



Sunrisers Help NACL Rake It In

The Rotary Club of Norfolk Sunrise played a big part in the Norfolk Association of Community Living's *Bringing In The Leaves* fundraiser this past Saturday. About 120 people came out to take part in the annual event. Over 30 of those were RCNS members and their families. The total amount raised was \$6,854.

Bringing In The Leaves is an annual fundraising event for NACL that involves volunteers raking up leaves in Wellington Park.

The Mission of NACL is to promote and support the inclusion of people with developmental disabilities in all as-



"Who said there were leaves in Wellington Park?" Notice the buff & blue caps -- now where are the vests?

pects of community life.

Incorporated as a not-for-profit corporation in 1953, NACL is one of 400 local agencies supporting people with developmental disabilities across the province of Ontario. They employ 160 staff, in addition to having a contractual

relationship with 15 Family Home Providers.

Sunriser Rhonda Clarke-Bruyn is the Executive Director of NACL, and Stella Galloway works by Rhonda's side -- when she's not on maternity leave, that is.

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A Solid Foundation

by Blair Harrison

November is Rotary Foundation month. John Wallace and Carolyn Wiens made a presentation on this theme at our regular meeting this week. They gave us a sense of the breadth and complexity of the international activities of Rotary. The website www.rotary.org gives

considerable information on the Foundation, what it is and what it does. The Rotarian also describes international undertakings.

Rotary International partners with various organizations such as UNICEF, WHO, and UN Disease

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Control to achieve common objectives. Polio Plus is an example of a project requiring teamwork with a variety of government and private organizations to meet a goal - in this case the eradication of polio by the year 2005. Our club's Polio Plus trip to Togo was an example of our participation in a World Community Service venture. Operation Eyesight is an example where matching grants are given by Rotary Foundation to restore eyesight to many in the developing world. John suggested making gifts to speakers of a contribution given in their name to Operation Eyesight.

The process to initiate a project is somewhat involved. Carolyn showed part of a video outlining the steps. This video is available to be viewed by those interested in proceeding with a project. Four fundamental steps were

outlined in the video: 1) Gather information 2) Find project partners, which may involve traveling to learn about needs and resource partners 3) Arrange for funding 4) Implement other resources. There is also additional information on the website.

There are exciting prospects to achieve much good for others, particularly in the developing world. The power to implement projects such as Polio Plus involving the participation of Rotarians from the entire planet is quite awesome. To think that a thousand million US dollars has been raised to achieve the eradication of polio on the planet is incredible. We can certainly give thoughtful consideration to how we might become further involved on the international stage in addition to our significant contributions to the local community.



Should Rotary meetings be this much fun?
At 7:15 a.m. Sergeant-at-Arms John Verbakel (not shown) really brought out the best in these Sunrise Rotarians. This was obviously the beginning of a great day!

Editorial

Simcoe Chamber Does it Right

Several RCNS members shared the spotlight earlier this week at the Simcoe & District Chamber of Commerce annual meeting. The banquet and awards ceremony was a huge success.

Rotarian "Chamber Maid" Yvonne DiPietro deserves a great deal of credit, as manager of the Simcoe & District Chamber of Commerce. Yvonne will quickly point out that she has good help who should get credit too. Anyone attending the banquet could see that a good number of people are deeply involved with the Chamber activities. However, we also know that Yvonne is the driving force and the glue that holds the organization together and on course.

Rotarian Randy Bridge accepted an Outstanding Achievement award on behalf of Burtol Cleaners. The Coats for Kids project with our club was cited as an example of Burtol's community service, having dry-cleaned over 10,000 coats.

Rotarian Deena Denton accepted the Outstanding Community Service award on behalf of Scotiabank Simcoe.

Rotarian "Nooner" Gord Maskell was honoured for his leadership and untiring efforts towards developing the Lynn River project.

Our own Dave Murphy presented the Educational Achievement Award to Niki Thompson, a student now enrolled in Fanshawe College's Early Childhood Education program.

Guest speaker Dennis Hull was definitely a highlight of the evening for those of us who fondly remember hockey in the Original Six era. It's a curiosity how Dennis — or any of his teammates — took the game seriously. The thought puts a new twist to the concept of "trash talk." Of course, without brother Bobby to take shots at, Dennis may not have made it in either the NHL or the banquet circuit.

Congrats to Yvonne and her merry band. And remember to get your tickets early next year.

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