



# MEADOWRIDGE ROTARY NEWS

Monthly

## SERVICE ABOVE SELF



ROTARY CANADA

Is what we do as Rotarians and I can assure you, it's been a very busy month with many Rotary Community Projects:

### Rotary Wine Festival:

In April of this year both local Rotary Clubs presented a very successful Wine Festival in Valley Fair Mall. We take this opportunity to thank Valley Fair Mall, all volunteers, vendors, wine brokers, attendees, in short everyone involved in this fabulous annual Wine Extravaganza, which raised approx. \$12,000 for local Rotary Charities. On Oct. 11th some of the proceeds were distributed. Alouette Addictions received \$2500 for their youth drug prevention and intervention programs in the schools. The Starfish Back Pack project received also \$2500 from the Wine Festival proceeds.

### Dictionaries 4 Life:

Throughout the last 2 weeks MeadowRidge Rotarians delivered a total of 1100 Illustrated Dictionaries to every grade 4 student in school district # 42. An amazing Rotary Literacy project that certainly was a hit with the students! They were encouraged to write their name in their very own dictionary and use it often!

The MeadowRidge Rotary Club made a commitment to carry this project for a minimum

of 3 years. We maybe able to continue indefinitely with some local Corporate sponsorships.....let us know if you're able to help!

### Starfish Backpack Project:

A fantastic weekly food security program for elementary students, who receive little or no food during the weekends. A backpack contains 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches and 2 dinners and is provided weekly on Fridays during the school year. On Monday the backpack returns to school to be re-filled for distribution on the following Friday again. Cost is \$525 per child per year. We are presently serving one school, soon to be followed by a second school.



If you or your company is willing and able to sponsor one local student, please visit [www.starfishpack.com](http://www.starfishpack.com) and select Maple Ridge. You'll find all the details and possibility to donate directly!

### Rotary Exchange Student:

We are presently taking applications for students (15-17), who are interested to be an exchange student for one year. If you are interested, or know

someone, who might be interested, connect with us and we can provide all the details! Application deadline October 31!

Approx 1.2 million Rotarians all over the world will answer the call to Serve Humanity..... will you join us?

Our meetings are held every Tuesday between 12 noon and 1pm, at the Bella Vita Restaurant in Maple Ridge. You'll find a weekly newsletter, on our very informative website, [www.meadowridgerotary.ca](http://www.meadowridgerotary.ca)

Find out more about the Rotary service organization, or maybe consider becoming a Rotarian yourself.

Contact me (or any local Rotarian), I would be happy have a coffee with you and answer all your questions!

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