



TV Auction enters homestretch: 150 gifts needs by Thanksgiving



It's very simple folks!

We need a minimum of 150 more gifts by Thanksgiving. If not, we go into panic mode. We can do it. All we have to do is turn all of the committed gifts we have on the books into actual gifts in hand. You're all tired of hearing sports clichés, tired of being harangued and tired of being asked for support. So, let's all try to commit to auction for a few more weeks and make it a success.

Our club has a tradition of innovation, of successful community projects and successful fund raising ventures. We have experienced 22 years of successful TV auctions with Cogeco with much of the monies raised going to fund projects like Shanfield Shores, the Ganatchio Trail, RELAY and many others. But if we don't turn the

committed gifts into gifts in hand, the tradition will die.

Members have all of the tools needed to get the job done. All of the marketing materials are available on the website as is a list of businesses which have been approached. Additionally the Auction Committee has been in touch with everyone, offering help and advice and answering any questions. So let's have one more concerted effort to get the gifts we need to make the auction a success again.

This year, the Auction Committee made the decision to create our own

auction website – which we can use year after year – and with the help of the HCA Group it will link to our website and provide an ongoing resource for future committees and auction volunteers. Early next month, the site will be up and running and will be found at www.tvauctionrotary.com.

Remember, we need 150 gifts by Thanksgiving as the auction is a week earlier than last year and the team which processes and keys in all of the information has to begin work. Good Luck!



NEXT STOP PGA TOUR!: The 28th Annual District Governor's Golf Outing is now in the history books and proved to be a great success! For the second time in its 27 year history, it was held on the U.S. side of the border – at the Lakes of Taylor Golf Club with 100 golfers participating – a 20 percent increase from 2008. We can lay claim to having the winning team which, rumour has it, spent long hours practicing and strategizing to ensure the hard fought victory. Pictured above (L to R) are Tiger Krayacich, Tiger Marentette, Tiger Santing and Tiger Wheeler. Well done lads!

COMING EVENTS

October 8	Spitfires vs. London
October 22	Spitfires vs. London
October 22	Foundation & Membership Seminar
October 27	Board Meeting
November 13	TV Auction
November 24	TV Auction
December 3	Christmas Party



Message from the **PRESIDENT**

Greetings Windsor St. Clair Rotarians. TV Auction, Concessions, Bingos, Soup Kitchen, Begley Reading, the coming district wide food drive, not to mention our regular Thursday meetings and monthly Committee Meetings. We have many opportunities to be everyday Rotarians and make a difference in our community.

CLUB WORKLOAD

During my preparation for this year, while mapping out the many things our club does, one of my primary concerns was and remains club

CELEBRATIONS

Happy Birthday...

October 5	Ilias Kiritsis
October 9	Michelle Moro
October 11	Alan Drouillard
October 31	Bob Morand

Happy Anniversary...

October 17	Roger and Monika Brothers
	Alan & Stephanie Drouillard
October 24	Steve and Linda Daley

Club Anniversary...

October 1, 1998	Carlo Abati (11)
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workload. To address this issue, an *ad hoc committee* on club activities was created from a cross section of members. It has the task to review our activities and fund raisers and make recommendations to the BOD on how best to allocate member time and effort. The committee recommended (accepted by BOD this summer) to discontinue Santa's Shoe Box this year. Last month, the committee recommended to the BOD, which was accepted at the September meeting, to not proceed with the Pluck-a Duck raffle this year - effectively "hibernating the duck" for review by a future Board when the economy improves.

DRY DOCK DUCK

At present, the vast majority of our club effort should be directed to acquiring gifts for the TV auction (concessions and Bingo too!), but once we move past auction on into the December-March period, where typically we directed our efforts to Pluck-a-Duck, this year will be somewhat quieter and less hectic. We will still have Concessions, Bingo, Soup Kitchen, and Reading and in addition the club will be working during this period to finalize our next community project as well as participate in the Polio Gala Dinner planned for March.

NEW PLANNING IDEAS

However, in order to utilize this slower period, I want to inform every one of two additional planning initiatives which will begin post-TV Auction in the November-December period. The first initiative will be updating our club vision plan. Our current vision plan ends with the Rotary year 2009-2010, so we need to review and update it for PE Phyllis and PN Paul. This will be done with the assistance

PRESIDENT ALAN'S SUGGESTED ROTARY TO DO LIST FOR OCTOBER:

- ✓ Get more TV Auction gifts
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followed by in no particular order...

- Work a Concession-
- Work a Bingo-
- Attend your committee meeting-
- Work a Soup Kitchen-
- Read at Begley-
- Attend the Foundation and Membership Seminar on October 22-

of a team of facilitators from the district and has proven to be a valuable exercise by many other clubs. Watch out for the notifications of the preparatory activities for updating the Club Vision and please make every effort to participate.

WORKING GROUP

The other planning initiative will be a "working group" (composed of any member who wishes to participate) to brainstorm ideas for a new "High Profile" public fund raiser for the club. While our TV Auction is and always will be a marquee event for our club, I firmly believe, at some point in the future, we will need to replace one of our current funding streams with another source. It should put our name front and center to a large portion of the community in a personally connecting way, so as to generate increased visibility for our club and through this assist us in recruiting new members. What we do and how we do it is where you come in. Immediately after TV auction I will send out a request to convene this working group to discuss this idea. If you are interested in participating please let me know.

-Alan Drouillard-

Rotary celebration at Hyland Farms is a success

Thanks to all members who found time to attend the Past President's Party last month. A good time was had by all at Hyland Farms in Maidstone. The weather was perfect and those present celebrated the great accomplishments of our club last year and also took the opportunity to thank Shelly Duben for ANOTHER fantastic year.

The Blind Auction was a tremendous success – raising \$1015 – which will be used to purchase a Shelter Box which

PARTY TIME: (Top Left) Past President Shelly and President Alan; (Bottom Left) Chris Woodrow is named Rotarian of the Year; (Top Right) Auctioneers Michael Duben and Nick Krayacich extracting cash from the 'willing' onlookers; (Bottom Right) Past President Shelly and Bob Morand accepting his award.



provides supplies for an extended family of up to 10 people with a tent and lifesaving equipment to use while they are displaced or homeless.

Shelly Duben also used the opportunity to announce that Bob Morand is Volunteer of the Year and Chris Woodrow is Rotarian of the Year. Both Bob and Chris have been involved in all facets of club business over the past 12 months.

Bob has been a Rotarian since 1990 and can be relied upon to work hard for TV Auction and Bingo, has served as Assistant Treasurer, always participates in Soup Kitchen and Youth exchange activities and last year initiated and became the driving force behind the success of our club involvement with concessions at the WFCU Centre. And in 2005 he was



named Rotarian of the Year.

Chris transferred to Windsor St. Clair in 2007 and since then has immersed himself in the public relations portfolio including the redesign and revamping of the club website and newsletter and is a member of the Board. This year he is chairing TV Auction and supports as many club activities as possible.

SHELTERBOX INFORMATION

U.K. Rotarian Tom Henderson, with the support of his Rotary club in 2000 began ShelterBox, which has grown to become the largest Rotary Club project in the 100 year history of the organization. Rotarian support currently contributes an estimated 50% of ShelterBox donations. Around 5,000 rotary clubs worldwide have supported ShelterBox since it was launched. Recognizing this worldwide support from the Rotary community, ShelterBox was designated as a Global Rotary Club Project in 2009.

Henderson saw that the aid response to most disasters was in the form of food and medicine to help people survive the immediate aftermath. Little or no assistance was given in terms of proper shelter to help them through the first few days, weeks and months as they tried to rebuild their lives. ShelterBox was launched to fill that void.

Each box supplies an extended family of up to 10 people with a tent and lifesaving equipment to use while they are displaced or homeless. The contents are tailored depending on the nature and location of the disaster, with great care taken sourcing every item to ensure it is robust enough to be of lasting value.

BOARD NEWS

- ◆ Attendance for August was 68%. Membership stands at 46.
- ◆ Resignations will be tendered from Todd Grondin, Meg Bank and Terri-

Program Schedule OCTOBER

SPEAKER & TOPIC

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| 1 | Larry Horowitz/DWBIA |
| 8 | Shelley Sechopoulos/
Caesars Windsor |
| 15 | Craig Pearson/War
Reporting from Afghanistan |
| 22 | PDG Jennifer Jones |
| 29 | Mike & Shelly Duben/
Ethiopia |

INTRODUCER

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| 1 | Michael Duben |
| 8 | Charles Gauthier |
| 15 | Ilias Kiritsis |
| 22 | Phil McCullough |

THANKER

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| 1 | Mike Browne |
| 8 | Bob Graham |
| 15 | Nick Krayacich |
| 22 | Diane McKinley |

GREETERS

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| 1 | Mary Lou Decou
Dino DiSimone |
| 8 | Ann Fama
Carl Fama |
| 15 | Debra Harshaw
Vicki Houston |
| 22 | Caro Lepain
Ken Lepain |
| 29 | Ed Link
Dick Marentette |

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

Ann Hurst .

- ◆ New member proposals: None
- ◆ It is recommended that Charles Gauthier be excused absence.

COMMITTEE NEWS

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- ▶ Applied for a District Simplified Grant to purchase Wii Systems for seniors (Note: Grant has been awarded).
- ▶ Motion passed to eliminate Golden Oldies Awards.

YOUTH SERVICE

- ▶ Discussed possible INTERACT club development at St. Joseph's H.S. Will also revisit Riverside H.S.
- ▶ A list of upcoming events and activities in Essex County which may be of interest to Hannah Wegnet has been created. Will discuss best way to promote.
- ▶ Discussed 4 Way Test Project and possible ways to combine with a special event.

MEMBERSHIP

- ▶ Christmas Party is scheduled for December 3 - details to come.

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

- ▶ Mike and Shelly have returned from Ethiopia where they stayed in Axum and Debre Berhan (which means "plateau of light") - the community they were assisting. The latrines had been built prior to their arrival. Of four school buildings the group assisted with the installation of cement floors and plastering both the inside and outside walls. They also painted, installed windows and doors and ran a large number of programs and activities for the children. Over 500 books were donated in the name of David Inverarity, a book case was manufactured and 80 desks were

purchased for use by the children. Mike and Shelly will report to the club later this month.

- ▶ A motion passed to donate \$500 to Paul and Phyllis Charbonneau to allow them to purchase and distribute school supplies to needy children in Cozumel .
- ▶ Panos Sechopoulos will obtain information with respect to making a contribution to the disaster relief efforts to assist people affected by fires in southern Greece.

FOUNDATION

- ▶ Currently there are 20 car magnets left to sell. Some will be sold in Amherstburg with the balance to be sold at or Harrow. The remainder will be purchased and given to guest speakers during the month of November.
- ▶ As of September 15, 2009 the committee has received 1 application for GSE team leader and 2 applications for team members.. While actively searching for a team leader, approximately 6 or 7 members had indicated a strong desire to be a team leader but due to personal and professional commitments where not in a position to make the commitments required at this time.
- ▶ The Foundation and Membership Seminar is scheduled for October 22, 2009 at Schoolcraft College .

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.