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bands in the area. Presently Monique is performing live acoustic gigs in and around the area.

Penny Kitchen was born and raised in Picton, leaving the area only in order to establish a career in film animation. During her five years in Toronto, she met her husband, and music partner, John Kitchen. Since Penny's return to the Quinte area, she and John continued their music - with a pause for the birth of their daughter, Roanna! More recently, Penny and John have begun again to deliver music that interests them. Penny's artistic contributions will be a special asset to the show.

The Frere Brothers are well known to everyone for their *unofficial* Prince Edward County theme song "The Mushroom Plant". Long time county residents, Mark Despault and Alec Lunn provide a unique take on Life in the "County" through their many original songs and parodies. Both accomplished musicians, the Frere Brothers perform regularly and have produced several recordings, the most recent being "The Frere Brothers ....Live at Mount Tabor Playhouse".

Caleb and Megan Hutton are a great example of the talented youth in Prince Edward County. Their band "Instant Rivalry" is well known in the area. They have both written numerous original songs and have spent time performing in Nashville.

Musically Rick Grant has a diverse and multicultural background playing drums professionally in progressive bands since his 20's from Ontario to B.C. He has done everything from playing with Grampa's Goodtime Gang, to sitting in with punk bands in Japan - to playing rhythms

on empty gas canisters in Kenya during spontaneous concerts and street dances. Rick has started playing again on a regular basis with the County Theatre Group and their highly successful Jesus Christ Super Star.

Support for this event will help Rotary raise funds for the Prince Edward County Memorial Hospital Foundation. It will also contribute to helping meet the Rotary Club International's pledge to raise \$200 million to match \$355 million in challenge grants received from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. The resulting \$555 million will directly support immunization campaigns in developing countries, where polio continues to infect and paralyze children, robbing them of their futures and compounding the hardships faced by their families. While the disease is essentially eradicated in the West, it is incredibly infectious and remains a worldwide threat.

In addition to the music, Rotary is arranging to have a silent auction. We already have a number of unique items, all graciously donated to help support this effort. More items are always welcome.

Tickets are \$25.00 each and are available from selected Picton Rotarians or at the Regent Theatre Box office. For Tickets call: (613) 476-8416 ext 28 or toll free (877) 411-4761. For other questions or donations, please call Paul Gentile at (613)476-8091.

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The last stanza of a poem by Edna St Vincent Millay reads:

"Down, down, down into the darkness of the grave  
Gently they go, the beautiful, the tender, the kind:  
Quietly they go, the intelligent the witty, the brave,  
I know. But I do not approve. And I am not resigned."

She's not resigned to death. Neither is Woody Allen whose famous quote says, "I'm not afraid to die, I just don't want to be there when it happens." Yup. That's the case for most of us. Deny. Deny. Deny. Die.

This column is pretty much a downer, isn't it? That probably explains why death is not an ideal ice breaker at a cocktail party or an old folks home.

- George Underhill