## **BC – NOVOSIBIRSK ROTARY CLUB EXCHANGE**

Guests
Boris Aranov
Valeri Gruk
Konstantin Jeleznov
Galina Joulidova
Tatiana Kopylova
Sergey Pigarev
Vladimir Molodin
Vladimir Romanyuk

Guests

Hosts

Mary and Gordie Robson Wayne Hoskins Mary and Gordie Robson Mary and Gordie Robson Wayne Hoskins Bill Campbell Brian Bekar Marco Terwiel, Bob Shantz

Coordinator - Dave Rempel

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Monday, 17	14:00 Rotary Guests arrive at Vancouver airport	
Tuesday, 18	18:00 Attend Meadow Ridge Rotary Club, Thomas Haney Centre	
Wednesday, 19	18:00 Rotary Club of Haney, Meadow Gardens Golf Club	
Thursday, 20 and Friday, 21	d Business Tours in Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows – focusing on the Building and Construction Industry	
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Saturday, 22	Planned by hosts	
Sunday, 23	Group visits to Whistler	
Monday, 24	Group visits to Victoria Depart 9:00 ferry Empress Hotel, Parliament Building – be in the House and introduction at 12:00 Other tourist interest – shopping, etc	
Tuesday, 25	Continue Business Tours 12:00 Meadow Ridge Rotary Club - Maple Ridge Library – Fraser Room	
Wednesday, 26	7:00 Sunrise Rotary Club of Mission Continue Business Tours and/or planned by hosts - tourists	
Thursday, 27	Depart from Vancouver International Airport 16:00	



# **The Four Way Flasher**

# **Rotary Club of** MeadowRidge Newsletter

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# **A WARM WELCOME TO OUR RUSSIAN GUESTS**

# FROM NOVOSIBIRSK (Новосибирский)

## **BINGO SCHEDULE**

	6:15-8:15	8:00-10:00
Dec. 4	Cheryl Johnson	Diane Kirkland
Jan. 1	Liz Attarmigirian	Peter Boekhorst

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

TODAY'S PROGRAM:	Social and Business Meeting	
NEXT WEEK:	Vocational presentation	

## **CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:**

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Nov. 21	6:00pm	Rotary Foundation Dinner	Newlands Golf & Country Club, Langley
Dec. 2	noon	Election of Executive 2004/2005	Library
Dec. 9	noon	Road trip to Mission-Midday Club	Bellevue Hotel 32998 1st Ave, Mission
Dec. 16	noon	Christmas Party	Library

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$821 + 1/2 of today's sales, 15 cards, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!



#### Greetings to our visiting Rotarians from the Club President

Dear Visiting Rotarians,

On behalf of the Meadow Ridge Rotary Club, it is my great pleasure to extend a warm Canadian welcome to you, our fellow Rotarians from Novosibirsk, Russia, and to wish you a pleasant and informative time in British Columbia. May your visits to the various business establishments relating to the construction industry be beneficial and useful for you in your professional life, and may you enjoy with us some of the sights and social activities in this beautiful province of ours.

Although we must communicate through an interpreter, we can say with some pride that we share with you a common bond of understanding through the language of Rotary. We hope that by this visit with us, you will not only learn a bit about our country and our ways of doing business, but also that, as 'ambassadors of good will', you will communicate to your family and business associates back home our sincere feelings of friendship and community of spirit.

We thank you for the time and expense you have undertaken in visiting us. We also wish to recognize the dedicated effort and enthusiasm of Rotary club member Dave Rempel and other Rotarians who have been the driving force behind our participation in your exchange visit. We in the Meadow Ridge and other participating clubs have become better Rotarians by putting into practice in a most enjoyable, practical and meaningful way the fellowship of Rotary and the promotion of world understanding and peace. We are pleased to open our door of friendship to you.

Yours in Rotary,

Laurie Anderson, President, Meadow Ridge Rotary Club

This Rotary exchange was organised in cooperation with

Meadow Ridge Rotary Club Novosibirsk Rotary Club Rotary Club of Haney Sunrise Rotary Club of Mission

On the last page of this newsletter is a list of our honoured guests and their hosts.

Happy Birthday

Nov. 22: Laurie Anderson

#### LAST WEEKS MEETING

Well it was a truly wonderful happy dollar when Johanna stood up. She announced that she and Chad are expecting their first baby. The blessed event is scheduled for April of 2004. **CONGRATULATIONS CHAD AND JOHANNA FROM YOUR ROTARY FAMILY!!** 

Ineke announced that the clothing drive for Cythera House that we did this weekend was quite successful and if anyone did not have time to participate you can drop your items off at the Cythera Store on Lougheed Hwy and let them know it is for the Rotary donation.

Our guest speaker this week was Theresa Reed, the Executive Director of the Cythera House. She was quite pleased with our recent donation and said it was well timed. All the clothing and items go to the store where the woman and children from the Cythera House are given vouchers to purchase what they need at N/C. The rest of the items are sold to the public and those cash proceeds are then put back into the program.

The Cythera House has been operating for 20 years now and deals only with domestic violence (mental or physical). Unfortunately there is still a large need for their services. They have a 12 bed transition house where the clients are kept safe for up to 30 days. Within this area is a play area for the children, which we contributed towards in the past. They also operate a crisis line from the house and there are staff at the house 24/7. For obvious reasons the location of the house is strictly confidential. They also have a second stage condo where the women can stay for up to one year. This affords the women the opportunity to have a place to say until they can afford to or feel safe enough to move out on their own again. One condition of using this facility is that they must be actively participating in counselling.

This non-profit obviously provides am invaluable service and one the community has to continue to support for the benefit of the women and children who cannot defend themselves against the violence in their home. Cythera is looking to expand their programs and is looking for additional funding towards that. They are currently funded by the Ministry, Gaming, Health Canada and United Way, along with private donations. An excellent and enthusiastic speaker who is obviously committed to her charity. Thank you to Theresa for your information.

#### Submitted by Debi Pearce

#### MEADOWRIDGE ROTARY CLUB INTERNATIONAL SERVICE PROJECT

The MeadowRidge Rotary Club has selected as its international humanitarian project the funding of equipment for an educational boarding school situated in Russia. Our club commit the sum of \$3,500 during this Rotary year. The following is a brief summary of the project:

The school is a special state educational boarding school and farming operation situated in Ussurijsk, Primorsky Krai, Russia, located approximately 2 hours car drive from Valdivostok. The school has approximately 120 male students between the ages of 12 and 18, most of which have had some dealings with the law. In addition to an academic program, the purpose of the school is to teach the students trades, to enable them to become self-supporting members of their society.

The students learn trades, including locksmith and lathe operator, and also work in the fields cultivating vegetable crops (the funds from which develop other school programs and fund other institutions, including orphanages).

The school is desperately in need of various pieces of farm machinery and equipment, such as a tractor, excavator, loader, machine and wood work shop equipment, welding and lathe equipment, etc. The cost of the equipment can vary from a few hundred dollars to farm machinery which can be purchased in the range of \$9,000 - \$10,000 US funds.