

**CHRISTMAS PARTY**

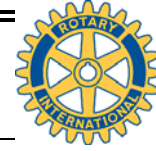
Even Santa had a jolly good time!



Looks like our host Gordy did enjoy himself



One little naughty Santa



# The Four Way Flasher

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**BINGO SCHEDULE**

	6:15-8:15	8:00-10:00
<b>Jan. 1</b>	Liz Attarmigirian	Peter Boekhorst
<b>Jan. 29</b>	Bob Shantz	Carol Bartolomie

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](mailto:peter.boekhorst@telus.net)



**Lend a Hand**

**This is the last Rotary meeting in this year.  
 December 30<sup>th</sup> no meeting!**

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND  
 A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR  
 TO ALL OF YOU.**



50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$919 + 1/2 of today's sales, 13 cards, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

**“YOUR HONOUR, I DIDN’T DO IT”**

Just to remind you what this meeting is all about, here is the letter our very slick lawyer president Laurie sent to Louise Molinelli, president of the Mission Rotary Club.

Louise,

I have some good news and some bad news. The good news is that we enjoyed our visitation to your club today.

The bad news is that an (as yet) un-named person removed your Rotary bell from your meeting hall today. (This person must either (a) have been mixed up and thought he or she was at a Lions Club meeting, or (b) have found the challenge of performing the deed in front of at least three cops and a retired judge too tempting to pass up). I am told that a past president may have had something to do with this, but I am not sure.

After learning of this nefarious deed and chastising the member severely, I of course took exhibit #1 into my possession for safe-keeping (after accepting a legal retainer from the bell snatcher, and thus binding myself to solicitor-client privilege, not to mention protecting myself from being an accessory after the fact).

I am instructed by my client or clients to make the following proposal of settlement:

- (1) Your club will drop all charges;
- (2) You promise not to make this an "eye for an eye" situation (or is that a ding for a dong?). Although this deed is not something I would have condoned for a minute, I must confess that your Rotary bell did have a certain attraction for me. I noticed that when it was gently struck, your members immediately came to silent attention. There must be something wrong with our old bell, as I cannot get it to work like that at our meetings. Our bell is certainly not worth stealing.
- (3) We will return the evidence (which, by the way, has now been wiped clean of finger-prints). Is it possible for someone from you club to make a visitation on December 23 and collect the goods? Please note that we have no Rotary meetings on December 16 or December 30. December 23 is our next (and last) meeting for the year.

Best Regards,  
Laurie (Pres, and LLB)

Our Secretary Kevin had his own thoughts about this matter. However he likes to keep it more in the Holiday spirit:

Twice the weeks before Christmas and all through the town Meadow Ridge Rotary Club members were Mission Club bound.	I left the meeting feeling good, real good and content, cause we had attended this Mission's luncheon event.
The meeting in Mission was a joyful event and attended quite well. The meeting was interesting, the speaker was good, 50/50 a hot sell.	When out in the street there rose such a clatter, I investigated the situation to see what was the matter.
The food was delicious, cheap, served for only ten bucks. We thought to ourselves our club's food prices sucks.	I saw Laurie and Gordy, and Mary, and Stan in a huddle, I got both feet wet from stepping in a large puddle.

The trip which was so pleasant suddenly started to smell, seems someone from our club had lifted the Rotary bell.	Our Leader, Dear President the one who can solicit, Will explain the true meaning of the Mission Club's visit.
Letters to Mission were written on behalf of our notorious thief, The writer explained, that the culprit was indeed not our Chief.	The shiny bell they do miss with all of there might Will be returned on this day back home to their city by night.
Our club he explained in a letter to Mission, will return the bell in good time, it might help our members keep quiet with it's magical chime.	We need your support, so please show up to our feast, to return the bell to the club that meets to our east.
December 23 <sup>rd</sup> 2003, will be a meeting you want to add to your list With a special dinner to be served, a feast you won't want to miss.	We know you are all busy thought this holiday season, Let's show them it was for fun, let's not give them a reason
The Rotary clubs will meet for lunch on that faithful day The bell stealing club will have reason to stay	Our meeting will be over at 1 o'clock sharp, one last chance to say cheer, And say all the best, cause we won't meet again until the New Year.

**MEETING WITH GUESTS FROM ROTARY CLUB OF NOVOSIBIRSK, SIBERIA**



Left to right - Tatiana Kopylova, Vladimir Molodin, District Governor Robert Martin, Boris Aranov, President Laurie Anderson, Konstantin Jeleznov, Galina Joulidova, Davel Rempel (organizer), Sergey Pigarev and Vladimir Gruk.

Mary Robson, President-elect of the Rotary Club of Meadowbridge, B.C., has shared this photograph from a gathering organized by Rotarian Dave Rempel.

Dave has enjoyed a long association with Novosibirsk because of his participation in the adoption of children by Canadian families. Dave had met one of the guests, Tatiana Kopylova, during one of his first visits to Siberia, and he provided her with an abundance of Rotary material. In 1995 Tatiana became a founding member of the Novosibirsk Rotary Club, one of the first Rotary clubs chartered in Russia. During a lively luncheon November 25, 2003, Dr. Vladimir Molodin, Past-President of the Novosibirsk Rotary Club, extended an invitation to their new friends to visit Siberia. In making comparisons of the two districts, it was noted that on the day of their visit that Novosibirsk was enjoying a balmy -20 degrees Celsius. Their energy cost for electricity is up 800% and gas/oil up over 2,000%.

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