



February 2000 Bulletin

From the President

This is the second monthly bulletin and while there are still growing pains I hope that we are getting on with the trial of a new communications strategy, and getting some of the bugs out. We now have a fairly accurate e-mail list, but if your not getting anything please call me or better yet e-mail me (martinra@em.agr.ca). To keep you up to date on motions etc. a sheet will be placed on each table, except on the first Monday of the month, with information on next meeting, greeters etc.

The first meeting of this month will be on the Rotary Foundation. I am sure that it will be informative and enlightening. For those of you who may want to get involved in a hands on way the following.

Interested in a real experience:

District 7820 is seeking energetic Rotarian Team Leaders for 2 upcoming Group Study Exchanges:

District 7820 to District 1220 (UK), Sept 10 to Oct 8, 2000
and
District 7820 to District 6900 (Georgia), Apr 7 to May 5, 2001

The responsibilities of the Team Leader include: participation in team member selection, manage the team preparation and planning for the exchange, lead the group during the visit, post-GSE reporting responsibilities to District and RI. The Rotarian Team Leader should have: strong leadership skills, experience in group activities, strong knowledge of Rotary, and the time necessary to commit to the process.

Applications are available from President Richard and are due February 26, 2000. More information is available on request. If you want to know what it is like to lead a team call Allan McLeod or Bush Dumville both former leaders from this Club.

Calendar Watch

February 7 Rotary Foundation*

Speakers: Ron Orton, Lloyd Patriquin, Allan McLeod
Chairperson: Jim Macnutt
Song leader: Darren Ings

February 14 Valentine's Day Meeting*

Erskine Smith - storyteller
Informal/entertainment meeting
Song leader: Ken Campbell

February 21 YEP - Presentation*

Speaker: Jeanette Bolson
Chairperson: Donna Lank
Song leader: Ron Profit

February 21 Board of Directors Meeting (5:30pm Seaman's Beverages boardroom)

February 28 Mayor's Address*

Speaker: George MacDonald
Chairperson: TBA
Song leader: Tom DeBlois, Jr.

Mar 6 Classification Talks*

Speakers: Jennifer Evans, Gerry Gabriel, Patty Sue Lee
Chairperson: Bev Homer
Song leader: Ken MacKenzie

Mar 13 East Timor*

Speaker: Sharon Knox
Chairperson: Bud Whalen
Song leader: Lloyd Palmer

* Regular Rotary Club of Charlottetown noon meeting

Notable Celebrations

Birthdays

February 7 Ken Campbell
February 12 Jim Montgomery (98)
February 12 Wes macAleer
February 13 Craig Thompson
February 15 Charlie Downe
February 16 Charlotte Comrie
February 17 Kim Griffin
February 20 Sandra MacKay
February 21 Roger Coffin

February 22 Marilyn Mackinnon
February 24 Graham Peck
February 27 David Scales
March 1 Miller MacLean (65)

Many happy returns - remember the Foundation (\$5 plus 0.10 per year) - and don't forget to renew your drivers license.

Anniversaries

In case you ever wondered, according to our records August is the month with the most members celebrating wedding anniversaries (24) and March has the fewest (1)

February 28 Mark and Betty Robertson
February 28 Bob and Kim Sear

Congratulations and Best Wishes to all.

Rotary Service

(years of service as of this month)

Wally Cox 44
Claude Whitenect 40
Gordon Tweedy 36
Norman MacLeod 27
Jack Cutcliffe 27
Don Livingstone 25
Bud Whelan 18
Fos Fisher 15
Walter Piccott 15
Chris Severance 8
Kevin MacRae 7
Valerie Downe 6
Bob Moffatt 2
David rooper 2
Kathryn Coll 2
Jennifer Evans 1

We recognize birthdays and anniversaries and once a year those with perfect attendance. However it is also important that we recognize the years of service that Rotarians have given to the Club and community. These Rotarians are recognized on this week's anniversary of their induction into our Club.

Greeters for the coming weeks

Please be early, and if you can't make it please find a replacement.

February 14 Bob Curran and Brian Douglas
February 21 Pilar Shepard and Bob Bateman
February 28 Bill Flemming and Gary Raynor
March 6 Glenda Frizzell and George Guimond
March 13 Fos Fisher and Alden O'Brien
March 20 Gaie Orton and Harry O'Connell
March 27 Chris Severance and Don Anderson

Notice of Motion

The Board of Directors at their January meeting authorized, subject to approval of the Club, the following donation: A donation of \$2,000 to the Joyriders in support of their program for disabled children. Funds to come from the Easter Seals Account. Notice is given that the motion for this donation will be presented to the membership for vote on or after the February 7, 2000 meeting.

Proposed New Member

The following has been proposed for membership in the Rotary Club of Charlottetown:

John Cameron

Classification: Past Service

Sponsor: Gordon Kerr

If no written objection to the proposal, stating the reasons, is received by the Board from any member of the Club by Wednesday, February 9, 2000, in accordance with Article XI Section 5 of the Constitution, the prospective member shall be considered to be elected to the Club. Any correspondence should be addressed to the Membership Secretary Gaie Orton.

Makeups

for Previous Month

Chris Severance (x2), Bud Whelan, Walter Cox (x3), Lloyd MacLeod, Stan Woodman, Dale Mader (5), Tony Sosnkowski

Previous Meetings

For those keeping track, the Queen of Hearts is still safe within the pack with approximately \$1,700 in the jackpot and 19 cards in the deck.

January 10

This was our annual Premiers meeting with the Rotary Clubs. We had a good turnout to hear Premier Binns give the proverbial state of the province address to Rotary.

Mr. Binns discussed some of the economic growth which the province has experienced since the completion of the bridge. Facts on this were presented including a 1.7 to 2.6% economic growth in 1999, 72,000 in the workforce with 12.2% unemployment in December. He indicated

that self employment is up 17% in the last 10 years and that success has breed success in the arts, sports and business community.

If we are to maintain our competitiveness we must not go the way of shipbuilding which didn't keep up with change. The potato and fisheries are continuing to inn ovate and meet market demands and changes. Mr. Binns indicated that we must continue to innovate and build on our strengths.

Mr. Binns elaborated on some of the good news for PEI in diversification. The Island has expanded into new areas such as cultured muscles, aerospace industries, research and development (Vet College), tourist growth, theater, and a growing technology sector.

The Premier finished by stating that we must continue to build on our strengths, and that we have an excellent future.

January 17

Prior to the New Year's Eve we heard a lot about Y2K and the problem that may occur to computing systems around the world. Today's speakers, Chris Payne and Terry Posylek provided us with an update on what actions were taken to address the potential problem. Our first speaker addressed how the province addressed the challenge that Y2K presented and how the provincial government reacted. The second speaker gave an excellent presentation from the business perspective. While Island businesses are dealing with minor problems, he did indicate that the clock clicked over with little impact. He did warn however that there may still be some implications to come as some problems may take days, weeks, or years to show themselves.

January 24

Alzheimer's Awareness Month was reported on by our guest speaker Janet Doiron. Ms. Doiron gave an enlightening presentation on Alzheimer's from the perspective of a care giver, providing a view of this devastating disease from her own family experience.

Ms. Doiron described how 300,000 families in Canada are touched by this disease, where the patient goes from the height of activity to where they cannot walk or talk, and that they and their partner is robbed of their "golden years". Ms. Doiron gave a very personal insight into the disease and its impact on the family. She provided a perspective of ways of handling the disease in the family and reducing care giver burnout.

If you missed this speaker you missed a very interesting presentation on the disease and how to react to it.

January 31

This was the fifth Monday of the month and as such the normal lunch meeting was moved to the evening. The weather did not cooperate well, but those who made it had an evening of fellowship and our guest speaker was Shirley Moase, national representative for Inner Wheel Canada. Inner Wheel had its beginnings 76 years ago in Manchester, England. Membership is open to any female with certain Rotary connections (wife, partner, widow, mother, sister or daughter of a current or former Rotarian). Their aim is to promote true friendship, encourage the ideals of personal service and foster international undersatnding. The Charlottetown Inner Wheel Club started thru the efforts of Jimmie and Walt Wheeler. Shirley talked about Inner Wheel and where they hope to develop.

It was a pleasure to have many spouses and partners at the meeting, as well as many of the local Inner Wheel members whose partners were once fellow Rotarians.

**Rotary International District 7820
85th Annual Assembly and Conference
24 - 28 May, 2000
Delta Prince Edward Hotel**

A unique program is being planned for the conference and there will be ample opportunity to mix, and exchange ideas with Rotarians from other Clubs in the District. Our Club is the host for this year's assembly and conference, as home club for this year's DG. As such we will be hosting one of the lunches, on May 26 (no meeting the previous or following Monday).

Day 1 (May 25) will focus on the PETS and SETS (President and Secretary training).

Day 2 (May 26) will include a District 7820 "Town Hall" and the annual business meeting.

Day 3 (May 27) will include a Plenary Session and the District Assembly.

Day 4 (May 28) will be a church service and change-over ceremony.

Single day registrations will be available for Day 2 and 3

Stay toned for more information in the months ahead. Please remember that you are welcome and encouraged to attend. Bob Moffat is chair for the organizing committee.

Thoughts on February 14

The Origin of Valentine's Day

There are varying opinions as to the origin of Valentine's Day. Some experts state that it originated from St. Valentine, a Roman who was martyred for refusing to give up Christianity. He died on February 14, 269 A.D.. Legend also says that St. Valentine left a farewell note for the jailer's daughter, who had become his friend, and signed it "From Your Valentine". Other aspects of the story say that St. Valentine served as a priest at the temple during the reign of Emperor Claudius. Claudius then had Valentine jailed for defying him. In 496 A.D. Pope Gelasius set aside February 14 to honor St. Valentine.

Gradually, February 14 became the date for exchanging love messages and St. Valentine became the patron saint of lovers. The date was marked by sending poems and simple gifts such as flowers and candy. There was often a social gathering or a ball.

In honour of the upcoming celebration, please consider the following facts (?):

Top 10 Mistakes A Woman Makes on Valentine's Day

10. Hints too much and makes a man feel obligated.
9. Doesn't go to any effort to plan a romantic night; expects the man to do it all.
8. Assumes the man will read her mind.
7. Gets married on Valentine's Day.
6. Doesn't reciprocate with romantic gifts. (Hey, men like roses too!)
5. Thinks that all men want is sex.
4. Freaks out if she doesn't have a date.
3. Isn't in the mood for romance.
2. Under-appreciates the man's effort.
1. Expects Romeo when she has acted like Roseanne all year!

Hang on now, here's the other side of the coin:

Top 10 Mistakes A Man Makes on Valentine's Day

10. Refuses to buy roses on the grounds that they're too "hyped."
9. Doesn't realize that women love roses -- even if you can only afford one.
8. Sends flowers with the wrong name on the card.
7. Never says "I love you" when he really does, or worse, says it when he doesn't mean it just because he thinks he should.
6. Schedules a time to "exchange gifts." So much for spontaneity.
5. Buys you an emergency roadside repair kit for your car. Sure, it's thoughtful, just not very romantic. (Flowers and chocolates are a waste of money. It's true. But women love them anyway.)
4. Goes off the deep end and buys something way too expensive when all he really needed to buy were roses and a heart-shaped box of chocolates.
3. Doesn't plan anything ahead of time so you end up waiting two hours for a table at the neighborhood restaurant.
2. Breaks up before Valentine's Day so he doesn't have to buy a gift.
1. Forgets the holiday all together!

In case you missed these bumper stickers last Monday:

- I love cats ... they taste just like chicken.
- Sometimes I wake up grumpy; Other times I let her sleep.
- The gene pool could use a little chlorine.
- I didn't fight my way to the top of the food chain to be a vegetarian.
- Puritanism: The haunting fear that someone, somewhere may be happy.
- I took an IQ test and the results were negative.
- Make it idiot proof and someone will make a better idiot.
- Sex on television can't hurt you unless you fall off.
- He who laughs last thinks slowest.
- Lottery: A tax on people who are bad at math.
- Very funny, Scotty. Now beam down my clothes.
- i support publik edekasion
- We are Microsoft. Resistance Is Futile. You Will Be Assimilated.
- Be nice to your kids. They'll choose your nursing home.
- 3 kinds of people: those who can count & those who can't.
- Diplomacy is the art of saying 'Nice doggie!'... till you can find a rock.
- $2 + 2 = 5$ for extremely large values of 2.

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