

Lord Mayor's Message to NOTL ~ for 12 Mar 09

You may find the odd feather floating around Conference Room 2 today – a gentle reminder of the hours of hard work put into making the 2009 Lord Mayor's Mardi Gras Party a fabulous success.

I don't remember the last time the Court House looked so lively. It wasn't just the beads, boas or masks either - it was "Laissez les bons temps rouler"!

The only problem I had was trying to stand still while the band "Swamperella" was playing. Ward Simpson was the MC and kept the evening on schedule. The authentic Cajun dinner (including fresh crawfish) was cooked and served by the Chef Professors and students of Niagara Culinary Institute. The NOTL Kinsmen Club served the bar. What a fabulous experience!

From all accounts, everyone had a great time.

I especially enjoyed seeing our generous guests buying tickets for the seven raffle items and raising the bids on over 60 silent auction items. Brett Sherlock make sure the bids on the five live auctions items went as high as they could go. After all, we were there to raise money to bring the IB program to NDSS.

Thank you to the many people that helped make "Mardi Gras" a very great success. I would like to give a special mention to Vicki Butters at the Town who took up the Mardi Gras challenge with enthusiasm and oversaw the whole project while never once wincing at the mountain of work to be done.

Whether you contributed gifts, money, time or energy, you showed your faith and belief in IB, NDSS and the community. I thank you again.