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Bob Everett, President 1966-1967, reporting on his year, mentioned several social highlights:

Splash Party at the Wong's in July

Garden Party at the Later's in July

Sip and Dip at the Belkin's in August

Christmas Cocktail Party at President Bob's

Fourth place in the "C" event at the Abbotsford Curling Bonspiel

*This began 50 years of "fun" and practical
joking which has brought Richmond
business and community leaders together
for community service and friendship.*



Sam Cohen and Rella Taylor

F U N & F R I E N D S H I P

From a club newsletter in 1967 ...

"Swim Party on Sunday July 16, 1967 at Chuck and Mabel Wong's pool starting at 2:30pm. Everyone welcome for \$1 admission and BYOR (bring your own refreshment)."



Corrie and Peter Vandergraaf, charter member of our club, enjoying party, 1967





1990 Family Fun Day

Hawaiian Night

Mabel Wong leading the Hula with Rotarians, Dave Palmer, Roy Bowman, Mel Goodwin and Ron Taylor



Parade Day - this float entered 8 parades in the early 70's and won 4 awards.

Box Social

A box lunch was held on Saturday, Nov 15 at the home of Helge and Joan Nielsen. The room was decorated in Arabian style and highlighted by a belly dancer who was able to generate suitable donations or fines from the attending males. - Otto Rieve 1986-1987



Nanaimo Bathtub Race

Dave Palmer, Larry Grendus and Chuck Wong decided to enter the Nanaimo to English Bay bathtub race. They discovered an old tub being used as a pond in Shirley Grendus' mother's backyard. They dug it up and made a fiberglass mold. The tub was outfitted with a motor. On July 21, 1968, Larry drove the tub to English Bay. As a result of choppy water, the fuel line was cut by the motor bouncing up and down. By the time the problem was fixed the race was over. Larry finished 7th.

The club also participated in the race on July 20, 1969. That weekend involved the mysterious disappearance of the Nanaimo canon. That year the club finished 15th.



Joint Club Events



September 5, 2007, we had a special event at the home of Richmond resident and friend of Rotary, Jim Ratsoy, one of B.C.'s premier car collectors. He gave us a tour of his antique car and music box collection.



In Dec 1982, our Club President Jim Skelton invited the newly chartered Rotary Club of Vancouver Chinatown to visit us. Exchange visits have continued throughout the years. Pictures above of visits in April, 2009



Rotary Club of Richmond Sunset and our club members enjoying joint Chinese New Year celebration 2007 and President's Ball 2009.

F U N & F R I E N D S H I P

(Fun)draising at Rotary



1988 Brinkman Douglas loses his tie for a little charity



*1970 Ladies Night Fundraiser at the Richmond Inn
- the men acted as waiters!*



Ken Whitney gets his head shaved to raise a few bucks for Rotary



*2001 David Takahashi before he said good-bye
to his life-long beard for the benefit of Rotary*



The World Fellowship of Rotarian Gourmets

On January 14, 1990, four members and their spouses from the Rotary Clubs of Ladner and Richmond, B.C. District 5040 met informally to discuss the merits of creating a Fellowship through Fine Dining, within the mandate of Rotary International's rules for World Fellowship Activities.

One year later, on April 3, 1991, with the blessing of at least four District Governors from four different districts, twenty-two members from seven neighbouring Rotary Clubs in District 5040 received approval from Rotary International.

Chapter One founding members were Otto Rieve and Wilbur Walrond from the Rotary Club of Richmond.



A Gourmet Dinner at the Grendus home



Gourmands enjoying dinner – Ken and Linda Whitney, Joan and Helge Nielsen, Wilbur Walrond, Shirley Grendus, Valerie Lewis and Bob Barski

Halloween



The Great Dane - Helge Nielsen



Cory and Ev Holob



Taking a break



Shirley and Ray Inouye



Chuck Wong in his own costume



40th Anniversary of the Rotary Club of Richmond, 2002



Past Club Presidents

Front row: Tony Yurkovich, Mel Goodwin, Chuck Wong, Cory Holob, Bill Foster, Mahase Bahadoorsingh.

Middle row: Jim Skelton, Harold Drobott, Helge Nielsen, Duane Boneham, Peter Raju, Chuck Albert, Philip Li.

Rear row: Dudley Barnes, Wilbur Walrond, Otto Rieve, Larry Pretty, Jim McPhersen, Bob Barski, Jindra Repa.



More Fun & Friendship



Whistler Ski Fellowship



2003 Rotarians and Rotaractors attending dinner for Rotary International President Bhichai Ratttakul



2004 Visiting Rotarians from Jamaica

2006 Rotarians, Interactors and Rotaractors attending the Rotary International President Wilf Wilkinson dinner



2003 Brenda Murray, Executive Director of Rotary Hospice House explaining facilities to interested visitors at the joint Membership Recruitment Event



2003 Albert Wong, RI President Bhichai Ratttakul, Sandy Simpson and Rotaractor Gelati Ting



More Fun & Friendship



1997 Bingo Night



2002 Bingo Night



2003 celebrating Chinese New Year



2007 celebrating Chinese New Year

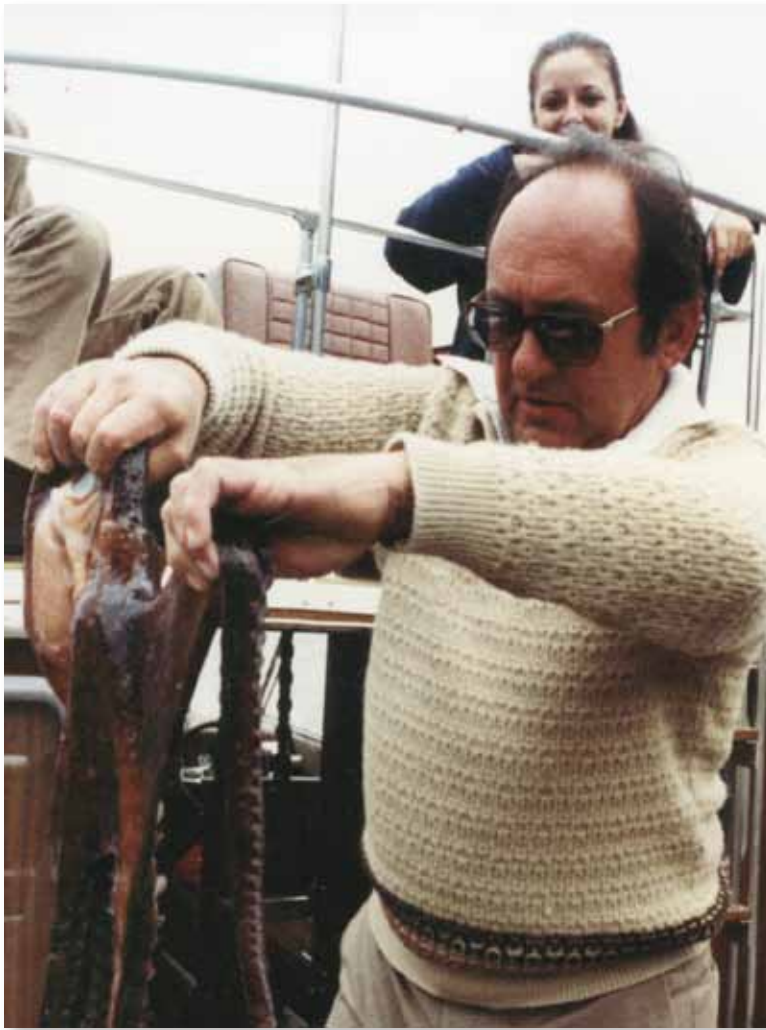


2007 celebrating Chinese New Year



2012 celebrating Chinese New Year

1980 Fishing Derby



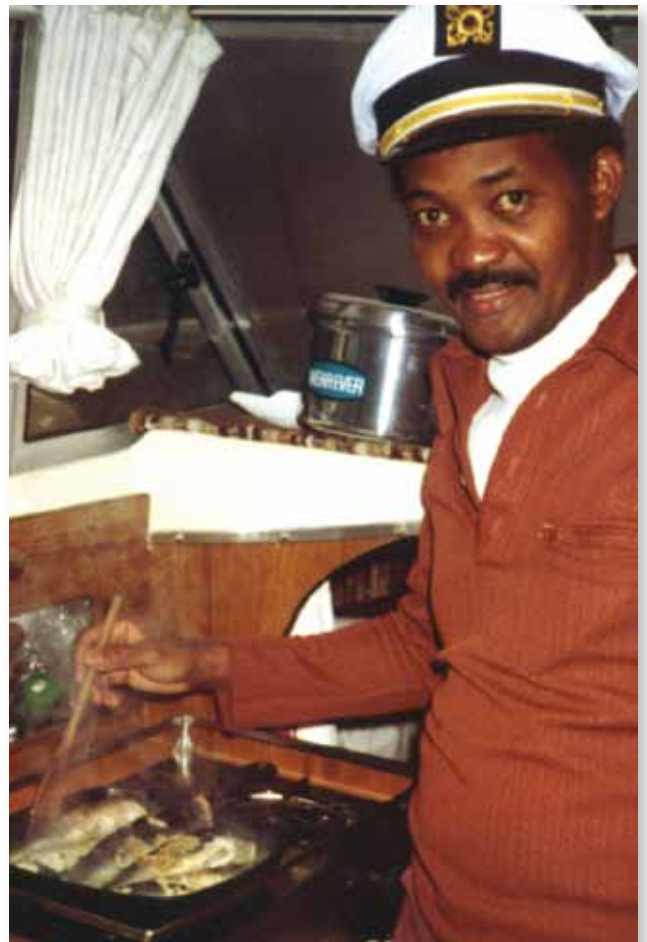
Look what Dennis Parford caught!



Wilbur Walrond and Bill Foster - What's cooking?



Summer Fun – Larry Grendus, Eugene Greczmiel, Roy Bowman and Jim Fodchuk



Captain Wilbur Walrond



2003 Barbeque



Rotarians and families from several Rotary Clubs enjoyed a Mexican theme barbeque and danced to a live three piece band. President Duncan thanked the Rajus for hosting this event and all those who contributed to the success of the evening. It was most enjoyable and promoted friendship between Rotarians.



2007 Barbeque

The Rajus hosted another barbeque, this time with a Hawaiian theme. It was a great evening with the spirit of aloha.



2011 Rotary Hospice House Garden Party

The Rotary Club of Richmond and The Salvation Army in partnership.



Richmond Mayor Malcolm Brodie



Executive Director Margaret Evans, welcoming visitors to the Hospice



Rotarians and spouses attending the event



Vantage point from the pond

