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**Rotary Club of Eganville Supports New Algonquin College Ottawa Valley Campus**

The Rotary Club of Eganville has donated \$3,000 towards the effort to raise funds for the new Algonquin College in the Ottawa Valley Campus. The club joins several other service clubs and community organizations in the Ottawa Valley who have made commitments to the project that will see a new waterfront campus be built adjacent to Pembroke's downtown.

Club President, Ping Green says education is one of the top priorities for Rotary and the club is very pleased to throw its support behind the new campus project. "There are many people from the Eganville area who have studied at the Ottawa Valley Campus in Pembroke and they might not have had that opportunity if there wasn't a college campus nearby. This is an important project for all of Renfrew County and that is why our club had made this donation," adds Green.

The money was raised at a recent golf tournament held by the club in which 39 players participated. Funds were raised through registration fees and sponsorships. The Rotary Club of Eganville was founded in 1946 and in recent years has contributed more than \$40,000 annually to various community causes.

Capital Campaign Chair, Mark Huckabone, complimented the Rotary Club of Eganville for its donation by saying: "Regardless of the size of the organization, everyone has an opportunity to participate in the building of the new Algonquin College Ottawa Valley Campus. The Rotary Club of Eganville has made a substantial donation to our campaign and has also sent a message that this is a regional project that will benefit all of Renfrew County. We thank the club members for their leadership in supporting the College," adds Huckabone.

Construction on the new College campus is scheduled to begin in the spring of 2011, with the building opening to students in the fall of 2012. The project is valued at \$36 million and has been named Renaissance Square because of its potential to help rejuvenate Pembroke's downtown and support the College's ability to expand its programs.

**PHOTO ABOVE: Ping Green, Rotary Club of Eganville; Jamie Bramburger, Algonquin College; and Rick Merton of Rotary Club of Eganville.**



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