The Start
Jim Goit was in the chair and had Coni Murray and Theresa Osborne from the Women’s Institutes of Nova Scotia as his guest speakers. There was a good crowd out today as this was picture taking day. Shaik reported the attendance at 82%.

Fun Fines and 50/50 Draws
Lorne MacDougall was the recipient of this week’s draw and Les Mosher was looking for loonies from those who did not know it was the week for taking the class picture and also from those who dressed up more than usual because of the picture being taken. Looks to me like he made money both ways.

Happy Mug
There were a number of happy Rotarians: Jim Cameron thanked the club for his award, Frank Cassidy was happy about the launch of the new Daily News format, Garth had a successful launch of his CD; Ed MacDonald has a new boy friend in his life (no, not his, his daughter’s), Ted turned 50 (barely half way there) and Lorne was the big winner today.

Committee Reports
I reported a couple of my errors made in last week’s bulletin. Lloyd Coady was the first recipient of the True Rotarian Award last year and not Jim Cameron as I reported last week. Both are very worthy recipients of this award. Also, there are about 32,000 clubs in the world today, not the 2500 I reported last week. Thanks to Duncan Conrad and Gord Hankin for pointing these items out to me.

Sharon Quinlan reported that the Christmas Brunch will take place on Saturday, December 16, at the Glengarry starting at 11:00 am.

Congratulations:
To those celebrating a birthday this month:
Christine Blair, 7th; Lloyd Coady, 16th; Garth Coffin, 7th and Rod Young, 10th.

To those having an anniversary this month:
Barb and Doug Schofield, 10th.

To those who joined the club during the month of November:
Jim Cameron, ’66; Garth Coffin, ’98; Grant Langford, ’86; Ken MacDonald, ’98; John Short, ’67, Rod Young, ’04; Shaik Nisar, ’04.

Next Week’s Program
Arnold Hagen will be in the chair and will have Jon Stanfield and Duane Rath as his speakers. They will be talking about the proposed new Civic Centre.
President’s Report

President Christine will be making a presentation of a $1000 scholarship to Kaylang Rawl (my phonetic spelling) from China at the NSAC next week.

There will be a Director’s Meeting next week in the Board Room of the COOP with Bonnie McCutcheon hosting. The date is November 7 at 7:00 pm. Items to cover include the request to “Adopt a mine field”, and the budget for the current year. Christine also encouraged as many members as possible to attend next year’s 7820 conference to be held in St Johns Newfoundland. The conference is in May but don’t have the exact dates right now. A $100 donation was made to RI in recognition of the District Governor’s visit as is our usual custom.

Program

Chair Jim Goit introduced our speakers; Coni Murray, President Elect of the Women’s Institutes of Nova Scotia and Theresa Osborne, Executive Secretary pointing out that he was one of the few men who are members of this organization.

The Institutes mission statement is to “…continue to provide opportunities to enhance the quality of life, through education and personnel development, allowing us to meet the changing needs of our local and global communities”.

To this end the 800 plus members in Nova Scotia take on various projects mostly involving rural areas. This large organization has Institutes in all provinces and has some 8 million members world wide!

The Women’s Institutes in Nova Scotia was started as a result of Melville Cumming, who was the Principal of the AC as well as Minister of Agriculture, visiting Ontario and seeing the Women’s Institutes there. He brought the idea back to Nova Scotia and the Women’s Institutes was formed in 1914. The Associated Country Women of the World is the global arm of this organization.

The two speakers gave several examples of their work including water testing in rural areas, special crafts for cancer patients and homeless people as well as visits to other areas to see their work. These items barely scratch the surface of the work they do.

Garth Coffin thanked the speakers pointing out that he is an honorary member of the Quebec branch of this organization.

The meeting was adjourned and Rotarians lined up for the annual picture which is used in the Yearbook.

Grant

PS If you want to reach me directly to comment on the bulletin or make suggestions I can be reached at glang@eastlink.ca
Deep within a forest, a little turtle began to climb a tree. After hours of effort, he reached the top, jumped into the air waving his front legs and crashed to the ground. After recovering, he slowly climbed the tree again, jumped and fell to the ground. The turtle tried again and again, while a couple of birds sitting on a branch nearby watched his sad efforts. Finally the female bird turned to her mate. “Dear”, she chirped, “I think it’s time to tell him he’s adopted”.

**Classy Insults**

"He has all the virtues I dislike and none of the vices I admire." -- Winston Churchill

"A modest little person, with much to be modest about." -- Winston Churchill

"I have never killed a man, but I have read many obituaries with great pleasure." -- Clarence Darrow

"He has never been known to use a word that might send a reader to the dictionary." -- William Faulkner (about Ernest Hemingway)

"Poor Faulkner. Does he really think big emotions come from big words?" -- Ernest Hemingway (about William Faulkner)