



Clubs in Action

February 2007



Clarenville

St. Pierre Project:

Thanks to the Rotarians in St. Pierre et Miquelon for a wonderful project with their donation of so much clothing from an unknown benefactor. Our club was able to donate over 70 boxes of coats and bed sheets to Emmanuel House in St. John's who tend to men and women with disabilities. All of this was taken there by a local trucking firm free of charge.

Thanks go out to Gary Davis Trucking Ltd. for his company's generosity and the remark that he was quite aware of what Rotary does within the community and that he was only too happy to assist in the cause of making this place just a little bit better for others.

Twenty boxes of clothing and toys for babies and pre-school children were sent to the local Family Resource Centre and set up in a store-like atmosphere for the families to pick out as they saw fit.

We were able to donate 25 winter coats to the local Salvation Army just before Christmas.

The Catholic Church was able to sort through belongings and deliver those to the local women's prison for distribution.

An assortment of children's clothing was given to the Town of Clarenville to deliver to those in need in Cuba as the town officials were in the country to assist in providing good water to a local municipality there.

Thanks go out to local MHA Ross Wiseman for arranging government support in the transportation of three large cartons of clothing to Nain in Labrador free of charge.

And, a great big thanks to President Elizabeth and her friends of Rotary, namely Georgina Barry and Jane Thompson in the unpacking and re-packing of all those boxes of clothes.

Gander

THE FOUR WAY TEST
of the things we think, say or do.

- 1. Is it the TRUTH?**
- 2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?**
- 3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?**
- 4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?**

4-way test Program - Gander Academy

For some time we had thought about introducing the 4-way test to students. But the question was 'how?' After discussing the idea with David Peddle we had rudimentary plan which was sufficient to proceed.

The program was developed in consultation with, and support of, the staff at Gander Academy. It was felt that grade four was the right grade and age to introduce the test. We met with the grade four teaching staff, distributed material on the 4-way test and held discussions. The following program grew out of

these meetings.

Four Rotarians announced the program at an assembly of all grade four students and teachers. Each Rotarian took one aspect of the test and spoke to the students engaging them in a discussion.

All grade 4 students were invited to participate in the poster contest. They were asked to graphically depict what the test meant to them. Out of 119 grade four students 113 submitted a poster. An excellent response!



Winners were selected by a team of three Rotarians.

Three winners... first, second and third.

First place received \$50 and a first place certificate.

Second received \$30 and a second place certificate.

Third received \$20 and a third place certificate.

Winners were presented their awards and certificates at an assembly of all grade 4 students.

Each grade four classroom and the teacher's lounge received a 4-way test plaque for display. These were presented at the same time as the awards & certificates.



The program was extremely successful (113 of 119 students participated) and the decision was reached to make it an annual event so that every child who goes through the Gander School system will be introduced to the 4-way test.

Why did we do it? The 4-way test is known worldwide and is a recognized recipe for the practice of ethical behaviour. There are numerous influences on children in today's society, not all of them good. For a multitude of reasons many children are not receiving the guidance necessary for them to mature into responsible adults. For example cheating in schools and universities is rampant and an alarming number of students don't see anything wrong with it. A recent article in Reader's Digest highlighted this.

Kentville

The Holiday Season and early New Year have been a busy time at our Kentville Club. Our annual Childrens' Christmas Party had over 160 attendees and our annual Partners Christmas Lunch was sold out!

Rotarian Marianne Gates shared with the club the success of our Mentorship Program through which Rotarians are paired with Nova Scotia Community College business students to provide support and guidance throughout the academic year. This year twenty-four students have been matched up with Rotarian mentors through the program. Seven members from the Rotary Club of New Minas Sunrise have joined with seventeen Kentville Rotarians to provide this important program to

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young people in our local Community College.

As mentioned in the last "Clubs in Action", our club members volunteered on the Salvation Army Christmas Kettle Campaign once again. At our January 8th meeting, Rotarian Major Bond Jennings of the Salvation Army, announced that the Rotary Club of Kentville was, for the third time in six years, the winner of the Bell Ringer Award. This award is given annually to the organization that raises the most money on any particular day of the entire campaign. Congratulations and thanks to all who participated.



Left to right, Rotarians Doug MacDonald and Greg Trefry receiving a contribution from a Christmas shopper.

One of our major fund raisers is coming up soon on February 10th - our annual Valentine Dance extravaganza! Proceeds from this event fund over \$10,000 in annual scholarships to local students heading to further studies. Contact any Kentville Rotarian if you're interested in a great night out and supporting a great Rotary project.

New Waterford

Change of command for the #70 New Waterford Sea Cadets.



Congratulations to Marc.

Officer Tom Riga and Commanding Officer Marc Kozera as well as president of the Rotary Club of New Waterford, Dave MacIsaac and club secretary, Donald Peckham both representing the the Rotary Club, a contributing sponsor.

North Sydney

The Rotary Club of North Sydney is planning its annual International Student Night in February. Each February, international students from Cape Breton University are invited to a Rotary meeting and they provide the program. The event helps welcome international students to the community and increases international understanding for Rotary members and their partners. The students are typically enrolled in a variety of university study programs and most are from Africa and Asia.

Springhill

The club will design a new club brochure designed as a marketing tool to attract new members. The club discussed having a "Turkeyburger Sale" in March or April.

We are in discussion to develop the program for IDG Bette Douglas's district conference in 2008. Present activities include obtaining corporate sponsors. We also discussed the role our Springhill club can play in hosting an event.

St. John's East

We can be very proud of our accomplishments over the past six months.

A tremendously successful Wheels and Deals; the Read-A-Long Program has been growing in leaps and bounds and is blossoming into a truly district wide initiative; the Adopt-A-School Project is providing vital support to the students, families and teachers of Bishop Abraham; The Christmas Hamper project has started with a bang and will also bring the joy of Christmas to a number of needy families; through our Foundation, we will be sponsoring two international projects to the tune of approximately \$15,000 and have distributed almost \$85,000 dollars to local charities.

Congratulations to Club member Jeff Peddle who was named the St. John's Board of Trade Businessperson Volunteer of the Year. Jeff was recognized for his tremendous contributions including the creation of the Rotary Read-a-Long program and his active (and we mean ACTIVE) involvement with Meals on Wheels, Crimestoppers, NOIA, St. John's Board of Trade, the St. John Ambulance Dog Therapy program, Candle Lighters Association, Cops for Cancer, Junior Achievement, and raising donation for Christmas hampers.

We suspect there are many other groups that have felt the "touch" of this man who takes our motto "Service Above Self" to a whole new level. I'm certain that Jeff's motto is "We can do this!"

Hats off to Glenn Hickey who again this year donated a Saturn car to a single mother with 3 kids. He gave everything from the gifts, tires, Insurance and most of all peace of mind that she now has a dependable car. That's good for at least 5 makeups.

Rotarians and their Families along with the staff at Bishop Abraham gathered at the school to pack hampers. Delivery day provided those involved the opportunity to meet the recipients. This project once again demonstrated the good work we are doing. Thanks to Miriam MacLeod, Terry, Liam and Alanna Reardon, Dave, Andrew and Michelle Taylor, Jill Osmond, Tara Power, Bonnie Thompson and Margaret Butt. And, a big thank you to all who contributed financially towards this great project.

Stephenville

In October 2006, we celebrated the 35th. anniversary of this club. A special dinner was held to mark both the anniversary and the visit of District Governor Dennis Knight. Special guests included the District Governor, the Assistant District Governor Verbon Hewlin, and long-term volunteers who continue to provide invaluable assistance to our club and its many community projects.

In October, the Club also held its annual pumpkin sale. With help from the local Duke of Edinburgh Awards program, we were able to sell over 400 locally grown pumpkins for a profit of approximately \$1200.

A buffet dinner of traditional Newfoundland dishes was the highlight of the Rotary Club of Stephenville's *First Annual Dinner and Auction* held on November 24. A resounding success, the event raised considerably more than we have ever raised with our traditional radio auction. This was truly team effort and will likely serve as the model for future years.

Our club continues to be involved in or contribute to a number of community projects including, Coats for Kids, the local animal shelter and the Rotary scholarship program. We also continue to support the

*Scholarship winner -
Leanne Styles - accepts
her award from
Rotarian Leona Webb
of the Rotary Club of
Stephenville. Leanne
is currently a student
at the University of
New Brunswick and
is studying Chemical
Engineering.*



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arts in our community. Indeed, planning is well underway for our signature project - the *Rotary Music Festival* - scheduled for March 2007. We will also be hosting the provincial music festival in May.

2006 ended with a terrific Christmas party at the home of Rotarian Debbie Brake-Patten and the final luncheon of the year at the home of Rotarian Celia White.

We hope to have as many members as possible attend the District Assembly and Conference in St. John's.

Finally, congratulations to incoming president for 2007 - 08, Dr. Debbie Brake-Patten, and to the "True Rotarian" award winner, Stan LaFitte.

Stratford

In late December, Stratford Rotarians got into the Christmas Spirit by taking 20 seniors from the Andrews of Stratford Community Care Facility on a driving tour to view Christmas lights. Both seniors and Rotarians enjoyed their excursion immensely and followed it up with a social time back at the residence where, rumor has it, some cutthroat cribbage was played! Club members will be returning to Andrews of Stratford on a regular basis for cribbage re-matches and other games.

Members and their spouses enjoyed a Christmas Social and Foundation Fundraiser at the home of President Andrew Davies and his wife Valerie. Everyone was asked to bring a dish for a potluck supper and a donation to the Rotary Foundation. \$580 was raised and a delicious supper was had by all in what is hoped will be an annual event.

The Rotary Club of Stratford has received a PR Grant from Rotary International to produce an information newsletter, which will be used as an insert in the Town of Stratford Newsletter and as a handout at other Rotary events.



Rotarian Murray Wheatley ready to chauffeur residents of Andrews of Stratford on a Christmas Lights Tour.



The Stratford Rotary Sergeant-At-Arms John Young engaging in some cut-throat cribbage at Andrews of Stratford.



The Club welcomed its first new member of 2007 when President Andrew Davies inducted Garry MacDonald in the classification Civil Engineering. Garry is a partner in MacDonald Harland Engineering of Charlottetown. He lives in Brackley Beach with his wife Gwen.

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Summerside



Rotarian Vance Bridges, Club Chair for the Rotary Foundation presents Rotarian Brian Hemphill with a Paul Harris Fellow recognizing his contribution to the Rotary Foundation.

Summerside President Wayne Thompson presents Gord Whitlock, Executive Director of Generation XX with a cheque for \$6500. The funds will be used to improve accessibility to the youth club for people with disabilities.



Sydney Sunrise

Sydney-Sunrise is losing one of its members to a lucky club in the Valley. Lennie White, a Past-President of the club and long-time Sergeant at Arms, is moving to work with Prestige Homes in Kentville, Nova Scotia on January 15, 2007. We'll miss Lennie and Karen and wish them all the best with their new venture.

Club member Ian Doyle is off later this month to Guyana. He will travel with the Remote Area Medical Volunteers of Canada for 2 weeks, walking from village to village to offer dental and medical care to villagers. Ian's trip is partly sponsored by the Sunrise club's International Committee.

Lastly, the club is organizing its monthly fellowship event for February at the Radar base curling club. Barefoot curling may be the challenge for the braver members.

Wolfville

The Rotary Club of Wolfville wound up 2006 in style. The end of a busy six months was highlighted on December 19 by Christmas cheer compliments of the musical prowess of a spirited ensemble of Rotarians Elves.

The meeting on December 19 was special also because the guest speaker, President of Acadia University and Honorary Wolfville Rotarian, Dr. Gail Dinter-Gottlieb spoke on the importance of University-Community relationship.



Ensemble of Rotarian elves... (L to R) PDG John Brown, Club Secretary Ron Buckley and Don Wells

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Dave Ells presents Frederik Linder-Madsen, our Rotary Youth Exchange Student from Denmark a packages of pins

During the meeting Rotarians Hugh Fairn & Dave Ells presented Frederik Linder-Madsen, our Rotary Youth Exchange Student from Denmark packages of pins saved by both Rotarians over the years.

Our club had its Christmas dinner following our first organized Christmas house tour. The dinner and tour raised money for the Wolfville and area food bank. A hearty meal was preceded by a robust singsong



Frederick, looking happy if not a little 'weighty' is shown in all of his finery.



A robust sing song, was led by PDG John Brown & Jan Porter, accompanied by Rotarian Jim Chambers on the piano.



Smiling Kentville Rotarian Shelly Fleckenstein and her husband, Martin, dressed in period costume for the dinner. They also hosted visitors in their home – one of the very fine homes opened for the club's Christmas House Tour.

The Rotary Club of Wolfville hosts Acadia International students. At it's meeting on January 2, the Club began 2007 on the right foot by hosting 11 Acadia international students and their coordinator, Julie Snair. The students came from Somalia, Malaysia, Japan, China, Bermuda and Ghana. In turn, each introduced themselves and spoke briefly about their course of study and future plans.

It has become a tradition of the club to host some of the international students each year during the University's Christmas break.

