



Auction Team looking for immediate commitment

It seems like yesterday we put the 2009 TV Auction to bed and moved on with our lives happy in the knowledge we could enjoy a few months reprieve from 'auction talk'. Unfortunately that few months is now up!

As some of you may know, heading up our efforts in 2010 will be a trio comprised of Alan Drouillard, Andrew McAvoy and Chris Woodrow. It was decided to use the team approach in order to return to the leadership template which has worked for the club for more than 20 years. This calls for a succession plan to be in place – year to year.

Continuity is the key to success

As Past President, Alan will become auction chair for 2011 with Andrew as Gift Chair. In 2012 Andrew will then take over the chair and a new gift chair selected. Subsequently the 2012 Gift Chair will assume the leadership role in 2013.

The team, together with Diane McKinley, have been meeting since February and starting in July, the whole committee will come together.

COMING EVENTS

June 6	Bingo
June 20-21	RI Convention, Montreal
June 21	Bingo
June 24	Passing the Gavel
June 29	Meet the Governor, Harrow
July 1	No Meeting
July 6	Bingo
July 20	Bingo



The success of TV auction depends on teamwork. We have the knowledge and experience to have another successful auction – but if just one of us doesn't make the commitment to the team, if one of us doesn't do our job – success will be harder to come by.

TV auction is all about the gifts. Following on the success of the auction campaign last year, we are all going to have to work harder and put out just a little more effort to ensure

we are successful.

The Leadership Team is asking that we begin the 24th annual campaign with a commitment from all members of the club to have one gift in hand by the first club meeting in July – which is July 8. What does this mean? On or before July 8, a completed TV Auction Data Sheet needs to be completed and emailed to Diane McKinley. She will then make arrangements to collect the item. All of the TV Auction materials, including the data sheet, are available on the member section of the website. TV Auctions kits have been distributed to all members and a file listing all items from 2009, their value and selling price is also available on the website.

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GRILL MASTERS: Club members (Left to Right) Hardy Wheeler, Bob Morand and Carl Fama demonstrate the art of barbecuing for the masses at the combined Victoria Day Mayor's Walk and Windsor Spitfires Parade. Volunteers cooked 2,000 hotdogs and 1,500 Veggie Burgers – all distributed free of charge. Anyone planning an outdoor event can contact the Grill Masters- they don't come cheap!

Message from the PRESIDENT



Alan Drouillard

Time flies when you're having fun - no truer words can describe the last year as President of this great club. First and foremost, I need to thank all of you for your support and effort in making this a memorable year for me and a successful year for the club.

I have often said the most amazing thing about our club is that things "always get done". This does not happen by accident: it's a result of a dedicated people, working together in groups and committees, championed by numerous formal and informal leaders, under a well defined club structure which defines our culture and who we are and what we stand for at WSC. It's a result of commitment to the ideals of Rotary and all club members working toward a common goal - to make things better in our community and our world. It is a result of everything you do, from donating to the foundation, working a soup kitchen, reading at Begley, to supporting all our international efforts from Haiti to Africa. For all of this, I would like to thank everyone of you for allowing me to be a part of WSC Rotary.

This past month was an especially

busy one for the club. At District Conference we were again acknowledged as one of the top clubs in district 6400 through numerous awards and most importantly, we were **ONCE AGAIN** recognized as one of the top 8 clubs in the district as measured by the Hedke award.

While many of us were on the island another group was back in Windsor planting at our beautiful gazebo: thanks to everyone who participated on that day.

Finally, this past week at the beautiful Sutton Creek Golf Course, the annual Nijola Memorial Golf Tournament was held. It was a great day to remember Nijola, enjoy the fellowship of our friends and raise funds for Rotary. I am very happy to announce we raised over \$7,900 for the club that day. Thanks to all our members on the organizing committee and especially Todd and Michelle Grondin and the Bogey Golf Tour for their support of \$2,800 in sponsorships and most importantly their time and effort in assisting us in putting the day together.

Nijola Memorial raises over \$7,900

Our exchange student Hannah Wegner, who was a constant presence at our weekly meeting with her **Gems from Germany**, will be returning home at the end of the month.

Hannah, I hope you enjoyed your Canadian experience. Keep in contact with our club members as you progress through life. You are now part of our WSC family and we always like to know what our family is doing.

While I have greatly enjoyed the past year I am looking forward with great

excitement to July 1 when PE Phyllis takes over as president. Over the past year I have had the privilege to work with Phyllis (and Paul) and know the excitement, energy and creativity that she will bring to the position of President. I know we are in for a great year!

In closing, I would like to thank all of our BOD members and everyone who assisted me through the year with bingo, concessions, foundation...and all of you who coordinate the numerous things our club does (you know who you are). You are truly the reason we have such a great club. It is because of you that Rotary ideals thrive at WSC. It's been fun! It's been great! Now that I move on to the "best job in Rotary", that of Past President, I have one request to make of everyone...**PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING IN YOUR AUCTION GIFTS BY JULY 8.**

CELEBRATIONS

Happy Birthday...

June 11	Paul Charbonneau
June 13	Ryan Hendy
June 15	Danielle Stuebing
June 20	Panos Sechopoulos

Happy Anniversary...

June 7	Nick Krayacich and Jennifer Jones Linda and Raymond Lord
June 8	Charles and Chris Gauthier
June 17	Bob and Jane Graham
June 20	Phil and Janet McCullough
June 30	Dennis and Lynn Arrand

Club Anniversary...

June 1	Chris Woodrow (3 Years) Nick Krayacich (4 Years) Dave LaBranche (25 Years) Dick Marentette (25 Years)
June 11	Dino DeSimone (1 Year)
June 19	Ken Lepain (13 Years)

The highs and lows of District Conference 2010



ALL SMILES NOW: President-Elect Phyllis Charbonneau was seen enjoying her few last days of freedom! We're thinking 2010-2011 will feature a wine theme.



GOTCHA: We're not quite sure what Carlo Abati is doing-but he sure looks like he's been caught with his hand in the cookie jar! 'Fess up Carlo, we all want to know?



UNSUNG HERO: Arnie Charlton (right) with Governor Neil McBeth (left) and Bob Bashara.



HEDKE: Governor Neil McBeth (left) congratulates Alan Drouillard on the Hedke for Rotary Foundation work.



MAJOR DONORS: Michael and Shelly Duben (2nd. & 3rd. From left) were recognized as major donors to the RI Foundation.

Windsor St. Clair was well represented at the RI District 6400 conference at the end of May with our club contingent to Mackinac led by President Alan Drouillard, President-Elect Phyllis Charbonneau and District Governor Nominee for 2011-2012 Michael Duben.

A number of members were recognized for their continued commitment and support of Rotary.

They include Assistant District Governor Arnie Charlton who was presented with an Unsung Hero Award by District Governor Neil McBeth.

Additionally, Windsor St. Clair received a Hedke Award for Rotary Foundation and an Honourable Mention in the Frank Devlyn PR category.

The club, as a consequence of the weekly presidential video, won an award for ongoing information distribution to club members.

The District Conference returns to Chicago next year. Members who haven't yet experienced a conference are urged to attend. Information and registration is available on the D6400 website. See you there!



DEJA VU: Terry Cloutier assuming the same pose as she did last year in Mackinac - surrounded by many empty glasses!

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

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 JUNE 2010

SPEAKER & TOPIC

- 3 Dr. Geoff Butler/Haiti Earthquake
- 10 Hannah Wegner/Student Exchange Experience
- 17 Dr. Joe and Nancy Stasco
- 24 Passing of the Gavel/Phyllis Charbonneau

INTRODUCER

- 3 Dino DeSimone
- 10 Shelly Duben
- 17 Vinnie Brignol

THANKER

- 3 Michael Duben
- 10 Charles Gauthier
- 17 Vicki Houston

GREETERS

- 3 Steve Daley
Mary Lou Decou
- 10 Anne Fama
Carl Fama
- 17 Bob Graham
Debra Harshaw
- 24 Tom Hunt
Ilias Kiritsis

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

Ganatchio Trail & Rotary gazebo receives some TLC

Thanks to all club members and friends who came out to the Ganatchio Trail and Shanfield Shores Park last month for the annual clean-up. The weather was perfect



and everyone went about the task of planting and picking up garbage with much enthusiasm.

The club organizes a clean-up and facelift to ensure the trail and park remain enjoyable to the tremendous amount of people who have come to depend on it for recreation and exercise.

Following the clean-up, a BBQ lunch was enjoyed by all participants.

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Auction Team looking for commitment

Members who feel uncomfortable or apprehensive about the gift acquisition process should contact a member of the TV Auction team and a mentor will be assigned to help and assist you through the process.

After expenses, the 2009 auction netted a little over \$45,000. This in spite of a bad economy and less than stellar participation from club membership – both in the gift acquisition process and during both evenings of the auction – 46% of the club met the goal of bringing in 6 gifts – but 23 percent of us failed to participate. Some for legitimate and genuine reasons, but that still leaves the rest of the club picking up the slack. Of the 74 volunteer slots available on the auction nights, less than 60% were staffed by club members.

We will continue to partner with Heart and Stoke and are thankful for the countless hours of time staff spend working on the auction. Additionally, with out TV Cogeco, there wouldn't be an auction. Thanks to Robert Scussolin and his team for putting up with us for 23 years.

We all need to be reminded that with Rotarian membership comes a responsibility to raise money for club projects and initiatives. Everyone loves handing out money, but not enough of us want to roll up our sleeves to raise it.

For 2010, we are returning to filling all of the committee positions as outlined in the TV Auction Manual. Other roles included in the manual, such as additional phone bank supervision and the process of tracking sponsorships will be adhered to. But this is all contingent on club membership stepping forward and getting involved. Further stress and strain is placed on a small group of volunteers when this doesn't happen. Emphasis needs to be placed on continuity. Another reason, the leadership team is in place.

Auction materials are available in the document section of the web site. Go to the web site, Log in and go to MY CLUBRUNNER, then click on VIEW CLUB DOCUMENTS. See documents numbered 173 through 178.