

TV Auction set to go November 13 and 14



The 23rd annual **Rotary Auction on TV COGECO** is set to go November 13 and 14 on TVCogeco (Cable 11).

Go to www.tvauctionrotary.com for a comprehensive list of the 2009 items! You'll find deals on hockey tickets, jewellery, children's toys, delicious dining experiences, electronic equipment, travel deals and much

more. Last year, with the generous support of local industries and businesses, over **\$50,000** was raised at this fundraising initiative.

Bidders are urged to tune in on both evenings at **7pm** to call in and bid on an amazing range of spectacular items as the Rotary Club of Windsor-St. Clair again partners with the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario (Windsor -Essex County Chapter) and TVCogeco to raise funds to undertake important service work in our community.

Auction success can be attributed to volunteers canvassing the community for gift items and to the hundreds of businesses in the community who have donated over 400 gifts to the auction. Without their support, this

initiative would not be possible. **The Windsor Star**, as the major sponsor, is invaluable in making the event a success. This year Major Gift Sponsors include **The Cole Clinic, Shoppers Drug Mart, BrandX** and **Yovacm Inc.** Go to www.tvauctionrotary.com to check out the items and watch for the Windsor Star on **Thursday, November 12** for a complete list of auction items. The Rotary Auction on TV COGECO is also fun. Over the years, groups of people use the opportunity to hold an auction party, bringing cellular phones so they can all bid on items. Friends get together year after year to watch and get involved in the excitement of bidding and competing for great gifts at a bargain price, while local celebrities act as the auctioneers.

A funny polio fundraiser from Norway

By **Arnold R. Grah**
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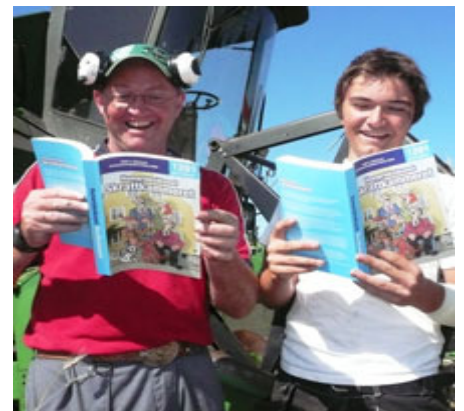
Norwegians love to tell stories, especially funny ones.

So when the Rotary Club of Gamlebyen-Fredrikstad came up with the idea of producing a book full of jokes and humorous tales to raise money for Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge, it didn't take long for the idea to catch on.

"We told clubs to get together and swap stories, and send us the best," says past club president Jan A. Vatn, who oversaw the project. "The response was incredible."

"Norwegians are known as serious and hard working, but they do have a funny side," adds Evy Alsaker, a past president of the Rotary Club of Chicago and a Norwegian-American who is helping to promote the book in the United States.

Humørleksikonet Skratkammeret, which means *Room of Laughter*, contains 1,201 stories compiled from the 330 Rotary clubs in Norway and has sold 1,500 copies in its first few weeks in print. For every book sold, \$12 of the \$50 cover price goes to Rotary's challenge.



FUNNY FUNDRAISER: *Ottar Weel, president of the Rotary Club of Gamlebyen-Fredrikstad, and his son enjoy a laugh reading Humørleksikonet Skratkammeret.* Photo courtesy Rotary Club of Gamlebyen-Fredrikstad

Vatn says the original target was to raise \$72,000 for the challenge by getting every other Norwegian Rotarian to buy a copy.

COMING EVENTS

November 13 TV Auction
November 14 TV Auction
November 27 Spitfires vs.
Peterborough
December 3 Christmas Party

GUEST EDITORIAL

Frank Deaver
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A Rotarian recently moved from one city to another, quite some distance away. For more than 35 years, he had maintained perfect attendance, and now could he continue that record? Not a problem. With his membership still "paid up" in the city he just left, he identified a Rotary Club in the new city and attended for a "make-up." After only his first visit, local Rotarians recognized him as a dedicated fellow-member, new to their city. And with one or two more "make-up" meetings as a "visiting Rotarian," he was duly inducted as a "new Rotarian." Not new to Rotary, just new to that club, and with an ongoing perfect-attendance record.

What's the big deal about perfect attendance?

But some may ask, "What's the big deal about perfect attendance? If I have a conflict on a meeting day, what's wrong with missing now and then?" Okay, perfect attendance may not be for everybody, but it's far more attainable in recent years than it used to be. And the benefits of attendance, perfect or as near perfect as possible, are many.

Rotary's reason for existence is often summarized in two words – fellowship and service. Neither of these can be fully realized in absentia. Paul Harris sought fellowship and friendship when he first met with friends in what would become a worldwide fellowship. Service emerged within a short time as

Perfect Attendance: A Worthy Goal

a perceived opportunity and obligation.

At Rotary meetings we engage in conversation with fellow members, we sit together and share information and ideas, we eat and drink around a table while deepening the bonds of friendship. The weekly gathering allows us to become acquainted with a broad array of local citizens, breaking us free from the limited contacts we otherwise have at work or in our residential neighborhood. Reflecting on our circle of truly good friends, we are certain to find other Rotarians among those who have become important in our life. This is the reward of Rotary fellowship.

Fellowship and Service

Rotary defines four Avenues of Service: Club, Community, Vocational, and International. Although a Rotarian may individually engage in some areas of social service outside the club, it is through our joint efforts that service opportunities are fully realized. Through Rotary, we become better acquainted with others of the same vocation, and jointly we can share in even greater degrees of professional service.

Clearly, attendance at Rotary meetings facilitates the twin purposes of fellowship and service.

It's not impossible...

But even when we must miss a meeting of our own club, there are multiple other venues offering expanded opportunities for fellowship and service. We may attend another club in our area, or during travel. Not only do we experience fellowship and new friendships, but we will likely return to our home club with some

ideas, some inspiration for expanded service.

Perfect attendance? It's not impossible, not even terribly difficult. With neighboring club meetings, committees and fellowships, and the ever present e-club access, it's just a matter of Rotarian commitment!



2010 RI CONVENTION: Country music legend and philanthropist Dolly Parton will be a keynote speaker during the 2010 RI Convention in Montréal, 20-23 June. She will speak of the importance of early childhood reading and literacy.

Photo courtesy of The Dollywood Foundation

CELEBRATIONS

Happy Birthday...

November 16 Mary Lou Decou

Happy Anniversary...

November 16 Al & Rita
Santing

Club Anniversary...

November 1, 1995 Ed Link (14)
November 3, 2005 Paul & Phyllis
Charbonneau (4)
November 20, 1975 Al Santing (34)
November 8, 2002 Danielle
Stuebing (7)

Rotarians celebrate World Polio Day

On 24 October, Rotarians around the world helped celebrate World Polio Day. Polio is a crippling and potentially fatal disease that still strikes children mainly under the age of five in Asia, Africa and the Middle East.

Ending polio has been Rotary's top priority since 1988 with the launch of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, in collaboration with the World Health Organization, UNICEF, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The number of polio cases has been reduced by more than 99 percent, five million cases of childhood paralysis and 250,000 deaths have been averted.

The following is a list of famous people who have had polio:

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| ▶ Alan Alda, actor | ▶ Paul Martin, Canadian prime minister |
| ▶ Arthur C. Clark, science fiction writer | ▶ Joni Mitchell, singer/songwriter |
| ▶ Judy Collins, singer and songwriter | ▶ Jack Nicklaus, professional golfer |
| ▶ Francis Ford Coppola, director | ▶ Grace Padaca, Philippino politician |
| ▶ James Gordon Farrell, author | ▶ Itzhak Perlman, violinist |
| ▶ Mia Farrow, actress and activist | ▶ Franklin D. Roosevelt, U.S. president |
| ▶ Frida Kahlo, painter | ▶ David Sanborn, jazz saxophonist |
| ▶ Dorothea Lange, photographer | ▶ Sir Walter Scott |



WORLD POLIO DAY: Actress and activist Mia Farrow, who was a speaker at the 2009 RI Convention, survived polio as a child. Rotary Images/Monika Lozinska-Lee

WE CARE...WE CAN Food Drive 2009

The 2009 annual **WE CARE...WE CAN Food Drive** kicked off last month at the WFCU Centre.

Last year, thanks to the hard work and dedication 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.



As a progressive and caring organization Rotary has once again accepted the challenge of doing what it does best....assisting families that may be down on their luck and in a position of need. Plans call for the campaign to conclude mid-December with delivery to local food banks.

Our Rotary brothers and sisters in Michigan (District 6400) have started a similar campaign, which they call the 3 million pound challenge. They plan to collect one million pounds of food, one million pounds of clothes and one million pounds of books for their local communities...we hope to have an equally positive impact on our community.

More information will be available shortly. Windsor St. Clair will be involved in the campaign. If you want more information or you want to get involved, please contact Arnie Charlton.

Humourous English signs from around the World

PARIS HOTEL ELEVATOR: Please leave your values at the front desk.

ATHENS HOTEL: Visitors are expected to complain at the office between the hours of 9 and 11 a.m. daily.

JAPANESE HOTEL: You are invited to take advantage of the chambermaid.

HONG KONG TAILOR SHOP: Ladies may have a fit upstairs.

BANGKOK DRY CLEANERS: Drop your trousers here for best results.

ROME LAUNDRY: Ladies, leave your clothes here and spend the afternoon having a good time.

BUDAPEST ZOO: Please do not feed the animals. If you have any suitable food, give it to the guard on duty.

CZECH TOURIST AGENCY: Take one of our horse-driven city tours. We guarantee no miscarriages.

ACAPULCO HOTEL: The manager has personally passed all the water served here.

BOARD NEWS

NEW MEMBER PROPOSAL

- ◆ Vinicius Brignol (classification - Law Enforcement) proposed by Nick Krayacich.

COMMITTEE NEWS

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- ▶ Voted to donate \$500 to: Children's Safety Village; Food Bank; and Begley P.S. Breakfast Program.

Program Schedule OCTOBER

SPEAKER & TOPIC

5	Remembrance Day
12	Peter Johnson/Rwanda Project
19	Drew Dilkens/City Council
26	Hannah Wegner

INTRODUCER

5	Hardy Wheeler
12	Debra Harshaw
19	Michael Duben
26	Club Celebration

THANKER

5	Marg Prince
12	Panos Sechopoulos
19	Chris Woodrow
26	Club Celebration

GREETERS

5	Bob Morand Michelle Moro
12	Al Santing Vicky Seaton
19	Lea-Ann Suzor Hardy Wheeler
26	Carlo Abati Alynn Anglin

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

- ▶ Committee discussed purchase of 4 Nintendo Wii systems and methods of deployment.

YOUTH SERVICE

- ▶ Committee has selected RYLA students for this year. Students will be contacted. Suggestion was made that in future years Guidance Counsellors should be contacted in August to facilitate earlier completion of applications as only two high schools participated.
- ▶ Committee will reconnect with St. Joseph's H.S. regarding Interact to determine if there might a teacher willing to oversee the formation of a club.
- ▶ Committee has created an information folder available for members to look through which will list upcoming activities or events in Essex County or in Detroit, which may be of interest to members and Hannah Wegner.

MEMBERSHIP

- ▶ Christmas Party confirmed for December 3 at the Kiritsis residence. Cocktails - 6:30 p.m. Dinner - 7 p.m. Black Tie Optional. Cost: \$35 per person-includes all food and drinks.
- ▶ A number of ideas for social events in February and March were discussed. More details to follow.
- ▶ Committee discussed member retention and will be implementing proactive measures. More details to follow.

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

- ▶ Committee has received feedback from speakers that there should be better contact and more information provided as to what to expect at the meeting, how long they have to speak, etc. The pace

and timing of the meetings needs to be cognizant of the time left for the speaker and the Program Committee should clarify the topic to be discussed by the speaker to ensure varied topics and speakers throughout the year.

- ▶ Discussions are ongoing with the Kozani Rotary Club in Greece on the needs of a small school in Agios Germanos (small village in northern Greece). Committee is waiting to determine needs and whether an appropriate project can be initiated.
- ▶ Committee voted to purchase one more Shelter Box from the International Committee for \$1,000 US and that in the event the funds raised at the Past President's Party are insufficient, to top up any required funds to ensure that two boxes in total are sent from our club.
- ▶ Committee voted to provide \$250 to the Winnipeg Rotary Club in support of their centennial project to build a school for girls in Afghanistan.
- ▶ The committee make a commitment of up to \$3,000 towards a medical clinic project in Debre Berhan, Ethiopia for purposes of proceeding with a matching grants application with Rotary International for this project.

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.