



Clubs in Action

July 2007



Avalon Northeast

Keeping with the Family of Rotary...

On Wednesday, June 12, 2007, the Rotary Club of Avalon Northeast had the distinct pleasure of inducting its newest Honourary Member.

Megan Catherine McCarthy has been attending the Club each and every Wednesday since February of 2007 and even longer when we really think about it. She has attended every club function and participated in her own way in every fundraiser and was a headliner at the recently held Rotary Convention when she was introduced to various members of the District - she has 100% attendance since her first meeting. Each of the members of the club consider Megan's attendance at club meetings the highlight of their week and the ability to sit with Megan throughout the meetings is hotly contested and vied for each and every week.

You see, Megan is 4 months old and her Mom, Louise Powell McCarthy, is the club secretary. Megan's dad, Mike McCarthy is in the military and has been away since late last fall. Louise came back to the club two weeks after Megan was born. Throughout the months waiting for her arrival, the members were on call for storm duty through the winter, especially around the due date, and now the club has become Megan's extended family and each and every member considers themselves an aunt or uncle.



In early August, Louise and Megan will leave Newfoundland and travel to Ottawa where the family will be reunited with Mike's new posting. The members of the club believed it was fitting to have Megan named an Honourary Member so that she would always be a member of the Club. Unfortunately, she slept through the whole thing!

Clareville

The month of May proved to be an extremely busy month for the Rotarians at the Rotary Club of Clareville, Newfoundland. It started with Rotary Read-Along. A project in support of the local schools whereby our club donates books (\$2000 worth to date) and also take the time out of their busy schedules to read to the students.

Under the guidance of Rotarian Ronan O'Shea our club hosted a team for the Relay for Life and took part in the whole event raising over \$50,000 for the Cancer Society.

The international project titled "All is well water around the world" is one our club is proud to endorse and have agreed to donate \$1000 to help bring it to fruition. Our motto "we share" is surely evident in the Rotary Club of Clareville and we are committed to continuing to do just that.

"Common People... UNCommon Purpose"

Kentville



The highlight of our month has been hosting a very special 100th birthday party for Rotarian, Garth Calkin. Garth is a past president of our club, past Mayor of Kentville and has served the community in countless ways through the years. A number of fellow Rotarians and other friends, spoke and related many inspiring stories from Garth's long and productive life.

And what party would be complete without a birthday cake! Our second most senior member, Sid Davies, aged 95, spoke and congratulated Garth on his 100th and also took the opportunity to invite everyone back in 5 years for his own 100th birthday celebration.



Another highlight this month has been our club's participation in hosting the Friendship Exchange team from Brazil. There were tours of Scotia Gold, Grand Pre, Noggins Farm in Greenwich, the Fundy tides and more. The exchange team



were great ambassadors for Rotary and for Brazil. A special thank you to Elva Heyge, member of the Rotary Club of Kentville and Assistant District Governor, for all her work in organizing a great time for all who participated, both Brazilians and local Rotarians.

Another special thank you to Joe Ueffing who spearheaded the latest sales campaign for our major fundraising project - the Valley Faces of Business publication. Joe reported to the club that ad sales for this years edition surpassed the target of \$100,000. Congratulations to Joe and all the Rotarians who sold ads and now it goes over to Kim Monette and her team for publication this fall.

And finally, a thank you to outgoing club President Hope Chikoski for her leadership during the past year. We look forward to an exciting year coming with our new President, Catherine Savage.

Middleton

The Rotary Club of Middleton regrets to inform the district that our Honourary Member and Charter Member, Dr. Jim Stoddart, passed away earlier this month.

New Minas Sunrise

Sunrise club members gathered for Charter night on May 16, at which time club member Dr. Ian Doyle and his wife Ann presented a powerpoint show on their recent trip to Guyana to offer free dental services to villagers. A Paul Harris Fellowship was presented the same evening to ADG Terry Miller, also a Past-President of the club.

Sunrise also hosted its annual highway cleanup on May 26. A good turnout helped make the roadside cleanup a breeze. The “golden wrench” award for the most unusual find went to DA Landry, who found and wore a tiara (much to his son PJ’s embarassment !)

The Rotary Club of New Minas Sunrise is hosting its 10th annual Whalerboat races on June 16 on Sydney Harbour. This year’s event is in support of the Cape Breton Regional Hospital Foundation’s purchase of UV equipment to treat skin conditions. In the past 5 years, the event has raised over \$57,000 for new medical equipment.

Members will get together again to share an evening of fellowship at the annual lobster dinner, scheduled for the first week of July. At that time, awards will be made and the Charter presented to incoming President Phil Thompson by (soon to be) Past-President Brian Slaney.

Thanks for a good year and best of luck to incoming Presidents and officers !

New Waterford



Rotarian Francis MacLean was recognized with a Paul Harris Fellowship.

L - R : President Dave McIsaac, Evelyn and Francis MacLean and Rotarian Joe MacKinnon

Congratulations to Francis from all Rotarians.

North Sydney

First of all May 24 - 27 our club did some of the hosting for the Brazilian GSE Team while they were in Cape Breton, other local clubs shared with the hosting as well. Our members enjoyed meeting the team at a Fish & Chip Social that was held at Rotarian Din Marsh’s home. Great evening!

June was the start of our summer events, social and fundraising. Starting off with our Annual Lobster/Auction.

On June 23 we had a great social event for members, family and friends. Held at Rotarian John Eyking’s cottage on the Bras D’or Lakes. This is an enjoyable annual event and the auction revenues are added to our club account. And of course FUN for everyone.

June 29 was our Mile of Money campaign. This event has been happening for over 40 years. It provides an opportunity for the members to not only raise funds for our projects on the Northside but also talk to people about Rotary in our community and RI. Usually a very good source of revenue and public awareness. That’s all for now. Have a good summer.

Springhill

Our Rotary bursary will be presented to one of the students at the Springhill High School graduation ceremonies.

The club decided to alternate meetings between *JB's Steakhouse* and the *Jade Palace Restaurant*. There will be a sign placed on the door of the Lower Hall of St. Andrew's-Wesley United Church to make visitors aware of our meeting places and times.

Stratford



Mulch Footwear

potato belt. We even had Walter the big white dog as our mascot as we shovelled and scooped 190 tons of black spruce bark mulch into trucks and cars of all shapes and sizes over two weekends in

We shoveled in sneakers and in stilettos, in rubber boots and in sandals. We shoveled in pouring rain and in bright sunshine. We were assisted by our spouses and our siblings, our children and our friends and by a specially created "mulcherator" which began life as a



The Mulcherator



Mulch Helpers - Leona, and Ben MacIntosh with Rotarian Emile Gallant.



They came in all sorts of vehicles to get mulch.

May during our Annual Mulch Sale. Although this year we had to purchase the mulch we still managed to raise approximately \$16,000 for our club projects.

Once again, Stratford Rotarians donned their reflective vests for highway clean-up as they completed the second leg of their twice yearly clean up of a 5km stretch of the Trans Canada Highway in Stratford.



Rotarians Stuart Robinson and Stewart MacIntosh helping Glen Beaton get ready for Roadside Clean up



Rotarians Emile Gallant, Richard Thibault and Jo-Anne White getting the PR Brochure ready for distribution.

This year, the Rotary Club of Stratford received a PR Grant from Rotary International to create a Club Brochure. Thanks to Stewart MacIntosh and Emile Gallant for spearheading the project. The brochure, which tells of the club's activities and of Rotary International was distributed to 2700 homes with the Stratford Town Newsletter.

It's been another successful year for the Map Fundraiser as well. Rotarian Al Corner and his team, sold advertising space and received money from the Town of Stratford to produce a full-colour Town of Stratford map, available free-of-charge at many venues. The resulting hard work netted an almost \$6000 profit for the Club.

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Wolfville

The club has renewed its contribution to Camp Odonata. Coordinated by Lillian Cochrane and Gale Gordon, the camp is for children 5 to 12 who have lost a relative during the past year.

Support was also announced for Camp Treasure Chest, the asthma camp for children.

A thank-you was received from the Gaspereau Boy Scouts for our Jamboree contribution.

Neil updated the club on the school project in Angola. The community built a three room school house using adobe brick but unfortunately 3 of the walls were washed away during rain storms as the roof material our club funded did not arrive in time. The community is rebuilding the school and it will be completed by the fall.

Bridgewater & District

On June 21st the sun gods smiled down on us and gave us a perfect day to host our 10th Annual Charity Golf Tournament at Osprey Ridge Golf Course. A great big thank you from all members goes out to the hard working Golf Tournament Committee; Karsa Melnick, Paul MacNeil, Don Magee, Paul Crant and Bettina Grunwald. Thanks also to Curtis Swinimer and Bruce Wentzell for once again taking on the important task of getting the “tee & green sponsors” and to all the members who brought in the terrific prizes for the prize table.

Excitement was in the air all afternoon as participants qualified to be one of the 10 names drawn for the opportunity to try for the “Million Dollar Hole-in-One”.

Unfortunately, in spite of valiant efforts, the \$1,000,000 was not won but, a consolation prize of a golfing week-end at White Point Lodge and an iPod Nano was won by one of the ten.

Tournament participants were able to see first hand where some of the money that was raised goes when, during the meal, our club presented a \$1,000 cheque to Harbour House Women’s Shelter to be used for renovations and a \$600 cheque to the Small World Learning Centre. The Day Care Centre was under construction when it was destroyed by fire (arson) and our thanks to Curtis (Sears) for providing the air conditioner that was raffled off with all proceeds going to the day care.

The Rotary Club of Bridgewater & District Bursary was presented on June 28th to a deserving graduating student in our area. The criteria for the bursary was based on the Rotary “Four-Way Test” and good citizenship. We are looking forward to continuing this bursary every year.



Our member, Curtis Swinimer (Sears Furniture & Appliance Dealer), one of the sponsors for the Million Dollar Hole-in-One, with Michael Baker (not the MLA) who won the consolation prize.