

## President's Report

March has seemed to fly by but as usual our club has been busy. We put the finishing touches on some community donations, welcomed a member transfer, inducted a new member and have at least one other potential member in the wings. The membership group have completed a member survey which will be extensively used in our upcoming strategic planning workshop being held on April 12 at Oyster Bay Resort. I hope all of you will give serious consideration to attending this planning workshop. This endeavour could set the stage for our club for the next three to five years and we need input from all of our members. Please remember spouses are welcome.

Our Public Relations group has had an active month and we hope to get our next Rotary Corner out very soon. Thanks to your generosity and dedication but especially to Layne and Tony for the constant reminders our foundation goals that I set early in my year have been met. This by no means has to be the end of your giving. If you personally have not met your goal then please continue to give. We all know there is no shortage of need in the world. Les our PE attended PETS and as expected came back totally charged up.. so much so he had to take his daughter to Jamaica just to calm down and cool off before telling us about it. Our Donate-a-Car program got off the ground and reports indicate we have sold our first one. We also plan for the Polio plus trivia night on the 29<sup>th</sup>. Barry and Carolyn have put together a challenging bunch of questions for the contestants, Thrifty's has donated some munchies and all raised goes towards a great cause.

PPE, Dave Free, hosted our RYLA exchange students and from the reports at our March 18th meeting it was an excellent experience for the two students from Timberline interact club.

Lars is beginning to meet with other clubs to put an agenda together for the GSE team we host in May. Hansi Zihlmann has approached our club with another novel idea for an international project. More information will be coming soon.

Glen and Mike are starting to wind down our community giving as we begin to clean up our budgets and take stock of what we have left for our final quarter. I want to especially thank Glen for doing an excellent job as secretary in John's absence.

Glen is also beginning the planning of Quacker 6000, 2008. I know he needs all our help. Choosing the projects we will use the money for is always a tough job. He will need your help as this has to be decided on very soon in order to apply for the license.

Our Youth Exchange Officer, Bill Ritchie, has asked that we look for a replacement for him for next year. Bill has served our club and the District for many years in all aspects of the Youth Exchange Program and our club has been fortunate to have such dedication and commitment from Bill. However we now need someone else to take on this rewarding position in our club. Please contact myself or Les if you are interested. **Thanks Bill** for all your hard work and for your guidance through the recent changes in this truly amazing Rotary Program. I urge all of you to consider hosting a student. Regardless of your stage in life they will brighten you life, add a whole new dimension to your family and forever be your son or daughter.

Ted Martin continues to claim we are solvent and I continue to believe him while trying to keep track of how we have spent our money this past year.

I hope one of you will come forward and volunteer to look after the bulletin for an approximately 6 month period while Joe cleans up his office before he retires and then goes travelling immediately after he retires. Joe has some interesting ideas on how this publication could change. It will be a subject of discussion at our planning session as well. Joe has done a fabulous job and our bulletins are something I tend to refer back to each week. With April being ‘Magazine Month’ someone is bound to step up to the plate.

If you are interested in any specific jobs in our club please do not hesitate to tap either Les or I or any of your directors on the shoulder. We want you involved and need your energy to keep moving our club ahead. Thanks for all your effort in the Month of March and let’s make April something to remember.

Thanks, YIR

**Barry Peters**