meeting in November, members present voted to join with the City of Windsor and Autism Ontario, both of which had already committed to a Greenhouse Project near the Ganatchio Trail, close to Wyandotte Street East.

Discussion began in 2008, with club members agreeing that needs existed in our community which should be addressed and that there was a real need for a new major community

project. The majority of Club members strongly agreed that any new major local project should be physical in nature and tangible, providing ongoing recognition for our Club. All agreed that a new major local project should provide a service that meets a need in the community. Consensus was that the priorities for a new community project should focus on health and the environment. Ideas presented included a healing garden, a wildflower garden and a greenhouse development.

In September 2010 several club members met with representatives from the City of Windsor who announced a new East End project and outlined plans to join with Autism Ontario to develop a greenhouse area close to the Ganatchio Trail – and as Windsor St. Clair had been discussing a similar project in the area, it seemed like a perfect idea to ask the club to join the partnership.

The City of Windsor plans to move a

Parks and Recreation Maintenance Facility to the area and in conjunction with Autism Ontario develop a greenhouse complex to assist with growing samplings. Autism Ontario would use the greenhouses as an opportunity to provide hands-on experience and education to their members. There will also be a community centre and meeting rooms constructed.

The Rotary Club of Windsor St. Clair has agreed to join the partnership and spend up to \$75,000 over five years to fund the initiative. The next step is to determine what the club wants to do. Various suggestions have been made including a labyrinth shaped like the Rotary wheel, a healing garden, a boundary-free playground and a splash pad for children.

In the coming weeks more information will be forthcoming as a committee is struck to determine how to proceed – both with planning the facility and raising the necessary money.

WE CARE...WE CAN

The 2010 **WE CARE...WE CAN Food Drive** kicked off late last month at Walkerville Collegiate Institute in Windsor. Last year, thanks to the hard work of Rotarians, over 350,000 pounds of non-perishable food was collected for local food banks. Organizers hope to exceed that amount this holiday season.

The initiative is a partnership between local rotary clubs, The Greater Essex County DSB, the Windsor Spitfires Junior Hockey club, local food bank associations and the Mayflower Moving Company.

Please bring breakfast items, particularly cereal, to the Thursday meeting. Arrangements will be made to have all donations picked up.

The 2009 campaign, in conjunction with other food drives in Windsor, raised over 600,000 pounds of food for local food banks.



MAJOR PROJECT: The Rotary Club of Windsor St. Clair has the opportunity to partner with the City of Windsor and Autism Ontario to develop an exciting new community initiative in east Windsor.

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 visit www.rotarywindsorstclair.com.

Program Schedule DECEMBER

SPEAKER & TOPIC

- 2 Lora Creston/Leadership
- 9 Claudia Vasquez/Exchange Experience
- 16 WCCA Singers/Christmas Program
- 23 Andrew Pickle/Living with a Disability

INTRODUCER

- 2 Sherry McCourt
- 9 Debra Harshaw
- 16 Vicki Houston
- 23 Phil McCullough

THANKER

- 2 Vicki Houston
- 9 Ilias Kiritsis
- 16 John Stevenett
- 23 Diane McKinley

GREETERS

- 2 Charles Gauthier
Bob Graham
- 9 Thom Hunt
Anna Jurak
- 16 Caro Lepain
Ken Lepain
- 23 Ed Link
Dick Marentette

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

BOARD NEWS

- ◆ Attendance for October was 78%.

COMMITTEE NEWS

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

- ▶ **Vocational Exchange with Australia/East Timor:** will occur in April/May 2011 to District 9550 – Australia and East Timor with a focus on Midwifery and Pharmacy management. Anyone interested can contact the District chairs.
- ▶ The committee discussed assisting **Dr. Stasko** with his dental project in

Nicaragua. Committee will seek more information on the project.

- ▶ A new **NID and Dam Project** in India will occur in February 2011. Anyone interested can contact Shiva Koushik.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- ▶ The committee approved donations to the following: \$500 for the Downtown Mission; \$500 for the Goodfellows; \$500 for the Salvation Army; \$500 for St. Francis Assisi; and \$250 for the Windsor Historical Society.




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Price includes beer, wine, soft drinks and coffee.

Sleds can be parked in the garage at the corner of Park Street West and Pelissier.

Enter building lobby and buzz the Party Room to get in or the club elf at the door will let you in.

Make sure you don't miss it - **Visit Club Runner to register!**