

Auction supports Rotary's community commitments

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COLBORNE – Four metres of concrete, gold pendants, a patio cooler filled with booze or a limo ride for four for dinner at Waupoos Winery were just some of the items up for bid at the 25th annual Rotary Club of Colborne's Apple Harvest dinner and auction last Saturday.

The event is a perennial favourite with a community who gather for good food, music and fun while bidding to buy unique and/or useful services and things. Where else can you purchase a variety of homemade pies to be delivered to your doorstep? It's all for a good cause.

Although a small club of 20 members, the interior of the Keeler Centre was once again transformed with a canopy of twinkle lights. Ringing the space were table upon table of items and services in the silent auction. On and around the stage were 25 items featured in the live auction led by Jim Nelson. The evening is a mammoth undertaking by the Rotary club members and conscripts led by club president Betty Brisco.

Live music was provided by the All-Star Band and pianist/musician Warren Sutcliffe. Catering was by Black Dress Catering, also a silver level sponsor. Gold sponsorship for the event came from the MacCoubrey family, Computer Solutions and the Township of Cramahe. Bronze sponsorship was given by Johnston Motors.

Although attendance was down slightly from previous years, enthusiasm ran high. The highest-ticketed item was the Waupoos dinner package donated by Waupoos Winery and Central Ontario Limo Services, which went for \$800, and the concrete, with colour, from Castle Ridge Concrete and Roger Doidge, went for \$700. The gold pendant with inset diamonds from Fred Drehlich of Cliffcrest Jewellers went for \$500.

The funds raised support Colborne Rotary's many com-



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Colborne Rotary club member George Depaape, right, delivers a basket of gifts to the winning silent auction bid put in by Roger Doidge, centre. Tracy Llewellyn, left, helps manoeuvre the weighty win.

munity commitments including the Keeler Centre and Northumberland Hills Hospital, playgrounds, scholarships, Santa Claus parade, United Way, the Gord Hoselton Bursary, scholarships and many other projects.

Club members are: Dan Boudreau, Al and Betty Brisco, Peter Cholibeck, Lee and Garry Clement, Angie Currin, George Depaape, Rick Hoffman, Diane Knight, Sandra

Kowlchuk, Graham Norcutt, Gerry and Glenn Spence, Donna and Don Spencer, Morris Tait, Thad Trenn, Jim Williams and Donna Rusaw (honourary).



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Colborne Rotary Club president Betty Brisco was presented with a bouquet of flowers in thanks for her organizing efforts and commitment putting together the annual Colborne Rotary Apple Harvest dinner and auction at the Keeler Center Sept. 19.



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"I won that too?" a delighted Lisa Masterson exclaimed as Colborne Rotarian Morris Tait announced her raffle win.



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Three examples of the new line of Hoselton Sculptures were up in the live auction.



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Auctioneer Jim Nelson stood on a chair to take the bidding to new heights.



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Colborne Rotarian Garry Clement, right, and musician Warren Sutcliffe carry a full-sized Santa forward for live auction bidding.

Three pies for three celebrations, that's what Colborne Rotarian Jim Williams, back left, and wife Adria, offered for auction at the annual Colborne Rotary Apple Harvest dinner and auction at the Keeler Centre Sept. 19. Lee Miller of Wooler was the winning bidder.

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Stan and Diane Chapman, left, won the patio cooler of booze and Glenn and Debbie Phinmore of Brighton won the gold and diamond pendant draws at the annual Colborne Rotary Apple Harvest dinner and auction at the Keeler Centre Sept. 19.

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