



IN WITH THE NEW

"Soon-to-be" President, Mary with First Gentleman, Gordy

- President Elect: Brian Bekar
- Vice President: Sharon Kyle
- Past President: Laurie Anderson
- Secretary: Carol Bartolomie / Lynda Lawrence
- Treasurer: Lindsay Hendy
- Sergeant-at-Arms: Alex Kempenaar / Ron LePore
- Club Historian: Stan Wade



Paul Harris Awards

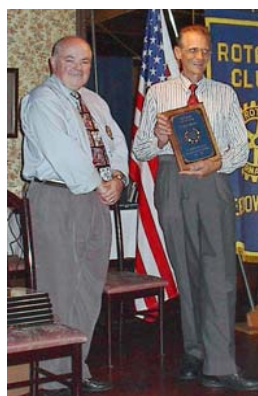
Ineke Boekhorst & Debi Pearce



Board of Directors

- Vocational Service: Diane Kirkland
- Club Service: Dot Ralston
- International Service: Peter Boekhorst
- Community Service: Sharon Kyle

Four Way Test Award
Sharon Kyle



Rotarian of the Year
Peter Boekhorst



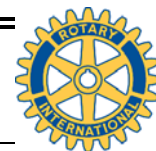
Presidential Citation
Laurie Anderson



President's Award
Mary Robson



And of course, the whole club showed its appreciation for all the work Past-President Laurie has done in the past year, by presenting him a lawyer's briefcase. (It takes more than a lawyer to unwrap a present!)



The Four Way Flasher

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INVOCATION

June 29	Ken Knutilla	July 6	Sharon Kyle
July 13	Lynda Lawrence	July 20	Ron LePore

BINGO SCHEDULE

	6:15-8:15	8:00-10:00
July 15	Peter Boekhorst	Tim Lowes
August		

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



Lend a Hand

TODAY'S PROGRAM: Paul Gill - CFO from District of Maple Ridge to present the new Core deal.

NEXT WEEK: Gaetan Royer - Port Moody City Planner & member of PM Rotary Club: Hospice Project

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
July 6	noon	Mary's first official Presidency	The Gourmet Hideaway
July 14	noon	Executive meeting	Mary's office - BYOBL
July 20	7:00pm	Honey Barbecue at Vladimir's Farm	129 th Ave. Pitt Meadows

Note: There will be no regular meeting on July 20th !

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

June 30: Stan & Debbie Wade July 1: Hendy & Janet Lindsay

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$287 + 1/2 of today's sales, 42 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

INSTALLATION DINNER

For those of you unable to attend, we had a wonderful evening at the Gourmet Hideaway installing the new Executive and giving out the Presidents awards. The new executive is ready to Rock this Rotary Centennial Year and President Mary showed lots of enthusiasm and passion for the task at hand.

Ready or not, here comes an exciting year in MeadowRidge Rotary and Mary cheerfully assured us “we will survive”.

I think we may not only survive, but will also thrive with the level of commitment displayed by Mary.

OUT WITH THE OLD

All club members can take pride in our service to the community (both local and international) during the past Rotary year. The following is a brief summary of our accomplishments.

Community Service

We contributed \$5000 to poverty alleviation, including the Food Bank, Meals on Wheels, Cythera House and the Christmas Haven.

In support of the youth of our community (not including the projects funded by the Sports Banquet) we donated \$5000 to the Zajac Ranch, \$1000 to the Police canoe trip down the Fraser with First Nations' youth, \$6300 for high school



bursaries, \$250 bursary to a junior fireman, \$14,000 to fund the Youth Diversion Program in conjunction with the local RCMP, and \$1000 for the RCMP Youth Academy.

Other Community Services

We have committed \$2500 to a literacy program with the local library, given \$1000 to install the cork board along the wall of the Fraser Room in the library, paid \$1100 for the materials to install a ramp on the Women's Centre in Pitt Meadows, joined with Gordon Kirkland in providing funds to the Pacific Riding Association for the Disabled, and helped support community events such as the Agricultural Fair and others with donations of approximately \$2000. We contributed \$2500 for the construction of a bicycle path around the Pitt Meadows airport, now called the Rotary Route (you should take a bike trip on it!).

International Service

From our Golf Tournament, we raised \$3500 to complete our \$10,000 pledge to our Rotary Foundation to help with polio eradication. In addition, our individual club members donated in excess of \$3500 to our Rotary Foundation, with most members participating.

With the help of the Mission Sunrise Club and generous donations from friends of Dave Rempel, we sent \$9500 to Russia to buy much needed farm equipment for a school for troubled boys. We interviewed and selected an outgoing exchange student; and don't forget the visitation from our Russian Rotarians and friends from Novosibirsk, Siberia.

Vocational Service

In addition to our bursary program for high school students (which this year was raised from \$500 to \$1000 each for six bursaries, plus the Yves Duamel Memorial Bursary for music), we supported RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards), the Esteem Team to give inspirational talks to our youth in our local schools, and undertook a vocational services project by providing interviewers as well as financial assistance for the grade 10 career planning and interview pilot program at both Westview and Garibaldi Secondary schools. We donated \$500 to a local student nominated to attend the 2005 Global Young Leaders Conference in New York and Washington, D. C. And last but not least, we started a pilot project with Inner Visions Recovery Centre in Maple Ridge. (Hanna House is a drug rehabilitation center for women).

Club Service

We topped all the Rotary club's in Area C for increase in membership. We had the pleasure of welcoming 11 new members into our club (but have been sad to lose Dave Reekie, Lance Harris, Craig Vernon, Caro O'Kennedy and Livia Mior). We had some great programs, another great 50-50 draw to the second-to-last card, and tightened up our meetings thanks to our

three Sergeants-at-Arms. We enjoyed club socials at the home of Marco and Lila's, and Gordon and Mary's, and of course Vladimir and Zdenka's (bee farm).

We even stole the bell from the Mission Noonday Club under the noses of a retired judge and RCMP members.

Fund Raisers

We completed with smashing success are four major fund raisers, namely, our Golf tournament, the Sports Banquet, the Wine Zest and our participation in Bingo, which brought into our club for Community Service in excess of \$75,000 this year alone. From funds raised this year and previous years at the Sports Banquet for youth sports facilities, we have this year committed and/or paid \$25,000 to the Pitt Meadows Ice Arena (our Rotary logo in at center ice), \$50,000 to the artificial turf field at Samuel Robertson secondary, and \$17,000 (including a \$3200 matching grant from District 5050) for the Kanaka Creek Elementary School multi-sports court.

I am very proud of our Club and of the hard work and dedication of our Committee Chairpersons, and the Chairs of our fund raising events, and of each and every one of our club members who have given generously of their time and talents and sweat to make this a banner year.

"Soon-to-be" Past President, Laurie

RECOGNITIONS

Awards of Appreciation for Chairing Special Projects

Brian Bekar & Kevin Nosworthy - Golf Tournament

Cheryl Johnson - Wine Zest

Dave Rempel - Russian Visitation

Mary and Gordon Robson - Sports Banquet

Appreciation Awards to new members

Murray Davelaar Alex Kempenaar

Lynda Lawrence Walter Volpatti

Lee Weber

New Member of the Year

Brenda Exner

Outgoing Presidents Remarks:

Laurie thanked everyone for making his year interesting and easy. He indicated he believed in “delegate, delegate” and that the membership never let him down and he was very impressed how things got done when asked. He feels the experience of being our President was a very positive and rewarding one and looks forward to the upcoming year with Mary at the helm. He finished his remarks to a well-deserved standing ovation from the club and was awarded a lawyers briefcase on wheels as his Presidents gift, along with his Past Presidents pin, a card, plaque and his Presidential Citation.

Incoming Presidents Remarks:

Mary gave a very impassioned speech about what Rotary has meant to her since she joined at Marco's invitation in 1989. She spoke of her travels to Thailand, Cambodia and Eastern Europe and how each of these trips drove home the importance of Rotary in the world. Her main goal this year is to work on a problem that she has been working on for a while, and that is the problem of crystal meth and the tragedy it brings to young peoples lives in our community. How this drug is instantly addictive and does damage to many vital organs in the body including the brain, liver and lungs. And how it can cause psychotic episodes and take away the life of its victims She hopes the club will rally behind her desire to tackle this problem locally and hopefully inspire other clubs to follow suit. She thanked her family and friends and fellow Rotarians for their encouragement and support and looks forward to a very productive and FUN year.

ZAJAC RANCH

Just spoke to the Zajac Ranch group, and they are asking for volunteers for a work bee again on Saturday July 3rd 10-6pm. or whatever hours you can give. A lunch and dinner will be provided for all volunteers.

If you need more information, please see me.

Alex Kempenaar