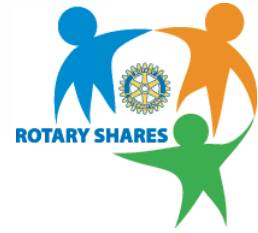




Clubs in Action

March 2008



New Minas Sunrise

The Rotary Club of New Minas Sunrise ended the year with a new fundraising initiative called “Chasing Sidney”. The funds raised from this event helped Acadia Minor Hockey with their “Quick Start” program which helps economically challenged children with their hockey gear. The tickets were \$100 each and five prizes were awarded that included airfare, hotel accommodations, spending money and a trip for two to see Sidney Crosby play hockey in Pittsburg.

At the end of January we held our Annual “Winner’s Choice Draw & Casino” night in partnership with Camp Aldershot. This event was held on the base in the large drill hall. Over 20 blackjack tables, 10 wheels and Bingo were some of the highlights. At the end of the evening we had an auction for various items with Rotary play money. A winner was also drawn for a choice of a \$5,000 Maritime travel vacation, Stage 2 Home furnishings or a Holland Home Leisure package or a cash prize. Proceeds from this event were donated towards three local charities.



We are in the final stages of our next event called “Wine & Trees Gala Party” which will take place at the end of March. This project is in partnership with the Nova Scotia Community College, Kingstec Campus. The event includes wine/beer tasting. As well as an evening of music and delicious food prepared by the Hospitality students. The proceeds from this event help to finance the drilling of two wells in a third world country as well as provide three bursaries for Kingstec Students.

Our club has initiated a new Vocational program called “Entrepreneur in Residence”. This is a program where students for the NSCC meet once a week at the College with Rotarians to discuss future vocational pursuits.

Over the last few months we have helped three families in our community who lost their homes to fires. We are enjoying our exchange student from Germany and Anna Lena is playing on the girl’s hockey team and making lots of friends.

New Waterford



Bill MacNeil of the new Coast Radio 98.7 FM radio station made an informative presentation to the Rotary Club of New Waterford. Present are Rotarian Bruce and Rose and Bill MacNeil and Rotarian Rachel. Now tune into the new Coast FM and enjoy promoting local talent and Canadian artists. Congratulations to Bill and his staff.

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A warm welcome to Past District Governor Peter Smith who made a Rotary International presentation entitled "Africa in Need". Pictured here Rotarian Duncan, PDG Peter Smith, guest Sandy Smith, visiting Rotarian Marlene Lovett and Rotarian Barbara. Thanks to Peter for sharing his experiences with the New Waterford Club.

New Waterford native Shayna (Allen) Strong, "Program Coordinator" with Cape Breton partnership made a presentation to the Rotary Club of New Waterford on her work with the youth in our town. Pictured here are Rotarian Tom, Shayna Strong, Rotarians Bruce and Dave. Big thanks goes to Shayna on her work with our community.



Pictured here are Rotarians Hubert, Evelyn, Randa, Dave, Donnie, Barbara and Roger. They are busy preparing final details for one of New Waterford's social events of the year... "TRIP DRAW & DANCE".

attending the dinner and dance. The will be used to support the community area. We at the Rotary club would like to just say THANKS to those who have supported this worthy cause. Don't miss next years event Day, Feb 14 2009.

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Springhill

Secretary Judy Amos was selected as club representative as its volunteer of the year to be hosted at a special community event in response to a letter received from Pam Adams, Leisure Services.

Reflecting the wishes of the members to do something “together” as a fund raising project, it was decided to have a small yard sale towards the end of May.

St. John's NW

At this mid-winter time we had a recent Club Assembly that warmed things up for the Rotary Club of St. John's NW with an evening meal served by the culinary-in-training staff at the College of the North Atlantic (CONA). The proceeds collected from our meeting, with over half the members attending, went to help reduce travel costs for the student chefs who attended the Jr. Culinary Competition in Nova Scotia.

Down to business then with the presentation of the Directors' Reports. The Buckmaster's Circle Park project in mid-town St. John's will have to wait for a funding decision sometime after the first of April as we are applying through ACOA by the City of St. John's. The total cost projection is \$637,000 of which the city provides up half, Municipal Affairs \$61,000, our Club \$45,000 with the remainder requested from ACOA. In our club's favour as extra ammo in this plan is an application from the local Boys' and Girls' Club who plan to move to the Buckmaster's Circle area, a move supported by our friends at Petro Canada. We hope both projects will be viewed as being together thus approved as being same.

Two of our club members have been visiting in India this month working with the people of the village Chahalka, and with leadership from the Delhi West Rotary Club in providing an opportunity for a better life in this small and poor community located about 50km. from Delhi.

The author of this report from the Rotary Club of St. John's NW while travelling in China in November, met a group of Rotarians from eastern Ontario whose next stop was India to provide similar assistance as well as to direct some resources to the Polio Plus campaign. Bravo to all!

With our continuing commitment to the Youth Exchange program we have been encouraged by YE applications and have selected a grade 12 student, Emily Fearon for an international exchange in September. It has not been determined where she will be going. Due to revised and much-studied regulations from RI which need to be followed by all clubs participating in this program, our club requires a YE committee to ensure all processes are completed and that all supports are in place for both our outbound student and inbound visitor.

In conclusion, Rotary Club of St. John's NW recently awarded the Paul Harris pin to PP Jim Kirby ('05-'06) in recognition of his Rotary work. Jim has provided much energy and solid leadership in his Rotary interests. Beware... watch your hand, as he is also a champion bridge player. Warmest congratulations to Jim.

Windsor

President Judy Rockwell inducted a new member on January 28/2008. Her name is Letitia Deemer.

Bridgewater & District

On February 25 president Alain Bordage inducted Karen and Stephen Holland and Derek Childs. Karen is an honorary member of our club. Welcome and congratulations to all.



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