



Photo by Gail Paquette

If you saw the ‘World’s Tallest Leprechaun’ at Loyalist College Wednesday afternoon, your eyes weren’t playing tricks on you. Matt Bowsky, volunteer for Gleaners Food Bank, enticed people to believe in the luck of the Irish. A \$2 shamrock purchase was a chance to win several prizes and give to a worthy cause.

Shamrock fundraiser helps Gleaners

Food bank helps nearly 200 Loyalist students with food hampers

By Jennifer Robertson

Gleaners Food Bank’s annual Shamrocks on the Wall fundraiser took place at Loyalist College on Wednesday.

A table was set up in the college cafeteria, taking donations from passing students. Shamrocks could be bought for

\$2 for one or three for \$5, with proceeds going to Gleaners Food Bank.

Amanda Emburg, a second-year social service worker student, organized the event while on placement at Gleaners as part of her program.

“I am really enjoying my opportunity to be a placement student at Gleaners Food Bank. I have a really diverse position where I get to work hands on in the agency as well as directly with clients of the food bank from our community,” says Emburg.

“In our field, this agency is considered frontline work and it has been a positive look at what our community is lacking as well as what our community has to offer to help those in need. I would highly recommend this placement to any student considering a placement position at Gleaners.”

The Shamrocks on the Wall fundraiser has been held at Loyalist for seven years. This was the first year it was organized by Emburg.

The fundraiser has also been held at other locations in the area such as the Quinte Mall. The event has now been

around for 11 years.

In 2012, the Gleaners Food Bank was proud to be able to provide food for 3,500 families, 11,611 adults, 206 seniors, and 198 Loyalist students. The food bank puts together hampers providing food for up to five days, distributing 8,322 of them last year.

Purchasing a shamrock also gave an opportunity to win several prizes. Each was entered to win two gift baskets, a two-night stay at the Best Western in Toronto with Blue Jay tickets courtesy of Williams Hotels, and a grand prize of a \$500 Travel

voucher from Carlson Wagonlit Travel Trenton. Winners were drawn in the cafeteria at 3 p.m.

Emburg and Gleaners were successful in their quest to raise money at the school.

“We were hoping to raise about \$50 this morning by raffling off the baskets, and we raised \$500,” says Emburg.

“I felt really good organizing the event at the college today and was beyond impressed at how much I was able to raise, thanks to all the students and faculty that helped and purchased tickets.”

Bursaries get a boost with fundraising book sale in school cafeteria

By Jessica Nyznik

The tables in the Loyalist College cafeteria had more than just food on them on Wednesday, as the Books for Bursaries fundraiser put on a spread of their own.

Public relation students Hazel Barber, Alexander Smith and Ken MacPherson organized the event, which was held in the eatery between 9 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

The three students have been working

on this affair since September 2012, in conjunction with their fundraising and event management classes.

While Barber admits the book fundraiser was their third idea, she said she was hopeful for its success.

By 11:30 a.m., the PR students had already met their goal of \$300 and had sold more than 200 books.

As a book enthusiast, the event already had some money in the bank before it

even began, with Barber having \$10 worth of books set aside.

“I’m an avid reader. I’ve been reading as long as I can remember,” she said.

Books were for sale at a suggested price of \$1 for soft cover and \$2 for hard, but donations of any denomination were accepted.

When Smith discovered a first edition of J.R.R. Tolkien’s The Silmarillion among the pile of donations, the group decided

to put the book up for silent auction.

“I was going to buy it for \$2, but we realized it was more valuable than that,” said Smith.

Deirdre Way, co-ordinator of the paralegal program, attended the sale and walked away with almost 20 books.

“I was surprised at how great the selection was,” said Way.

Way purchased romance novels for her teenaged daughters and cookbooks for herself.

“I pretend I’m a good cook,” added Way.

In preparation for the event, Barber, Smith and MacPherson held a book drive from Feb. 1 to the 21 and received between 400 and 500 books.

Barber said the donations mainly came from teachers and staff at the school.

Proceeds from the fundraiser go to the Loyalist College Foundation’s Endowment Fund and any unsold books will be donated to local thrift stores.

Loyalist Rotaracts help in polio fight

Rotarian discusses his participation in Polio Immunization Day

By Natalie McMullen

Polio cases have been reduced dramatically over the last two decades through the efforts of the Rotary Club, its partners, and governments around the world.

“We’re on the verge of conquering this disease,” said Northumberland-Quinte West MP Rick Norlock. “There’s nothing so fine as good people working together.”

Daryl Kramp, MP for Prince Edward-Hastings, urged Rotarians to continue to keep up the good work, adding that he’ll do his part “to plug away on the inside.”

The College Rotaract Club and the Rotary Club of Quinte Sunrise held an End Polio Now event from noon to 1 p.m. in the college gymnasium on Feb. 21. End Polio Now is an international campaign to eradicate polio worldwide.

Rotaract Club President and event organizer, Channele Schryer, a first-year nursing student, introduced Loyalist College President Maureen Piercy, who welcomed students, staff and special guests to the event.

Rotarian and chair of the Loyalist Board of Governors, Stuart Wright, introduced and thanked Norlock and Kramp, recognizing the Canadian government’s contribution to the global polio eradication effort.

Rotarian Bob Wallace, past district governor of District 7070, was the guest speaker for the event. He shared stories from a recent trip to India, where he participated in a Polio Immunization Day.

He travelled with a team of 37 Rotarians, including his wife Kathy, a retired nurse. The group ranged in age from 18 to 85.

Wallace visited Rotary projects in Delhi and in the small town of Sonapat, north of the capital. He participated in the National Immunization Day, administering



Photo by Julia McKay

Steve Lichty, Rotary Club of Quinte Sunrise president, and Channele Schryer, representative of the Loyalist Rotaract club, give Rotarian Bob Wallace a cheque for \$300 for the Rotary End Polio Campaign.

“two magic drops” of the polio vaccine to children under five, including a three-week-old baby.

“If you can count to two, you can immunize children,” said Wallace.

The two days following National Immunization Day, the team went door-to-door and visited slums to administer the vaccine to any children who hadn’t yet received it.

“In order to identify children we had immunized, we coloured their pinkie finger purple.”

Wallace explained that people whose children had received the vaccine also marked their doors to indicate that an immunization team had been there.

In 1993, there were 200,000 people diagnosed with polio in India. No new cases

have been reported in the country since January 2011.

Wallace attributes the success to support from generous donors like the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. He urged those in attendance to keep donating and to keep pressure on governments to end polio.

The Rotaract Club presented Wallace with a cheque for \$300. There are nine members that belong to the Loyalist group, primarily from the nursing program.

Mahoganie Hines belongs to the club and explained that because the group consists of all new members this year, the End Polio Now campaign was a good initiative to begin with.

“We’re a young group – with no exist-

ing members. This campaign gives us an opportunity to collaborate with Rotary for their guidance.”

For Schryer, joining the Loyalist Club was a natural fit.

“I grew up with Rotary. I’ve been involved since I was a child.”

Schryer was selected to take part in the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards program. She belonged to a Rotaract Club in Ottawa and has given presentations for the organization on her experiences as a Canada World Youth participant in Benin.

Students are welcome to join by contacting Channele Schryer, Loyalist College Rotaract president, at chanelleschryer@hotmail.com or visiting <https://www.facebook.com/LoyalistCollegeRotaractClub>.

Benefits of being an alumni

By Benjamin Priebe

Are you a Loyalist College Alumni? Yes, you are!

“The alumni group and the career centre put together Grad Bash to raise awareness for all the benefits and services that being an alumni gives you,” says Michelle Randolph, who works at the career centre. “Many students simply aren’t aware and we want to spread the word.”

Loyalist College Alumni hosted Grad Bash 2013 on Tuesday in the cafeteria. Students dropped by for free pizza, prize bags and information on what it means to be a Loyalist alumnus.

“Loyalist graduates are entitled to a group rate on health and dental insurance from Manulife Financial and home and auto insurance through TD Meloche Monnex,” says Randolph. “We also continue support through the career centre, resume clinics and job postings.”

Every Loyalist student who completes at least one year of study is automatically enrolled in the alumni organization and is eligible for a host of services and discounts.

“Many people don’t know but there is a magazine we put together for alumni called *Lasting Connections*,” says Randolph.

Grad Bash attendees were given a Loyalist tote bag, chocolate bars, pencils and several magazines on the topic of graduating and the job market. Students were also encouraged to fill out ballots to win a Loyalist photo frame and a road safety kit from TD Bank.

“You can stay updated and in touch with other alumni by going to the Loyalist College website, and clicking ‘alumni’ at the bottom,” says George Reddom, a 1970 graduate of civil engineering and executive alumnus. “We also have a variety of social media sites.”

The Loyalist Alumni can be reached on the Loyalist website, by emailing alumni@loyalistic.on.ca, on Twitter under @loyalistgrads and on Facebook.