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President's Message

Happy New Year!!!!!!!

May I wish each of you and your family a happy, healthy and safe 2009!!!!

I hope all your expectations for 2008 and especially this past holiday season were met.

I want to take this opportunity to extend to Yvonne Seymour and each of her committee members a big thank you for a very successful Christmas Party. All of us who attended...all 100 of us...enjoyed an evening of good food, good music, good fun and wonderful camaraderie. Thank you so much!

Many of you will soon be heading for warmer climes and we wish you a safe

journey and warm weather. Hurry back, as you are missed during your absence.

For those of us who are staying, I hope snow does not fall either on the day before or the day of our meetings in order for everyone to arrive safely. (If truth be told, I wish snow would only fall on ski hills and trails, if only!) The Speaker Committee has worked hard to line up interesting speakers with interesting topics. I do not want you to miss them or for them to cancel due to inclement weather.

I finish with a little food for thought...is 2009 to be called two thousand and nine as we did with 2008 or twenty oh nine as many are calling twenty ten?

Sharron



Bulletin Board

Join area Probud clubs on Feb. 2, 2009 at the Northshore Bowling Lanes in Northumberland Mall Cobourg for our Annual tournament. The cost to bowl will be \$10. per person and lunch will be \$15. per person and is being held at the Cobourg Legion at 12:30p.m. following the bowling. Members not wishing to bowl can come out and cheer the teams on and then join us for lunch or just come out for the lunch. See Jack Chapman to sign up.

From The Editor

If you would like to share with the club your pictures of funny things or unusual places and one liners please send them in (with an explanation of what the picture is about).

Programme Speakers and Events

- Jan- 7 Hospice -Speaker T.B.A.
- Jan. 21 Rick Stronks - Bears and Algonquin Park
- Feb. 4 Dave Dryden - Sleeping Children around the World
- Feb. 18 Small Business and Hobby Show

Rose Wood and Cal Johnston Co-Chairs



A sign on the lawn at a drug rehab center said: 'Keep off the Grass.'

Speaker's Corner



Our scribe
Julius Varga

They'll Steal Your Hearts Away

But then that is what children do. Their joy of simply being alive, the pleasure derived from the most mundane things stir even the most jaded of adult hearts to care. But it is tragedy visited upon these innocent that spurs them to act. It should thus not come as a surprise that concern for those orphaned by HIV/AIDS in Tanzania, should move Jim Stewart and other members of Rotary International to strive in some way to help.

The building the high school Kilema, Tanzania, marks but the latest of Jim's ten projects abroad. Others included working on a hospital in the Dominican Republic, that has since become a teaching hospital, and another, a children's HIV hospital at Burkina Faso in West Africa. The need for this particular high school came about as the children had outgrown the elementary school facilities built earlier and were now ready to move on with their education. In total the combined schools now educate 450 children. Still the project is far from complete "four primary schools and one high school still left to go" and "an HIV clinic to compliment the already existing 135 bed hospital." Jim is emphatic that Rotary's efforts "do not just throw money at the project", but as sweat equity, "emphasize getting physically involved...working hand in hand with those who will eventually benefit from the project."

Rotary's success depends on local community efforts. The principals of C.D.C.I. West and E.N.N.S. in Brighton became personally involved.

The students of both schools collectively raised \$25,000 towards financing the project. Each member of the construction crew not only paid for their flight over but also contributed \$2,000 towards materials they would be using. Also each school contributed two hockey bags filled with school supplies for the school's students. Finally Brighton Rotary funded separately the building of a Teacher's Residence so that teachers could live on the site.



In spite of all this education still remains a privilege. The average annual income in Tanzania is \$700.00 Can. and school costs \$200.00 Can. per student. It is one of the ironies of life that the government will fund the education of the orphans but not the cost of the education of any of the children of those who have taken on the role of being their caregivers.

Thus Rotary has felt obligated to eliminate this inequality by paying the costs of educating the caregiver's children as well. The giving goes on.

There is a Ugandan proverb, "Everyone can hear a tree fall, but who can hear a forest growing." Progress in Africa seems so slow, its many problems appear insurmountable Still Jim cautions against making comparisons. "This is a life for them" and suggests instead, "The best we can do for them is give them an education." Then, seeing all those kids, students of the school they have just been working on, smiling, posing for the camera, wearing those leftover Cobourg Relay for Life t-shirts, he can't possibly be wrong. "They are happy."

. The man who survived mustard gas and pepper spray is now a seasoned veteran



*GM's newest vehicle the model VLE (very low emissions)
This will enable GM to achieve the target of an average 23mpg for their fleet of cars.
To be introduced September 2009. Who said they could not compete?*



The short fortune-teller who escaped from prison was a small medium at large

Do we like to dance?

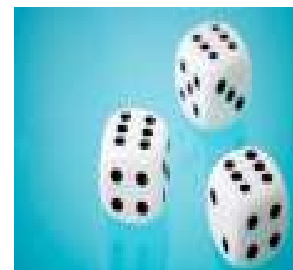


Social Activities and Events

- Jan 15 Bridge Club 2 meets at Rick Potter's
- Jan 21 Lunch Bunch will meet at Capone's on Jan. 21st. Cost is \$15. all inclusive. See Sharon O'Connor to sign up.
- Jan. 29 Bridge Club 2 meets at Julius Varga's
- Feb. 2 Bowling Tournament at Northumberland Mall followed by lunch at the Cobourg Legion. See bulletin board.
- Feb. 6. On Golden Pond – Best Western Dinner Theatre - 32 tickets available Cost \$33.75. - make cheques payable to Best Western dated prior to Jan. 10. See Diane Morrison
- Feb 18 Lynn and Bruce Bateman will be the coordinators for the Small Business and Hobby Show. Let them know if you are interested in reserving a table to showcase your small business or hobby.
- Feb 28 Hair - - -at Capital Theatre Port Hope

A Host for Drinks & Appies is needed for February.

Diane Morrison - Co-ordinator



Trips, Tours and Theatre (Out of Town)

1. 'Hair'- Capitol Theater, Port Hope - - 7:30 pm
Feb. 28 - Cost \$22 to 25 TBA
2. 'The Sound of Music'- The Princess of Wales Theatre, Toronto
May 13 Matinee- Cost TBA Sign up sheets Jan 7



June Collins and Carol Lawless (Co-Chairs)

A dog gave birth to puppies near the road and was cited for littering



A long walk to the toilet!



What is this strange bird called?



*New members inducted into the club
Gwen Barnes, President Sharron, Inez and George Redmond*

I thought I saw an eye doctor on an Alaskan island, but it turned out to be an optical Aleutian.

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A Final Thought

DIFFERENT WAYS OF LOOKING AT THINGS

A little boy went up to his father and asked: "Dad, where did my intelligence come from?" The father replied. "Well son, you must have got it from your mother, 'cause I still have mine."

"Mr. Clark, I have reviewed this case very carefully," the divorce Court Judge said, "And I've decided to give your wife \$775 a week," "That's very fair, your honor," the husband said. "And every now and then I'll try to send her a few bucks myself."

A doctor examining a woman who had been rushed to the Emergency Room, took the husband aside, and said, "I don't like the looks of your wife at all." "Me neither doc," said the husband. "But she's a great cook and really good with the kids".

Two Mexican detectives were investigating the murder of Juan Gonzalez. "How was he killed?" asked one detective. "With a golf gun," the other detective replied. "A golf gun?! What is a golf gun?" "I don't know. But it sure made a hole in Juan."

A man is recovering from surgery when the Surgical Nurse appears and asks him how he is feeling. "I'm O. K. but I didn't like the four-letter-word the doctor used in surgery," he answered. "What did he say," asked the nurse. "OOPS"