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HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Welcome To Our Guests:

We had one guest in attendance this morning – Jack Hartwell a guest of Rotarian Ross Metcalf.

Attendance:

12 Members Absent.....

Renee **BOS**, Angie **DARLISON**, Fred **DEVRIES**, Reg **FREETHY**, Randy **HENRY**, Tom **HILL**, Bill **HYDER**, Steve **JONES**, Linda **MOORE**, Mike **Mokhtar**, Gloria **MORING**, Terry **WITHERSPOON**

Makeups:

Angie Darlison and Randy Henry

Leave of Absence:

Gord Wallace

Attendance Pins:

Dr. Chuck announced that there were no attendance pins this week.

Happy Birthday:

I do believe that the Secretary had a “glitch” in her system and there were no Birthdays or Anniversaries however she did promise that they would show up at our special night on January 25th ... be prepared.

Happy Anniversary:

There were no Anniversaries this week.

To start the morning and indeed the new year off on a musical note – Ross Metcalf invited his friend Jack Hartwell who is a member of Ross’s Choir who also sings with the Oshawa Philharmonic to bring us a message for the new year. Jack sang Standing at the Portal of the Opening Year. Thanks Ross for bringing this bit of “culture” to our earthy group.

Sgt At Arms:

Our Sergeant Kevin Anyan had an interesting method of collecting fines this morning. He asked his “prospects” to speak of highlights of the past Rotary Year and to comment on what we could expect this coming year. Many of the members hit on the successful Ribfest – which of course was

amazing, however they also highlighted the fact that we “won” the right to host the Foundation Walk. Please remember that this will be a huge experience for our club in the coming year.... Lucky US!!



Announcements:

Ted Watson had four happy bucks and one sad buck. Happy that the Christmas Tree sales were done for the year and for the Most successful year that we had, and the one sad buck was that we ended the month with 9 trees left over.

Pauline wanted to remind everyone of the Robbie Burns dinner on January 25th. As of now 22 Rotarians have signed up for this special dinner evening of music, dance and laughter. The dinner will be held at the Orono Town Hall starting at 6:00 p.m. with dinner beginning at 7:00 p.m. There is still time to sign up – please check with your friends and relatives to see if they would like to accompany you to this special evening – Everyone is welcome Tickets are \$35.00 per person.

Happy Bucks:



Chuck Cattran had the first \$10 bucks of the year. A “patron” at our tree sales complained that the trees were too expensive and so we ended up giving her a discount of \$10. Well, she brought in the ten bucks to Chuck -a known Rotarian because she felt guilty as it was such a lovely tree and well worth the extra money!

Our next happy bucks were from Denis Beaulieu. The first buck was that he was glad that this past financial year was over and hopefully better things to come, and the second buck was in recognition of his father-in-law.

His father-in-law was asked to help in the restoration of an old Hudson plane from the second world war. Every Friday he would travel to Trenton to work on this plane and to make this even more special his father in law found out that he was the last pilot to have flown this plane while “one duty” in 1945.

Tim had a happy buck relating his birthday experience in December. On his special day his daughters invited a “few” friends in for dinner it was the after guests that made the evening so special. Apparently the doorbell kept ringing and guests kept arriving. All in all there were 28 people in his house and they went through countless bottles of wine and many Christmas sprits before the end of the night.

Nick Turvill had a few happy bucks unfortunately for us his first buck was that he has accepted the job in Vancouver and will be leaving the club and Bowmanville in the near future.

The second happy buck was that he met with a Realtor and listed his house – the house went on the market at noon and his realtor – Terry Witherspoon brought him an offer just 8 hours after listing.....

So – Nick is in the process of moving immediately and is selling off or giving away a lot of “stuff” from his house. In his words there is no way he is paying to move this “stuff”. Nick and his wife will be moving to Surrey BC.

Best of luck from everyone in the Club Nick – you and your sense of humour will be missed.

Doug Park also had a few bucks. This was the first time in 15 years that his entire family was together for Christmas. The second buck was that he purchased a ticket from John Craine from the Durham Hearing Society, and he won a prize! Not sure what but Doug is still a winner!!

Lyle had a buck to continue telling us about his leaky tap in the kitchen. This is a continuing saga as we had heard about this leak previously and his need for a plumber....well, he went on line to check out the parts of the tap, and where he could locate the parts – sooooo when he went to pick up the parts which he thought he needed the young man that worked at the store pointed out what the problem might be and guess what – Lyle fixed the part himself an easy fix without the assistance of a plumber.

Al Strike had a couple of bucks – At Christmas Al was wandering the house when he came across a tin of special cookies with chocolate – he also couldn't understand why Anna had not had them out for him – so he helped himself to the cookies..... well to make a long story short – the cookies didn't taste too great – and when Anna came in and saw the box opened she wanted to know WHO ATE THE DOG BISCUITS intended for their sons' dog..... Al now tends to “bark” at cars passing on the street...however he says the cookies had no side effects as far as he was concerned.

Sharon Chandra had a sad buck. She found out that this term she will be having

Tuesday morning 8:00 a.m. classes and unfortunately she will be unable to attend Rotary for the next semester.

Susan McLellan, had a happy buck to thank Al Strike for his assistance during the Christmas Holidays. Sue's daughter Johanna has “lost” her passport and in applying for a new passport needed a signature from a Notary Public. Thanks to Al he was able to fill this need and Johanna was able to proceed with her application.

PROGRAM

Our meeting this week was a RIM session where each of the Directors provide a report on their committee and work to date.

Jennifer Hutchinson the Director of Fund Raising and Special Events. Spoke about the Christmas tree sales and their success of approximately \$13,000 – the upcoming Rotary Auction at the Rickard Centre on April 13th, this being a special day will have a black and white theme.

Jenn also mentioned that the next committee meeting will be January 11th. Kevin the Chair of Ribfest will be having a Ribfest meeting the end of January – so keep your calendars open for this date. And finally with the departure of Nick Turvill there is a need for a new Chair of Non Food Vendors for Ribfest. If you are interested in taking on this position – please contact Jennifer.

Our next Director was Kevin Anyan the Director of International Service. Apparently do to some logistical problems they will not be hosting the food packing day in January however will hopefully be

taking this on in October in conjunction with World Hunger Day.

The next highlight from the committee was that we have decided to jump in to the Student Exchange program and will be sending out and receiving a Rotary Exchange Student in the coming year. Our club after applications from various students chose Carolina Rodriguez . Carolina was born in Columbia and lives in Courtice. She is a dedicated student and is keen to become involved in the program. To that end – Kevin would like to remind club members that we are looking for host families for the inbound student. Please see Kevin or Fred if you are willing to host this student for a few months. As of yet we do not know the name, sex or country of origin of our inbound student.

Kevin announced that there will be a meeting in January to discuss further spending with the International Committee.

Steve Code the Director of Special Children, Special Adults and Community Concerns was next on the agenda.

Steve spoke about our donations to Bethesda House for new windows and house upgrades. He also mentioned that we purchased a Defibrillator for a classroom at the Bowmanville High School, new toilets for the Newcastle Town Hall, an electric scooter, an electric stroller and approximately \$7,500 on the Children's Christmas party. There has also been a request for a donation to the Hospital however without a written request the Club will not proceed – we are waiting with chequebook in hand.....

Tim Funchion the Director of General Administration for the Club mentioned that all was going well and that we are now working on the upcoming Robbie Burns

Dinner and the obtaining of a liquor license for the event.

Our final Director was Brett Graves speaking on the business of Membership Development and Public Relations. Unfortunately we are losing Nick so our numbers will not be moving up – lets all try to ask friends and neighbours if they are interested in joining Rotary. We have had two new members this year... we are a tad short of our goal.... 6 new members for the year. Brett also mentioned that our newspaper topic for January will be a member Profile.



50/50 Draw

The draw this week was for more than \$3,365.00 and the lucky ticket holder was Georg Krohn . Unfortunately he pulled the 9 of diamonds so the pot lives on for another week!

Upcoming Programs:

January 10 - Dr. Dana Blakolmer
Nicaragua Experience

January 17 – Martin Vroegh St Mary's
Cement

January 24 – No Meeting

January 25 – Special Meeting
celebrating Robbie Burns Night

REMINDER FROM ANGIE!!!!!! **DUES ARE NOW DUE** FOR THE COMING YEAR. PLEASE BRING YOUR CHEQUE, OR A VISA OR DEBIT TO THE COMING MEETINGS – THE COST OF MEMBERSHIP IS \$250 FOR THE YEAR – OR \$125 FOR 6 MO



[Rotarian Spotlight](#)

Brett Graves was the presenter of this week's Rotarian in the Spotlight **Bob Stevens**.

Bob is a native of the Newcastle Area raised on a farm on Hwy.2 west of Bowmanville where he lived for 48 years. After completing his secondary education at Bowmanville High School he spent four years at the University of Guelph graduating in Dairy Science. After graduation Bob operated Glen Rae Dairy and Farm for 35 years. He operated Dairy Barn Stores in Lindsay, Cobourg and Bowmanville as well as a Dip n' Sip a local donut shop. From there he also sold real estate and owned and operated the Bowmanville Country Club.

Bob was President of the Rotary Club of Bowmanville in 1966-67 and has held many community volunteer positions over the past 60 years after graduating from University.

Bob and his wife Jean have five children, all pursuing different vocations in life. Bob and Jean now reside in Newcastle in a beautiful condo overlooking Lake Ontario.

Bob is definitely a member that we are proud to have in our Club as a leader and a dedicated volunteer. Thanks for all your hard work Bob.