



Rotary Matters

Rotary Club of Newcastle

April 2009



An evening with Rotary International President *John Kenny*

On Thursday July 16 2009, Rotary International President John Kenny will be visiting Nova Scotia and will be the guest of honour at a dinner at the Best Western Glengarry, Truro. All Rotarians are urged to attend and meet with the first RI President from Scotland while he visits New Scotland. This is an historic event and a wonderful opportunity for new and long time Rotarians to meet and chat with the RI President.

Tickets for the dinner are \$40 each and available from the following Rotarians:

PEI - Derek Key - derek.key@mcinnescooper.com NL - Kathryn Atkin - katkin@eastlink.ca
Truro, Springhill, Amhurst - Wayne Gillis, -wgillis@ipcc.org HRM - Dorothy Britten - thepond@accesswave.ca
Valley - Joe Ueffing - jju@delhaven.ns.ca Sydney - David Muise - dmuise@fsens.ns.ca
Pictou County - Gord Hankin - gord@hankin.ca

For Rotarians who will want to stay overnight, the Best Western has blocked 20 rooms at the corporate rate till June 16 on a first come basis. Phone 1-800-567-4276 and ask for the rooms for Rotary International. Due to facilities, tickets are limited and on a first come basis.

Miramichi Rotary Music Festival - Update

The festival is in full swing. Thanks to all the volunteers who help keep this event going year after year. I was so impressed by the vocal talent of the young ladies who performed on Tuesday evening. The music theatre numbers were very entertaining. I encourage you to attend one of the competitions to witness first hand the benefits of providing this opportunity for the participants to share their musical gifts and to gain valuable insight from the Adjudicators.

Dawn Waye, Public Relations Chair

Annual Rotary Awards Banquet

Hosted by the Rotary Club of Chatham

Saturday, May 2, 2009
Rodd Miramichi River

Reception ~ Cash Bar
Dinner at 7 pm

\$40 per person, partners invited
Stuffed chicken, dessert and coffee

RSVP to Pat Perry
by April 24th

Paul Harris Fellow Recognitions
will be presented to
Dr. Linda Hudson and
a community member
on behalf of our club.



April Birthdays
Scott Knowles, Dawn Waye
Anniversaries
Wayne Carpenter, John McAllister



Miramichi Therapeutic Riding Association (MTRA) has provided therapeutic horseback riding for special needs youth and adults for over a decade now. MTRA operates under the auspices of the Canadian Therapeutic Riding Association (CanTRA) and has a local inspected CanTRA approved riding arena on Oldfield Road, has certified CanTRA instructors and operates with CanTRA liability insurance coverage.

Therapeutic horseback riding is a form of therapy using horses to help persons with disabilities, the disabilities range from physical through learning and even emotional disabilities.

Many riders experience a connection to the horse that few sports can create. For those riders who cannot walk, the horse is their feet, their vehicle of transport. Not only does this help raise their self-esteem but it also teaches them essential skills. It improves balance, creates trust and creates a friendship between rider and horse.

CanTRA's Aims and Objectives:

- To promote therapeutic riding for persons with disabilities throughout Canada
- To establish and maintain standards of horseback riding as a therapeutic, recreational and sports activity in collaboration with the medical profession
- To develop competitive equestrian sport
- To maintain the highest standards for registered Canadian Therapeutic Riding Instructors
- To develop standards of program excellence
- To promote research in all aspects of therapeutic riding
- To provide a continuing educational program of seminars and conferences

Benefits of Therapeutic Riding:

- Development of mobility, balance and co-ordination
- Improvement of muscle tone and strength
- Increased concentration and improved learning skills
- A challenging recreational activity
- Independence, integration and a sense of achievement
- Development of self confidence and motivation
- Opportunity to become an elite athlete



Locally therapeutic horseback riding takes place spring, summer and fall in an indoor arena. The cost to the participant's families is 25% of actual costs to keep it affordable. For many local special needs individuals this is the single opportunity they have to engage in a sport and feel mobile! Those who participate regularly look forward to their riding days, more than anything else in the week.

Many thanks to the Newcastle Rotary Club for their faithful annual support of this endeavor through the past years. [we support this organization with \\$1200.00 a year.](#)

Barbara Ann Flett & Herman Koops
MTRA co-chairs



Welcome New Member

Shane Foster

Annual District Conference

May 29-31, St. Andrews, NB

This is a great way to learn more about Rotary.

All members, especially new Rotarians, should consider attending. The club covers travel and registration expenses.

Business Meeting - Please note that the 3rd noon meeting of the month is a Business Meeting and you are asked to please not invite a guest as club business will be discussed.