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## Club Meetings

The Rotary Club of Richmond meets on Wednesdays at 12:15pm. Each meeting features an interesting program and visitors are always welcome.

Some notable speakers over the years were Hon. P.A. Gaglardi, Herb Capozzi MLA, Bill Hughes CKNW, MP Tom Goode, Mike Harcourt, Rick Hansen, Mayor Malcolm Brodie, Ex-Mayor Greg Halsey-Brandt, John Yap MLA and Linda Reid MLA.



*Christmas 2001 - Otto Rieve, Paul Corcoran, Chuck and Mabel Wong, Cory and Ev Holob*



*Christmas 2007 – Wilbur Walrond, Peter Raju family and Alice Wong MP*



*Guest Speaker Richmond Mayor Malcolm Brodie*



*Ken Dennis, Lee Cassells, Jason Robinson with District Governor Hans Doge*



*District Governor Gord Dalglish inducting new members Jessie Zhao and Lulu Shen*



*President Chris Browne exchanging banners with visiting Rotarian Peter Lee*



*Greg Halsey-Brandt receiving Paul Harris Fellow*



## Club Meetings



*Harold Drobott collecting fines*



*Christmas luncheon - President Jindra Repa and Duncan McNiven*



*President Sam Cohen*



*Richmond Club welcomes their own Cory Holob as District Governor*



*Rotarians we met at 1993 Melbourne Australia Convention came to visit our club.*



*Bob Everett wearing the Veep*



*Santa with Doreen Albert*

### Quotes from our 25th Anniversary Book:

1963-1964 Jim Storie; "the tolls came off the Oak St. Bridge in March 1964 and membership for the club was 22."

1966-1967 Bob Everett; "fines for new babies are \$0.10 per pound."

1971-1972 Jim McCracken; "Richmond's population was just about 65,000. This was the year Toyota bought 45 acres on the south arm of the Fraser and became Canada's receiving arm for Toyota cars."





## Club Assemblies and Firesides

Club Assemblies are held four times per year. Members gather to discuss club business followed by fellowship. Spouses are encouraged to attend.

Firesides are informal meetings held in Rotarian's homes where new members and their spouses learn what it means to be a Rotarian.





## Club Assemblies and Firesides





## President's Induction and President's Ball

At the end of each Rotary year, an event is held to thank the outgoing President and induct the new President and Board of Directors.



1966



1968



1979



1981



1981



1984



1988 Celebration in honour of Jim McPherson



1993 Dudley Barnes and Milton Vint



1996

## President's Induction and President's Ball



2003 President's Ball



2006 Board of Directors



2008 Hawaiian Theme President's Ball



2009 Board of Directors and members



2009 Mayor Malcolm Brodie and MP Alice Wong



2010 President's Ball cocktail hour



2010 Thank you gift for Board of Directors



2011 DG Hans swearing in 2011 Board of Directors





## District 5040 Conferences

District 5040 Inc. includes 51 clubs throughout British Columbia. Each year, a conference is held to celebrate our accomplishments of the year. Prior to 1987, our district included part of Washington State and Vancouver Island.

### Some highlights from past conferences:

**1963-1964** The Conference was held at the Royal Towers Hotel in New Westminster. President Jim won the door prize of a TV.

**1965-1966** The Conference held in Prince George was well attended. Although only 3 1/2 years old, our club presented a cheque making it a 300% club in The Rotary Foundation.

**1980-1981** Our member, Chuck Wong became District Governor. As a result, we hosted the District Conference, with Vancouver South and Vancouver East Clubs at the Delta River Inn.

**1983-1984** The club had a good representation at the District Conference at Harrison Hot Springs.

**1985-1986** The Conference was held at the River Inn, a hard working committee headed by Brinkman Douglas helped to make the conference a success.

**1986-1987** The Conference was held in Bellingham, United States. District 504 split into 504 and 505 removing some of BC and all US Clubs from our District.



1990



1993



1993



## District 5040 Conferences



1997



2001-2002 The Conference was held in Terrace. A beautiful red sunset over snow capped mountains was our final image of Terrace at the conclusion of the District Conference.



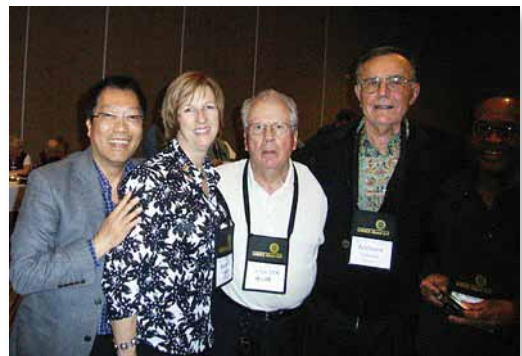
2002-2003 The Conference was held in Whistler. We received several awards. Thanks to Wilbur Wahrond and Becky Tsukishima for our "Best Bulletin" Award, to Chris Browne for the District Certificate of Recognition, and to all of our members for achieving our Club goals and receiving the Presidential Citation. Also our nominee for the Paul Harris Fellow Recognition for Literacy, Stephanie Brodie was acknowledged.



2005-2006 We celebrated Rotary's 100th year in Prince George. Thanks to the past presidents, past and present members of our club for continuing the vision of Rotary... "Service Above Self".



2006-2007 Conference in Kelowna



2007-2008 Conference in Richmond



2008-2009 Conference in Victoria





## Rotary International Conventions

Participating in a Rotary International Convention gives Rotarians a broader appreciation of Rotary's Global impact and strengthens commitment to service.

### Some highlights from past conventions



1972 Houston, Texas



1987 Munich, Germany



1993 Melbourne, Australia



2002 Barcelona, Spain

Highlights were the opening Plenary session featuring Mikhail Gorbachev, the march of flags and the Closing Plenary session with the new International President Bhichai Rattakul. He gave an emotional and moving address to all Rotarians to "Sow the Seeds of Love".



2001 San Antonio, Texas



2003 Brisbane, Australia.

Otto Rieve took a trip around Australia on motorcycle before stopping in Brisbane.



2004 Osaka, Japan

Rotarians in Osaka were delighted to meet with our 2001-2003 Rotary Foundation Ambassador Scholar Misato Sekita and her friend Nathan.



## Rotary International Conventions

2006 Copenhagen, Denmark

*How wonderful to be in a European city, far from home, with 32,000 Rotary friends. Rotary buttons and shirts were everywhere. We enjoyed keynote speakers, booths featuring Rotary projects around the world, camaraderie in the House of Friendship, and dinner at the home of Helge's friend.*



2009 Birmingham, UK

*25,000 Rotarians and spouses enjoyed excellent hospitality from Rotary Clubs in England.*



2010 Ottawa

*On our way to the convention, Rotarians took a side trip to Ottawa to visit MP Alice Wong in the Parliament.*



2010 Montreal, Canada

*A view of thousands of Rotarians seated at a plenary session.*



## Rotary International Teaching Grant

Early in the new millennium, someone in the Club mentioned that an RI grant to send university teachers to other nations was very seldom used - partly because it was little known and partly because the grant amount wasn't high enough. I was Kwantlen's president at the time and thought that, with enough lead time, we could combine the RI grant with a Kwantlen "Education Leave" provision that allowed faculty members to apply for an educational leave of absence at 80% salary. The idea was that by combining the two grants, there would be enough for a faculty member to help a foreign university, and bring new ideas home, without incurring a personal financial loss.

Sue Birtwell was the first Kwantlen faculty member to take advantage of this. She went to the University of the West Indies and helped them set-up an on-line learning system - very important to a university serving many islands.

Skip Triplett



### "Trini to de Bone"

Susan Birtwell

I am a fortunate recipient of a "Rotary Scholarship for University Teachers in Developing Countries".

As a result of that scholarship I spent the academic year 2002-2003 in the Instructional Development Unit of the University of the West Indies. I worked mainly on the St. Augustine campus of the university and was partnered with the Rotary Club of St. Augustine.

The club was very welcoming and I was always included in their activities in the community. One major activity was fundraising for the "End Polio Now" campaign. I was a very successful flag seller on the UWI campus as well as outside the local grocery store. Another fundraising highlight was a bake sale. I had no hesitation in making a donation to the cause by buying quite a few of the local treats to sample. Their baking was on a par with their fundraising!

The St Augustine Rotarians always had joi de vivre and being with them was great fun. They were however very serious about, and committed to, their community work. Each request for funds was treated with respect rarely was an applicant refused.

They were tireless in their work with youth and had affiliations with a number of Interact and Rotaract clubs. Improving literacy and numeracy was a focus for the club. They held a youth conference that was very well attended by articulate and passionate participants who were able to propose creative solutions for the problems afflicting youth in the region. I was also very impressed by the mentoring that the club members provided to the young people.

My time in Trinidad was amazing and Rotarians were a major part of that. They showed me how a group of dedicated individuals can make a huge difference to a community.



## Group Study Exchange

The Rotary Club of Richmond has sponsored several groups. In April 2006, we sponsored Sergeant Jean Hamm on a specialized GSE team for Crime Prevention to Los Angeles. In 2007, Andrew Chan went to Northwest Taiwan.

In 2009, District 1090 GSE team visited us from the UK. Led by Rotarian Greg Wilkinson, Sally Wooldridge, Eleanor Crackwell, Alison Munro and Emily Housego took in a hectic Richmond schedule. Chris Browne provided accommodations for the visitors at Accent Inns. Claudette Andrude arranged the hospitality driving team.

There was a visit to RCMP headquarters, a tour of the Olympic Oval and a meeting with Richmond Mayor and staff at the City Hall. There they were updated on an overview of city planning, economic development and the film business. Other places of interest to the visitors were a trip to the Jewish Museum and Archives of BC, Kwantlen Polytechnic University, Rotary Hospice House and the Buddhist Temple.

Richmond Sunrise, Richmond Sunset and Vancouver Quadra Rotary club members shared the exchange experience by joining our club luncheon to hear the GSE presentation.



2006 GSE Team to Los Angeles, Jean Hamm back row 3rd from the right



2007 GSE Team to Taiwan, Andrew Chan back row 3rd from the left



2009 GSE visited Rotary Hospice House



2009 GSE exchanged banners with President Albert Wong



2009 GSE visited Richmond City Hall



2009 GSE visited Kwantlen



## Early Years

Over time, Community Projects have become part of the landscape, something one walks by without noticing. Through the years many projects were undertaken but alas, no photographs captured the moment and memories have faded.

Stories are told of building and donating playground facilities to Garden City School, giving a Comfort-Bus to the Richmond Fire Department, replacing a washed out 40 ft bridge for Heddy Rovenstein on River Road, and sponsoring students to Ottawa to participate in "Adventures in Citizenship."

Sense of Community is very strong with the Rotary Club of Richmond as shown with these few examples from earlier years.

- Donated furniture to Anglican Church to renovate a home for wayward boys
- Sponsored needy children to a summer camp, Camp Potlatch
- Sponsored Carla Horst as a candidate in the Salmon Queen Festival
- Donated money and time to help Junior Achievement
- Donated walkie-talkies to Richmond Ambulance Service
- Donated a bus to the YMCA for the Y-Bikers Program
- Sponsored a "Sportsman's Award Shield"
- Donated \$1000 to the Richmond Auxiliary Club
- Furnished a room at the Vancouver Cancer Lodge
- Repaired transmission of the Air Cadets' bus
- Donated two radio telephones to Paraplegics' Auction
- Participated in three sports awards for Richmond students
- Donated to Richmond groups, Mentally Handicapped, Youth Band, Care Team
- Donated benches to Garry Point Park



## McDonald Beach

McDonald Beach project started in 1979 under the direction of President Harold Drobott. Eleven picnic tables and a water fountain were donated to the park and a plaque to mark the occasion was presented to Mayor Gil Blair in 1980.





## More Projects

Early Years



1988 Garage Sale at Cook School



1988 Jim McPherson at the garage sale



1989 Rotarians work for the community in many ways



1989 Picnic Table work party participants led by Larry Grendus and Ray Inouye



2010 Community Service with Rotaract Club



2006 Evening at the Arts: Rotaract Club of Richmond with their Green Olympics display



## Supporting Richmond Hospital



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Charitable #11911 8883 RR0001

March 8, 2012

### **The Rotary Club of Richmond Celebrates 50 Years of Friendship and Community Service**

On behalf of the doctors, nurses, healthcare team, patients, Richmond Hospital Foundation Board of Directors, and staff, I am delighted to extend our sincere congratulations to The Rotary Club of Richmond, as you celebrate 50 years of providing exceptional friendship and community service throughout Richmond and beyond!

Tonight's gala celebrates 50 years of community support and achievement in a variety of ways. Over the past 50 years the Club has donated over \$350,000 to the Richmond Hospital. You have helped fund so much, including cardiac monitors, ICU and Palliative Care equipment and upgrades just to name a few. With the help of community organizations and leaders like you, we are able to benefit our patients, our hospital, and our community. We are truly grateful for your 50 years of amazing community support and achievement.

We congratulate the entire Rotary Club of Richmond and wish you continued success in the years to come!

Warm regards,

Natalie D. Mexiner  
President & CEO





## Supporting Richmond Hospital

Support for the Richmond Hospital has been longstanding with the Rotary Club of Richmond. In 1966, the club's first project was to furnish a four bed ward in the new Richmond General Hospital.

President Samuel Cohen had the privilege of being invited as the Rotary representative to the official opening of the Hospital. The donor plaque recognizing our club's contribution was installed on the door of ward 510. The ward was known as the "Rotary Ward." In 1968, the club purchased a cardiac monitor.

In 1981, President Ray Inouye challenged the club to raise \$150,000 for the Richmond General Hospital. This was significant because in the preceding years, the fund raised were generally 10 to 15 thousand per year. The specific purpose was to acquire equipment for the Intensive Care Unit. The first \$40,000 came from the generosity of four Richmond Pioneers. Additional dollars came from Reverse Draw Dinners, Golf Tournaments, Art Auctions, and donations from club members. We raised \$125,000 despite the fact that funds and economy declined. The club continues to support the hospital and to date, has contributed approximately \$350,000.

June 29, 2004 was the official launch of the Celebrate with Lights fundraising drive. The lights were symbolically turned on in the hospital's lobby by Hospital Foundation Director Peter Raju, Mayor Malcolm Brodie and the Rotary Club of Richmond President Barbara Duggan.

McDonald's and Tim Horton's supplied food while the Army Cadet Orchestra, the Richmond Kindergarten Choir, and the Adult Christmas Carollers entertained the crowd.

Funds raised from this Christmas Project were designated to the Hospital's Palliative Care Unit and Rotary Hospice House in Richmond.



*Art Auction in Richmond Inn*



*Ron Lim and Duane Boneham working hard*



*Official launch of "Celebrate with Lights"*



*Rotarians at the "Celebrate with Lights" booth in Steveston generating support for the project*



## Rotary Hospice House

In the early 1990s, Nancy Yurkovich had a vision of establishing a hospice as an alternative to hospital and home, a place where individuals and their families would be supported at end of life. As a citizen of Richmond and wife of a Rotarian, Nancy took the club on a journey to make this vision a reality hosting community forums, family surveys, and visits to other hospices. The Rotary Club of Richmond became convinced of the merit of this idea. With the leadership of Chuck Albert and Tony Yurkovich, the club made a commitment to develop a free-standing community-based hospice. The club invited the Salvation Army to partner on the project which resulted in joint capital fundraising activities, completion of a development plan for the hospice, the purchase of property, and the procurement of operational funding from the Provincial Government through Vancouver Coastal Health. After many years of collaboration with leaders of the regional health authority, the Richmond Hospice Association and various community groups, they welcomed the first resident to Rotary Hospice House on September 30, 2005.



“At Rotary Hospice House, residents and health professionals, in community with one another, will renew and sustain hope within the reality of impending death. They experience a depth of human relationship in which they are reminded of their shared humanity and the mystery of life and death. It is here that the possibility exists for an understanding of the human condition, the human spirit, the human journey that cannot be replicated in any other way.” (N.Y.)

### Hospice Mission Statement

Rotary Hospice House is a community that honours life, values humility, and shares hope.



## Rotary Hospice House



*Ribbon Cutting with representatives from Rotary, Salvation Army and Government*



## Tribute to Seniors Gala



The Rotary Club of Richmond's Tribute to Seniors Gala generated \$350,000. The gala, held on April 20, 2008, recognized the significant contributions and sacrifices made by seniors in our community. Club President Peter Raju was appreciative of the community's support. The funds were used to upgrade facilities at Lions Manor, Rosewood Manor and Rotary Hospice House.

Among the donors that evening were Milan and Maureen Ilich and Eugene Greczmeil and family, who donated \$100,000 each. There was an additional anonymous donation of \$50,000.



President Raju paid special tribute to Maureen and Milan for their support of many of the community's fundraising projects. Raju said that he was inspired by Maureen and Milan's kindness, generosity, and most importantly their appreciation for the work of volunteers and community leaders.

Over 300 guests, including Attorney General Wally Oppal, gave Milan and Maureen a standing ovation as Raju presented a Swarovski sculpture, a token of the community's appreciation.

Rotary also presented Paul Harris Fellowship Awards to Patsy and Hilary Hui, John Nicolaou, Max Fugman, Jim Ratsoy, and the late Ben Dayson, for their community minded spirit.



Richmond-Steveston MLA John Yap praised the Tribute to Seniors Gala at the Legislature. "Today I would like to recognize the charitable work of a group of Richmond individuals. On April 20th I had the honour of attending the Rotary Club of Richmond inaugural Tribute to Seniors Gala, which was the brainchild of Peter Raju, the club's president. I ask the House to join me in thanking the Rotary Club of Richmond, Peter Raju, and all the Rotarians, sponsors and donors who helped to make this gala a tremendous success."



June 28, 2008 Seniors Gala Recognition Luncheon



## Rotary Walk

Starting in 1998, the Rotary Club of Richmond launched an annual Rotary Walk to benefit the Food Bank. Each year was a success culminating in the last two detailed below.

### May 5, 2002 Rotary Walk

Youth lent their support; the Rotaract Club of Richmond headed by their President Fred Li, The Interact Club of Richmond, students of J.R. Burnet High School and McMath High School. Students of Steveston High School who learned of the walk from their peers at McMath High School, decided to join in.

The Food Bank Coordinator Margaret Hewlett, Councillor Bill McNulty of the Steveston Rotary Club and Mayor Malcolm Brodie kicked off the walk to the blast of the canon!

### June 1, 2003 Rotary Walk

The fifth annual fund raising Walk at Garry Point Park began with early morning music, courtesy of the McNair, McMath and Burnett Secondary School Jazz Bands. Sirota's Alchemy demonstrated martial arts, the Fire Department showed off their fire fighting equipment, and ReMax gave rides in their balloon. Holiday Inn, MacDonald's and Accent Inns sponsored the event and donated raffle prizes. Rotaractors, with President Stephanie Brodie, MLA Linda Reid and Deputy Mayor Linda Barnes also contributed. Chris Browne and his committee were grateful for the community support.



*President Keith presented Ed Montague of the Food Bank with a cheque for \$10,000*



*2003 Gathering for the walk*



*2003 Raymond Chan with Rotaractors*



*Wilbur kicking off the walk with the canon*



*Richmond Food Bank*



*Helge and Tony with family*



## Make-A-Wish Foundation

In the fall of 2002, Barbara Duggan trekked to UHURU peak at the top of Mount Kilimanjaro, one of the world's five tallest mountains.

Barb and her team of 11 ladies fulfilled their dream to raise the sum of \$100,000 for the 'Make-A-Wish' Foundation. This foundation grants wishes to children with life threatening medical conditions.

On December 5th, 2002, the Make-A-Wish Foundation held a function at the Rosedale on Robson hotel in Vancouver to thank the sponsors who made the Kilimanjaro 2002 climb a success. Our Club was one of the recipients of these awards.



*Award to the Rotary Club of Richmond as sponsor of Kilimanjaro 2002 Climb*



*Skip Triplett and Chuck Albert presenting cheque to Barb Duggan for Make-A-Wish Foundation*



## Richmond 2007 Photo Contest

The Rotary Club of Richmond Photo Contest engaged Richmond youth to capture the Spirit of Richmond from their perspective. Proceeds from the event went back to youth via Rotary Youth endeavours such as scholarships, Youth Exchange and other Rotary Youth projects.

Winners represented:

Paragliding by Eleni Smith

Rider by Igor Timofeeva

Temple by Isabelle Chung



## Christmas Hamper Fund

For over 30 years, the Rotary Club of Richmond has contributed to the Richmond Christmas Hamper Fund. This tradition was instigated by Rotarian Gordon McBurney, a member of Vancouver East Rotary Club, son of a Richmond pioneer, and a frequent visitor to the Rotary Club of Richmond. Years ago Gordon reminded our members of the need of many Richmond residents and challenged us to match his donation of \$100.00 to the Christmas Hamper Fund. We responded by raising \$3,000.

Year after year, Gordon came to our club in early December, reminded us of the need in Richmond, donated his \$100.00 and challenged us to match it and more! Although Gordon has passed away, the tradition continues, one which exemplifies the true spirit of Rotary "Service Above Self".

### Letter from Volunteer Richmond

January 12, 2012

Dear Friends,

Each year, the Richmond Christmas Fund distributes grocery vouchers to over 2,000 low-income residents and provides nearly 1,000 children with toys, games, and books. The program is a great source of pride for our agency, as it has come to represent the tremendous generosity at the heart of our community.

The Christmas Fund enjoys support from countless individuals, businesses and community groups. The Rotary Club of Richmond, which, since 2002, has donated \$14,486 to the Christmas Fund, deserves special mention for its decade of dedication to the program. Without organizations like yours, the Christmas Fund wouldn't be able to provide low-income families with a special holiday meal, or children with gifts under the tree.

On behalf of Volunteer Richmond Information Services, I would like to offer my sincere thanks to the Rotary Club of Richmond. Year after year, you've helped make holiday wishes come true, and in doing so, you've made a lasting difference in our community.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Specht, Executive Director

Volunteer Richmond Information Services Society



*Volunteer Richmond Muffet Chambers with Philip Li 2006*



*Volunteer Richmond Elizabeth Specht with Mahase Bahadoorsingh, 2011*



## Presentation to Richmond Public Library - October 1st, 2003

Shelley Civkin, Communications Officer at the Richmond Public Library, received a cheque from President Duncan McNiven, toward the construction and furnishing of the Cambie Branch Library.

The new library offers a wide range of learning and recreational opportunities for children, teens and adults. With a focus on early childhood literacy and lifelong learning, Cambie Library provides books and services that change and enrich lives, especially those of children.



*Presentation of cheque to Richmond Public Library*

## Roll and Stroll - September 12, 2009

It was a fun family event with live music, barbeque, tour of the Oval, prizes and raffles. Our supporters walked, ran and strolled along the dike by the Richmond Olympic Oval. Over \$3,200 was raised to support Richmond Centre for Disability. The funds were used for equipment, services and activities to assist those with disabilities to participate in sports, recreation, community and education.



*Chris Browne and MP Alice Wong with Richmond Centre for Disability*



*Presenting certificate to Rotaract*





## 2002 Richmond Tall Ships Festival

The biggest event to hit Richmond in modern history was the 2002 Richmond Tall Ships Festival. Several hundred thousand curious visitors graced Steveston Aug 8th -12th, 2002 to admire tall ships that had not docked here for nearly 100 years. The streets of Steveston came alive with entertainment, kiosks of every description, traffic that we had never seen before, the excitement of people enjoying sunny weather and 18 tall ships from around the world.

The Rotary Club of Richmond and the other three Rotary Clubs of Richmond volunteered in many areas to facilitate this highly successful event. Special thanks to the volunteers who assisted the Rotary Club of Richmond undertake two separate initiatives.

### Model Ship Display

What tall ship event could pass without some enthusiastic model ship builders exhibiting their craftsmanship? Nearly 80 intricate, delicate and beautiful model boats were displayed for public enjoyment from Aug 1st – Aug 11th in the Galleria of Richmond City Hall. Visitors of all ages dropped in to study, photograph and appreciate these models, some which took 10 years to complete. The City of Richmond offered to host the exhibition for the Rotary Club of Richmond and the Sunset Rotary Club of Richmond to raise awareness for PolioPlus and the eradication of polio. Donations received went to PolioPlus.



*Mahase Bahadoorsingh at City Hall*



*Model ship display in City Hall*



*Selling Tall Ship souvenir*



### Souvenir Sales

The Rotary Club of Richmond sold Tall Ship souvenirs at outdoor kiosks with proceeds going to local Rotary endeavours. Over four solid days, many Rotarians, Rotaractors and friends volunteered their time working in the hot sun.

*Tall Ships in Steveston*



*Rotarians and Volunteers in Steveston*



*Volunteers Barbeque*



## Rotary Golf Tournaments

The first Golf Tournament was held in 1972 as a joint event called the Armitage/Vancouver South/Rotary Club of Richmond Golf Tournament. The green fees were \$4, refreshments and steak barbeque \$6.

July 10, 2006, the 14th annual Golf Tournament was held. It was dedicated to the memory of long time Richmond citizen and Rotarian, Bob Barski. Tony Yurkovich paid tribute to his friend Bob who contributed so much to Rotary, in particular the Golf Tournaments and Reverse Draws.



2003 Barski Memorial Golf Tournament



Bob Barski, Tony Yurkovich and Bill Foster



Tony and Bob with Tournament winners



Mike Armitage and friends



Happy Golfers



After Tournament Dinner



## Reverse Draw

This event started out as a 'Stag Dinner', then a 'Gentlemen's Dinner', then opened to ladies as a Fellowship Dinner and finally called simply Reverse Draw. Below are some highlights from these events.

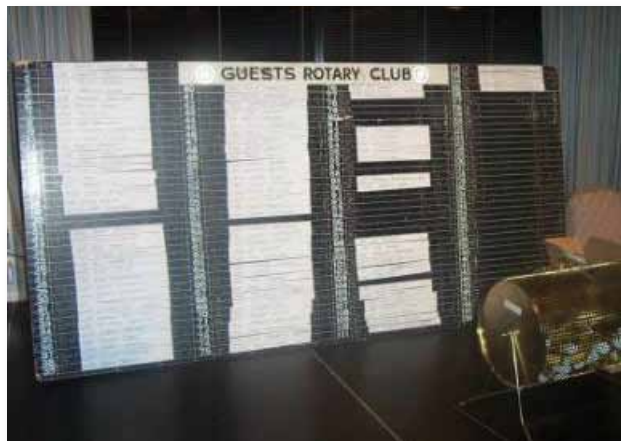
**1969-1970** The annual stag dinner was held on Oct 24th at the Airport Inn. Three hundred gentlemen attended at a cost of \$15 which included 5 drinks. President Tony was supposed to win the big prize of \$750 but sold the winning ticket to colleague Dr. R. Talmey.

**1982-1983** We held a Gentlemen's Dinner at the Richmond Country Club and raised \$5,500.

**Nov 14, 2003** The annual Fellowship dinner was a success with a new twist! Live from Las Vegas to help us raise funds for Rotary Hospice House was the King himself, Elvis. Thanks to Gary Rudin for a great show. Winner of the grand prize of \$2,000 was Mike Armitage.

**April 11, 2007** Through the efforts of Tony Yurkovich and Chuck Albert, the club held another successful Reverse Draw Dinner fundraiser. More than the great buffet, good entertainment and a suspenseful conclusion to the final winning ticket of \$1,000, there was the fun surrounding the side bets, friends betting friends that their ticket would prevail over the other. We raised approximately \$5,000.

**March 4, 2011** Four winners from the Reverse Draw dinner shared \$2,000 prize money. Down to the last four was a tough decision for Peter Raju, Monaliza Bedi, Pius Chan and Rai Ludwig. Should they stay to the end or just share the winning? It resulted in four happy winners going home with \$500 each. Besides the fundraising, it was a great night of good food and fellowship. Thank you so much to those who supported our Club's commitment to our community and their belief in Rotary. Special thanks to Peter Raju and Peace Arch Duty Free Shop for their sponsorship, Suzanne Haines for the table prizes, and to all Rotarians and friends who supported our club's commitment to the community.



Reverse Draw Board



Philip Li and Bill Foster keeping count



Hopeful winners - last ticket out of the barrel wins the big prize



Fun casino after the draw



A little poker playing to round out the evening

