



# Rotary Club of Charlottetown

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## Birthdays, Anniversaries Rotary Service

Rotarian	Birthday
MacLeod, Norman	04/01
Boswall, Peter	04/04
Ghiz-Fay, Elizabeth	04/04
Lewis, Kingsley	04/07
Bowman, Austin	04/08
Acorn, Bob	04/11
Faulkner, David	04/11
Lewis, Regan	04/15
Bagnall, Carl	04/22
Orton, Gaie	04/26
MacLeod, Lloyd	04/27
Bird, Michael	04/27
Ings, Darren	04/28
MacKenzie, Millie	04/28

**Remember the Rotary Foundation  
and to renew vehicle registration.**

## Rotary Service

Rotarian	Joined	Service
Praught, Betty	04/03/95	15
Willis, Carl	04/08/91	(plus 74-85) 30
Ings, Darren	04/13/92	18
Cox, Kent	04/15/02	8
Younker, Bob	04/17/72	38
Robertson, Mark	04/18/77	33
MacDonald, George	04/23/01	9
Turner, Dale	04/24/02	8
Humphrey, Andy	04/24/70	40
Ghiz-Fay, Elizabeth	04/26/05	5
Rodgerson, Moe	04/30/90	20

## Local Meetings Club

### Hillsborough-Charlottetown

Thu. 12:15 Rodd Royalty

### Summerside

Tue. 07:15 Silver Fox Curling & Yacht Club

### Montague

Wed. 12:15 Perrin's Marina Villa

### Charlottetown Royalty

Wed. 07:15 Delta Prince Edward Hotel

### Stratford

Wed. 17:45 Delta Prince Edward Hotel



Ritika Narang, receiving her new Rotarian inductee pin from President Charlotte with Ron, her sponsor looking on March 8.

## Anniversaries

Rotarian	Date
Wes & Connie MacAleer	04/12/69
Ian & Dorothy MacLeod	04/30/60

George MacDonald, Chaired the meeting which commenced with a minute of silence to note the passing of Lou Pantry. Edna Reid as Sgt at Arms collected Happy Dollars. Tom DeBlois was song leader with Helen at the piano.

Secretary's Report: There were three guests of Rotary; Andre Michot, Mayor Lee and Jim Day of the Guardian. The draw for \$42 was won by Mark Triantafillou. Attendance was 47 with 18 makeups and six scooters.

President Charlotte extended get well wishes to Al Rodd, Wilson Ross, Bennett Carr and Tony Sosnkowski.

Reminders: International Conference in Montreal featuring three keynote speakers, Greg Morton, Joy Luck and Dolly Parton. The District Conference is May 13-16 in Sydney, PETS & SETS in March.

Dale Mader promoted the 2010 Dinner Auction on June 11<sup>th</sup>, at Top of the Park. Cost is \$50 per ticket and proceeds will go to local projects. Lee Drake gave more detail of the reception outside the dining room with a silent auction. During the buffet dinner auction items will be displayed on the table monitors. There will be five tickets for Meadowland Raceway at each table as well.

Jason Lee promoted the Rotary Auction, and thanked Rotarians for their work soliciting donations. Try to finish by March 1. They intend to have the website live by March 5 and run until April 24.

Next week's program is to be Halibut Aquaculture. President Charlotte closed her remarks by having us repeat the 4-Way Test.

Chairman George MacDonald introduced His Worship Mayor Clifford Lee who has served as Mayor since November 2003. George listed many of his previous positions and spoke of his involvement with minor hockey and baseball.

Mayor Lee recognized the contributions of Rotarians George MacDonald and Ken Gillis to the City and reminded us of his 2009 address when he stated that municipal property taxes should not be collected by the province. Commissioner Thompson suggested that the city and the province should begin negotiations Mayor Lee endorsed the report entitled "New Foundations" and reminded us that the Chamber of Commerce also called for the Province to vacate the collection of non-commercial property taxes.

The Federation of Municipalities is addressing the Federal Government regarding taxation. They will also lobby the federal government to extend the infrastructure program. Charlottetown is currently thriving in an economic recovery. New development in downtown Charlottetown was highlighted plus a new convention center on the waterfront. The Dominion building is being redeveloped. Many vacant buildings have been reoccupied. New tax incentives are being introduced. Over 29.7 million in new building permits were issued in 2009. 26 properties have been funded under the Heritage Project. "Walks in Charlottetown" was reprinted. Expansions were made at QEH, UPEI, and Holland College. The CARI complex received 450,000 visitors last year.

The mayor recapped the hosting of the 2009 Canada Games which resulted in many new facilities. He praised UPEI and Holland College and their work. We need to welcome and work with newcomers and immigrants. The CADC has received funding to develop the old Imperial Oil site. Charlottetown hosted 41 cruise ship visits in 2009 and there are 42 booked for 2010. Charlottetown is a thriving, exciting destination for sports, culture and business meetings. 2014 will mark special celebrations of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Confederation in 1864. Mayor Lee listed a number of events planned for 2010 including the Red Island Run motorcycle rally.

He closed his remarks speaking of policing changes such as opening a storefront office on Kent Street made to improve community relations. The mayor extolled the achievements of the Fire Department and listed many of the upgrades made to city streets. \$14.28 million were spent on upgrades of which \$4.76 were paid for by the city.

Co-Chair Bud Whelan thanked the mayor for his address. The meeting concluded with the singing of O' Canada.

### March 1

Tom DeBlois, Chaired the meeting with Edna Reid as Sgt at Arms collecting Happy Dollars. Wes MacAleer as Song Leader led us in "Take Me Out to the Olympics"

Secretary's Report: One guest of Rotary, Alex Ugosek. The draw for \$36 was won by David Keenlyside. Attendance was 45 with no makeups and two scooters.

President's Report: Charlotte extended get well wishes to Al Rodd, Wilson Ross and Bennett Carr along with sympathy to Ian MacLeod on the passing of his brother-in-law. Charlotte gave a brief update on Polio Plus, four countries are still endemic, Nigeria, India, Pakistan and Afghanistan. Incidence in Nigeria is down 50% with only 13 new cases since August 2009. The Gates Foundation has pledged \$350 million to be matched by \$200 million from Rotary of which \$107 million has been raised to date.

President Charlotte presented a Paul Harris Fellowship to John Cameron. Daphne Dumont was presented with Rotarian of the Month for January. The Presidents remarks concluded with the 4-Way



Dr. Rev. John Cameron receiving of a Paul Harris Fellow Award from President Charlotte.

Test.

Chair Tom DeBlois, introduced Rotarian Gordon Harper, charter member and Past President of the Royalty Rotary Club to speak about "Shelter Boxes". Shelter Box is the single largest independent project in Rotary.

Gordon then showed a 20 minute video which highlighted many of the deployments of Shelter Boxes. The project was founded by the Helston-Lizard Club in England. Each box includes a 10 person tent, tools, cooking utensils, 10 sleeping bags, a small but efficient portable stove, etc. Response teams deliver the boxes to disaster sites around the world. After the 2004 tsunami in SE Asia they sheltered over 200,000 people.

Over 1 million people in Africa are experiencing their shelter. Other disaster sites which have benefited are Kashmir (earthquake), Mexico, Peru, Kenya, Afghanistan and Lebanon. Rotarians were responsible for half of all donations. Shelter Box Canada is a registered charity and has a monthly donor program available. At least one box from every club every year is a challenge put out to all Canadian clubs. Globally 75,000 boxes have been distributed to 45 countries. In 2009 over 100,000 people were sheltered from and the goal is to reach 50,000 people per year for 5 years. 450 boxes are already on the way to Chile following the recent earthquake. In one month this year twice as many were purchased in Canada as in the previous 10 years.

This is a very efficient charity with 92% of donated dollars going directly to relief. It's tangible and transparent, staffed by Rotary volunteers and backed by Rotary credibility. Shelter Box gets into areas where government aid can't go. For example boxes were recently moved quietly into Myanmar. Each box costs \$1000 US and 3000 boxes were donated to Haiti already from Canada. There are many avenues of giving such as "In Honour" giving, monthly donations, corporate sponsorships etc. Holland College recently held a fund raiser and received funds for 17 shelter boxes.

Co-Chair George MacDonald thanked Gordon for his most informative presentation. The meeting concluded with the singing of O'Canada.

### March 22

Bush Dumville, Chaired the meeting, wife Dale Turner as Sgt at Arms collected Happy Dollars. Tom DeBlois with Helen at the piano lead us in song.

Secretary's Report: There were four guests of Rotary (including Andre Michot, Alex, her mother Uli Ugovsek who was introduced by Peter MacDougald. The draw for \$71 was won by Ken Gillis. Attendance was 49 with six makeups and four scooters.

President's Report: Charlotte extended get well wishes to Al Rodd and Wilson Ross. The Club's Board of Directors met this morning. Eastlink broadcasts our meetings on Thursday at 9:00pm on cable 10. Charlotte presented Rotarian of the Month for March jointly to Bud Whelan and Nelson Hagerman.

Paul Mifsud gave an update on Easter Seals. They have four goals this year 1) Increase giving by 10% 2) Update the

selection guidelines for donations 3) Revamp the database for better efficiency 4) Add an energetic component "Drop Zone" is being added on June 18 or 19. The Rotary Club visits are complete along with the "Toonie Toss", variety concert and Easter Beef show and sale. All were a great success.

Jason Lee gave an update on the Lifestyle Auction 200 items are listed on the web site and receiving bids since last Wednesday, the site is PEIRotaryAuction.com. Volunteers needed from 5-9pm on Wednesday at 45 Water St. The drop off site will be open Thursday 10:00am to 2:00pm at Superior Sanitation. Final deadline is March 31<sup>st</sup>.

Chair Bush Dumville, introduced Allan MacIsaac, MLA for Vernon Bridge who has deep connections and interest in agriculture. He has been working with the PEI FoodPAK committee. During his talk Allan reminded Rotarians that 963

million people in the world had nothing to eat today. Here in PEI we discard 2-5 million lbs of food annually that doesn't meet current standards. He had samples laid out on a table to show standard product (virtually no visible defects).

For example sixty percent of cauliflower is discarded and 2-4 million lbs of products to Chair Bush, March 22. Carrots are discarded annually.

The goal of PEI FoodPAK is to develop emergency food aid using these discards. The aim is not to disrupt local economies in areas of need. They are working with "Ontario Christian Gleaners" and "Breedlove Dehydrated Foods" in the USA to research potential product.

Christian Gleaners use 150 volunteers to process locally donated produce into dehydrated soup mixes. The product is trimmed, sorted, diced and dehydrated. Breedlove processes over 28 million lbs of potatoes annually. They are federally inspected, certified kosher and work with USAID. Recommendations are to form a charitable organization, network with suppliers, formulate a business plan and develop relationships. FOODAID Canada currently sends cash to stricken areas



to buy local produce. Breedlove currently pays 3½ cents/lb for cull potatoes.

Can we make FoodPAK a reality? We have two dehydration plants on PEI now, one in Souris and one in storage.

The shelf-life of dehydrated product is two years. The inclusion of fish products such as herring is being considered? The most effective energy source for dehydration is being researched.

Co-Chair Darren Ings mentioned Easter Seals and the Auction, then thanked Allan and applauded the committee and wished FoodPAK all success. The meeting concluded with the singing of O'Canada.

### March 29

John Cameron was Chair with Dale Turner as Sgt at Arms collecting Happy Dollars. Song Leader was Tom DeBlois with Darren Ings at the piano.

Secretary's Report: The draw for \$78 was won by guest Rotarian Duncan Conrad. He also drew the Queen of Hearts and took home the jackpot of \$1428. Attendance was 48 with 26 makeups and two scooters.

President's Report: President Charlotte extended get well wishes to Tony Sosnkowski, Al Rodd and Wilson Ross.

We still need one or more volunteers to coordinate the visiting GSE team. The Easter Seals telethon was a huge success setting a new record of \$171,000. There was great support by many Rotarians and special mention to Darren Ings (musician), Paul Mifsud and Paul Jenkins as co-Chairs. Ambassador Colton Matheson and coordinator Margaret Wilton each did a great job. Charlotte thanked all Islanders for their support, all Rotarians, who helped, as well as the CBC team, Aliant team of 30 plus, Confederation Center staff, exchange students Alex and Andre and Charlie Scranton.

Jason Lee gave an update on the Lifestyle Auction – the drop off site will be open for the final time this Wednesday from 10:00am to 2:00pm. Over \$30,000 worth of items has been entered on the site and 128 bidders have registered at this point.

Chair John Cameron introduced his son, Dr. Ian Cameron as the guest speaker. Ian is a graduate of UPEI and the University of Waterloo. He is a Fellow of the Canadian College of Physicists in Medicine.

Dr. Cameron addressed the topic of MRI and How Does It Work. He explained that it is a technique for imaging soft tissue with high concentrations of water and fat. He showed pictures of two different scanners. Dr. Cameron then outlined the different components of the system. It consists of a magnet system. This generates the loud banging noise associated with the system, which is caused by reversing the direction of electrical currents. Then there is the radio frequency system, similar in function to a radio station transmitter and a radio receiver. This is all controlled by a computer.

A common question is how much radiation does the system generate? The answer is almost zero. The radiation is one

trillionth less than produced by an x-ray. The signal which is used is generated by the nuclei of the hydrogen atoms in the water molecule. The MRI is used for imaging any part of the body, with the brain, spine and the joints being the most frequent subjects. The images can be adjusted under a number of parameters.



Speaker Dr. Ian Cameron on "Magnetic Resonance Imaging" shown with day's chair Rev. John and President Charlotte March 29.

Occasionally injections are required to enhance the imaging but they are safer than those associated with Cat Scans. In explaining how it works Dr. Cameron showed how an x-ray takes a two dimensional picture of a three dimensional object. Since the signal for the MRI is generated inside the body it can image many different sections of the subject area.

There was a Question & Answer Session: How long does the procedure take? While a CAT scan takes only a few seconds, an MRI takes 2-4 minutes per scan and with a number of scans being needed a session is usually 20 or 40 minutes. Is the physician present? Sometimes yes and sometimes no. It depends on what they are looking for. Do they do functional MRIs? Yes, on occasion; this is an MRI which is completed while a task is being performed.

Co-Chair Harry Love thanked Dr. Cameron for his address and complimented him on his good sense of humor. The meeting concluded with the singing of O'Canada.