



Clubs in Action

April 2007



Avalon Northeast

The Interact Club of Holy Spirit School in Conception Bay South has made a major contribution to the District's initiative to drill village wells in Africa. They recently demonstrated great ticket selling prowess by raising \$1,000.00 in a very short time. Club President Emly Shea and Executive member Katie Andrews presented the cheque to DG Dennis at a recent meeting of the RC of Avalon Northeast.



Shown in the photo, left to right, with DG Dennis are Katie Andrews, Emily Shea and President Jerry Ward, Rotary Club of Avalon Northeast.

Corner Brook

Adventures in Citizenship

Rotarian Brent Howell organized a very successful 'Adventures in Citizenship' selection progress for the youth of Corner Brook. Ryan Belbin of Pasadena Academy was the winner and will be the representative from our Club.

2007 Rotary Live and Silent Auction

The enormous effort of this Club for such a small timeframe of fundraising is truly inspiring. Saturday, April 21, 2007 is the big night for the Corner Brook Rotary Auction. The Auction Committee and the full membership of the club have been busy selling tickets, soliciting items and logistical planning. The 'Rotary Spring Fling' will be a great success and promote the good work of Rotarians to each and every participant.

PETS and SETS took place in St. John's recently and was attended by President-Elect Stan Pike and Secretary-Elect Neville Wheaton. Over the next several months the Club will be preparing for a successful 2007/2008 year.

New Minas Sunrise

The Rotary Club of New Minas Sunrise has been busy the last couple of months. We would like to thank Rotarian Greg White for the wonderful Family of Rotary video that he prepared for Family month in January. The video photos (some old, some new) were great and a good addition to our archives!

Our Winners Choice night, held at Camp Aldershot, was a huge success and we are sure will be sold out again next year. The casino and silent auction enabled our club to make a donation to Chrysalis House.

Guest speakers at our meetings were the Honourable Scott Brison, Dennis McCormick from CNIB, Gail Taylor from Weight Watchers, Nicholas MacDonald, a recipient of the Children's Wish

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Foundation (trip to Disney World) and Anna-Maria Galante who spoke to us on global warming. We enjoyed a business visitation to Scotian Gold and CEO David Cudmore enlightened us in many ways. Many Rotarians enjoyed a night out bowling in February.

Four new members have been inducted, Dan Bartie, Scott Allen, David Baigent and Chad Langille. The Membership and Rookie Rotarian committees are to be complimented on the great job they do with new members.

Several Rotarians helped in loading a container in Bedford with equipment going to Cameroon and books that had been collected by Rotarians/Interact clubs have been shipped to Ghana. We are hoping to be able to sponsor another well as a continuation of our international project.

Fund raising is in high gear with our annual Grand Grocery Draw beginning this month. Upcoming events include Camp Out for Kids at Aylesford Lake partnering with Camp Brigadoon and Golf for Kids partnering with Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Annapolis Valley.

New Waterford

Helping Transition House

The New Waterford Rotary Club has partnered with the Breton Education Centre Interact Club to help Transition House with renovations at it's new location. Rotarian Joan Chiasson-MacDonald is seen presenting Maggie Littlejohn (office manager) the Transition House with a support cheque.



Induction night at the Rotary Club of New Waterford for new Rotarians.

Pictured are the following Rotarians: Bruce MacDonald, Dave MacIssac, Rachel MacDonald, and Don Blackwood. Big welcome goes to Rachel from all Rotarians.

St. John's East

The Read-a-Long Program is flourishing this season and growing in a number of ways. Firstly, we are delighted to announce that the Bank of Montreal have joined us as core Program Partners. This means that they will donate \$5,000 for the purchase of books and have committed to collecting an equal value of books through book drives with staff and customers. This is obviously a significant vote of confidence in the program and with the discounts that we have negotiated with the publishers will allow us to buy books with a retail value in excess of \$7,500.

On February 27th we are reading at St Bernard's Elementary in Witless Bay. CBC Reporter Ein Sulley will be joining us and filming for the new afternoon show Living NL. We are not sure when the show will air but we will keep you informed.

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Ever since our presentation at last year's Rotary District Conference in Charlottetown, PEI we have been talking about Read-A-Long starter kits that other clubs can use to start their own programs. Demand has been growing for these kits and so last month we took the decision to send a starter kit to every one of the thirty-nine clubs in the 7820 District. An enormous thank you goes to David Taylor and his family who spent a couple of days organizing books and boxes and posting thirty-nine starter kits. On March 18th The St John's Fog Devils hosted the second Rotary Read-A-Long night at the hockey game. We asked fans to bring books to the game to donate to the Program.

New to our organizing committee is Tara Power. Tara has added significant class to our team and is using her legendary powers of persuasion to manage this year's sponsorship program. This is an absolutely vital role as we are committed to giving away between \$2,000 and \$3,000 worth of books in each school and we are reading in over twenty schools this year. Many of you will have received notes and invoices from Tara and her team. We are very grateful for your support and speedy turnaround on your donation.

These are some of the pictures that were taken during the *Rotary Reads* event at our school. Thanks for giving us this opportunity to participate. Catherine M. Best, Grade Five Teacher, St. Mary's Elementary School, Waterford Bridge Road, St. John's



We are delighted to report that The Rotary Club of Summerside, PEI launched their own Read-A-Long program in late February. Here is a note from Rotarian Bill Kendrick on the kick-off event;



"The Read-A-Long went great... we had 5 Rotarians reading to five different classes... Gr 1-3. I had the Grade 1 class... they were truly delightful.

The school was thrilled to have us there... and get the books and said we could come back any time. It's a half and half school... half English and half French immersion so they want some readers to come for the French students. We have several French speaking members who have said they'll do it once we get some French books.

It's a great program... and I'm quite sure it will continue here and grow.

Thanks for creating such a wonderful program."

Stratford

The Rotary Club of Stratford presented members of the Board of Directors of Camp Gencheff, a Rotary-supported camp for children, adolescents and young adults with special needs, with a cheque to purchase new furniture for the Camp.



President Andrew Davies presenting a cheque to Edna Reid and Glen Roberts for new furniture for Camp Gencheff

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New Stratford Rotarian Paula Squarebriggs with her sponsoring Rotarian Richard Thibault and President Andrew Davies

Members warmly welcomed Paula Squarebriggs who joined the club in March in the Classification of Health Advisor. Paula is with Clarica Financial Services and lives in Stratford with her husband Wayne and two sons. Paula is the sixth new Stratford Rotarian of this Rotary Year.

On March 14th, Stratford area MLA David McKenna (Glen Stewart-Bellvue Cove) spoke to the Club. In addition to providing some highlights of current programs, Dr. McKenna praised the Rotary Club of Stratford for its vol-



MLA Dr. David McKenna with Japanese guest Noriko Tsuji and Rotarian Rhian Louise MacDonald

unteer effort and initiatives in the community. He also expressed the opinion that Rotary makes communities stronger across the world.

The Rotary Club of Stratford is very pleased to announce the launch of its exciting new website at www.stratfordrotary.com. Webmaster and Stratford Rotarian John Stakel, ably assisted by fellow club members, has created a user-friendly and informative site. We encourage you to check it out and find out more about us.

Summerside

We are pleased to welcome Gord Coffin to our club. Gord is a retired manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia and is now a tourism accommodation operator. He was proposed for membership by AG Derek Key.



AG Derek Key pinning our new member, Gord Coffin with his Rotary Pin

Sydney Sunrise

Sydney Sunrise is now raising funds for projects through its work at the Membertou Sunday night BINGO. Members distribute game cards and work the floor in exchange for a weekly donation to the club.

The club is looking forward to our first annual Cape Breton celebrity roast which is scheduled for April 21, 2007. Retired Senator John Buchanan is the honouree this year. Speakers will include well known politicians and several personal friends of Mr. Buchanan. MC for the night will be CTV's Steve Murphy.

The club hosted Foundation dinners in March and April to raise funds for the Polio eradication campaign. Member names are drawn from a hat to ensure a good mix of guests. Members who are hosting the dinner find out who's coming when they answer the door ! The dinners provide a great night of fellowship and fun, all for a good cause.

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Wolfville

On Feb 24th the Rotary Club of Wolfville held a Celebrity Chefs fundraiser featuring the creations of Michael Howell (The Tempest Restaurant) and friends to raise money for the Club's Student Achievement Awards. Each year, the Rotary Club of Wolfville provides financial support to deserving students wanting to further their education. The community service project was initiated in 1985 to mark the Clubs 50th anniversary.

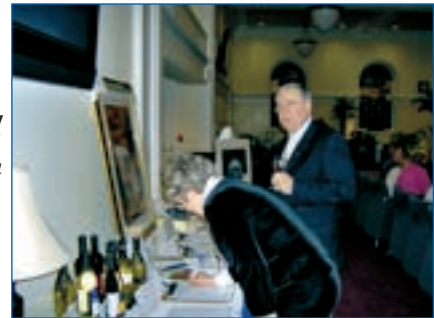
The Gala event was held on the campus at Acadia University in the University's newly created Learning Commons (Celebrity Chefs provided the venue's first exposure to the community). The President of Acadia University, and honorary Rotarian, Dr. Gail Dinter-Gottlieb, was present to welcome the community to the brand new facility and explain its multi faceted uses.

The successful event provided wonderful fellowship for Rotarians and the residents of the local community



Grand Prize: Rotarian Jim Stegen with the Grand Prize winners (a five night stay at the Arizona Biltmore hotel, Phoenix Arizona and \$1500.00) with Rotarian and Co Chair of the Gala committee Jill Delaney with YE Student Frederik who drew the winning couple's ticket.

Bidding: Rotarian Carson MacDonald and partner bidding at the silent auction



Enjoying Fellowship: Enjoying Rotary fellowship in comfort at Acadia's new Learning Commons

Michael Howell: Wolfville's The Tempest Restaurant owner Michael Howell, shown in this picture, together with executive chefs from four other of NS's finest dining establishments and the NSCC culinary teaching staff teamed with the Rotary Club of Wolfville to provide gourmet cuisine for the event. The cuisine was paired with a wonderful selection of local & foreign wines.



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*Music to Dine: Music to accompany the dining.
One of three groups providing music during the event*



All Smiles: PDG John Brown and Wolfville Rotarian Jerry Porter with Danish YE student Frederick Linder-Madsen. Everyone was smiles at the Gala!

Last spring, Wolfville Rotarian & Paul Harris Fellow Ed Murphy, a long serving club member suffered a stroke. Ed has been convalescing at his home in North Grand Pré. Until last Tuesday, when Ed was transported by a special wheel chair accessible vehicle owned and operated by L'Arche, from his home to/from the Old Orchard Inn for a Rotary meeting, he had not been out of his home since November the 11th 2006. Wheel chair accessible transportation is an extremely precious commodity in the Valley! The Rotary Club of Wolfville is most grateful to the L'Arche community for extending a helping hand. By offering to provide a lift to Rotary meetings once a month, Ed is once again able to enjoy the fellowship of his club members. Following last Tuesday's meeting it was decided to combine fellowship and good food in the form of a pot-luck luncheon with Ed & Marg Murphy at their home.



PDG John Brown sharing a story with Rotarian Ed Murphy



Rotarians Jim Frazee & Georgie McNeil (foreground) enjoying a lighter moment



Rotarian Ron Porter and guest posing for the camera



Wolfville's Youth Exchange Student Frederik Linder-Madsen and Daphne Frazee



Thelma Brown & Rotarian Betsey Harwood enjoying the fellowship

Bridgewater

March proved to be a busy month for the Rotary Club of Bridgewater & District. To start we had a "Night of 1,000 Dinners" club social at President Alain's house and a good time was had by all. Thanks to Alain and Sharon for hosting this event.



Our 2nd Annual Funspeil was held on March 24th. Once again, Funspeil Coordinator, Don Stewart, worked hard to make sure everything went smoothly and all curlers had a great time. Thanks go out to Don, as well as to club members Curtis Swinimer, Paul Trickett, Rainer Bressmer and Lea Stuempel who assisted during the day.

Thanks also to Curtis Swinimer (iPod), Karsa Melnick (Curling Vests) and Radio Station CKBW (Harlem Globetrotter tickets) for providing such fabulous raffle prizes and to the prize donors who sponsored the heavily laden prize table.



Of course we could not have had a successful event without the support of the enthusiastic curlers who were such great sports. We cleared approx. \$2,700 which has been earmarked for community projects.



The venue also allowed us to showcase our activities as well as those of RI.



A very special welcome to our newest Rotary member, Rainer Bressmer. Rainer was inducted on March 26th. Congratulations, Rainer. We are looking forward to getting to know you in the days ahead.

Looking ahead to April, on the local community level our Club will be completing a Literacy Project for the Lunenburg County Adult Learning Network and we are taking part in the "Economics of Staying in School Program" at Hebbville Academy. Internationally, we are "Spring cleaning" by collecting all of our used eyeglasses which will be donated to a Third World country in need. It is amazing how many glasses have already been turned in. Finally, the Golf Tournament Committee is in gear planning the "Biggest & Best Golf Tournament Ever" for June.

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