***Rotary Club of Carleton Place & Mississippi Mills***



**Bulletin: March 31, 2006**

**MEETING OF 28/03/06**

Unfortunately only eight members were present to hear a very interesting and heart-warming presentation by ***Debbie Turner, Alex Vorobej and Agnes Turner*** on the **Lanark Branch** of the *Navy League of Canada*. This organization, established in Canada in 1895, currently has a membership of some 15,000 12 to 18 year-olds. The **Lanark Branch’s** 11-member board, (plus two naval officers as advisers), provides training, uniforms etc. for the local **Corp** of **52 Sea Cadets***. It operates without fees* and survives on fund-raisers, donations and some support by DND.

The **Sea Cadets** get involved in *community service* (which counts against the 40-hour requirement for high school graduation), *basic training*, summer *camps* (free), inter-provincial and some international *exchanges*.

The organization also provides a **Navy League Cadet** program for *youngsters ages 9-12.* 21 children are currently registered, with a number of them coming from situations where this form of *safe and organized companionship* is desperately needed. It is easy to conclude that the **Navy League** would constitute *an excellent partner* for some of our activities, this year’s ***compost sale*** being the first.

***President Brenda*** reported on the awarding of our first *Paul Harris award* to a surprised ***Janice Bowie*** of ***Lux Photographic Services*** (well covered by The Canadian); Letters were read from ***Hall of Valour*** thanking the Club for its registration in *their golf tournament*; and from the ***BIA of Carleton Place*** asking us to participate in the April 25th *“Clean-Up Carleton Place”* campaign. Our participation will be a clean-up of the trail and the end of William Street on or about April 25.

***Gordon*** reported the*good news* that the *District Simplified Grant* application for the trail construction had been *approved* by the Rotary Foundation at a level of *$1,679*. As well, a *$500 grant from the Town of Mississippi Mills* has been approved – as a match of Club’s annual $500 commitment towards trail maintenance. ***Gordon*** submitted a *financial statement for the trail* showing that we have a total of $6,593.69 available for benches, signs and additional gravel. **Bernie** reported that three *applicants for RYLA* had been interviewed and that he had submitted a strong nomination letter for all three. In the ***Happy News category***, **Brenda** announced her appointment as *Manager of the GMAC office in Perth* Fortunately she will continue to reside in Carleton Place.

Finally, at the **April 11 meeting** we will be making decisions re “*adopting” a highway* and *registering for a charity number.*

**Remember! There will be no meeting next Tuesday, April 4.**