



Rotary Club of Carleton Place and Mississippi Mills

Meeting of March 28th, 2011.

Spring holidays and flowing sap took their toll on club attendance this week, as only 10 members were on hand to meet Mississippi Mills newly-elected mayor John Levi, and hear about his vision for a more business friendly Almonte-area. Given a history of the Friendly Town (as its water tower announces proudly) dragging its heels when it came to accepting building overtures from both housing, commercial, and industrial entrepreneurs, Mayor Levi is using his business mind-set to change things around. Already he has signed agreements to build a couple of new subdivisions, and is projecting that new business will follow the expanded population as Mississippi Mills positions itself to be a competitor to Carleton Place in fostering a population boom in the West-of-Ottawa world.

Club News:

The question of our Club's possible involvement is selling 50/50 tickets at the Puppet's Up festival in Almonte was deferred to next week's meeting.

Rotarian's Robert, Jim and possibly Al are planning to attend the inaugural meeting of the new Rotary Club in Aylmer, Quebec, on Saturday April 9th. Anyone else interested are welcome to join in and enjoy the highlight Rotary

event. Partners are very much a part of such festivities, making for a good "night out".

Rotarian Doug volunteered to represent the Club at the annual Lanark County Public Works Committee meeting on April 6th, where we will be recognized for our continued annual highway clean-up activity.

The date set for our next clean-up stint is Thursday April 21st. In Secretary George's absence, Rotarian Marion will be coordinating things – more details will be coming out as the date draws nearer.

Next Week:

Our next week's meeting at the usual place and usual time will have a program presentation by Cheryl Hooghiem on the unusual technology of modern dentistry.