



## Adopt-A-Minefield

By Dave Murphy

The freedom to leave our home with our children to walk and run and play anywhere is something we may be taking for granted. This pastime is not enjoyed by everyone around the world.

Some countries, even five years after a war and while enjoying relative peace and tranquility, have horror stories to convey. The most horrific story is about landmines that have been disguised as toys – to target children.

Many things have been done to stop landmine production. In 1997 one hundred and seven countries ratified a treaty to make it illegal to produce and store these senseless tools of war. Many believe it's just a matter of time until the production will be ceased. The fact remains, however, that millions

of these destructive devices remain hidden to maim and kill innocent victims – mostly children.

How can we help, you ask? Adopt-a-Minefield is a project we should research and get behind because as Rotarians we can make a difference. If Rotary can eradicate Polio in the universe, we surely can remove a few million landmines. **Let's look at this for a possible international project that will give people the freedom we all enjoy every day. Let us help clear a path to a safer world.**

### Postscript:

Jim Peters and Pete Wheatley are planning to travel to Bosnia for the soccer game after the mine field is cleared. They'd like to have you join them. See Jim.

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### Dates To Remember

- ◆ **December 12**  
Family Christmas Party  
Delhi Lions Hall - 6 pm
- ◆ **December 16**  
Christmas Gathering



*Scott Fairweather presented a very inspirational message to the RCNS on Nov. 21. Scott is a Senior Advisor with the Canadian Landmine Foundation*

## Salvation Army Needs Our Help

By Carolyn Wiens

The Salvation Army needs manpower to help in the "Kettle Campaign" this year. The proceeds from these collection kettles are used to assist families in uncertain financial circumstances. The kettle season starts this weekend, and ends Saturday, Dec. 23rd. The kettle locations will be at the new Zellers (inside the doors), in the Canadian Tire Mall and downtown in front of Roulstons.

There are **two options** to volunteering:

1. We can "Adopt a Kettle" for a day or two and have signage promoting Rotary Club of Norfolk Sunrise as the sponsors for a particular location's kettle
2. We can sign up for 2-hour shifts on an individual basis

Personally, I think we could go for option #1, and with 45+ members in the club, could we each give 2 hours sometime in these days?

### Dates Available:

- Tues. Dec. 12th Canadian Tire Mall 10 am - 4 pm
- Sat. Dec. 16th Roulstons 9 am - 5 pm

### Come On Rotarians! - Let's GO GO GO!!

(Remember I was a cheerleader!) Call me at 426-6069 (days) or 426-8199 (eves) and let me know what times work for you!

## Community Concerns & Environment

### Expenditures to November 17<sup>th</sup>

Doris' Corner	\$ 500
Children's Aid Society (Fresh Air Fund)	\$2500
Upper Deck Youth Centre	\$2500
Simcoe Co-op Preschool Inc.	\$ 500
Simcoe Gliders Gymnastics Club Inc.	\$ 500
Norfolk Youth Basketball Assoc.	\$ 700
South Public School Breakfast Program	\$1000
Young Theatre Players, Simcoe	\$ 990
Grand Erie District School Board (Norfolk County Fair Board)	\$1200
Waterford Public School (W.F.Hewitt)	\$1241
Bird Studies Canada	\$ 500
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$12,131</b>

## Rotarian Opportunity - the Gift of Life

Here's an opportunity for you that may change your life - to help save many others.

Bob Peeling wrote Jim Peters to invite Simcoe area Rotarians to become a member of the Board of Directors of the District 7090 Gift of Life program. Their next Board meeting is being held on Saturday, December 2nd, 2000 in Hamburg, N.Y. at the Holiday Inn.

You would be welcome to come to that meeting at 9.30 a.m., or you could allow your name for presentation at the December meeting, for appointment to the Board. After the December meeting, the next Board meeting is on April 14th, 2000, again in Hamburg, N.Y.

If you have any questions about the Gift of Life Program, or what may be involved as a Board member, please ask Jim Peters.

## Coats for Kids is Golden

By Jeff Mereweather

The Coats for Kids event on Nov. 18 at the Armories handed out approximately 300 of the 450 coats collected and cleaned by Burtol Cleaners. A very big thanks to Burtols and their staff for doing such a good job and starting this adventure.

The girls at the S.O.S. variety in Langton knitted 248 hats with matching mittens. It takes about 4 hours to make a hat and 1½ hours to knit a pair of mittens. This translates into 1364 hours of knitting and 750 balls of yarn.

Lucia and I were honoured with the company of our prez Steve Jackson when we went to S.O.S. to pick up the mittens. They thought Steve was "a bit of all right."



The St. James Benevolent Committee had over 600 pairs of shoes, but I do not have numbers to share as to how many were handed out. The remaining coats are going to the Mennonite Help Centre. Some of the shoes and the remaining hats and mittens were collected by the St. James Church for their Christmas Baskets.

Thanks also to Wayne Wormald, Randy Bridge and Gord Maskel from the afternoon club for the help setting up the coats Friday night. Thanks

also to Silvia Wormald, Sue O'Dwyer, Pete Wheatley, Steve Jackson, club reporter Ross Gowan, Jim & Marjorie Dawson and Lynn Blake for helping out Saturday morning.

This is not a fundraising event for the club, but the looks on the kids' faces as they try on coats is worth their weight in gold.

## CAS Christmas Party



*Jill Dennison, Co-ordinator of Special Events & Fundraising, explained to our Club the value of the Christmas Party to the foster care program.*

Our Club voted on Nov. 21 to help sponsor the Children's Christmas Party hosted by the Children's Aid Society of Haldimand-Norfolk. \$2000 will be forwarded.

About 160 foster children and their foster siblings will attend. Each will enjoy Christmas activities, dinner, and a gift.

## Nominating Committee Slate

The following slate of officers has been proposed for the year beginning July 1, 2001.

President:	Steve Malo
President- Elect	Sue O'Dwyer
Secretary:	Judy Scrivener
Treasurer:	Charles Douglas
Asst. Treasurer:	Lynn Jarvis
Directors:	Donna King Peter Wheatley David Murphy

## Easy, Effortless Way to Help

The Norfolk Association for Community Living (NACL) is involved with the Cash Register Tape Saver fundraisers offered by the A&P, Sobey's

and Zehrs. Supporters of NACL save up their cash register tapes and bring them to NACL or place them in the box at Sobey's (by the north entrance). NACL redeems these tapes for cash, and in turn supports special initiatives for people with developmental disabilities.

## Norfolk Nominee Selected

**C**ongratulations to JoAnn Stephan for being selected as a member of the Group Study Exchange to visit the Netherlands. JoAnn, nominated by our Norfolk Sunrise and Simcoe Rotary clubs, was one of four people sponsored by District 7090. According to John Verbakel, it was a rigorous process and JoAnn represented us well. The GSE team will visit Holland from April 21 to May 19, 2001.

JoAnn is married to David with two children, Ben (11) and Christopher (7). She is employed as an activation coordinator at Norfolk Hospital Nursing Home. She attended Brock University and has a B.A in Psychology and a diploma in Gerontology (the study of Aging) from the University of Waterloo. JoAnn was born and raised in Tillsonburg and presently resides in Langton. Her spare time is consumed by being a hockey mom and a karate observer and she also enjoys reading, baking, gardening and socializing with her friends.



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