



*Rotary Club of Carleton Place  
and Mississippi Mills*

Meeting of August 11, 2009

Nine members were in attendance as President Mike welcomed visitors Jeff Mills and Rotarian Dieudonne Batrville from Haiti, our speaker for the evening. There was little business to discuss but, in Treasurer Bob's absence Mike reported that the Club's share of the 50/50 RiverJam receipts amounted to \$1,303.05. He also noted that he had received a telephone call from a Dr. Blouin of Beckwith Township enquiring as to the prospects of our Club sponsoring her son, a PhD student, for a Rotary International Ambassadorial Scholarship. The meeting supported President Mike's decision that we would welcome a visit from Dr. Blouin to hear more about her proposal and about the proposed candidate. Bernie agreed to look into this matter and report back.

It was also reported that the Nepean Kanata Club was having another Adventures in High Technology program. Our Club sponsored a student participant two years ago and here again, Bernie will assess the merits of a repeat participation.

Rotary International is holding a "Photo Day" on Saturday October 10 and has requested all clubs to take pictures of its members undertaking a club activity on that day. It was suggested that photos on the trail would be an appropriate response and that possibility will be discussed at a meeting closer to the

visitors made a presentation on the work of Rayjon Share Care Haiti. Dieudonne Batrville, who was educated in Canada and worked for the Mills Corporation in Almonte, and now works for Rayjon, noted the broad range of activities of this organization in Haiti and its promotion of personal involvement, good governance, and effective collaboration by participants in those activities. She stressed the emphasis on gender equity in activities such as the promotion of schooling, viable self sufficiency in agriculture, and cooking using less wood. Another program involved an extremely busy health village with a 10-bed inpatient facility. The Club had been approached by Jeff Mills some weeks ago for financial assistance to build a roof for a new structure in this village and the Club presented our visitors with a cheque for \$200 as a donation towards that effort.