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The Early Riser

Special Welcome, Sept. 1st to District Governor Dennis Knight!

The Dog Days of Summer...

Brian Martin – Club President

The dog days of summer are upon us - well at least in Central Canada where they are sweltering - and like many of you I am taking a little time off this month. I intend to spend some quality time with visiting family, enjoy a few cocktails and play a little golf. Once I get that out of my system I will have to start knocking off the to do list created by my better half. Given the limited amount of time I have, coupled with the lack of skill I possess, I will never complete the list. I trust that you have, or will be taking some well-deserved vacation to just relax with family and friends and put the stresses of busy work schedules behind you. Once September hits us, things start to pick up fairly quickly in all facets of our lives. Rotary is no exception as we will be well into the planning of Wheels and Deals. So, enjoy your time off, recharge those batteries and come back prepared to help us stage a great event again this year.

Welcome to Melanie Moxhet... Our New Inbound Exchange Student

Marilyn Macdonald – Exchange Prog.

Melanie Moxhet, the St. John's East Rotary Club's exchange student, was born in March-en-Famenne, Belgium

on July 2nd, 1988. Her family lives in Rochfort, Belgium, a small tourist town famous for its Trappistes (special beers) and its cheese (from the Abbey). Her mother is a primary school teacher and her father is a mechanic. She has a brother, age 10, and a sister, age 2.



Melanie's hobbies and interests include listening to music,

playing the piano, reading, drawing and painting, theatre, socializing with friends, and particularly dancing. She has traveled extensively with her family - to Spain, Tunisia, Turkey, and to Nice, France with her best friend and her parents.

Melanie is an excellent student. She loves foreign languages and has been learning English, Dutch and German at school. She is looking forward to her year in Canada as a Rotary Exchange Student. Her major goal is to improve her English skills so that she can some day become a translator. Melanie's host family is the Goodridge's - Bill and Janet.

President's Golf Tournament

Terry Reardon – Club Service

The Annual President's Golf Tournament is set for 1:30 pm on Friday, September 22nd at Clovelly's

Club Assembly

Bally Haly G&C

5:30 – 7:30

Thursday, Sept. 14,

Have your say!!



Reminder....

2006 Wheels 'n Deals
November 4th
St. John's Convention Centre

championship course. We have booked seven tee times to accommodate 28 golfers, so that will bring us up to around 2:40 PM for the final group to tee off. We should all be finished around 7:00 PM at which time there will be food, drinks and the awards gala in the Gazebo. Spouses and friends are welcome.

While we don't have the budget set for the event, we're thinking of a \$50.00 entry fee for each golfer which will cover the green fees, cart, and food afterwards. Those who have memberships or have passes will have this fee waived entirely.

Abuse of a Privilege

Steve Wedgwood – 2nd Past President

I asked for the opportunity to have a little rant in the Early Riser, which is a little ironic in a couple of ways; 1. except for Fridays, I am not an early riser and 2. I usually prefer a large rant. Anyway, I have notice that there has been a growing number of "Drive-By" Spammings lately. The use of the Rotary Club Members email list by non-members is on the increase and I am not sure that is a good thing.

I enjoy the banter of our Club's membership and I know the E-mail list is an invaluable resource for Club communication and information. E-mail announcements of Club business and events, changes of venues and special speakers are all very important to the efficient and smooth operation of The Rotary Club of St. John's East.

Lately, due to the spam, I have heard members complaining about the extra-curricular email usage and some said they prefer the delete button rather than

the click to open procedure... and that is not a good thing for communication between members.

Sales pitches by non-members (or Members for that matter) directed to the Club in the shotgun format of a Spam offering, in my opinion, reduces the effectiveness of the E-mail communication between members and should be discouraged. The information in the Club Roster should be treated the same way. The information in the Roster is for Club Members convenience and should not be abused. After all, Membership has its privileges. Cheers, Steve

New Members... Greg Radu and Darren Pitcher

Brian Martin – President



Greg was born on January 30, 1976 in Romania. He earned his medical degree from Carol Davila University of

Medicine and Pharmacy in Bucharest. In 2004, he started postgraduate medical training at Memorial University of Newfoundland where he completed a rotating internship and continued to specialize in psychiatry. Greg currently holds an educational licence from the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Newfoundland and Labrador, and is a resident member of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada. Greg expects to complete his specialist training by 2009. Greg is married to Oana who is a lecturer with the Department of Mathematics and Statistics at Memorial University.



Darren is a local boy who's employed with the Newfoundland & Labrador Credit Union as manager of the Torbay Rd branch. He's in his

late 30's and he has a commerce degree from MUN and has been a Rotarian in 5 other communities across the mainland and in Corner Brook. Darren worked with GMAC finance early in his career and later worked with BDC for 9 years in various mainland communities. He was a department head with the faculty of engineering at MUN until his recent appointment with the NLCU. His expertise is in the commercial lending side of the banking business. He's married to Lori with one child Lauryn.

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