



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

### Meeting of July 6th, 2009

Who says Rotary meetings without a program have to be dull affairs? Not so this evening as President Mike inaugurated his Rotary Year with a smoothly conducted Club Assembly – marked by good humour, good ideas, and ready volunteering to fill the posts of various responsibilities for the coming year.

In addition to recruiting Rotarians Louise and Marion to round out the contingent of five Club Members as Directors of our Charitable Foundation – along with Rotarians Bernie, John, and David Mc., John also volunteered to work with Rotarian George on the Program Committee. The Club is still looking for an understudy to Rotarian Alan on the Membership Committee – a crucial job as new members are sorely needed to bolster our head count, provide more hands to share the service work load, and enrich our fellowship as we continue to enjoy the fine food and facilities of the Waterside.

Other items of note in this evenings offerings included President Mike announcing that Rotarian Fraser has requested, and been granted, a six month leave of absence, Rotarian Arthur informing us that the Civitan Club has somewhat reluctantly agreed to rent us some of their Bingo equipment, so we could run our own Bingo fundraisers

periodically, and Rotarian Gordon reporting that the scotch thistle has been successfully scuttled by his non-toxic concoction of vinegar, detergent and 40-year old scotch. His pilot project of one pail-full needs to be followed up with a major application, along with a mowing of over-growing grass on parts of the trail surface. Rotarian Arthur has enthusiastically volunteered his trailer and lawn-tractor to assist in the attack on the weeds.

Gordon also demonstrated his superb salesmanship skills by selling off all six of the hamburger packets left from our change-over party. A feat he accomplished in two minutes flat.

A special thank you was proffered by President Mike to Past-President Marion for the stellar leadership she provided the Club over the past year. This was met with a resounding applause of appreciation. Well Done! Marion.

We missed Rotarians David B., Susan, and David K. Please do make-ups if you can. The Rotary e-club is always available at [www.rotaryclubone.org](http://www.rotaryclubone.org)

### **Next Week's Meeting**

Program Chair George reminded the Club that he had a program arranged to be given last May by 92 year-old scientist and artist Juan Geuer. Juan died two weeks before the program date. A DVD outlining the life and accomplishments of this distinguished Almontian has just been released, and George has arranged to screen it at our next meeting.

**Rotary's '09 – '10 Motto:**      “The  
Future of Rotary is in Your Hands.”

