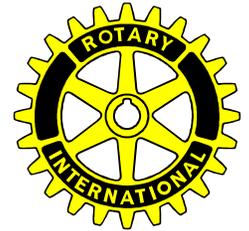


The Beacon News



The Rotary Club of Port Hope

News Bulletin for the Week of March 25, 2013

Niccole Eriksen – Exchange Student Address

CALL TO ORDER

President Kelly called the meeting to order at six or thereabouts.



Inukshuk Stress Award

Kelly awarded the stress award to Bree for chairing last week's meeting in Kelly's absence. Bree was unable to accept this great honour in person as she was in Chicago at a meeting of incoming presidents.

Introduction of Head table

This evening, the head table needed no introduction as it was made up of President Kelly, R. Roger and PP. Bud.

GUESTS & VISITING ROTARIANS

R. Avril introduced three guests and one visiting Rotarian: guests were Doug Blondell, Kanen Nixon, our returned Outbound Ye Student who lived in Belgium last year, Ruth Norman, our next

Outbound Ye Student who will live in Chile next year



Hannah Ploeger, current Inbound Youth Exchange Student from Northumberland Sunrise



Ron Franklin – Guest of R Joyce



Former exchange student Michelle was back in Canada and visiting our Club this evening.



Michelle Bartoscchek, returned Inbound YE Student from Germany who stayed with our club last year.

ROTARY MINUTE

PDG Bob reminded the membership about the "homework assignment" that was distributed at the last meeting. He also spoke to us about a Rotary project involving

more than 2000 people which is being sponsored by the Manila Club in the Philippines.



SECRETARY'S REPORT

NoSecretary, no report.

DESSERT REPORTS

PP Susan announced that the annual fashion show will take place on May 1 at the Carlyle Inn & Bistro. Proceeds this year will be for Northumberland Parkinson's Society. Tickets are \$50.00 a person.



R. Roger has the tickets for our annual Surf n Turf dinner fundraiser. Please contact him for tickets. The event will take place on May 18.



Apropos of the dinner, PP Ron



asked that when you are able to gather an auction item please bring it in and give it to Joyce. Joyce announced that if you feel shy about asking people for auction items, she will be pleased to get it for you (for a price, of course).

President Kelly announced that R. Bill had, thanks to his accumulated contributions to Rotary, had achieved a second Paul Harris. Since Bill had already been awarded one by the Club, this would elevate him to the second level of Paul Harris fellows.

Kelly also announced that RADAR would be holding the annual Trump AIDS Poker Walk which is a 5 K walk. She is participating herself and she would like 4 other Rotarians to join her. Details about the walk can be obtained at the following web site: trumpaid.ca

PDG Bob: Was disappointed at the turnout for the last Vocational Training Team.. The next one will be April 20.

HAPPY BUCKS

Of course, before Bill had a chance to do his job, a number of Rotarians (shameless in their exuberance) loudly congratulated Bill for his latest Paul Harris.



PP Bud – Happy Mrs. was away so Bud was glued to the TV watching all kinds of games: hockey, football etc. (we assume, Bud, only those kinds of games).



R George: Happy \$5.00 for the highly successful Capitol Theatre fund raiser on Saturday night. The event raised over \$40,000.00.



R Diane – Also happy for the success of Capitol event, especially the decorations which she described as “fabulous.”



PDG Bob- Happy to have spent the weekend in Toronto with the incoming presidents for the District.

R. Will: Happy buck for the keen group of volunteers who helped him get the decorations up for the Capitol event. Everything was installed by noon on Saturday.



PP Sylvia: Happy about the arrival of the Pandas at the Toronto Zoo.



PP Aldo: Happy that he and Claudia will be one of the families hosting the incoming exchange student this year.

PP Ron – Great to see Michelle back in Canada for a visit.

The business of levying fines was interrupted by a rousing rendition of “Happy Birthday” in honour of Avril.

PP Hugh: It is wonderful to see someone like Avril be a member of our Club. She is so dedicated to and involved with the Community in many aspects.



President Kelly: Happy to learn that her youngest child has been accepted to college.

R Cleve: Sad about his recent adventures in Toronto. Apparently his car ran over a sixteen wheeler completely demolishing it. (Did I hear that one right Cleve?).



Taking a page out of our departed friend and fellow Rotarian Dusty’s book, PP John told a joke.

PROGRAM

Introduction of Guest Speaker

R Avril had the honour of introducing our guest speaker – our exchange student, Nichol. Avril stated that she has seen Nichols presentation before and it was very good and very informative about Denmark.



Presentation

Nichol’s video presentation began with an overview of her native country, Denmark. Nichol lives on the island of Zeeland which is the main island of the many islands that make up the country of Denmark. Copenhagen, a city of 1.2 million people is situated on Zeeland and Nichol’s home town, which is about the size of Port Hope, is about twenty minutes away. The country enjoys cool summers and relatively mild winters.



The form of government in Denmark is much as our own, a parliamentary democracy

headed by a monarch. The current head of state is Queen Margrethe, whose role is primarily ceremonial. The real power is invested in Parliament which is led by a socialist government which has been in power for the last two years. Although they are a member of the European Union, they have maintained their own currency (the Krona) and are not part of the Eurozone. The country is quite small having a population of only about 5.2 million people. Most Danes speak Norwegian or Swedish or both and many also speak German and English. The main public holidays are Christmas and Easter although Christmas is celebrated on the 24th of December rather than the 25th. There is also a kind of a Halloween celebration which is similar, but not the same, as our own. Nicole then spoke briefly about the Danish cuisine showing us some rather enticing pictures of popular dishes.



Nicole then reviewed the school system in her country. Unlike Ontario, the classes stay together as they go through the system. The same group of kids that were together in grade one will still be together in grade eight, given the odd failure or drop out.

There were some great pictures of some of the country's tourist highlights. The famous Tivoli Gardens, of course. The Gardens which are situated in Copenhagen are the second oldest amusement park in the world, having first come into existence in the mid-19th Century. There were also photos of the Royal Palace and the Royal Family's summer residence.

Nichole concluded her address by speaking about her day to day life in the small town that she lives in. As previously mentioned, the Town is about the same size of Port Hope, having a population of around 14,000.00 people. It is really a suburb of Copenhagen. People do a lot of bicycle riding and she is no exception. When not in school, she spends a lot of her time visiting friends and extended family members.

Thanking Guest

After trying some Danish candy presented by Nichole, President Kelly thanked Nichole for her interesting presentation.

50/50 DRAW

Won by R Linda.



REMINDER

Monday, April 8, we will be meeting at the Community Health Centre (site of the old Blue Hall). The meeting will

begin at the usual time of 6:00 pm.

CLOSING

Singing of O'Canada.

SCRIBE AT WORK



SAD NEWS



Rotarian Jim Adamson passed away peacefully at home on Wednesday, March 25, 2013. Jim was a long time member of the Rotary Club of Port Hope. Until the last year or so he would attend Rotary meetings every week with his son-in-law, Ron Tuttle. Jim had a keen sense of

humour that we all enjoyed. Jim and Merle were honoured by the club with Paul Harris Fellowships many years ago for their contributions to our community and in particular for the social activities that they organized for Port Hope Rotary. We received the following tributes for Jim from our Rotary family:

Comment on Facebook from Natascha Curi, Former Youth Exchange Student (1997-98) who lives in Brazil: Just got to know that my Canadian grandpa, Jim Adamson, just passed away last night, during his sleep. It's very sad to hear about it. All my love for the family.

Comment on Facebook from Russell Mark, a Past President of our club who lives in Toronto:

The Rotary International family lost a great Rotarian last night. Jim Adamson was a community builder, noble, a gentleman and most of all the best father and grandfather to the greatest family. The sand and water at Port Britain shores pay tribute to Jim as their patriarchal caregiver and protector. You will be missed my friend!

Merle and the rest of the family would like to thank all of the Rotarians and their spouses who were able to attend the visitation or the funeral service on March 30.

Here is a link to the funeral announcement on the Ross Funeral Chapel web site.

<http://www.rossfuneralchapel.com/schedule.asp?id=1400>

COMING EVENTS

Wednesday, May 1, 2013, Rotary Fashion Show, Carlyle Inn & Bistro. Dinner & Show 6pm, Tickets \$50 each at Susan Dewhurst Fashions.

Proceeds to support Northumberland Parkinson's Foundation

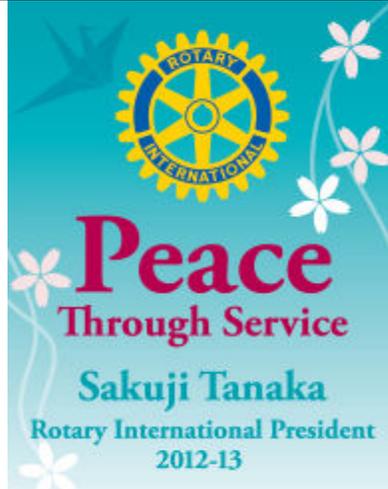
Saturday, May 18, 2013, Surf & Turf Dinner & Auction

FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE

Date	Speaker	Location	Door Duty	Scribe	Editor
Apr 08	Dental Clinic Tour & Supper		Walter VV, Sylvia B	John M	Ted R
Apr 15	Brian Morrison – Fishery on the Ganny	K of C	Susan R, Ted R	Aldo D	Ted R
Apr 22	Vocational Training Team - Japan	K of C	Jan B, Ron T	Ted H	Ted R
Apr 29	David Lishman – Environmental Cruises	K of C	Bill L, Roger I	Bree N	Ted R
May 06	Jamieson Ross – Meeting Format Proposals	K of C	Ted H, Bruce C	Rolly D	Ted R
May 13	TBA	K of C	Dianne P, Cleve P	John M	Ted R
May 20	Victoria Day – No Meeting				

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