

Rotary Club of Carleton Place

Informal notes of the meeting of Wednesday, July 24, 2002, at Kelly's Loft Restaurant.

The meeting of the 24th of July 2002 was the first at which attendance exceeded 20. Our total membership is now 23, and the possibility of a further increase is very promising.

David McGlade opened the meeting at noon, and introduced **Russ Hicks**, Governor, district 7040 of Rotary International.

The Governor outlined the procedures that would be followed, now that membership had exceeded the required 20 persons, so that the group would be inaugurated as a Rotary Club Branch.

He predicted that in November this year a "Charter Night" would be organized, at which we should expect approximately 300 people, including contingents from sponsoring clubs. This event would mark the formal formation of the Carleton Place Rotary Club, and its acceptance by Rotary International, which would present the charter. One factor taken into account in placing the "Charter Night" in November was to avoid any conflict with the District Conference in late October, or with any member's plans to attend Lake Placid during September. (See the web site www.rotary7040.com)

He also announced the initial appointment of Officers for the Carleton Place Club. These were:

- President, **David McGlade**
- Vice-President, **Gordon McNabb**
- Sergeant-at-Arms, **D.Alan Jones**
- Treasurer, **Dan Cooke**
- Recording Secretary, **George Rolfe**

The Public Relations Committee, which would also represent the Club to Carleton Place Council, would be Chaired by **Brian Turner**.

David McGlade then introduced **Brian Costello**, Mayor of Carleton Place, who spoke in support of Rotary International, and the formation of this Club. **Gary Rice** replied to the Mayor's remarks and the membership present indicated their appreciation of the sentiments expressed by the Mayor.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:30pm.

George Rolfe
Recording Secretary.