



Rotary Matters

Rotary Club of Newcastle

January 2009

Chinese New Year's Dinner



2009 ~ Year of the Ox

Saturday, January 31, 2009
Beaverbrook Kin Centre

Cash Bar at 6:30 pm
Sit Down Dinner at 7:30 pm

Attire is Casual. All net proceeds to Camp Rotary Grand Lake and Shelterbox Project.

Tickets \$30, of which \$15 is a charitable donation receipt.

Tickets available from Herman Koops at A Bound Corporation, call 622-6863.



The mission of **The Rotary Foundation** is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty.

The Foundation is a not-for-profit corporation supported solely by voluntary contributions from Rotarians and friends of the Foundation who share its vision of a better world.

For more information on how to make a contribution to the Rotary Foundation contact Dr. Linda Hudson or online at www.rotary.org

Pond Hockey update

Plans are well underway for this year's tournament, February 6 - 8. We are still looking for teams so encourage everyone you know that plays hockey to register a team. Also, if you know a business who would like to sponsor a team let Pat know.

www.miramichirotarypondhockey.com

There are presently 3 former NHLer's that will be playing this year - Brad Park, Don Marcotte and Chris Nilan. Colleen has made their travel and accommodation arrangements and we thank our Corporate Sponsors O'Neill Fisheries and Sky Tec Satellite for their continued generous support.

If you know of anyone interested in volunteering their time during the weekend contact Donnalú who will gladly find a duty for them.

Congratulations to Rotarian John McKay who received a Community Service Volunteer Award from the City of Miramichi at the 2009 New Year's Day Levee. John received his award for his long term service of volunteering with the Rotary Club, Historical Society and other organizations.



Photo by Grace Trowbridge



January Birthdays
Jack Christie, Luc Dubé, Herman Koops,
Greg MacDiarmid, Rosemay Sarkis

Fellowship Annual Christmas Party

Thank you to Melanie Daley and all those involved with organizing the annual Christmas Party. The evening at the Eco Centre provided fun and games, great food, a few refreshments and a visit from Santa. The highlight of the night was the Christmas Trivia Challenge, which turned out to be quite the competition between the final two tables.



Dear fellow Rotarians,

January marks the beginning of the second half of the Rotary year. It's a time to look back on what we've accomplished so far, to assess our progress, and to renew our determination to achieve our goals in the months remaining. It's a time to discuss and evaluate the goals of our clubs as well as the goals we've set for ourselves as Rotarians.

January is also Rotary Awareness Month, a time for us to consider how our Rotary values – and our own actions – influence public perceptions of Rotary. Our strategic plan outlines five core values that define and guide us as we chart a course into our second century of service.

Service is our first value, as it should be. Our focus on service is reflected in our primary motto, Service Above Self. Through our clubs and districts, we have the potential to create better, safer, and healthier communities, one project at a time.

Fellowship is the reason Rotary was founded over 100 years ago. The friendship, the camaraderie, and the wonderful sense of doing something good together is what keeps us all looking forward to our Rotary meetings week after week.

Diversity is an aspect of Rotary that becomes more important with every passing year. We have just welcomed to Rotary the Republic of Kiribati, which joins the more than 200 countries and geographical areas already on the Rotary map. I look forward with all Rotarians to a day when there is a Rotary club in every community in the world.

Integrity is fundamental to our organization's identity. Every Rotarian is a guardian of the reputation that generations of Rotarians have worked to build. When we maintain the highest ethical standards in all of our dealings, we strengthen the trust that allows us to serve more effectively.

But it will only happen if we show *leadership*, the fifth, and final, core value. Each of us must remember, with our every action, that we are Rotarians. When we are chosen to become Rotarians, and when we choose to accept that honor, we take it upon ourselves to become representatives of the entire organization.

When we are known as Rotarians, then everything we do reflects upon us all. By living by our core values and committing to Service Above Self, we build a stronger Rotary and a better world for all.

Dong Kurn (D.K.) Lee
President, Rotary International