

Kiwanis Bulletin, April 20, 2009

The talk of the night was the buzz generated by the Gala this past Saturday. Some members questioned the 50/50 winning by Pres. Brian's better half Maureen.

102 attended the dinner/dance at the Club but some members may never have found their way there. Mike S. seemed to lose his good sense of direction in finding the place.

Celebratory plaques/letters were present at the meeting from the prime Minister, the Minister of Justice (Rob Nicholson), and Mayor Salci and the City Council.

A small turnout tonight. Maybe some members were worn out from dancing on Saturday.



Sandi complained she did not have a Kiwanis pin because she had not yet been induced. (No, that is not a spelling mistake. That is what she said.) Blessings sent to Jim Peacock with his birthday approaching and surgery at the same time.

Many happy \$'s. Most of them because of the successful gala. Dr. Bob included a happy \$ on hearing the speech by 94 year old Harry Stewart. Many members agreed that this was the highlight of the gala. Your faithful scribe included a sad \$ because he missed the gala but added a happy \$ because he was able to hunt birdie's in Myrtle Beach.

Correspondence:

1. A 19 year old diagnosed with MS needs \$'s to help buy a van.
2. city of Niagara Falls has invited the club to participate in the May 2 "Community Clean Sweep". Unfortunate date as this is the car rally.
3. A.N. Myer graduation on June 25. Scholarships to be referred to Stephen.

4. Boys and Girls Club are holding their Kick-Off to the capital campaign on Thurs. May 21 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. The club has been given two tickets. For more tickets call Amanda at the Boys and girls Club at 905-357-2444.
5. A hypnotist wants to come and see if he can lure any of us into participating as his guinea pigs. Referred to Marjorie for a future meeting.
6. Letter from Don Graham on behalf of someone looking for help in purchasing dentures. Club said "not at this time."
7. Stephen Laramee has closed a deal to become business manager of ???
He will be continuing with Pipedia.
8. E.C.&C. Communicator (an email magazine) is looking for stories and pictures. Refer to Peter to plug the Gala.
9. Guy reported on the District Key Club Convention happening in April 2010 here in the Falls. 300 students will be attending.

Gov. Sheron Dunn was our guest speaker. Introduced by Pres. Brian. Gov. Sheron has held many positions in Kiwanis including Lt.-Gov. of Division 23 West. Was chair of TAG (Together Achieving Growth). She thanked Lt.-Gov. Marjorie and Pres. Brian for their help and hospitality. She watched the production of TV Bingo and attended the Music festival earlier today. She congratulated the Gala honourees'...Dr. Bob, Leon K., Gary G. and Howard G.

The governor gave three challenges to the club...

#1, Membership. She complimented us on the good atmosphere at the meeting.

New Club building...encouraged the formation of a Burlington club.

#2. reach out to other clubs... "be your brother's keeper"

i.e. Welland needs some help. So may Hamilton Inc. (the first club formed outside the USA.)

#3. Continue to make a difference...prevention of HIV/AIDS is important. (from the gala event Lt. Gov. Marjorie made a \$500 donation to children of AIDS. Donations from club members topped it to \$1000).

Gov. Sheron concluded with the story of the starfish... "made a difference to that one."

Mike S. thanked her on our behalf.

Caucus Reports: Terry Gracie was Lt.Gov. elect but withdrew due to family health concerns. Former pres. Jean Lauzon will be the new Lt. Gov. and Terri Gracie will follow him.

Cart Race: May 2. Team is almost formed. See Mike for more info.

Non-Profit Housing: No meeting this Thursday. Guy will keep us posted.

50/50 won by the lucky Bill Sauder who pulled the Queen of Hearts. \$87 to Bill.



Next week: Greeters: Peter and Linda, bulletin: Craig

Upcoming speakers:

April 27—Greg Shupe for Child Advocacy Centre.

May 4 – Bill Colclough for Niagara Falls Historical Museum

May 11—Jo Low for Project Share

May 25—Habitat Niagara

Scribe: John James. For any errors or omissions, please blame editor Craig.



