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COMING NEXT -
MONTH

Club Assembly

Bally Haly G&C

5:30 - 7:30

September 14, 2006

*Mark your
Calendar!!*

EAST NEWS

The Early Riser

We're back... Again!

Gary Lane - Editor

It's hard to say no to a person such as our smooth talking new president. So it's back to the salt mines and a few more issues of your club news.

EAST NEWS - The Early Riser is back and you can help us make it a monthly success by submitting tidbits and other bits to please our readership. Send your thoughts and digital pictures to the editor at gelane@gmail.com

President Brian Gets His Chance

Brian Martin - Club President

It's official. As of July 1st, I became the President of the Rotary Club of St. John's East for the 2006/07 year. I had a big speech prepared for the June 30th meeting but for some unforeseen reason, like Mr. Mahoney going on for way too long, I was unable to present. Just kidding John. It really was John's day and for those of you unable to attend, it was definitely a good time and we all shared a lot of laughs. From Kevin Casey's usual creative touch with his poster placed at the podium, to the roasting of John by Leigh Puddester, the talents possessed by our members were clearly demonstrated. Just one of the many reasons why St. John's East is such a dynamic club and one which I am proud to represent. On a more serious note, I would like to personally thank John along with last year's Board for doing a great job and leaving our club on a solid foundation from which to move forward.

I would also like to thank Gary Lane for agreeing to resurrect our Club's Newsletter this year. We plan to produce it on a monthly basis and hope that it becomes an effective means of communicating with you.

Let me start by outlining my vision for our club.

Simply put it is to have a club where our members are actively engaged, where we recognize contributions and at the end of the day produce meaningful results that each of us can be proud of. We do this in an atmosphere of mutual respect where we have some fun and take the time to celebrate our accomplishments.

I honestly feel that each one of us can relate to some, if not all of this vision. It is this vision that will guide us as we move forward and build upon the good work that we do.

I have already introduced our new board and in my view they are an awe-inspiring group of talented individuals with a good balance of experience and new blood. The board has already met prior to the beginning of our year and has identified a number of areas where we will be concentrating more efforts some of which include:

- Improving the line-up of speakers - Past president John along with Sergeant-at-Arms Len Baker will be leading this initiative and will likely be enlisting the support of other members;
- Communication - Gary Lane will be responsible for producing this Newsletter on a monthly basis. The board is also pursuing the establishment of a Web Site for our

Congratulations....

Craig and Heather Rowe on the birth of daughter Michelle, weighing in at 10 lbs, 5 oz.

club, which will help us in a number of areas such as communication, administration of key events etc.

- International Service - While we continue to provide support to many local charitable causes, for a number of very legitimate reasons, we have not been as active in supporting international projects. It is our intention to direct more funds towards an international project in 2006/07.
- Fellowship - We will be soliciting feedback from the club with a view to improving fellowship opportunities.

The above are just a few of the areas of improvement the board has identified for this year. While the board provides direction and works behind the scenes to ensure the club is running smoothly, we are all in this together. We have a great club and it is truly an honour to be your president. With our collective efforts, I look forward to building on past accomplishments and making 2006/07 another successful year.

Guest Speaker... New Token of Appreciation

Brian Martin – President

Has anyone noticed that we are thanking our guest speakers a little differently as of late? If so, you are actually awake and alert on Friday mornings. Well done yourself!!! As indicated in the President's Message, the Board of Directors has decided that our club will be more active in

supporting projects through Rotary International this year. So, rather than giving out small tokens of our appreciation, it has been decided to direct those funds towards a worthwhile project sponsored through RI. We have replaced these tokens with a Certificate of Appreciation indicating that our club will be making a contribution to an international charitable project on behalf of the speaker. Given that this money is already budgeted, this initiative will result in limited, if any additional costs to the Club.

Visiting Rotarians



Ben and Anita Vanderveen are with the Woodstock Ontario Club. *"We loved being at your meeting, we enjoyed the informality."*

Mark Your Calendars NOW...

Wheels and Deals - November 4, 2006

Believe it or not, planning for Wheels and Deals is well underway and your event committee has already held an initial meeting. This year's event is scheduled to take place on November 4th and will once again be held at the convention centre.

A big thank you to Sharon Horan who will be chairing our club's marquee event for a second consecutive year. Other members who have stepped up to the plate this year and will be serving on the Core Committee:

Kevin Casey - Prize Acquisition
Rod Vatcher - Prize Distribution
Dianne Critch - Event Planning
Jeff Peddle - Event Logistics/Floor Marshall
Dave Taylor - Sponsorship
Don Lane - Ticket Sales
Brian Groves - Administration.

So now that you know the date for this year's event, please Mark Your Calendars and plan to participate. This is the one event that all members are expected to participate in. Sell a ticket, obtain some prizes, help out on one of the committees or work the event. We need to ensure that Wheels and Deals remains one of the premiere Charitable Events in this City and it can only be a success with our collective efforts.

Enjoy your summer and be prepared to roll up your sleeves in early September.

Announcing...

Your new Club Board

Brian Martin – President
David Taylor – Vice-President
Jeff Peddle – Secretary
Wilbur Rice – Treasurer
Terry Reardon – Club Service
Alex Twells – Vocational Service
Miriam MacLeod – Community Service
Gordon Martin – International Service
John Mahoney – Past President
Shannie Duff – Foundation Chair

