



Semi-Annual Meeting

June 25, 2012

Semi-Annual Meeting
2011-2012 Rotary Year
June 25, 2012

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Establishment of Quorum
3. Minutes of Annual Meeting (November 21, 2011)
4. Out-Going President's Report
5. Report of Nominating Committee
6. Election of Officers and Directors
7. New President's Comments
8. New Business
9. Adjournment



Rotary Club of Truro
Minutes
Annual General Meeting
November 21, 2011
2010-2011 Rotary Year

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order by President Jim Goit at 12:43. President Jim thanked all of the members of the club for making the first six months of his job as President very enjoyable.

2. Establishment of Quorum

Quorum was established with 75% of members present.

3. Minutes of the Semi-Annual Meeting June 27, 2011

The minutes of the Semi-Annual Meeting which had been previously circulated had been moved by Dale Saunders, seconded by Les Mosher, (after amendments to reflect the year 2011 versus 2010). Motion carried.

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes which have not been dealt with in the subsequent board or club meetings.

5. Financial Statements for the Year ending June 30, 2010

The financial statements were presented by Ken MacDonald. Motion by Mark Mason, seconded by Matt Fraser to approve the financial statements. Motion carried.

6. Annual Reports for the year ended June 30, 2011

Annual reports of the President, Auction Committee and Yearbook Committee were included with the financial statements in the package distributed.

7. Election of Officers for the year beginning July 1, 2012

Motion by Joanna Christianson, seconded by Marilyn Brown, to accept the nomination of Jim Gould as the incoming Secretary. Motion carried. President will be Laurie Sandeson, Vice President will be Al Bégin. Motion to cease nominations was by Garth Coffin, seconded by Matt Fraser. Motion carried.

8. New Business

There was no new business.

9. Next meeting: Semi-Annual Meeting on June 27, 2012

10. Motion to adjourn by Kirk Saint at 13:20.



**Outgoing President's Remarks
2011-12 Semi Annual Meeting
June 25, 2012**

It's a Great Day to be a Rotarian.

It's been my privilege and pleasure to have been your president for the past year.

In fact, it's really been a three year journey for me. From the time I was nominated as Secretary and became part of the Executive, I have been working towards this moment. We began planning early with the member survey. The strategic plan for the past three year was developed by the executive team and along with directors and committee chairs, we have worked to meet those objectives. I'm happy to report that we achieved most of what we set out to do and I have included an updated summary of the Strategic plan as well as a "Report Card" on how I feel we have done over the past year. **I gave us an overall "A"**. But as always, there are still things we need to do.

I am pleased that I could bring some of my skills and knowledge to assist the club and I feel good about what we have accomplished. I say "**we**" because I really could not have done it myself. I've helped by putting some tools in place and begun a process but it's has been the hard working members of the club who really deserve the credit for getting things done.

I'm proud of some things we finished this year... some are big, some are more subtle. The membership and mentorship strategy that we've launched this year is not only helping our club meet our membership objectives but it is a model for the district. I'm happy that we have taken big steps forward to improve integration of the Auction and Yearbook operations this year. I'm confident that we'll see the results in improved fundraising and therefore support for the community.

We've had some great social activity this year. Last year's summer social (the Caribbean theme), the Thursday evenings and breakfasts, the Halloween and Christmas parties and Christmas brunch have all been second to none. Even the roadside cleanup day had a social element to it. This month, an early summer social that included our Australian Friendship Exchange was a special bonus to my year.

The changes to the format of the regular meetings we made a couple of years ago have increased social and networking time and our attendance numbers. Just a simple thing like changing the 50-50 has increased enthusiasm. We have some pretty happy meetings. And we have had some sad times too. We miss Jim Cameron and his many contributions to Rotary and to our community. On the plus side, we have welcomed four new members who now have their opportunity to make their contributions as Rotarians.

We've been successful in increasing the profile of Rotary in not only our community but in the district and around the world. It's great when the club is recognized by other clubs and members for the great job that we do. This has happened often over the past year. Friends and acquaintances are saying to me "Oh I saw you in the paper" or "I saw the Club presentation on TV". We are recognized in the community for our leadership and activity.

Thank you to all the directors for standing with me this year. We had some decisions to make, some changes that had to be dealt with and I always felt I had your support.

Congratulations to Laurie and the new executive. The transition to the new team is already well underway and I know that you'll have a good year, and, as always I'll be there to help where I can.

Being president changes you. I thought I was prepared for it however I was surprised actually at how much of a challenge it was. Thankfully, it was the support of everyone in the club that made it possible. I usually just had to ask and someone was there to step in to help.

This is a great club with really great members. We live in a wonderful community and our work is appreciated.

I have to say it's been a Great Year to be a Rotarian!

Jim Goit
President 2011-12



Rotary Club of Truro Strategic Plan and Activities Report 2009-2012

1. Introduction

Chartered in 1926, the Rotary Club of Truro has a long history of good works in central Nova Scotia. As a mature club with well-established practices and procedures, the club is constantly challenged to both live up to its history and, at the same time, keep itself fresh, relevant and attractive to new members. The following document outlines the ongoing planning that is used to help this along.

2. Mission

The mission of the Rotary Club of Truro is to provide service to others especially for the needs of children with disabilities and for the assistance to individuals with special needs through our fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders.

3. Objectives and Activities

Club				
Key Result Area: Membership Attraction and Retention				
Goal	Activity	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
To maintain an appropriate membership for the area.	Hold specific recruitment session event for new members			Plan "Meet the Rotarians Night" April 2012
	Review membership list for obvious vocational deficiencies	Membership review completed.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exceeded District Goals. • Development of membership plan, complete review of vocations and find at least three new members.

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan adopted as model by district. • Increased # of women members by 1 however decreased by 1% as we inducted 3 men. • Increased % under 45 from 16 to 18. (1) • Inducted one Alumni member (Heather-Anne Grant)
	Start “bring a colleague to lunch” session to introduce more citizens to Rotary			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Directors planned first session for members and implemented. • Cards created and distributed Nov 2011. Implemented in successive months.
	Improve efficiency of meetings so that they do not run overtime.	Lunch and meeting format changed making meetings quicker and over on time more often.		
	Increase social networking time for club members	Lunch format changed to allow for more member interaction. Very positive result.		
	Create opportunity for after-hours member interaction	Started <i>Makeup Thursday</i> event with very positive reaction.	Continued Makeup Thursday and encouraged invitation of partners and friend	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewed success of make up Thursday and implemented improvements in format. • Started Breakfast as experiment in Fall of 2011 and tried in spring of 2012.
	Host at least 3 social events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased emphasis on Summer Social and 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduced one new social event and revamp

	during the year	<p>Christmas party.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Held Halloween Party 		<p>others.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Held themed summer social that was very successful. Reintroduced Halloween Party, Oct 2011. Held very successful Christmas breakfast.
	Plan and execute mentorship program for new members.			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Created task group of new members and developed mentorship plan. Implemented plan for new members.
Improve communication among members	Use Social media to enhance communications	<p>Twitter and Facebook accounts setup</p> <p>YouTube video of Christmas card started.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Used Facebook ads to promote Auction 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expanded the use of Social media to promote objectives of Rotary. Linked to District Social media sites to increased impact.
	Help members get to know each other better.		Reintroduced chair self-introduction system so that members get to know details of each other's daily lives.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introductions part of every agenda.
Support and encourage leadership opportunities for members	Sponsor member registrations for Leadership Training Institute	Paid registrations for 4 members (one member completed Level 3 training)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paid registrations for 11 members to Leadership Institute Supported registration to member for RI conference Supported 2 members to District Conference 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promoted Rotary Leadership Institute Training for more members. Six members attended session in Oct 2011. One achieved Part 3. Developed targets for training (eg. new members to have at least part 1 by 2 year of membership) First member of club to have Group Discussion

				Leaders (GDL) training achieved in 2011.
Retain new Members at 85% level at 3 years.	Introduce new members to work of Directors		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Bring a new member to Directors meeting” started. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Included new members at Directors meeting as part of mentorship program.
	Increase Rotary Awareness			Not implemented- Plan and implement regular Rotary Education session as part of Club meetings. Consider for future year.
Strategic Plan	Survey Membership and develop and implement strategic plan.	Plan Implemented		Not Completed- Resurvey members and directors and begin new 3 year strategic plan in 2012-13
Club Awards	Presidential Citation	Received presidential Citation	Received presidential Citation with Distinction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applied for Presidential citation and was successful. Applied for Change Maker Award and was successful. Received citation from Rotary Foundation for Polio Plus contributions. Received Friend of NSAC Award May 2012.

Community

Key Result Area:

Goal	Activity	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Provide funding to meet special needs of community	Define community needs	Committee chaired by Garth Coffin, was struck and met to identify and evaluate major projects and areas in which the Club could invest that	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The committee completed its work and funding priorities were identified. Meetings were held with 	Supported priority community projects including Civic Centre.

		would yield the greatest value to the local community. Carried through to 2010.	various groups and a report was written expressing what the committee felt were good projects worthy of consideration by the Club.	
Manage fund allocated to community project.	The committee allocated \$47,000 toward projects for the community. The most significant were: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$30,000 to finish our \$150,000 pledge for the Regional Hospital • \$10,000 to Hospice Society for a Grief Counselor • \$7,000 to Archway Place for a teaching kitchen • \$4,000 for Rotary House • Cheque for \$ to help with accommodations in Alberta for a 16 year old boy to take intensive speech therapy prior to starting High School • Cheque for \$1303 for travel and accommodations of individual for surgery • \$500 to individual who went overseas for MS Treatment • \$434 for an iPod Talk Machine and Program for a small child through Early Intervention • \$1000 toward a new specialized wheelchair for 	The committee allocated \$44,000 toward projects for the community. The most significant were: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supported a blind adult, who needed assistance for travel to the Blind Camp in St. John's, Newfoundland • We donated \$300 to Craig. • Maggie's Place, a Resource Centre for families in Truro – we donated \$650 toward their Back to School Program to buy backpacks and school supplies for children in need. • \$500 donated to a family with two autistic children to complete a fence around their yard for safety of the children. • \$300 for emergency help for fire victim • \$300 for emergency help for fire victim • Near To Me Daycare – we donated \$2,000 toward renovations of their playground. • \$5,000 donated to Colchester Community Workshops to help 	Responded to requests as they come in to the \$45,000 budget including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supported a resident at Cedarstone to cover some outstanding bills (i.e. medication costs and EHS) to a total of \$810 • Club provided \$2,000 funding to MADD for school presentations. • The Club purchased and installed new storage shed for Maggie's Place - \$1,200 • Supported SPCA with \$300 grant for replacing industrial washer. • Assisted individual with the purchase of orthotic shoes - \$500 • Provided a special need's child with a chair - \$950 • A daycare was assisted with the purchase of an iPad and accompanying software to assist child with communication - - \$850 • Assisted individual with 	

		<p>a severely disabled person</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$250 to “The Thirsty Church” Fund – volunteers helping to restore an old historic rural church to use as a community meeting place • \$500 to the Truro Police for Safe Grad • \$300 to the Tatamagouche Training Camp – another cause that we have sponsored in prior years. 	<p>purchase a vehicle to transport clients.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$1,000 cheque to Colchester Food Bank • \$20,000 donated to Camp Tidnish for help with renovation plans • \$2,500 given to a young mother with severe dental needs that were contributing to some on-going health issues. • Bikes for Kids – United Way - \$500 • \$2,500 toward Wheelchair Ramp and Door renovations for MS patient (Smith) • Royal Canadian Legion – replacement parts and batteries for motorized scooters and wheelchairs - \$600 • Truro Police Service – Safe Grad Committee -- \$500 • Nic Smith – boy with Congenital Adrenal Hyperplasia – travel funds to Bethesda, Maryland for medication change \$1,746 (airfare for 2) Rotary Club of Truro has been assisting Nic for 10 years. • COMPASS Program Mental Health Services – dental help for woman in need - \$556 to Colchester Dental Care. • \$3,000 to Truro Police Service Cyber Cop Education Program – N.S. 	<p>digital TV decoder. - \$100</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Donated \$1,000 to the NSCC daycare. • Donated \$5,000 to Maggie’s Place to assist in their ongoing operations. • \$5,000 emergency donation to Colchester Food Bank. • \$2,000 donated to the Christmas Index. • \$30,000 donated to the Civic Centre project. • \$950 for Hearing Aids for disadvantaged person • \$2,000 to support purchase of special needs equipped van. • \$6,000 toward Colchester Community Workshops Program • \$1,200 for emergency chimney repairs • \$1,400 for hearing aids • \$300 for eye glasses for local young person. • \$500 to Rally for Ruth Campaign. • Assisted special Olympics athlete with travel costs -\$90
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			Anti-Cyber bullying task force.	
	Provide opportunity for Club "in-kind" donation	Club members serve on board of Community Workshop Painting of workshop was completed by members	Club members packaged trees for United Way event.	Club members served on board of Community Workshop Members helped replace shed at Maggie's Place.
	Roadside Cleanup	Project reviewed and trash was picked up	Held a successful cleanup of the Robie Street interchange and surrounding streets.	Held successful roadside cleanup May 2012.
Increase awareness of club in community	Televise speakers at the weekly meetings.	Four of our regular meetings were broadcast on EastLink TV		Planned at least 3 media stories on Rotary Activities for the community. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Club was mentioned in local press on numerous occasions. • Club was mentioned on social media channels and was repeated worldwide. • Community awards presentation aired on EastLink. • News items on Violet Large's death aired nationally. • Christmas greeting to community from club was recorded on EastLink.
Improve efficiency of Fund raising efforts.	Streamline Auction process	Increased use of on-line method for bidding that was begun in 2007-08.	Reconfigured Auction to eliminate TV broadcast portion and take full advantage of Internet bidding process.	• Auction expenses reduced and process further refined.
				Reviewed two major fundraising initiatives to improve efficiency of

				operation. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yearbook and Auction Databases combined. Process for Yearbook changed to reduce work and expenses.
Club Contribution to the Foundation	Meet commitment for club contribution to Foundation to Annual program.	Goal of \$100 per member met	Goal of \$100 per member met	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Met goal of \$100 per member to EREY Met goal of 100% contribution for EREY.
	Contribution to Polio Plus			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Made contribution of \$2,000 to meet RI goal.

Vocational/New Generations

Key Result Area: Engage new members and youth in Rotary

Goal	Activity	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Provide opportunity for Club members to interact with each other and the community.	Charter an Interact club.	Discussions and planning was begin to from an Interact Club	An Interact Club was formed at the local High school (CEC) in November and Chartered in the Spring of 2011.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interact Club for South Colchester High. Established in fall of 2011 and Chartered in winter 2012.
	Organize RYLA for the community.	Held RYLA in the Spring 2010	Hold RYLA in the Spring 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RYLA Session moved to November as it proved to be a better time for schools. Successful event held with 15 participants. Three \$500 bursaries awarded.
	Community Leadership Award		Refine the process for how we identify candidates and select the recipient of our Community Leadership Award	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Award made to deserving community member
	Bursaries	Contributed a total of \$4,500 in Bursaries.	Made personal visits to high school counselors re: orientation to our Bursaries.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$6,500 in Bursaries were awarded to students from the three

			<p>Increased numbers of bursaries to include more schools. Contributed a total of \$5,500.</p>	<p>major high schools in the area and for the first time additional a bursaries was awarded to a student from the Colchester Christian Academy and another to a student from the French high school. <i>École acadienne de Truro</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided \$300 bursary to mature student at NSCC • \$1,500 support to Bridgeway Academy • \$1,500 to Children's Make-a-Wish (matching CEC Interact Club) • \$1,000 to Shelterbox Canada (match SCA Interact Club) • \$150 to United Way of Colchester for school supplies • \$300 to Rotary Cross Canada Tour • \$2,000 to CALA for reading software.
	Committee meetings		<p>Hold at least one meeting before this Rotary year ends</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Held at 2 breakfast meetings on the community college campus; the 1st meeting to plan for the coming year, and the 2nd one to check mid-year progress of the plan

Adventures in Citizenship	Support youth to attend program	Supported one young person to attend program in Ottawa	Supported one young person to attend program in Ottawa	Missed deadline for program in 2012
International				
Key Result Area: Support International service efforts				
Goal	Activity	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Provide financial support to international students at NSAC.	Provide a yearly \$1000 scholarship to an international student.	Provided a \$1000 scholarship to an NSAC student.	Provided a \$1000 scholarship (Cenwei Liu) to an NSAC student and a second \$500 bursary to a student in financial need (Denae Roman – Jamaica).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided a \$1000 scholarship to an NSAC student
	Provide a yearly 1000 bursary to an international student in financial need at NSAC.		Provided a scholarship to an NSAC student and a \$1000 bursary to a second student.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$ 300 - bursary to Denae Roman – family need • \$ 2170.25 – bursary to Tram Phan – family need
Support international programs and initiatives.	Provide funding to support groups or youth going on overseas opportunities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canada World Youth (CWY) - M. Berghuis - \$300 • CWY local group - \$210 • Climate Change Conference - C. Taylor - \$300 • Global Brigades - B Muir - \$300 • Red Cross (matching fund) WUSC - \$300 and \$333 • Project Guatamala - \$300 • Break the Silence - \$300 • Bikes for Aids - \$300 • Int'l Volunteer HQ - • A. Boudreau - \$300 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canada World Youth – Ingrid Kassem - \$300 • Red Cross – Aid to Pakistan Flood – NSAC- \$300 • Japan disaster relief - \$5000 • Project Guatamala – Immaculate Conception Church - \$300 • Project Guatamala – Valley United Church - \$500 • Tanzania IT – Ryan Geldart - \$500 • WUSC Student Refugee fund – NSAC - \$ 300 • Habitat for Humanity Suzanne Fougere - \$300 • Kenya – literacy and aids – Brianna Crowe - \$ 500 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$1000 – Canada Foodgrains Bank – Matched 4 to1 by CIDA • \$300 – L Sorflaten – Cameroon workshop • \$82 – L Sorflaten – workshop manual • \$1654 – Tobago boat District Project (L Sorflaten) • \$500 – S Keddy – Friends of Orphans – Peru • \$ 500 – C MacKenzie – Costa Rica – Intl Volunteer HQ – street children • \$ 500 – E Grant – Haiti – Team Can Healing Hands – children with extra needs

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$ 1500 – Interact Club SCA Water For Life project • \$ 500 – NSAC WUSC – matching grant • \$ 300 – E Grant – medical supplies for Haiti • \$500 support to Interact member going on Medical mission to Ghana. • \$3,000 Cameroon Bus project • \$300 to Interact member going on Global Vision to Panama/Columbia
Literacy Initiatives	Room to Read \$300 donation.	New initiative. Suitcase full of books. One Truro Rotary member took a suitcase of youth books to a school in Jamaica (S Corcoran). A second member took books/supplies to three schools in Cuba (M Mason).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$ 32.75 Cuba – photos sent to the children • \$ 500 - Room to Read – matched 1 to 1 by Can Govt 	
		New initiative. Working with the Rotary Club of Seychelles to acquire new books for the local library. Initiative stalled.	Working with the Rotary Club of Seychelles to acquire new books for the local library.	
Support Shelter Box initiatives.	Donated \$3200 to support Shelter Box initiatives with a Haitian focus. Government of Canada matched donation.	Shelter Box support was put on hold for year while organizational issues were resolved.		
Support Polio Plus Program.	Program supported through Club contributions.	Program supported through Club contributions.	Program supported through Club and individual contributions.	

	Plan International	Supported two children through the Plan program at \$420 each.	Supported one child through the Plan program at \$420. One child graduated from school.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$ 440 to support one child through the Plan program
	Participate in District and Co-Club initiatives.		Dominican Republic humanitarian (Garden Project) with the Rotary Club of Dartmouth and San Pedro (\$1000).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dominican Republic humanitarian (Garden Project) with the Dartmouth Rotary Club. • Facilitated donation from Stanfield's to Dartmouth Club for DR project.
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rotary Club of Piarco, \$2024 for construction of a home for children. • Rotary Club of Winnipeg, \$500 for an Afghanistan School Project. 		
	Group Study Exchange	Hosted an Exchange Study Group from District 9690 Australia (\$337). Previous year from Japan (\$494).	Host an Exchange Study Group. No group this year.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hosted Rotary Friendship Group from Australia in June 2012.
Raise awareness of global issues and concerns.	Provide opportunities for international visitors/speakers to present at a weekly Rotary Meeting.	There was one presentation by an international student at the club meeting.	There were three presentations by International visitors, students, and sponsored participants to the Rotary Club.	<p>Invited presentation from International Visitors to Club.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation from visiting member about Southern England. • Presentation on Australia by RFE guests. • Presentation on Projects in Caribbean.

**Rotary Club of Truro
Membership and Club Stats**

Year	Members In June	New Members	Members Lost	% Female Members	Avg. Age	Avg. Attendance	# months > 85%
2012-13	63						
2011-12	60	4	1	16%	59	87.9	7
2010-11	62	4	6	17%	59	83.1	5
2009-10	62	6	6	19%	60	85.2	7
2008-09	60	7	5	23%	58	76.9	2
2007-08	61	6	7	21%	58	75.8	1

Random 2011-12 stats:

- 61 stories on website
- 6,500 page views on our website and 60,000 on the auction site
- 44 regular meetings and newsletters
- 12 regular directors meetings ... many, many committee meetings.
- Income and Expenditure estimates.
 - \$76,200 spent in Community support
 - \$9,500 in Vocational and New Generation support
 - \$14,100 in International Support
 - \$7,000 to the RI Foundation
 - \$38,100 Yearbook Net Income
 - \$35,100 Auction Net Income



Rotary Club of Truro 2011-12 Report Card

1. Club Service	
a. Membership	
i. Membership plan	A+
ii. Member attraction and retention - Increased to 63 (62) Added 4.	A+
iii. Lower average age and Increase female %	B-
iv. Attendance >85% (7 month) 88% average	A+
b. Mentorship	
i. Development and implement mentorship plan	A
c. Social	
i. Increase and improve social events	A
d. Rotary Training	
i. Increase number of those with RLI Training levels by 12.	B
ii. Increase general information about Rotary to members	C
e. Changes to Committees Structure	
i. Nomination committee	A
ii. Recognition committee	A
iii. Ways and Means committee for Integration of Fund Raising process	B+
2. Community Service	
a. Major project Selection and Support	
i. Select and recommend for funding	A
ii. Understand and use District and RI Grants	B
b. Foundation Support	
i. Every Rotarian Every Year (\$100/Rotarian)	A
ii. Polio Plus contribution \$2,000	A
3. International Service	
a. Project support	A
b. Bursary Increase support	B
4. Vocational/New Generations Service	
a. RYLA promotion	A
b. Interaction with Interact Club	A-
Overall Rating	A

Nominating Committee Report

Semi-Annual Meeting

June 25, 2012

The Nominating Committee has a two-fold mandate. It is responsible for **nominating** a slate of Officers and Directors each Rotary Year and for conducting the **election** of Officers and Directors at the Semi-Annual and Annual General Meetings. The committee this year was made up of Ken Maclean, Chair and committee members Jim Goit, Al Bégin, Laurie Sandeson, and Brian Matthews

Rotary International requires each Club to elect and then advise them by December 31st of the names of the incoming President and Secretary for the Rotary Year starting July 1st. It is the practice of the Rotary Club of Truro to Elect the Incoming President and Secretary at the Annual General meeting in the fall and then elect the remaining officers and all directors at the spring Semi-Annual meeting. It is also the practice of the club that once elected to the position of Secretary, the incumbent is then nominated to the position of Vice-President and then nominated for President in the two subsequent years.

At the November 21, 2011 Annual General Meeting, Laurie Sandeson was elected President and Jim Gould was elected Secretary for the Rotary year starting July 1, 2012.

Nomination Report

On behalf of the Nominations – Sub-Committee, I hereby nominate the following for the 2012-2013 Rotary Year:

- Vice-President Al Bégin
- Treasurer Les Mosher
- Sergeant at Arms Chester MacPhee
- Directors Joanna Christianson
 Keith Gillis
 Ted Jordan
 Mark Mason
 Mike Michaud
 Dave Mills
 Judy Nicholson
 Joe Nicholson

As outlined in our bylaws, our current President, Jim Goit, will be Past President.

Respectively submitted on behalf of the committee.

Ken Maclean

Motion to Accept the Nominating Committee's Report

Election of Club Vice-President, Treasurer, Sergeant at Arms and Eight Directors

I declare that the election for these positions for the 2012-13 Rotary Year now open.

- Eligible voters must be members on good standing of the Rotary Club of Truro. They must be present in person. Honorary Members may not vote.
- Club Secretary Al Bégin confirms that we have a quorum of eligible members.
- The Nominating committee has nominated the following:
 - Vice-President Al Bégin
 - Treasurer Les Mosher
 - Sergeant at Arms Chester MacPhee
 - Directors Joanna Christianson
Keith Gillis
Ted Jordan
Mark Mason
Mike Michaud
Dave Mills
Judy Nicholson
Joe Nicholson

Are there any nominations from the floor?

For the 2nd time, are there any nominations from the floor?

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Motion for Nominations to Cease.



Message from Laurie Sandeson Incoming President - 2012/13

On behalf of my fellow Rotarians, I want to thank Jim Goit for his leadership, energy and passion for Rotary over the past year. Jim has been instrumental in setting a strategic path for the Club and we are being watched by other Clubs in the District.

One example is the development of a membership strategy with an emphasis on both attraction of new members and retention/engagement of new and existing members. At the District 7820 Convention in Charlottetown last month, the Rotary Club of Truro was asked to present its membership strategy – our membership plan is now available to all Clubs through the District website.

Jim has reminded us almost weekly over the past year that “It’s a great day to be a Rotarian”. As he moves into his new role as Past President, I hope he can find a little more time to tune up his fiddle and spend time with family. Please join me in showing our appreciation to Jim for his hard work and commitment to our Club over the past year.

With a new Rotary year upon us, we need to continue to ask ourselves as Rotarians, “What does it take to make a difference in the world?” Our members along with the other 1.2 million members worldwide believe it starts with a commitment to Service Above Self. We have and will continue to support education and training, projects that provide clean water, combat hunger, improve health and sanitation and eradicate polio.

The International Theme this year is “Peace Through Service”. Our RI President, Sakuji Tanaka from Japan, believes that Rotarians can play a big role in bringing peace to the world. For each of us, the word peace can have many different meanings – for example..... a world without war, violence and fear. A world with no danger of hunger, persecution or poverty. For others, it may mean freedom of thought and speech or security and confidence in the future. Peace may also mean a sense of happiness and well being.

However we interpret the word peace, Rotarians can help the world achieve it. We can participate in projects that provide basic health care, sanitation, food and education where it is most needed. We can fulfill inner needs for friendship, connection and caring. We can build bridges of friendship (just as we recently experienced with our Rotarian friends from Australia). We can build a foundation for a more peaceful world.

I’m looking forward to the coming Rotary year. We will continue to build relationships with our two newly chartered Interact Clubs (CEC and South Colchester Academy). The chartering of a Rotaract Club at Dalhousie Agricultural Campus will be a priority in the coming year. Our fundraising efforts, Yearbook and Auction, enable our Club to support the many and varied community and international projects.

I’ve received tremendous support from my fellow Rotarians as a Director and Vice President and look forward to working with an active and engaged Board of Directors. Peace to you all.

Laurie