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THE ROTARY CLUB OF PORT COLBORNE CENTENNIAL

The Port Colborne Club is relatively new and was chartered in February 2005. The Club currently has a membership of 25 and meets each Wednesday at noon. The Rotary Club of Port Colborne Centennial is a second generation club. The original Port Colborne Rotary Club was chartered on 23 March 1955 and provided 43 years of committed community service.

COMMUNITY PROJECTS



The first project of the current club was to provide financial assistance for the re-roofing of the Port Colborne Seniors Centre. More recent projects are shown below:



On Friday, October 6, 2007 Habitat for Humanity Niagara, in partnership with the Rotary Club of Port Colborne Centennial, celebrated the kick-off of the first Habitat Home to be built in Port Colborne. Earlier in the year the Rotary Club pledged \$10,000 to the project. As well, two lots were donated by Mr. Earl Ruston. The club's Building Committee raised over \$60,000 in addition to significant building materials and services donated by local, regional and national businesses. Club members provided administrative and engineering support as well as procurement, project and logistics management, site supervision and volunteer labour.



Representatives of the Habitat/Rotary Partnership and Mayor Badawey celebrate with a Sod Turning PR event in April 2008. Construction of the foundation began immediately thereafter.



Community volunteers are shown framing the home on 19 May 2008.



On that day, 70 volunteers framed and sheathed the walls, installed and sheathed the trusses and installed the exterior doors and windows. Construction began at 9:30 AM and concluded by 2:15 PM.



This is the finished product as shown at the ribbon cutting ceremony (20 August 2008). The home is 1150 sq. ft. and includes a fully insulated “ready to finish” basement. The home is equipped with energy efficient appliances (stove, refrigerator, washer and dryer).



The happy owners of the first Habitat Home built in Port Colborne, are Rose and Scott Moscrip and daughters Beatrice, Sierra and son Bo. “It feels great. Owning our own home will help tremendously. We can plant our feet and not move around everywhere,” Rose said. “We’re overwhelmed, excited and grateful to own a home.”

Alastair Davis, CEO Habitat for Humanity Niagara, says, “In Niagara there are close to 5,000 families in need of affordable housing. This house is an example of how the community can make a difference.”



On 19 November 2008, the Rotary Club of Port Colborne Centennial and Habitat for Humanity Niagara officially announced the construction of their 2nd home in Port Colborne. Rotary will be responsible for fund raising. The home will be built by technical students and teaching staff of the District School Board of Niagara. Construction will start in January 2009.

Shown on the left are students who will participate on the DSBN Construction Team.

Shown on the right are financial supporters, Rotary Club members, Mayor Badawey and representatives from Habitat for Humanity Niagara.

FUND RAISING

PERCH TASTING BOOTH, FLAVOURS OF Niagara booth



Rotary Club members are shown managing a “perch tasting” booth at Port Colborne’s annual Flavours of Niagara Food and Wine Festivals. Funds were used to support the Habitat home and other local projects.

ROTARY ROSES

For many years our predecessor club (The Rotary Club of Port Colborne) marketed Rotary Roses in the spring of each year to raise funds for community projects. When this club ceased operations, the local Lions Club assumed the project. Currently this fund raising project is a joint Lions/ Rotary Club endeavour.

ANNUAL ROTARY TV AUCTION

Each fall the Rotary Club of Port Colborne Centennial participates with the Rotary Clubs of Welland, Fonthill, and Fort Erie to present the Annual Rotary TV Auction on TVCOGECO. Income is allocated to each of the participating clubs for their community projects, based on club participation.

For more information go to <http://rotary-pc.org/>