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The Early Riser

Off to a Great Start...

Alex Twells



First, I want to thank Marilyn and her team - June, Lee and Jeff - for all their efforts that

made the golf day at The Wilds such a success. As current president I am always looking for leadership tips and advice, so I was impressed by Kevin Casey's clarity of thought when, after 14 holes, he declared that he was bored with golf and that the best course of action was to sip cocktails by the pool. Inspired leadership driven by fellowship (and thirst!).

A number of notable activities are now underway. The Speaker Committee got away to a blinding start this month with a powerful autobiographical account from Bob Wakeham. We also welcomed Bernardo "Berny" Rossi, our exchange student from Italy. And Joel Sweeney and his team led the decision to move Wheels & Deals to Valentines Day, thus giving us a wonderful chance to refresh the event and put some clear water between us and the hectic November dinner season.

Our Read-A-Long program heard last week that it has been successful in securing \$8,000 in funding from United Way which will enable us to make a much more significant contribution to the elementary school libraries in the province. The reading season will start later this month, so please check the web site for dates on which you can volunteer to read.

The club board met earlier this month to set some high level priorities for allocation of our Club Foundation funds. The result of that session is shown in the following table:

08-09 Projected	Distribute	Income
W & D		\$40,000
Legacy Project	\$20,000	
Adopt-a-school	\$2,000	
International	\$5,000	
Local Needs	\$13,000	
Total	\$40,000	\$40,000

I would also like to alert you to a joint clubs meeting on at 6.00pm on Wednesday 24th September, at Holiday Inn, to host the current District Governor Doug Logan. Doug will be making some significant awards to members of our club, so please try to make yourselves available.

October Speakers Line-up...

Kevin Casey

The line-up of speakers for October is a sizzler. Don't miss any of them...

October 3 – *Chief of Police, Joe Browne, RNC* – The big picture on Crime and Policing today in St. John's and the Province.

October 10 – *Donna Stone, President of the Board of Trade* - the Board's perspective on the Economic Outlook for St. John's.

October 17 - *Dave Cochrane, CBC News* – will give us his post-election analysis of the Impact of the ABC Campaign on the Province.

October 24 - *Business Day* – Our club executive will spook you out with their monthly update on club business.

October 31 - Mark Webber, Magician – will spook us out with a Special Halloween Performance for Rotary

Club members are encouraged to submit names to the committee of interesting speakers for future club meetings. Contact Gary Peddle, Angela Antle or Kevin Casey with your suggestions.

Read-A-Long With Us...

Pauline Brophy

Hello Readers!!

Now that the kids are back to school I know you are all anxious to get out to read! Just wanted to let you all know that we are working on the schedule and will be posting it soon on the website.

This year we are excited to have the Memorial Sea Hawks joining us, so look for Sammy the Sea Hawk and the young men and women from MUN. We have also decided to change the time for the Read-A-Long to around lunchtime to make it easier for you to join us!

Looking forward to seeing everyone!

www.rotaryreadalong.com

Rotary Youth Exchange...

Marilyn McDonald

For the year 2008/09, our Club's Rotary Youth Exchange Committee consists of myself as RYE Chair, Dr. David Allison (Inbound Counsellor), Len Bennink (Outbound Counsellor) and John Outerbridge (Transportation Coordinator). Thanks to all club members for volunteering to assist me this year.

To help you get to know our outbound student (Rosanna Pierson) and our inbound student (Bernardo Rossi) better, below are some details of their lives so far.

Rosanna Pierson

Rosanna Pierson, our Outbound Exchange student for 2008/09, was born in St. John's, NL on June 13, 1990.

Rosanna graduated this year from Holy Heart of Mary Regional High School. She lives with her mother Janet, a settlement worker for refugees, in a historic home on Prescott Street. Rosanna is the youngest of four children and has three older brothers.

Rosanna graduated this year from Holy Heart of Mary Regional High School. She is an excellent student. She loves foreign languages and studied French and German at high school. She also participated in band, the Interact Club, badminton, rugby and the Italian Club. Rosanna held leadership positions in the senior band and rugby and also helped to organize fund-raisers for the Interact Club.

Her interests include playing trumpet and listening to music, sports, history, geography, and learning new languages and cultures. She also likes to travel and has visited England, Scotland and the USA with her family.

Rosanna learned about the Rotary Youth Exchange Program by reading a newspaper article about Sarah Goodridge, our club's Outbound Exchange student for 2006/07. She immediately told her mother that she wanted to apply after high school. Her dream has become a reality and she will leave for the Canary Islands (Spain) in mid-September.

After her exchange experience, Rosanna plans to attend Memorial University of Newfoundland and Labrador to study either history, linguistics, anthropology or something math-related.

Bernardo Rossi

Our Inbound Exchange student for 2008/09 is Bernardo Rossi. **Berny** (his preferred name), is 18 years old and he lives in north-east Italy in the city of Udine (near Venice) in the region of Friuli.

Berny's father Andrea is an engineer and his mother Gabriella is a speech therapist. He has a 14 year old brother Bartolomeo.



Berny graduated this year from a scientific high school where he studied Latin, Italian, math, physics, philosophy, geography (including astronomy), English, religion, history of art and physical education.

His favourite sports are golf and rugby. Golf is an expensive sport to play in Italy (it costs almost 800 euro to join a club) so Berny has to content himself with TV golf most of the time! Berny loves to read (he reads between 12 to 14 books/year). His favourite book to date is *The Picture of Dorian Gray*.



After this "sabbatical year" Berny plans to return to Italy to study architecture at either the University of Venice or the

University of Ferrara. After graduation, he would like to work outside of Italy (probably outside of Europe).

Until January 2009, Berny will be staying with Janet Kergoat (the Mom of our outbound student Rosanna Pierson) at 70 Prescott Street. Janet's phone number is 722-5996 and her email address is jankergoat@hotmail.com. Berny's email address is rugbyhooker200@yahoo.com. I encourage all Rotarians to include Berny in your activities.

Brian Martin Moments...

Contributors

The idea for this column was suggested by Bruce Templeton and supported by club president, Alex Twells.

"Brian Martin Moments" are personal reflections by individual club members that were inspired by the life and character of club past-president, Brian Martin. If you wish to contribute a reflection please email it to the editor at gelane@gmail.com

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Bruce Templeton - I have the words on my wall which a minister helped me write and were read at the club meeting

on the first Friday following Brian's death... "We all know that we are not promised a tomorrow. Help us therefore to arrange our priorities for today that we too would be remembered as someone who cared."

In the spring this year, my son came and asked if my wife and I would like to join his family as they took three boys to Disneyworld. My wife and I quickly agreed to join them. What a privilege for grandparents. I got cameras ready and considered what telephoto lens would capture the excitement of their adventures. On the first morning, an 8 year old took my hand and said, "Come on Grampie, we are going on a roller coaster." I had 5 seconds to decide. It was my Brian Martin Moment.

How do I want to be remembered? Is it the grandfather who got on the roller coaster or the one who waited at the end of the ride and took pictures? The ride was a blur of screams and my stomach rising and falling with every loop. But the adventures continued throughout the

week at Thunder Mountain and Splash Mountain. Yes, Grampie went on them all. Brian Martin has changed my behaviour forever.

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Rod Vatcher - As I believe you know Brian initially invited and inducted me to Rotary in 2005. I had the opportunity to know him very well in many settings away from Rotary. He was a tremendously caring individual and was always very attentive when he spoke with anyone. He was always "in the moment".

What he taught me? Many, many things. Through Brian I witnessed what family is all about, what caring is all about and what selflessness is all about. He was a very good friend and I actually find it hard to believe that I am writing in this tense. I often think about Brian as if he is still with us.

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Sharon Horan - My problem is that I am inspired by so much about Brian, yet I have not seemed to implement much of what I saw in him. Maybe this is a wakeup call and a good reminder that I need to be more positive, more gracious and more content each day!! I know Brian was all of that every day!

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David Taylor - This is true what Bruce has said. I credit having a camper this summer to Brian. I woke one morning and it was if Brian told me to get it. I have no regrets, we've had the best summer camping in our trailer, you can't wait to do these things. Surely Brian has taught us that.



Remember - Wheels & Deals

New Date - Valentine's Day

February 14, 2009

