

At today's noon luncheon meeting President Mike, Centennial Committee Chair Ernie and Secretary Wayne presented the club members with a major project that could be undertaken by the club to commemorate Rotary's 100th anniversary in 2005.

Rotary International has asked all clubs in the world to develop a project for the centennial year that meets the following criteria:

- Fulfill a clearly identifiable community need
- Provide a solution that has measurable results
- Involve the active participation of Rotarians
- Create a permanent sign, plaque or inscription at the project site that identifies both the sponsoring Rotary club and Rotary's Centennial year.

The project has to be decided on by the club and reported to RI by early January of 2003. As a result the committee began meeting early in the fall and has looked at close to 20 proposals. All were worthy projects but the presentation by the Colchester Community Workshop Foundation struck the committee as the one fitting the four criteria the best:

- The Workshop and the Foundation have clearly identified the community need. This is underscored by the recent fire, eviction notice and their waiting list.
- The results can be measured by the elimination of a waiting list that has existed since 1969, provide employment to mentally challenged adults and allow the Workshop to explore new commercial ventures.
- Rotarians will have an opportunity to be involved in the development and actual construction as well as providing funding.
- The CCWF will allow the placement of a permanent sign at the project site.

The committee is proposing that the Rotary Club of Truro adopt the Colchester Community Workshop Foundation's Capital Project as the Centennial Community Project to observe the 100th anniversary of Rotary International on February 23, 2005.

To become a Community Partner in the project with all the benefits presented in the enclosed presentation, the Colchester Community Workshop Foundation is requesting a \$100,000 cash donation.

100 years..... 100 jobs.....\$100,000

\$100,000- Donation

- a pledge of a specified amount to be paid in equal annual installments over a period of 5 years.

Service/In kind contribution

- Serving on committees and or the boards of both the Workshop and the Foundation.
- Planning, developing, expanding Workshop programs
- Marketing and public relations for both the Workshop and the Foundation.
- Helping to plan and design the new facility.
- Assist with project management during construction.
- Providing materials and labour.

The Committee believes this project to be within reach of our club's ability from both the financial aspect as well as the support we can give through hands on work as outlined above. They further feel and the Director's agree that this can be done without affecting the traditional work that the club performs in the community of Truro and elsewhere.

A second major annual fund raiser each fall will be required and some ideas are already being developed to make this happen. A notice of motion was presented to the members at the noon meeting and will be presented again in next week's Spokesman. The motion would then be discussed at the December 9th meeting and a vote taken.

The motion to which notice is being given is as follows:

"That we support the building project of the Colchester Community Workshop Foundation to the extent of \$100,000 payable over 5 years. The donation to be subject to such terms to protect disbursement of our donation to ensure that our funds are used as envisioned".

President Mike or other committee members welcome any comments or suggestions but the meeting of December 9 will be devoted to the discussion on this project.

Members are asked to keep this proposal confidential until after the meeting on December 9th.

This is a once in a lifetime project and does seem to be tailor made for our 100th anniversary celebration!

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