

# The SUNRISE

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The Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Norfolk Sunrise

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## FRESH AIR FUND *needs us!*

"Putting a little sunshine in a kid's life" was the focus of Tuesday morning's presentation that was delivered to the group by Jean Montgomery, Tracey Harris Pontes and Brian Hillier. The Fresh Air Fund was established by the Children's Aid Society of Haldimand-Norfolk in 1976, to provide disadvantaged children the opportunity to participate in summer camp and year long seasonal sports programs.

The Fresh Air Fund is supported entirely through community donations and while the administrative costs are absorbed through CAS, the program would not be possible without contributions from the community. The average cost of attending summer camp is approximately

\$200 - \$500 for one week for one child depending on the camp and any special needs of the child. Last year 200 children were able to experience summer camp and recreational experiences but 75 remained on a waiting list. The goal for 2003 is to be able to provide this service for 300 children in the community and to have zero children on a waiting list. Many of the children in need of the Fresh Air Fund have experienced enormous suffering including physical, emotional and sexual abuse, neglect and/or abandonment. Many have physical or developmental disabilities; many are in the care of CAS of HN or are referred by other agencies that have access to their services, but most are children

from low-income, often poverty stricken families. Recreation builds an appreciation for mental health and fitness; it helps develop positive self-image; it teaches teamwork, sportsmanship and the value of friendship, respect and positive attitude. It is the strong belief of CAS that every child in our community deserves the opportunity to experience the value and importance of recreational programs as it enhances self-confidence, motivation and self worth and will assist our children in making positive, healthy, informed choices about their lives. The Fresh Air Fund is looking to the Rotary Club of Norfolk Sunrise for consideration of a \$15,000 donation, committed over a three-year period and to consider hosting an event in benefit of this very worthy cause in 2004.

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## THANK YOU

"Dear Rotary Club of (Norfolk) Sunrise:  
Thank you very much for paying for the buses for our swimming lessons. It is such a valuable lesson for us, and without your support, it would not be available to us!"  
Sincerely signed The Grade 4's at W.F.  
Hewitt Waterford Public School.

# Raise the Roof for Waterford Arena Carolyn Wiens

Rick Chuli, a local businessman in Waterford, and one of the key organizers for the Waterford Arena Re-building Project, attended our meeting on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, to present a broad picture of the arena project for our club members. Rick shared the fact that the old arena, which has already come down, was built in 1967, Canada's centennial year. It had seen many great hockey players and figure skaters come through its doors over the years, such as Nelson Emerson and Rick Hill. Two years ago, the arena was assessed, and three factors were evident: the ice surface was undersized, the lobby and dressing rooms were too small, and the seating (viewing) was obstructed. Norfolk County allotted \$600,000 and a proposal for a renovation was suggested, to the tune of \$1.2 million.

A committee was formed, and their decision was that rather than a renovation, an entirely new building should go up. Project costs were estimated at \$2.5 million dollars. The county held firm in the amount that they were offering, and so the committee agreed that the balance could be raised through the community. To date, \$500,000 has been raised in just a little over 1 year, which Rick commented is a tremendous effort.

This year, the focus is again on fundraising, through a variety of events. There will be a \$1 Million shoot out at the Greens in May, calendars will be sold by the school kids in June, an NHL Slo Pitch tournament will be held on June 26, and the very successful Auction and Dance will be held again in the fall at the Greens. Topping this all off, a door to door campaign will take place on June 28<sup>th</sup>.

The new arena's steel structure is already up, and the targeted completion date is this fall's hockey season opener around the end of September. Rick commented that this has been a great "community building" project, as well as a "building" project, and he appreciated the opportunity to share with our club.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Community Concerns

The club took a vote on Apr. 22<sup>nd</sup>, and approved the following funds disbursement:

- \$1000 to the Fresh Air Fund
- \$950 to the REACH Parent Conference

Other disbursements this month included \$500 to the South Coast Lynn Valley Association for a day on the Lynn Valley trail for Special Needs (physically challenged) kids, and \$991 to Quetzal Family Homes.

### World Community Service

Alan reported that Jim Peters continues to monitor the success of the microbanks in East London and Butterworth, two cities in South Africa. An exciting project that has resulted is the launch of a gardening project, which will allow families to be even more self sustaining.

The committee is discussing the possibility of sponsoring one of the Children of Chernobyl, as a result of the presentation done on Apr. 8<sup>th</sup> by Pam Ellens, of the Rotary Club of Lincoln. A sponsorship is \$2000 per child. More details to come.

The Paul Harris Fellows for this year have been chosen, and there are 4. The Committee is hoping to present their awards at special occasions to be held in the future. Stay tuned!

### Youth and Group Exchange

Lucine is still hoping for a couple of host families to step forward. Our inbound student, Asuka Seto, will be arriving from Japan in August. Georgia will be her first host family, but we still need others to be arranged. If you'd like more information and would consider being a host, please speak to Lucine. Asuka

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will be attending SCS, where Tilly will be her advisor. Asuka is 18 years old, plays volleyball, enjoys Japanese cooking, listening to music, and playing the piano. Sam, our student from Belgium, will hopefully make his presentation to the club on May 27<sup>th</sup>.

### **Ways & Means:**

Cigar Night - Apr 30 - sold out. WOO HOO ...WAY TO GO!!!

Toast to Spring -committee met on Apr 8<sup>th</sup>:

Ticket Update: Ross

- Estimate shows approx 450 tickets allocated as sold - although members are still lagging in turning in money, so Ross is going to follow up on this

Tax Receipts: Sue

- After much discussion, the committee decided that receipts will only be issued for personal auction items donated. Business donations will not receive receipts, as those are generally written off. Also, due to Cdn Customs/ Rev stringent regulations, personal receipts for the "event" will not be issued.

Wineries: Jenni

- Confirmed to date: Cilento, Ancient Coast, Inniskillen, Jackson Triggs, Colio, Churchill (Australian product), Southbrook (Fruit Wines), Hillebrand & Peller, Norfolk Winery (Fruit Wines), D'Angelo, Pelee Island, Labatts Brewery (Premium product)

Food : Carolyn

- Fresh Oyster Bar to be located in transition patio between main building and tent, with Greens staff shucking oysters
- Seafood/Sushi Bar in Garden Room (centre of room, not in alcove) - medium peeled/deveined shrimp, crab, smoked salmon, etc.
- BBQ station in tent area - Chicken, Beef, Veggie, egg rolls and accompanying sauces
- Fondue Station - Garden room
- 2x8' tables set in V for appetizer table, located in large area at end of bar towards rear exit to tent
- Limited Butler Service (4 - 6 Greens staff serving)
- Appetizers to include:

Crab Cakes, Seafood Bruschetta, Crab Phyllo Cups, Smoked Salmon, Coconut Shrimp, Stuffed Cherry Tomatoes, Cheese Board, Vegetable and Dip Display, Pigs in Blanket, Portabella and Brie Pizzelles, Meatballs, Stuffed Mushrooms, Roumalki, Mediterranean Layered Tart, Phyllo Flags, Mini Egg Rolls, Spinach Crepe Rolls, Antipasto Platter, Rosemary Focaccia, Artichoke Dip

- 11 p.m. buffet to include left over appetizers, small sandwiches, fruit and cheese platters, nacho platters

Auction:

Items coming in are great - a booklet is being developed for listing the auction items, and thanking the sponsors - it will be really classy and a memento to keep.

Other Business:

- Committee agreed that there will be no persons admitted after 9 p.m. who have not purchased a ticket

### **Membership Committee:**

- Keith reported that he has been asked for 2 new member applications recently
- The PODS concept is working with mixed results, but we will continue on
- Cathy Harrop is investigating new badges to replace our original badges
- A brochure for prospective members is being fine tuned and will soon be ready to go to print

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