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Rotary Club of White Rock Peninsula

eBulletin

for Bruce Kleeberger
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Hello Bruce! This email has been generated just for you as a member of our club.

Editor: Bruce Kleeberger
 If you have any comments or questions, email the editor.

Future Speakers

Mar 17 2009
 Rob and Azam
"Report on Drive for Mobility in Mexico"

Mar 24 2009
 Guest Night
"Executive Meeting"

Mar 31 2009
 Mayor Ferguson
"Mayor, City of White Rock"

Mar 31 2009
 Club Admin Meeting

Apr 7 2009
 Dr. Bruce Kleeberger
"Rio Dulce Guatemala Dental Clinic"

Apr 14 2009
 Penny Bradley
"Crescent Beach Community Centre"

May 12 2009
 Billy Knutson
"Rhythm and Wellness"

May 19 2009
 RCMP Cst Janelle Canning
"Community Policing/Victim Assistance"

Upcoming Events

District Assembly
 Apr 4 2009

Semiahmoo Club Wine and Dine
 Apr 7 2009

Happy Birthday to Us

by Cass Parel

This coming Tuesday we are celebrating our First Birthday!

You are your guests are invited for a finger supper and champagne to celebrate!

Please remember to call Cass to confirm your attendance so that he can confirm catering arrangements

White Rock/South Surrey Learning Centre

by Lila Heilbrunn

Karen Paters had a captive audience as she recounted stories of the impact that the South Surrey/White Rock Learning Centre had on the lives of her students. Our club recently supported the centre by providing them with some much needed new technology - cameras, laptops and computers for literacy. <!--[if gte mso 10]-->

The Learning Centre is an alternative school for at risk students. Support for students is provided through career counselling, leadership education, a non judgmental environment and a low teacher/student ratio. The program is very flexible so students can continue to work while they upgrade course marks and try to return to the mainstream.

The school has many community partnerships - Rotary, RCMP, Kiwanis, Firefighters and more recently with their commercial neighbours such as Shel Bussey, Enchanted Harvest Florist, Black Bond Books and Michael's Bakery.

Fraser Downs Race Track

Apr 24 2009

5 Club Meeting

May 11 2009

District Conference

May 20 2009 - May 31 2009

Rotary International Convention

Jun 21 2009 - Jun 24 2009

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The students whose stories she recounted came from challenging home environments, had negative experiences at school, were anxious, lacking in self esteem and trying to support themselves - and in some cases, their siblings too!. With positive reinforcement from their teachers and peers, these students were now engaged and inspired to produce high quality academic work, participate in leadership initiatives, including RYLA, and dream of careers in culinary arts, teaching and music.

Karen is an inspirational speaker and her message resonated with all of us.

Drive for Mobility*by Lila Heilbrunn*

Our wheelchair event took place on March 5 at 6 p.m. It was a very formal ceremony, the wife of the Mayor was there, amongst other important people, Lyle, who was rushed from the airport to the CRIT (Center for rehabilitation) amongst them at the Honour table. The President of the Crit, the Mayor's wife and Lyle delivered a Speech.



President Lyle, with tears in his eyes, put a child in a wheelchair. He reiterated our commitment to our Cancun brothers for sustaining association.

The next day we toured the Rotarians Club house in Cancun. In this facility, which they own, they provide a variety of classes including literacy to adults and children, computing classes, sewing classes and many others. Ideas were exchanged for next year with our fellow Rotarians.

Rob and his 'gang' will be presenting details of their experience at our upcoming meeting.

Guatemala Update*by Mike Labadie*

Mike reported that we are moving ahead with the grant. We are now waiting for funding from the TRF and dealing with a little bureaucracy from Guatemala....but we are dealing with it! Our club is looking at other clubs to join us in our efforts for phase II. This will be helpful as district has run out of funds for this rotary year for their part of the matching grant program. Mike said that we are trying to get resourceful to still get Phase II going on schedule.

Fraser Downs Reminder*by Garry McIntosh*

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Join the gang at Fraser Downs for

Food, fun, fellowship

April 24 at 6.30 p.m.

For only \$30 you can enjoy the best buffet in town. We have only 24 spots so call Garry to confirm

Weekly update

by Lyle Konner

Read the RI Weekly Update to keep up with Rotary events and news from around the world

Feature



Gates interview preview

Hear Bill Gates explain why the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation chose to support Rotary International in the effort to eradicate polio, and what prompted the new US\$255 million grant, in this preview of an interview in The Rotarian's May issue.

News Articles

Pakistan, Afghanistan collaborate to end polio

Officials endorse joint effort to stop cross-border transmission of the virus

Membership leaders discuss economic crisis

Diversity, retention also highlighted at annual training event.

Foundation awards 30,000th Matching Grant

Project will fund surgeries to help correct congenital heart irregularities

Diverse clubs hold key to the future

New Amsterdam club reflects revised RI statement on diversity

Scotland hosts polio photo exhibit

London polio survivor's photographs tell story of eradication effort

Learn about the Future Vision Plan

The 15 May deadline is quickly approaching for districts to submit the Future Vision pilot application.

RI president's message: Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge

RI President Dong Kurn Lee says we are close to making the dream real of eradicating polio.

District 5050 Conference

by Kleeberger, Bruce

District Governor Larry Stinson and his planning Committee are hard at work putting the finishing touches on the planning for the "Conference in the Country" in Chilliwack May 28 - 31. The Conference events will be primarily held at Heritage Park (www.chilliwackheritagepark.com), with some events at our host hotel being the Best Western Rainbow Country Inn.

A complete agenda and registration forms will be coming out in February. You will be responsible for booking your own accommodation and you may start doing so now.

There are a variety of options for you as follows:

Best Western Rainbow Country Inn - www.rainbowcountryinn.com
 Travelodge Chilliwack - www.travelodgechilliwack.com
 Comfort Inn - www.comfortinn.com/hotel-chilliwack-canada-CN235
 Travel and stay in your own RV at the Heritage Park venue. \$10 + GST/night for dry camping and 417.50 + GST/night for electrical hook-ups

Enjoy the wonderful hospitality of local Rotarians with our "Home Stay" opportunities. Space available on a first come - first served basis. Please contact Doug Wickers via email at dkwick@telus.net (please indicate Rotary District Conference in your re: line)

The following is a tentative outline (subject to change) of the Conference events

Thursday: golfing at Chilliwack Golf and Country Club; Tours of the area for non-golfers; Evening social at the Best Western Rainbow Country Inn

Friday: Opening Ceremonies; Plenary Sessions; Home Hosting in the evening (groups dining in the homes of Rotarians)

Saturday: Plenary Sessions; Reception with a country-themes

demonstration;Governor's "Rhinestone Ball";Dancing

Sunday: closing informal breakfast at the Best Western Rainbow Country Inn*** NO TIES *** N O SUITS *** LOTS OF FELLOWSHIP ***

Opera Project Update

by Lila Heilbrunn

The Tales of Beatrix Potter, brought to life by the Covent Gardens Ballet, was very well received by an enthusiastic audience of 132 which included many children. There are still two events in the series with about 50 - 60 tickets still remaining for each event. The tickets will be available from the box office at the Coast Capital Theatre

Digiscreen, the copyright holder of these presentations, has been very impressed by the success that we have had with this project and has asked David to be a consultant for other charity groups looking to use these films as fundraisers.

May 2 Saturday 7:00 pm Figaro

May 3 Sunday 2:00 pm Romeo and Juliet

Bruce's Commitments