

LOCAL NEWS

Colborne Rotary celebrates year of the pod



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It was more than just the year of Jim Williams' presidency. This year Colborne Rotary installed a pod program for its regular meetings.

Several Rotarians mentioned the new system in their praise of the outgoing president.

In his reply, Mr. Williams pointed to the many successes of the past year.

This year, Colborne joined the international organization to celebrate 100 years of Rotary. To commemorate the milestone, Colborne Rotary committed \$25,000 to the new children's playground in Colborne to be named Rotary Centennial Playground. The street leading to the playground which was formerly Arena Street will also bear the Rotary name.



Jim Williams makes his final address as president of Colborne Rotary.

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Window displays, and the flying of the Rotary flag on the Township flag pole commemorated the special year.

The departing president also mentioned the Harvest Auction, and the two exchange students connected with Rotary this year.

Emma Ferguson was sponsored to go to France and Mexico. Thais Bdine was the guest of Colborne Rotary for the year.

Northumberland Idol enjoyed a second successful year, displaying some awesome talent.

Trash and Treasures, the Santa Claus Parade, Apple Blossom Tyme, the school lunch program, figure skating and minor hockey all benefitted from Rotary's largesse.

The Gord Hoselton bursary was increased to \$1,000, and two new members joined the group in the past year.

Colborne Rotarian Board of Directors

The new board of directors of the Colborne Rotary Club, from left:

Glenn Spence, Betty Brisco, incoming president Rick Hoffman, Brian Barnes, Manfred Zwirter, Carolyn Campbell, Kim Emond, Carl Jeptha, Laurie Thompson, Jim Williams, Al Brisco.

Rotarian of the year

Betty Brisco accepts the Hoselton trophy. Her name will be added as the 2004-5 Rotarian of the Year.

