



Rotary Club of Carleton Place and Mississippi Mills

Meeting of July 14th, 2009

A “quiet” meeting with eleven members in attendance on a cool summer’s evening. President Mike outlined highlights from a meeting of the Club’s Directors held recently. Among the items were information that our District Governor’s visit is scheduled for early October, but is subject to change, a volunteer is still being sought to understudy Rotarian Al as chair of the Membership Committee, and Rotarian Gordon is looking for two members to join him and Rotarian David Mc. on the Donations Committee.

Mike also reported that Rotarian Sue has asked to remain with the Club as a paid-up member, even though she is still unable to make most of the meetings due to work commitments. Rotarian Robert is still in need of two or three Club Members to man the 50/50 ticket table at the Riverside Jam. Both the Canoe Club and the Day Care Centre are enthusiastically on board for flogging tickets to the masses of country music lovers that are expected to bulge Carleton Place’s population again this August long-weekend.

Rotarian Arthur related that he expects to know soon whether it will be feasible for us to get back into the Bingo Business.

Mike reported that we are budgeting to raise \$10,000 this Rotary year, and to gradually draw down the \$14,000 in available funds over the next four years.

positions will now be forwarded to the appropriate government agency as the final step in registration process.

Tonight’s program consisted of viewing a documentary on the life and work of Juan Geuer, the Almonte based artist – scientist – philosopher who passed away this spring and the sprightly age of ninety-two. The film highlighted his beginnings as the son of a renowned artist and social activist in Europe in pre-Nazi Germany. After seeking social sanity in Bolivia, Juan and his wife, Elsa, found they had to flee bullets flying everywhere in one uprising after another. Settling in Canada gave him the chance to develop an amazing career as a scientist and artist, educating himself bit-by-bit as need be, until he gained an international reputation for uniquely creative technological inventions that catch and convey the spectacular sensitivities of our “living earth”. The DVD is available at the Almonte Library, and is highly recommended if you didn’t get a chance to view it this evening – or even if you did and would like to share it with others.

We missed Rotarians David B., Susan, and David K., and Brian. Please do make-ups if you can.

Next Week: Regular meeting at the Waterside. Program to be announced.