

DG Hans November message

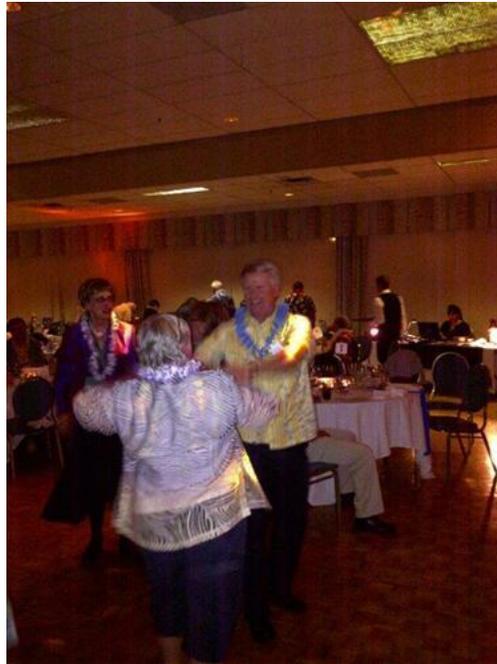
149 Rotarians attended the Lower Mainland District Foundation Dinner.

Elvis and Blue Hawaii, who would have thought that such a match was possible, or could be that much fun. Saturday Nov 19/2011 saw 147 Rotarians and guests enjoy a fabulous evening with Elvis impresario Steve Elliott , and the Spirit of the South Seas Hula Dance Troupe, at the Firefighters Club in Burnaby.

Emcee Garry Hawkings and the Foundation Dinner Committee, chair Sue Godey, Mike Story, Leslie Abramson, Monica Woldring, Terry Lehouillier, & JoAnne Amos, put together a memorable evening of song , dance and fundraising for this event. The Hula Dance Troupe was impressive in their elegant presentation of traditional Hawaiian and Polynesian dance . “Elvis “ was alive and well. The audience was singing , swaying and dancing for most of the 2 hour show. At the close of the evening there were still more than 40 people wanting to dance the evening away. Only when Elvis was starting to leave the building did it stop.



Everyone was encouraged to dress in their best Hawaiian shirts and gowns , and about a third of the people attending did come dressed. The on-line auction tapped a new market for Foundation items to bid on, thanks to Lee Cassel of the Richmond club. You have to love other peoples' money. The limited silent auction items and live auction by Don Evans of the Vancouver club , helped raise close to \$10,000 as well as an additional \$3500 from the sale of club Paul Harris points , donated by the Vancouver club. Seven more Rotarians will become Paul Harris Fellows as a result. Thanks Del Paterson for your help.



The evening will be remembered, if only for the congo line of all the men ,winding their way through the room to the cheers of the ladies. Never saw that before. [See more photos.](#)

Our Rotary Foundation is the vehicle for matching funds of the clubs district projects as well as the clubs International projects. The evening demonstrated the generosity of our district Rotarians towards the Rotary Foundation ,and in turn the district will benefit by funding from the Foundation.

Thanks to the Rotaract club members of Burnaby and all those who attended and bid on the auction items and bought raffle tickets. Fun & money = Foundation funding Thank you all for supporting our Rotary Foundation.

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