

FOUNDATION DINNER

Friday, November 21, 2003
Newlands Golf & Country Club
21025 48th Avenue
Langley, B.C.

Cost: \$44CND \$34US
Cheques to: Rotary International D5050
Reservation Deadline: November 14, 2004

FEATURING
Langley Ukulele Ensemble

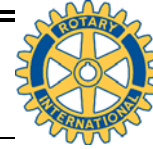
Foundation Projects from District 5050

6:00 - 7:00 PM Cocktails
7:00 - 8:30 PM Dinner
8:30 - 10:00 PM Entertainment & Presentations

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Come and enjoy the fellowship as we
celebrate the world-wide contributions
made by Rotary Club members.

The Rotary Foundation



The Four Way Flasher

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INVOCATION

BINGO SCHEDULE

	6:15-8:15	8:00-10:00
Nov. 6	Mary Robson	Gordy Robson
Dec. 4	Cheryl Johnson	Diane Kirkland

A no-show will result in losing our Bingo licence (\$25,000)
Call Peter at 604-465-3392 for assistance or e-mail peter.boekhorst@telus.net



Lend a Hand

TODAY'S PROGRAM: Pacific Riding Association for the Disabled

NEXT WEEK: Cythera Transition House

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Nov. 1	9:00am	Clothing drive for Cythera House	Maple Ridge / Pitt Meadows
Nov. 18		Fireside	
Nov. 21		Rotary Foundation Dinner	Newlands Golf & Country Club, Langley
Dec. 9		Road trip to Mission Rotary Club	

☞ November 11: Remembrance Day, ☞

☞ There will be NO regular meeting ☞

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$801 + 1/2 of today's sales, 17 cards, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

LAST WEEKS MEETING



We are going ahead with the plans for a Rotary exchange with the people from Russia that Dave Remple is in contact with. He was able to secure two more host homes from the Haney Rotary Club. The Haney Rotary Club, for those of you who were not in attendance last Tuesday, have now installed their first lady member. The proud lady is Vivian Saare from the Hospital Foundation. Congratulations to both the club and Vivian. Fred also announced that their Mens night is scheduled for November 5 and invites anyone who is interested to contact Mary Robson who has tickets available.

Also remember to save up your clothing for the Cythera Transition House collection we will be doing on November 1st.

Submitted by Debi Pearce

CLOTHING DRIVE CYTHERA HOUSE

Since the Community Services Committee, was approached by the Cythera Transition House for a donation, we felt that we could help our local Cythera Transition House in different ways. First a monetary donation, which is needed for it's rising day-to-day needs. But we could also do a quick "hands-on" project to help this local and very worthy Organization. As you probably all know, Cythera Transition House will give "refuge", to women in immediate need of help and/or shelter for themselves and their children, leaving an "abusive situation" at home. In most cases, women will leave with just the clothes they wear and maybe some personal things, but usually almost "nothing"!

I'm sure, we all get approached by several organizations every month, to donate clothing and/or household items. Well, this is what we are planning: Please keep all these items for Cythera Transition House!

On Saturday, November 1st, somebody from our Rotary Club will knock on your door to pick up whatever you can donate!

So, please, collect everything you would usually give to any of these other organizations (clothes need to be clean, household items in working condition) and put it in a bag or box. Mark it "Cythera House" and either place it by your front door or somewhere else accessible On Saturday morning Nov. 1. Someone from our Rotary Club will collect all these items and we will than drop them off at the Cythera Thrift Store (Lougheed Hwy., behind Langley Produce Market), where all women in need of any items have "first pick" after which the rest will be offered for sale in the store and money raised, will than be used towards Cythera Transition House.

All the way, a great and "easy project" that we can all help with!

Some suggestions of items:

Clothes, any kind any size, shoes, belts, purses, books, don't forget children's books, toys, stuffed animals, pots, pans, glasses, small appliances (grill, toaster, coffee machine etc.)

We are also looking for about 5 volunteers, who would be able to spend approx. 2hrs on Saturday November 1st, starting at say 9:00am driving around, picking up donations from MeadowRidge Rotarians homes and dropping off at Cythera Thrift Store in Maple Ridge.

Ineke, Sharon, Andrea

SYNCHRONIZED NID'S LAUNCHED ACROSS WEST AFRICA

In a swift and aggressive response to a new polio outbreak spreading from Nigeria to neighbouring countries, hundreds of thousands of volunteers and health workers in Benin, Burkina Faso, Ghana, Niger, and Togo started a three-day immunization campaign on 22 October. According to a joint press release from the partners of the global polio eradication initiative, the synchronized National Immunization Days will cost more than US\$10 million.

Genetically traced to northern Nigeria, the outbreak paralyzed nearly a dozen children in Burkina Faso, Ghana, Niger, and Togo and is putting 15 million children in those countries at risk. To check another case recently reported in Chad, similar campaigns are planned in that country and Cameroon for mid-November. Centered around the state of Kano, the polio-infected states in Nigeria have re-infected other areas of the country, most worryingly the city of Lagos with its 10 million inhabitants. Epidemiologists attribute the marked increase in cases in Nigeria to insufficient coverage during both polio immunization campaigns and routine services.

In at least one state, as few as 16 percent of children have been sufficiently immunized against polio. A difficult socio-religious environment has severely compromised the quality of polio campaigns and helped spread rumours about the safety of the oral polio vaccine.

"Nigeria is now the country with the greatest number of polio cases in the world," says Dr. David Heymann, representative of the Director-General for Polio Eradication, WHO. "Polio and other infectious diseases know no national boundaries. We face a grave public health threat, and our goal of a polio-free world is in jeopardy."

Senior epidemiologists from the Global Polio Eradication Initiative convened a high-level meeting with the Nigerian minister of health at the end of September, at which the minister provided his assurance and commitment to eradicate polio in Nigeria by the end of 2004.

"Nigeria is the most populous nation in the region, and in many ways it has been a good neighbour, contributing to peacekeeping in West Africa," says UNICEF Executive Director Carol Bellamy. "Now it has another crucial role to play in the region, and that is stomping out polio once and for all. We need all Nigerians, particularly community leaders, to step up and do their part to end polio."

"Because of the tremendous progress made in 2002, the polio eradication tactics and resources were shifted in 2003 to focus on just those few remaining countries which remained endemic," says Dr Bruce Aylward, WHO's global coordinator for the polio eradication initiative. "But the situation in Nigeria is now forcing us to go back to countries which had already eliminated polio."

Despite the apparent setback, epidemiologists are convinced polio can be eradicated from Nigeria. "Much of the country was already polio-free for over two years, including Lagos," says Dr. Walter Orenstein, director national immunization program at the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). "The challenge now is to increase the quality of polio campaigns in the key endemic areas of the Nigeria, and reach all children during activities."

RI President Jonathan Majiyagbe has pledged Rotary's continued support for efforts to wipe out polio. "Today, I call on the international community to urgently provide the necessary funds as quickly as possible — for the sake of the children across western Africa," he says.