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COMING NEXT

## District 7820 Convention

- May 10 – 13 –  
Fairmont Hotel  
Newfoundland

We're hosting the  
May 11 Breakfast

# EAST NEWS

## The Early Riser

### St. John's East Rocks!"

*Brian Martin*

On Saturday evening, April 14<sup>th</sup>, club members along with spouses and friends took time out of their busy schedules to show up at Bally Haly to throw a few curling stones and wash down some eats with their beverage of choice. While there were no Brad Gushue's in the group, although Anthony Paul was a close second (my team lost to his 10-0 in only four ends), those of us who attended had an excellent time and all agreed that it was a great way to spend an evening. It sure beat the hell out of sitting at home in front of the idiot box watching another hockey game!!! Besides, the Leafs are not even in the playoffs.

But, I digress. This event provided those who attended a prime opportunity to get to know each other outside the regular weekly meetings. Did you know that Greg Radu has only one more year of residency before he becomes a full-fledged Medical Doctor? That Linda Hensman is an avid runner and was scheduled to do 10 k with Rotarian Jane Morgan of the Waterford Valley club the next day? (For obvious reasons, Linda's beverage of choice was water) Or that Darren Pitcher and his wife Lori invited Greg Radu and his wife Oana for supper prior to the event to raise funds for the Night of a Thousand Dinners?

For those that attended, thanks for coming and making my night a tremendously enjoyable one. For those that did not, I would ask that you strongly consider participating in upcoming fellowship events. It really is a great way to get to know your fellow Rotarians. Thanks to all those who helped to organize the funspiel and to

those who donated prizes. This event was another example that clearly demonstrated how **St. John's East Rocks!!!!**

### Club to Subsidize Convention Fee

Don't forget to register for the District Convention. Remember, the Club Board will pay 25% of your registration costs (excluding May 11 breakfast) up to a maximum of \$50.00. Simply contact Cub Treasurer Wilbur Rice and provide him with a copy of your paid invoice.

### Volunteers Are Still Needed...

We are still looking for volunteers to help at the District Convention. If you are attending the convention and can be available to fill in, on the spot, for driving, or other spur of the moment requirements, please contact Jim Osmond at: (709) 693-5595 or [jim.osmond@clarica.com](mailto:jim.osmond@clarica.com)

### Legacy Project RFP

*Brian Martin*

Remember, the closing date for the Legacy Project RFP is June 30, 2007 and all proposals should be forwarded to the attention of the Club President, Brian Martin. Proposals can be submitted for any project deemed worthy.

As indicated in the RFP, a jury made up of Rotarians from our club will evaluate all proposals. Applicants for the three best projects will be invited to make a

presentation to the full membership of the Rotary Club of St. John's East Club.

## Curling Funspiel April 14



*Just Melanie and a couple of the Guys.*

## Group Study Exchange

- Editor

A big welcome to Rotarian Claudia Zanchett from Brazil and her GSE members, Denise Vieira Sperry, Gabriela Barato, Rafaela, and Jean Ragnini. The Group will be in St. John's from May 6 to 13 and then on to Clarendville. Many thanks to club members Gordon Martin, Miriam McLeod, Linda Hensman and David

Allison for volunteering to house our visitors from Brazil.

## Foundation Contribution...

*Brian Martin*

On April 11, 2007, the Salvation Army held its official opening of the newly redeveloped Wiseman Centre at the western end of Water Street. To say this new facility is impressive would be a major understatement. This \$3.6 million project now provides 10 supportive housing units and 20 self-contained shelter units for older men in the St. John's area. In his opening remarks, Major Ray Rowe, Divisional Commander with the Salvation Army in Newfoundland and Labrador stated; "This is a proud day for the Salvation Army and an important day for our community. The new Wiseman Centre will provide a safe shelter with specialized supports for older men facing challenging circumstances in the St. John's area. It's a real need that will now be addressed." While the bulk of funding for this new facility was provided through various government sources, a substantial contribution was also raised within the local community. The Rotary Club of St. John's East, through our Foundation can count itself as one of these local contributors. Our contribution of \$3,000 has helped to furnish two of the units. Projects such as the Wiseman Centre, clearly demonstrate how our work is having a tangible and positive impact on our community..



## Welcome New Member Kelly Finlay...

Kelly started her career in the Tourism Industry in 1996 in Sales working for



CP Hotels in Jasper, Alberta. In 1998 she was transferred back home to The Fairmont Newfoundland where she was the Association and Government Sales

Manager for 5 years. During her tenure with Fairmont she was awarded the prestigious President' Circle Award for top Sales Achievement with the company. In October 2003, Kelly was recruited by Destination St. John's to be Sales Manager for the meetings, conventions and incentive market.

Currently, Kelly works on the technical side of the conference world as Director of Sales with Eastern Audio Ltd.

Kelly is the past chair of Terra Nova Toastmasters and holds her Advanced Communicator – Bronze Certificate. She is active in the St. John's Board of Trade having finished her term as Chair of the Ambassador's Committee and is currently sitting on the Business Development Committee. Kelly is also an active member of the Destination St. John's Sales Team.

Kelly has already rolled up her sleeves and is making a valuable contribution to our club as a member of the core committee of Wheels and Deals 2007. Kelly is dealing with the Delta on details pertaining to the night of the event as well as looking after audio/video requirements. Welcome Aboard Kelly!!!!

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