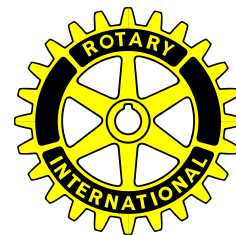


The Beacon News



The Rotary Club of Port Hope

News Bulletin for the Week of February 25, 2013

Kanen Nixon – His Youth Exchange Year in Belgium

CALL TO ORDER

President Kelly called the meeting to order promptly at 6 p.m. and welcomed all members present, visiting Rotarians, spouses and guests. Once the opening exercise was complete, P Kelly advised the order for the securing of one's meal from the buffet table.



INTRODUCTION OF HEAD TABLE

President Kelly, PE Bree and her husband Dave.



Spouses were Kathy Wallace, Dorothy Gilmer and Dave Nixon.



GUESTS & VISITING ROTARIANS

Visiting Rotarians were Linda Goldie from Northumberland Sunrise Club and Mike Cortesis from the Cobourg Club.



Guests were Kathy Dennis, Ruth Norman, (outbound exchange student), Nicole exchange student, and Kanen Nixon (returning exchange student and guest speaker).



SECRETARY'S REPORT

Secretary Ken advised that several invoices for operational expenses were paid. Thank-you acknowledgements were received from Habitat for Humanity build project and from the Community Health Centre for the recent donation of \$10,000.



DESSERT REPORTS

PP Bruce reminded the membership of the upcoming Big Brothers Big Sisters Bowling this MARCH 11TH. He has pledge sheets available for those willing to join in the exercise that evening. Apparently we have been challenged by the Northumberland Sunrise Club to see who raised the higher sum for the cause.



PE Bree also prompted members to come out and participate and meet the challenge.

R Linda from Northumberland Sunrise Club reminded the membership of the fundraiser and good evening entertainment by attending the "Spamalot" event April 18th at Victoria Hall in Cobourg. Sounds like fun, so why not get a group together and enjoy the fun. Cost \$75/p. Oh yes, a dessert bar will be available too.



HAPPY BUCKS

Sergeant-at-Arms Bill did his rounds to fulfil adding to the coffers from members for their happy/sad loonies.

PP Hugh – sad for the non-introduction of his spouse,

visiting Rotarian Linda from the Northumberland Sunrise Club.



PE Bree – happy tooney for the presence of her spouse and son and the services of PDG Bob's projector.



Visiting R Linda – happy for Avril's lanyards now being utilized by her club members to carry their name badges.



Sergeant-at-Arms Bill – very happy for vacation time during February to the sunny south with family members.



R George – happy for the viewing of Sergeant-at-Arms Bill's newest tie. Also, happy about the recent dinner for the Capitol Theatre and a trip to the north to visit his grandchildren later this week.



PDG Bob – happy to have Kathy back in circulation, Rotary's recent "birthday" on Saturday past, making a presentation of the Wilf Wilkinson Peace Award and his picture on the Rotary Website.



Secretary Ken – happy about how a combination of events led Yvonne to a trip to Honduras where she became involved with a Rotary project and met a number of Rotarians from the United States who were working on a Rotary International project.



PP Ben – happy for the progress of the renos to his home despite Sergeant-at-Arms Bill taking some R&R. Also happy to have taken his grandchildren to see the recent Peter Pan production.



PP Bud – happy to provide a short joke about an atheist's lack of knowledge about "shi...."



PP Bruce – happy that Bill was back to fulfilling his duties as the Sergeant-at-Arms.



P Secretary Cleve – happy just because his spouse Dianne found sufficient change to allow him to make the donation.



R Avril – happy to advise that the fundraiser for the Green Wood Coalition was a success; some \$2,000 was raised. A number of Rotarians were present and partook in the event.



PP Sylvia – happy to spend time visiting with her family in Orangeville on Family Day last Monday.



P Kelly – happy to have attended the Green Wood Coalition event.



PROGRAM

Kanen gave a presentation about his recent year in Belgium as the club's outbound exchange student.

A visual presentation, with narration by Kanen, showed many slides of host families, other exchange students and various short-term and long-term trips he took with the other exchange students from around the world.

In all, Kanen stayed with three host families and enjoyed the living with, and learning of, the various local customs and ways of these families.

He was also keen on the different customs that the communities have and the more relaxed outlook on social imbibing – 16 is the legal age. One of his schools allowed this form of socializing at a school function.

One of the schools he attended was an actual castle, in fact part still is.

Not only did he travel in Belgium but also to several other countries including Prague, England and Amsterdam.

The host club was similar to the size of the Port Hope Club. The meetings were similar format as Port Hope but wine with the meals was more evident.

All in all it was evident that Kanen had a great time and a once-in-a-lifetime experience. He thanked the members for choosing him to represent the club.



R Avril invited questions from the floor, which Kanen addressed, and extended to him our club's thanks for his presentation this evening.



50/50 DRAW

Sergeant-at-Arms Bill was the chosen one.



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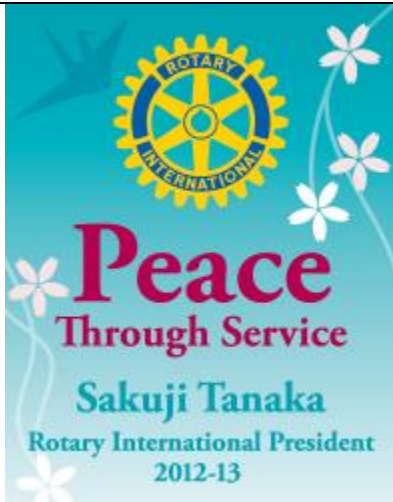


FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE

| Date | Program | Door Duty | Scribe | Editor |
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| March 4 | Community Radio – Barry Walker | Erin & Ken O. | Aldo | Ted Rafuse |
| March 11 | Big Brothers Big Sisters Bowling | Ted H. & Bill | Ted | Ted Rafuse |
| March 18 | TBA | Bree & Roger | Bree | Ted Rafuse |
| March 25 | TBA | Cleve | Rolly | Ted Rafuse |

COMING EVENTS

Saturday, May 18 – Lobster & Steak Dinner and Auction

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