



Rotary Club of Carleton Place and Mississippi Mills

Meeting of September 1st, 2009

Rotarian John kept up our two week old tradition of starting our meetings with a bit of startling spillage – this time with a “click-fizz” of his overflowing can of Heineken. Not quite as dramatic as last week, but along the same theme lines.

President Mike then congratulated Rotarian Gordon on the good shape our Rotary Trail is in. He was able to attest to this based on the good shape that he is now in after trekking the whole trail in this morning’s beautiful September sunshine. Gordon ‘fessed up to part of the pristine state of the trail being due to a surreptitious sprinkling of a substance-that-shall-not-be-named. Sometimes you just gotta-do-what-ya-gotta-do.

The need for Bingo volunteers, who will commit to *every* Wednesday afternoon, from 2:00 to 6:00 pm, was highlighted again. Rotarian Arthur has done yeoman service in scouting out the feasibility, and arranging for the necessary venue and equipment for our Club to get back into the Bingo fund-raising business. He needs three more committed people to make it a go...and they don’t have to be Rotarians. The sooner we can find such folks, the sooner we can get “back in the game”.

In the absence of a program this evening, Rotarians Arthur and Robert provided some entertaining moments regaling us with vignettes of visits to Taiwan.

Spectacular mountain vistas, secure peaceful cities, and hordes of multi-passenger two-wheel motorbikes were some of the images they left us with. Marion chipped in the colourful cultural comment that the pictogram for “fighting” in Chinese is “two-women-under-the-same-roof”.

The major discussion for the evening centered around our change-of-venue topic. Rotarian Bernie gave a fairly detailed account of the amenities that are being offered by the Thirsty Moose – a Carleton Place landmark restaurant that is well used by local business and professional clientele. As well as a reasonable price of \$12.00 a meal, and a reputation for very good food, both Bernie and Rotarian David Mc. expressed the opinion that such a downtown venue might be an attraction for new members. No other meeting facility is available in any of the C.P. eating establishments.

Marion pointed out that should we choose to stay in our current surroundings of the Waterside, we could change our 50/50 draw, with its \$5.00 price, to a winner-take-all format of a \$2.00 ticket. Two bucks on top of the \$18.00 we are now charging to meet the server fee introduced by the Waterside, would bring us to a \$20.00 outlay per meal, which is pretty well what each of us has been paying for the combination of the \$15.00 meal and the \$5.00 50/50 draw tickets. (Whew...I think I got that all straight.)

To check out the Thirsty Moose alternative, the Club passed a motion (moved by Gordon, and seconded by Robert) that we hold next week’s meeting, September 8th at the Thirsty Moose.

