

We received an email from Willa Potter, Head Coach of the Meadowridge Knights Midget Cheerleading Squad. She is attending our meeting today to ask for assistance from members either in cash donations, items for craft & or garage sale.

### Meadowridge Knights Midget Cheerleading Squad

The Meadowridge Knights Midget Cheerleading squad is comprised of 26 athletes, 24 girls and 2 boys, between the ages of fourteen and eighteen. The squad is involved in many community events each season, and is currently looking for individual and community support to help raise funds for gear, training equipment, and travel costs.

The Midget cheerleaders are highly active throughout the Maple Ridge- Pitt Meadows community. We cheer at all Meadowridge Knights Midget football team games, as well as the occasional Atom and Peewee game. The cheerleaders take great pride in encouraging crowd involvement with stunts, pyramids, cheers, and tumbling. We have also participated in three parades this year: the Mountain Festival Parade, the Pitt Meadows Day Parade and the Santa Claus Parade. We were also invited to cheer on athletes participating in the Canada Day run held in Pitt Meadows.

The Meadowridge Knights Midget Cheerleading squad recently attended the Power Cheerleading Athletics camp in July. This camp, held in various cities across Canada, was held locally in Burnaby at the BCIT campus and attended by a few hundred athletes. We trained long and hard for 3 days and wound up bringing home 6 awards: 2 All- Canadian Awards, Best Male Tumbler, Best Co-ed Stunt Pair, the Spirit Award, and a bid to attend the Power Cheerleading Athletics National Competition in Toronto in May. We also received ribbons of excellence for cheer, sideline, and transition performances.

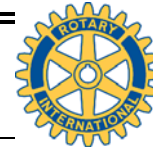
The Midget squad will have the opportunity to shine at 3 local competitions this year: the first being in January, the second in February, and the third in March. We will also be travelling to Toronto in May to compete and represent the community at the National level.

As mentioned above, the Meadowridge Knights Midget Cheerleading squad is looking for financial aid. We are looking to purchase new uniforms and raise money for the trip to Toronto, as well as the purchase of gymnastic mats for use in practicing stunts and tumbling. We are looking for monetary donations, prize donations, advertisement, and sponsorship. If you would like to receive more information, please contact myself, either through email: [wpotter@sfu.ca](mailto:wpotter@sfu.ca), or by phone 604-616-7465.



Sincerely,

Willa Potter  
Head Coach,  
Meadowridge Knights Midget Cheerleading Squad



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### BINGO SCHEDULE

	6:15-8:15	8:00-10:00
Jan. 29	Bob Shantz	Carol Bartolomie
Feb. 26	Liz Attarmigirian	Ken Knuttilla

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

### NEW MEMBER PROPOSAL

The following names are being circulated as possible members our Rotary Club. If you have any reason or concern regarding any of the list below please contact Laurie Anderson or Mike Davies within the next 7 days.

- Brian Develar - HSBC branch manager - replacement for Dave Reekie - proposed by Brian Bekar
- Debra McCrae - of the CIBC - proposed by Gordon Robson
- Alex Rampenaar - of the Best Western - proposed by Sharon Kyle
- Lynda Lawrence - works with Robson and Associates - property manager- proposed by Mary Robson

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jan. 27: Sharon Kyle  
Jan. 28: Mike Davies



50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$1027 + 1/2 of today's sales, 10 cards,  
Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

## LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Bob Shantz is hoping for a good Rotary turnout for his hospice dinner scheduled for February 7, at Meadow Gardens Golf Course. Tickets are \$50 each and there will be a Silent Auction at the event. Please call his office to arrange for your tickets.

Laurie pointed out our new display board for hanging up our banners. It is permanently attached to the wall behind the head table and closes and locks when we are not there.

Mary delivered the Sports Banquet report and will be emailing copies of it to the membership soon. Overall there was \$29,000 raised at the event this year. Ticket sales are getting easier to do each year as we are continuing to sell more and more tables of 10 as opposed to single tickets. The current funds in the account are earmarked for the Astro-Turf project with a value of \$50,000 donation from us.

Diane Kirkland announced that Gordons "At Home on the Road" is booked at the ACT for March 13<sup>th</sup> and tickets are available through the ACT. Our portion of the proceeds have been delegated back to the Disabled Riding Association in town, hence 100% of the proceeds will be going to assist this worthwhile charity.

Our guest speaker was Sean Hogan, the District 5050 rep for RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards). This is a 4 day leadership camp for youths between 18 and 25 put on each year by Rotary. Rotarian children or employees as well as the general public are eligible for this Award. Rotary presents professional speakers to the teams of youth over four days presenting different ways of leadership. It is held each year at Camp Squea just outside of Hope and each club is eligible to send 2 students, preferably one male and one female. The club carries the \$350 cost per registrant so that there is no cost to the youth. An excellent program that was started in Australia in the 1970's and later adopted by Rotary International. Sean invites anyone who wishes more information to get in touch with him at 604-588-0497 or by email at [ryla@buckho.com](mailto:ryla@buckho.com)



The 50/50 draw was won by one of our guests so we remain at 1,027 for this week. It's sure to go soon.

**Submitted by Debi Pearce**

## IN AUSTRALIA, ROTARIANS CELEBRATE RYLA'S WORLDWIDE SUCCESS

More than 400 Rotarians and invited guests joined RI President Jonathan Majiyagbe at the University of Western Australia's Octagon Theatre in Perth on 16 January to mark the success of the [Rotary Youth Leadership Award \(RYLA\)](#) program.

Born some [44 years ago](#) in Brisbane, Queensland, as a "gundoo" — an aboriginal word meaning "festival" or "fun together" — RYLA aptly returned to the land of its origin as the centerpiece of an RI presidential celebration.

In a speech full of praise for the resourcefulness of Australian Rotarians, President Majiyagbe addressed the need for leadership training for young people in a world of increasing complexity. "Every year, thousands of young people participate in RYLA events sponsored by Rotary clubs and districts — and everyone involved makes important contributions to this beneficial program," he said. "Through RYLA, Rotarians mentor young leaders — like the energetic young men and women we have met today. In turn, these young leaders bring a fresh burst of enthusiasm to a Rotary club by supporting club projects, providing new ideas for service, and strengthening or starting Interact and Rotaract clubs."

The RI president recounted how RYLA started as an act of Rotarian hospitality in 1959. When Brisbane Rotarians learned that Queen Elizabeth II was sending her young cousin Princess Alexandra to the centennial celebration of Queensland province, they planned a series of special youth activities to make her feel welcome and at ease.

"Australian Rotarians decided to create an annual youth program, based on this event," President Majiyagbe said. "From there, the idea began to spread to other countries and within a few years, RYLA events were being held throughout the Rotary world."



Keynote speaker Past District Governor Rev. Allan Male, who has been associated with RYLA for almost 40 years, spoke passionately about the lives that he had seen blessed by the program. Many employers now recognize that attendance at a RYLA program is a mark of an outstanding young person, he said.

David Yardley, an ex-RYLArian explained how the program had turned his life around, rescuing him from the scourge of peer pressure that was pushing him into undesirable activities. He now works with young people through theatre groups and Drug Arm, a non-profit agency that helps them develop healthy lifestyles without drug abuse.

Rotarian Ron Mildenhall and his son, Sam, who each attended RYLA programs — in 1969 and in 2002 respectively, bantered onstage about the old and young generations and the relative merits of RYLA then and now.

The celebration also featured a well-attended workshop on the essentials of a successful RYLA experience and a buffet dinner and fellowship that the "family of Rotary," including the RI president, enjoyed in an informal and relaxed atmosphere under the stars in the lush university gardens.