



# Rotary Matters

## Rotary Club of Newcastle

### June 2009



#### *Congrats Pat!*

Club President Pat Perry was honored with a Paul Harris Recognition by District 7810 at the annual conference in Saint Andrews last month.

#### *District Public Relations Award*

Our club received the award for the event that brings Rotary the most recognition.



A huge thank you for the support of the club throughout the year. Thank you to the Executive, Committee Chairs, every Rotarian and their partners. The new executive with Michel LaFrance's leadership will be awesome.

We spent a good part of the year developing a plan for the club. I report on our progress to date.

In our goals we needed to bring in 5 new members which we did but we also lost 3 members. So this goal will always be a priority.

We contributed to the Polio Plus campaign but the challenge has doubled going forward with the new funds injected by the Gates Foundation.

We have had 2 members complete Rotary Leadership Institute, one completed 2 years, one in year one and more members looking to start. As well we have had attendance at PETS, SETS, Foundation, Membership, and District Conference.

We purchased 2 Shelterboxes. Our ShelterBoxes #1210 & 1211 have been deployed to Bangladesh to shelter victims of cyclone Aila.

Our fund raising goal was \$35,000 - \$50,000. Well, we raised \$40,000.00 through Pond Hockey, \$3980.00 Hockey Pool and \$5,490.00 Chinese New Years Dinner. Totaling \$49,470.00. Great Work! We committed 6% to World Community Service \$3000.00. This has been committed to a 7 well project for schools in South Africa but put on hold until after July 1st when the district will reapply to the Foundation.

We received a generous donation from Margaret Byers in memory of her husband, former member Ian Byers. A memorial service was held in January in Ian's honor.

We will pay off our debt to the City and complete a huge 5 year community project. We donated \$3000 to Camp Rotary and built it to \$4000.00 with District Designated Funds.

We gave \$1200.00 in support of the cadets since 1943, \$2000.00 to the Miramichi Therapeutic Riding Association, sponsored 2 Campers to Camp Rotary, \$750.00 scholarship to Miramichi Valley (raised to \$1,000.00 for next year), \$250.00 to the Cross Canada Tour for long term student exchange, we had a short term exchange, and Cody Silliker went to Adventures in Citizenship.

We also gave a donation to the Miramichi Valley School Band of \$200.00 for their support in our Chinese Dinner, \$1014.91 to purchase a projector and screen for the firefighters in support of our pond hockey, \$100.00 to an air cadet to travel to England on an exchange. Under service we met all of our activities.

Through the efforts of Foundation Chair, Dr. Linda Hudson one-third of the membership fulfilled the Every Rotarian Every Year donation of \$100 each.

For fellowship we continue our lobster supper. The Christmas Party format seemed to go well, perhaps with a change in venue next year. The Pond Hockey Wrap up Party continues to be the event of the season and I encourage every one to attend this fellowship activity.

We continue to build our club administration program with 2 recognition fellowship activities.

All and all a tremendous year. We were 1 of 4 clubs out of 40 who received the Presidential Citation at District. The club also won the Public Relations award at District level. The Pond Hockey tournament won the National Capital Commission Winter Festival Award 2008-2009 through the WinterLights program and the Tourism & Parks, Province of New Brunswick 2009 Excellence & Innovation in Tourism Marketing Award.

~ Pat Perry, President



The **Rotary Club of Newcastle/Miramichi** Rotary Pond Hockey Tournament won the Excellence and Innovation in Tourism Marketing Award. The annual award was presented to Geri Mahoney and club members at the Tourism Industry Association of New Brunswick annual convention. Hon. Stuart Jamieson, Minister of Tourism & Parks made the presentation. Five years ago, members of the Miramichi Rotary Club recognized that a rapidly growing interest in pond hockey offered an opportunity to meet their funding goal for a local tourism project. Among the many initiatives undertaken this past year were: a website offering online booking; participation in CBC Hockeyville; a corporate challenge with NHL alumni; and an invitation to Prime Minister Stephen Harper to drop the first puck, which gained extensive national coverage. A partnership with School District 16 and Aliant for filming and streaming of three games attracted an audience of almost 13,000 from across Canada and around the world.

### Group Study Exchange Team visits Miramichi



The GSE team arrived in Miramichi on May 21st, the day we were the hottest spot in Canada. They had already visited clubs in Moncton, Fredericton and Sackville. They arrived at noon and attended the Chatham Rotary meeting. We then went out on the river with Captain Dan for 2 hours. The evening was spent with their Rotarian host families.

Friday was a vocational day so the dentist spent the morning with Drs Gauthier, Marchand and Mahabir. The social journalist spent the morning at the food bank and the clothing store owner with Emily Hanscon of Her Clothes Closet. The Rotarian visited with Donna Daley At Royal Lepage Miramichi River Realty and Geri Mahoney at her law firm. She met Rotarians who owned their own business and their offices were in beautiful period homes. Then it was on to the Farmers Market.



(l-r) Leon Bremner, Andreina Mibelli Cordido Pat Perry, [Monica Marquez De Zevallos](#)

Lunch was hosted by the Rodd Miramichi. A visit to the Edgewater Gifts & Gallery and the hospital rounded out the day. We had a joint Chatham and Newcastle Rotary supper of salmon and fiddleheads and enjoyed the presentation about their communities and their vocations and volunteer work.



**Belated May Happy Birthdays**  
Colleen, Peter, Geri & Hal

**Belated May Anniversaries**  
Dawn

**June Birthdays**  
Gary, Rick, John McAllister,  
John McKay, Pat

**June Anniversaries**  
Brian, Stan, John McKay, Tammy, Charles



Donnalu Derry was inducted as a member

**Welcome  
New Members**

Phil DeLorme  
Doug Howe

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**  
June 17 - Business/AGM meeting  
June 24 - BBQ with the firefighters  
June 27 - Open House at Camp Rotary  
July 1 - Canada Day, no meeting