



ROTARY WHEEL



Rotary Club of Oshawa

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Ron: Thanks for

Report on the Meeting of March 6, 2017

Head Table

The distinguished head table was as follows:

- Janet Chappelle (Acting President)
- Lori Perkin (Sgt-at-Arms)
- Pat Rudka (Past President)
- Guests: Don Lovisa, Linda Marco, Janet Clarke

Program

Twenty-one Rotarians out of 58 attended today's meeting. We became part of the 50th anniversary celebration of Durham College. Rotarian Clive Waugh introduced Don Lovisa (President of Durham College) and Linda Marco (Associate President).

Highlights of their Presentation:

- \$816.3 million is the economic impact of the college on Durham Region
- One concern is underfunding (lowest in Ontario)
- Student enrollment is increasing from 6,802 in 2008 to 11,000 in 2016
- a beautiful new building for Durham College was quite impressive in the architectural representation. Construction began in December 2016. Government grants add up to \$35 million but not enough to cover all the costs. It will have modern facilities for a number of uses, e.g. answering community needs
- September 8 & 9 will be Homecoming Weekend
- 150 programs on two campus locations (Whitby and Oshawa)
- There are more than 450 academic "pathways" to pursue degrees, diplomas and advanced diplomas e.g. the first degrees in architectural studies will be granted in 2017
- Rotarian Reg Smith was praised for his work at the college in the early years.

Awards

The Awards Committee announced the "Rotarian of the Month for February". It was Past President Pat Rudka (recognizing his work with the sound system and moving the mail board). Rotarian Kevin Harding made the presentation.

Rotarians who were honoured previously: Louise Parkes (November), Rhonda Vanderlinde (January). These three members were all very deserving for their work and dedication.

Happy Dollars

There were many happy Rotarians but here is what I remember:

- Donna Doherty completed her research paper (our congratulations to Donna).
- Rotarian Gord Dowsley announced that books have been successfully transferred to Labrador – adding to earlier successes of this committee (Literacy). Important committee work here.

The Not So Happy Draw

The goal was \$158.00 and the lucky Rotarian was Kevin Harding but alas...the card was red! As Tim Horton would say: "try again".

Notice to Past Presidents

Please attend a very brief meeting on Monday, March 16th.

- Past President's Day is June 5th

- We need a date to meet for important decisions e.g. a possible Rotarian of the Year and a Paul Harris Fellowship (see Directory p. 25) and other matters.

Editor for March: John Hudson (covered by Tom Hodgson for March 6)