

WINE ZEST 2004



Wine Zest 2004 was a great success. The entourage in the ACT plus the decorations were of first class. Also the knowledgeable staff of the participating wineries were very much appreciated.

We sold approximately 210 tickets and the Raffle brought in \$1,100. The silent auction had lots of interesting items (over 100). Several items were not picked up and paid for. Rotarians who had a successful bid and didn't collect their article, please be prepared to do so during this meeting.



Flower arrangements, donated by MR Florist



T is for Terrible!



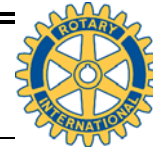
The Frogstone Grill



Thai Way Restaurant



EJ Gallo Winery



The Four Way Flasher

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INVOCATION

April 20	Murray Davelaar	April 27	Mike Davies
May 4	Brenda Exner	May 11	Doris Gagel

BINGO SCHEDULE

	6:15-8:15	8:00-10:00
April 22	Laurie Anderson	Alan Graveson
May 20	Alex Kempenaar	Peter Boekhorst

Call Peter at 604-465-3392 for assistance or e-mail peter.boekhorst@telus.net



Lend a Hand

TODAY'S PROGRAM: Ron Goldfinch – Rotary Youth Exchange Program

NEXT WEEK: tba

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
April 21		Executive Mtg. current & incoming	Robson and Assoc. 22359 Lougheed Hwy
May 13-15		District 5050 Conference	Skagit Valley Casino Resort

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

April 20: Don Boyce April 27: Lorna Anderson

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$39 + 1/2 of today's sales, 50 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

DISTRICT 5050 ASSEMBLY – APRIL 3, 2004

PREPARED BY: Mary Robson, President Elect 2003-2004

Meadowridge Rotary Club was well represented with nine members attending: Brian Bekar, Murray Davelaar, Alex Kempenaar, Diane Kirkland, Lynda Lawrence, Debbie MacRae, Dot Ralston, Mary Robson and Lee Weber. All breakout sessions were attended and following is a summary of the sessions worth mentioning.

Thank you to all who attended. From your comments, it appears the Assembly was time well spent and the fellowship we shared was most enjoyable. It helped to broaden our understanding of Rotary and its value worldwide.

Editors note:

A report was e-mailed to all the members, but I have to publish one short blurb from it:

Rotary Protocol – Submitted by Lee Weber

Very dry and nothing that is not covered in the manual. ie: How to hang the flags, proper greetings etc....

At last Lee can tell us, where the Canadian flag goes: on the left side or the right side!

PROPER CARE AND FEEDING OF ALEX KEMPENAAR WHEN CARPOOLING.....

Should anyone need to carpool with Alex the following will be most helpful for a quiet ride to your event:

- 1- Ensure he has lots of coffee and muffins before the ride.
- 2- Ask him if he needs a bathroom break BEFORE you get on the road
- 3- Bring earplugs for yourself, or a muzzle or blindfold for Alex. He is a notorious back seat driver, no matter where he sits!
- 4- Be prepared to know your route home by way of the nearest Dairyqueen ice cream shop! If not it will be a VERY long ride. Alex requires sufficient ice cream to quell the back seat driver urges on the drive home. Keep this care guide handy, it will tone down the complaining from said Alex. He is a pleasure to drive with if you don't mind a very cheery back seat driver. Maybe he should have had decaff.

Submitted by Diane Kirkland

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

The meeting this week was held at the ACT in the Studio room. Quite a nice environment although a little large and hard to hear the Pres from the back (or was it just my hearing??) Anyway, Johanna is still carrying the babe and looking forward to delivery day. She wished to thank Doris and all others who attended the "surprise" baby shower she held for her. She is amazed at the capacity for deception shown by her husband and staff!!

Our guest speaker was David Hoag who spoke on the project we are sponsoring through the Sports Banquet – The All Weather sports field at the new high school on 104th and 245th. This \$1.5 million dollar project is going to be a huge benefit to the youths in sports in Maple Ridge & Pitt Meadows, specifically those in football, soccer and field hockey. Regard playability, this field offers 7 to 8 times more access than a regular turf field and has a 10 year warranty and much longer expected life expectancy.

The field will be lit by 4 flood lights which will be on a timer to shut off at 930 in the evening and will have a line of trees behind them as well as shields to project the light directly onto the playing field.

The good news is that the soccer community communicated the fact that they did not need as much playing space as originally thought and this has since been a cost savings of approx \$98,000 which is helping to keep this project on budget.

The advantage of this field will be that it can be played on in any weather and will not have the usage restrictions as are currently placed on the turf fields (no more than 3 games and/or practices per day). They can also be played on in any weather condition with the exception of snow or ice.

As Mary indicated this is a project we can all be very proud of and David indicated he thought the final district approval to name the fields the Rotary Sports Fields has been given. Kudos to the Sports Banquet committee and the membership as a whole for this project.

Submitted by Debi Pearce

MEADOWRIDGE ROTARY ESTEEM TEAM

Visitation Schedule

The Esteem Team's visitation is scheduled for Tuesday, April 27, 2004 with the following itinerary:

10:00am	Garibaldi Secondary School 24789 Dewdney Trunk Rd., MR	Jen Dowdeswell – Field Hockey
10:30am	Harry Hooge Elementary 12280 230 th St., MR	Angus Reid - BC Lions
1:15pm	Pitt Meadows Elementary 11941 Harris Rd., PM	Jen Dowdeswell – Field Hockey
1:15pm	Alexander Robinson Elementary 11849 238B St., MR	Angus Reid - BC Lions

Rotarians are welcome to accompany these athletes for the presentations. Please contact Kevin Nosworthy, if you can assist.