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



**Bulletin: May 25, 2006**

**MEETING OF May 23rd:**

Ten of us were present to spend a pleasant meeting swapping opinions about the Da Vinci Code, listening to ***Alan’s*** tall tales about how the Welsh created the World, (and the sorrows of crying over spilled beer-trucks), and then discussing a host of items relevant to our current Club activities.

For starters, ***Bob*** reported on the eminently successful **Compost Fundraiser.** The latest, not-quite-complete figures have us generating a profit to the Club’s general fund coffers of **$3,450.00**. This is substantially above last year’s mark. Another huge “thank you” goes out to **Gordon** for providing the space to carry out the “dirty deed” – and to our ever-patient **Lorna** for keeping a rein on Gord’s exuberance. (His health is of much more importance than his bag-handling skills, to say nothing of his smooth and skilful organization talent.)

Of *great assistance,*  this year was the tireless production of the two teen-agers supplied by **Fraser.** The 50 cents-a-bag we paid for their services was *well worth it,* as it freed us older/more mature/less athletically inclined/or whatever Rotarians from a lot of the sweat equity involved in past years of compost contracting. Plans for next year are to enlist the muscle-power of a soccer team or two – as a fund-raiser for them and an energy-saver for us. We will still organize, co-ordinate, and deliver-the-goods.

The Club agreed to donate a modest sum to the Navy League for its building-maintenance fund, in appreciation of the early involvement of the Sea Cadets in getting this year’s compost project started.

***Rotarian Bernie*** reported that the two students our Club sponsored at the **RYLA** event had a wonderful time. He will be arranging for them to give a presentation on their experience in the next few weeks.

The next youth sponsorship opportunity comes in the form of an ***Adventures in the Environment*** program – in which accepted High School students would spend four days actually working in the field with environmental scientists. This is a project of the *Rotary Club of Cornwall Sunrise,* and taps the vocational expertise of scientists from an **Environmental Sciences Institute,** that is located in Cornwall. ***Bernie*** will be contacting the local High Schools and inviting them to nominate deserving students who have an interest in environmental science.

**NEXT WEEK:** With Riverjam coming up on the 4,5, and 6 of August our Club is again invited to do a **50/50** draw as a fundraiser, and also man/woman the *guest services concession tent.* To fill us in on what is involved ***Rose Bjorkstedt*** of the Riverjam organizing committee will be our guest speaker.

A director’s meeting will also be held following the main event.