

Rotary Club held Taste of Spring Gala in support of community projects

It was a full house at the Acton Town Hall Centre, on the evening of May 5th, as the Rotary Club of Acton held its annual Taste of Spring Gala.

This year marked the return of the annual event, the first time in three years due to the pandemic, and according to Rotarian and Taste of Spring co-chair, Dan Rochester, the Gala saw more than 100 guests who enjoyed a six course dinner, live and silent auctions, and a 50/50 draw.

Guests included Mayor Ann Lawlor, Councillors Clark Somerville, Mike Albano and Alex Hilson, and MP Michael Chong.



Over 100 attendees filled the Acton Town Hall Centre for the Taste of Spring Gala on May 5th.

Rochester says the event was in support of raising funds for the Townsend-Smith Foundation's North Halton Hospice and Rotary Projects, with the event surpassing the fundraising goal of \$15,000.

"The event was a fundraiser with proceeds split 50/50 between Townsend-Smith Foundation, to build a hospice in North Halton, and Rotary Club of Acton's local projects, including food security, youth projects and other underserved community needs... The fundraising goal of \$15000 was easily exceeded, coming in at close to \$16,600."

Other highlights of the evening included a fantastic meal prepared by Chef Dale McCarthy of Everton Academy of Culinary Arts, and wonderful auction services were provided by Doug Donaldson, a crowd favourite.



Doug Donaldson conducting the live auction.

With the huge success of this year's event, Rochester says organizers are already planning for next year's Taste of Spring Gala.

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