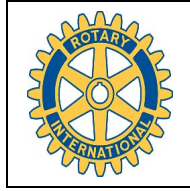


## ***Rotary Club of Carleton Place & Mississippi Mills***



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### **MEETING OF 28/03/06**

Unfortunately only eight members were present to hear a very interesting and heart-warming presentation by **Debbie Turner, Alex Vorobej and Agnes Turner** on the **Lanark Branch** of the *Navy League of Canada*. This organization, established in Canada in 1895, currently has a membership of some 15,000 12 to 18 year-olds. The **Lanark Branch's** 11-member board, (plus two naval officers as advisers), provides training, uniforms etc. for the local **Corp of 52 Sea Cadets**. *It operates without fees* and survives on fund-raisers, donations and some support by DND.

The **Sea Cadets** get involved in *community service* (which counts against the 40-hour requirement for high school graduation), *basic training*, *summer camps* (free), *inter-provincial* and some *international exchanges*.

The organization also provides a **Navy League Cadet** program for *youngsters ages 9-12*. 21 children are currently registered, with a number of them coming from situations where this form of *safe and organized companionship* is desperately needed. It is easy to conclude that the **Navy League** would constitute *an excellent partner* for some

of our activities, this year's *compost sale* being the first.

**President Brenda** reported on the awarding of our first *Paul Harris award* to a surprised **Janice Bowie** of **Lux Photographic Services** (well covered by The Canadian); Letters were read from **Hall of Valour** thanking the Club for its registration in *their golf tournament*; and from the **BIA of Carleton Place** asking us to participate in the April 25<sup>th</sup> "*Clean-Up Carleton Place*" campaign. Our participation will be a clean-up of the trail and the end of William Street on or about April 25.

**Gordon** reported the *good news* that the *District Simplified Grant* application for the trail construction had been *approved* by the Rotary Foundation at a level of \$1,679. As well, a \$500 grant from the *Town of Mississippi Mills* has been approved – as a match of Club's annual \$500 commitment towards trail maintenance. **Gordon** submitted a *financial statement for the trail* showing that we have a total of \$6,593.69 available for benches, signs and additional gravel. **Bernie** reported that three *applicants for RYLA* had been interviewed and that he had submitted a strong nomination letter for all three. In the **Happy News category**, **Brenda** announced her appointment as *Manager of the GMAC office in Perth* Fortunately she will continue to reside in Carleton Place.

Finally, at the **April 11 meeting** we will be making decisions re "*adopting*" a *highway* and *registering for a charity number*.

**Remember! There will be no meeting next Tuesday, April 4.**

