



THE ROTARY CLUB OF COLBORNE

For over 60 years, members of the Rotary Club of Colborne have met to serve our community, to network and to develop fellowship. As part of the world's first service club, Rotary International, Rotarians are community leaders, people just wanting to make a difference. The Rotary Club of Colborne is dependent on and only successful because of the support and participation of the community.

For the year 2011-2012, the Rotary Club of Colborne is led by President Al Brisco, President-Elect Garry Clement, Director Community Service - Morris Tait, Director International Service and Director Vocational Service - Glenn Spence, and Director Club Service - Jim Williams. Our Past President is Lee Clement, our Secretary is Betty Brisco and Gerry Spence and our Treasurer is Rick Hoffman.

Recently, the Club supported construction of the Suzanne Kernaghan Bridge over Colborne Creek, contributed towards the Highway of Heroes Flagpole, purchased a fridge for the local Food Bank (photo), contributed to the



Cramahe Fire Department, Music in the Square, Centreton Library, contributed over

\$600 to the music program at the Colborne Public School, and contributed \$1,500 toward the Christmas Hamper program organized by Colborne Legion Branch 197 (photo).

Major financial commitments to community projects have included:



\$40k to the Keeler Centre – Rotary Room, \$50k to the Northumberland Hills Hospital, \$25k to the Children’s Playground in Rotary Centennial Park.

Our ongoing participation in Youth Programs welcomed Torben Koetter from Germany. He is our 24th Inbound Exchange Student (presently at East Northumberland Secondary School) while our Outbound Exchange Student Brittany Hesmer is busy learning Portuguese in Brazil. Katrina Li has been selected as the 2012 Outbound Student. Katrina will soon begin her orientation training with other Exchange Students from our Rotary District.

Once this is complete, Katrina will learn of her destination country and her date of departure (photos Torben, Brittany and Katrina).



Last year's awards to students included:

- Camp Enterprise, Chris Grouchy
- Adventure in Technology, Mathew Robins
- Adventure in Citizenship, Stephanie Finimore
- HOSELTON/ROTARY Scholarship, Faith Green



Our newest student group is EarlyAct. Recently launched in the Colborne Public School, this exciting new program has CPS students meeting on a weekly basis to design their protocol and achieve a school, community and an international project. Already, they have raised funds by organizing a “wear your hat in school” day and they decorated an EarlyAct tree for the school’s successful Festival of Trees program.



The Rotary Club of Colborne’s annual fundraising activities generously supported by the community include: Golf Tournament, Apple Harvest Auction, and the Merchant’s Christmas Dinner.

Members also participated in: Curling Club Fundraiser, CPS Community Connecting BBQ, Mayor’s Clean-Up Day, Stream Remediation at the S Kernaghan Bridge, an award winning float in the Colborne Santa Claus Parade and help to prepare the Legion’s Christmas Hampers. Rotary Inter Club and Rotary District events included: Brighton BBQ, Brighton Auction, Trenton Auction, Port Hope Lobster Night, Foundation Walk, District

Seminar – East York, Markham and Loyalist, Foundation – Landmine Dinner, District Conference – Collingwood.

Our Club is part of **Rotary District 7070**, led this year by Port Hope Rotarian and this year's District Governor RG (Bob) Wallace. He and his wife Kathy have visited our Club several times. Included in its responsibilities are policy seminars and conferences and this year's DARE TO DREAM Conference in Collingwood was a great success.



Rotary International is a worldwide network of inspired individuals who translate their passions into relevant social causes to change lives in communities. Members volunteer to provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through fellowship of business, professional and community leaders.



This year, the President of Rotary International is Kalyan Banerjee, a long serving Rotarian from India. Rotary International President Kalyan Banerjee has adopted the theme REACH WITHIN TO EMBRACE HUMANITY to inspire Rotarians in their community service. This theme leads the work ahead for over 30,000 Rotary Clubs world-wide. Supported by his wife Binota, he has had a very busy year in Rotary service.

Some of the International Projects supported by the Rotary Club of Colborne include: Polio Eradication, Disaster Relief (Haiti, Japan, Slave Lake), Operations Eyesight, Ridding the World of Landmines, Ensuring Clean Water, Establishing Centres for World Peace.



The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise:

- FIRST The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
- SECOND High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
- THIRD The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;
- FOURTH The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

The **AVENUES OF SERVICE** are Rotary's philosophical cornerstone and the foundation on which club activity is based:

- **Club Service** focuses on strengthening fellowship and ensuring the effective functioning of the club.
- **Vocational Service** encourages Rotarians to serve others through their vocations and to practice high ethical standards.

- **Community Service** covers the projects and activities the club undertakes to improve life in its community.
- **International Service** encompasses actions taken to expand Rotary's humanitarian reach around the globe and to promote world understanding and peace.
- **New Generations Service** recognizes the positive change implemented by youth and young adults through leadership development activities, service projects, and exchange programs.

Rotarians are guided by their **FOUR-WAY TEST**:

- 1 Is it the truth?
- 2 Is it fair to all concerned?
- 3 Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
- 4 Is it beneficial to all concerned?

Would you like to learn more about ROTARY AND THE ROTARY CLUB OF COLBORNE?

Why not join us at a regular dinner meeting to discover more about Rotary! We need your skills, talent, knowledge and expertise to make our community more successful. There is a fundraising side to the club and a spirit of teamwork and fellowship, but there is absolutely no political or religious element. We have a broad spectrum of ages and professional expertise. Everyone is welcome!

We meet for dinner at 6pm Monday evenings at ROTARY HALL, KEELER CENTRE on Division St in Colborne. Please call our President, Al Brisco, at 905 355 5890(H) or 905 355 3056(W) or email albrisco@eagle.ca. Our address is: The Rotary Club of Colborne, BOX 725, Colborne, K0K 1S0. Check us out at cramahe-now.com and on our website Rotary Club of Colborne. You may also find us on Facebook.