



The Four Way Flasher

At Paris Marathon, Rotary will be on 500 backs - ANYONE INTERESTED?

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Many French Rotarians are veterans or fans of the international Paris Marathon, which draws more than 30,000 participants from 90-odd countries each year. So, few were surprised when District 1700 chose the 2005 event to anchor a publicity campaign aimed at showing marathon enthusiasts and millions of local and foreign TV audiences a glimpse of Rotary at 100.

The district has started a drive to register at least 500 Rotarians and family members from France and abroad to participate in the marathon wearing **Rotary Centennial** T-shirts. Already, more than 100 Rotarians from Australia, Canada, England, Gabon, Germany, Mali, New Zealand, and Reunion have signed on.

Determined to project an image of a sprightly and friendly organization, many participants are already training for all or part of the 42.195-kilometer (26.219-mile) run on 10 April next year.

"[Running in] this [marathon] will fulfill many goals for me: participation in a Rotary event, education through travel to Europe, and a personal fitness challenge – all of these things are important to me," says Debra Owen, mortgage consultant and member of the Rotary Club of Kamloops West, British Columbia, Canada. "I have spoken to many people about this trip and will be bringing with me the biggest group I can, Rotarians and non-Rotarians, runners and nonrunners! I know the experience will be unforgettable."

Owen first heard about the District 1700 initiative from Sydney Takahashi, the 2004-05 president of the Kamloops West club. Despite her two-year experience as a running clinic group leader at a local running store, she's not taking anything for granted.

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INVOCATION

June 8	Cheryl Johnson		
June 15	Alex Kempenaar	June 22	TBA

BINGO SCHEDULE

	6:15-8:15	8:00-10:00
June 17	Tim Lowes	Marco Terwiel
July 15	Craig Vernon	Lindsay Hendy

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Lend a Hand

TODAY'S PROGRAM: RYLA ATTENDEE - Evan Sheffield

NEXT WEEK: Business Meeting

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
June 17	6:00pm	Ladies Night – Haney Club - \$100. ⁰⁰	Swan-E-Set
June 19		Haney Rotary Club Installation	Pitt Meadows Golf Course
June 20	1:00pm ?	Family Barbecue	Marco's place - 21616 River Rd.
June 22		MeadowRidge Rot. Club Installation	Gourmet Hideaway

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$193 + 1/2 of today's sales, 45 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

June 10 Rick Carruthers

June 14 Bob Shantz

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

None to report

BEST WISHES

BEST WISHES TO LYNDA LAWRENCE FOR A SPEEDY RECOVERY FROM HER SURGERY!

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

This weeks meeting was our annual MEMBERSHIP DRIVE and was quite successful. We had 6 possible candidates for membership. They were:

Bud Tiedeman – Sharon Kyle's guest
Mina Park - Debi Pearce's guest
Paul Gill - Gord Robson's guest
Susan Cudahay – Cheryl Johnson's guest
Linda Fuller - Debbie MaCrae's guest
Don Hincks - Al Gravesons's guest

After a minor technical failure (TV problems – oh yah, Mary better budget for a new TV) we had a number of members stand up and make a brief statement about why they joined Rotary or what Rotary has done to affect their lives.

Sharon Kyle joined because “ it was time to give back to the community that has given her so much”
Rick Carruthers cited the “international fellowship” as being a strong component of Rotary that appeals to him
Brian Bekar “enjoys the friendly atmosphere and the willingness to help demonstrated by the members”
Ineke Boekhorst says she has learned to “have a wider view of the world and recommends the International Convention to everyone”
Dot Ralston stated “that through good times and bad her “Rotarian friends” have always been there for her”
Gord Robson “truly believes in the Rotarian cause to eradicate the world of Polio and is proud to participate in that effort”.

Just prior to all of this information the club was able to present Lola Chapman with a cheque for \$14,000. towards her Youth Diversion Program. What a way to make an impression on these potential members, as Lola told of mothers coming up and thanking her years later as their sons were now living as good citizens and because of her organizations efforts never returned to a life of crime. Lola also asked us to keep an eye and helping hand on her hearts work as she looks forward and may not be able to continue the work personally. Gord assured her that she would be around for a long while and that he would stay involved and perhaps other Rotarians will join him. If this interests you at all please speak to Gord or Mary as they are very passionate about this cause and will likely be very happy to steer you in the right direction.

Submitted by Debi Pearce

ZAJAC RANCH – ROTARIAN VOLUNTEERISM AT WORK AGAIN!



Dot/Alex on lunch break



Zajac Ranch View



Mary on “rock duty”

The Zajac Ranch - North end of Stave Lake

While building memories and new friendships, campers will experience camaraderie and a sense of being a kid while sharing with others who have gone through similar experiences. The western theme will provide a fun-filled, safe environment, where the children will enjoy a variety of outdoor activities that many have never had the opportunity to experience.

When programs are fully developed by July 2006 activities will include:

- **Horseback Riding** - Let your imagination run wild as campers are transported back to the old west on our trusted four-legged friends!
- **Nature Trails** - To the outdoors! Campers will explore BC's great outdoors on supervised tours of our 38 acre property.
- **Lakefront activities** such as swimming, fishing, canoeing and kayaking.
- **Nightly activities** at the amphitheatre including theatre performances, air bands, sharing of testimonies, singing and sipping hot cocoa around the campfire.
- **Indoor Swimming Pool and Therapeutic Spa**
- **Playground and Water Recreation Park**
- **Sports Field and Recreational Centre**
- **Arts & Crafts**
- **Ropes Course**
- **Organic Greenhouse**
- **Therapeutic Sessions** including [Music](#), [Riding](#) & [Gardening](#)

Each program has been designed to improve self-esteem, increase confidence, develop independence and provide life-long skills in a safe and understanding environment. An on-site medical staff and health centre will be available 24 hours a day to maintain and supervise the necessary care and the special needs of each child. A hospital is within a 25-minute drive from the Ranch. While ranchers connect with friends with similar illnesses, families will enjoy respite from the day-to-day concerns relating to a child with special needs