

The Rotary Club of Port Coquitlam Centennial...

Is proud to invite you to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Rotary International with the birth of the Centennial Club of District 5050

Location – Michael's on Wilson Restaurant

2253 Wilson Ave., Port Coquitlam, B.C.

Date – Centennial Anniversary of Rotary International

February 23, 2005 @ 7:00 p.m.

Cost - \$40 per person (Canadian)

Suggestions for Gifts or confirmation of attendance – Contact Gene Vickers

Let's Celebrate Rotary Together

Contact Gene Vickers (604) 230-8030 or gene@metromotors.com

It is with great pleasure that Clyde Wicks, Group Publisher and General Manager of VanNet Newspapers, announces the appointment of Gary Hollick as Publisher and General Manager of the Now newspaper, serving Surrey, North Delta and White Rock.



Hollick has been with VanNet Newspapers for nine years, and for the past five has been the Director of Sales and Marketing at the Now. During his tenure at the Now, he has introduced a number of innovative projects that have been well received by readers and advertisers alike.

Hollick, his wife Nita and their sons Denny and Corey have lived in North Delta since 1995. Hollick is well-known for his tireless work in the community. He serves as a director with the Surrey Chamber of Commerce, is the District Governor for Rotary International, District 5050 and over-see 53 Rotary Clubs located in British Columbia as well as Washington state.

Hollick also sits on the board of Cornerstone Healthcare and for many years served as a leader in the Scouting movement in North Delta.

In 2001, Hollick was voted Business Person of the Year by the North Delta Business Association and was a finalist for the Surrey Chamber of Commerce Business Person of the Year award for 2004. He developed and spearheaded the "I Love Surrey" campaign, which continues to promote Surrey as a great place in which to live and do business. Hollick's appointment is effective immediately.

District 5050 with the leadership of DG Gary is hiring a District Administrator to assist in the smooth operation of district business, support the DG and Committee Chairs.

The ideal candidate will have a background in Rotary, and be able to make a multi year commitment to this position. Remuneration will be on a hourly basis. Short listed candidates will be interviewed in early February. Interested parties should respond by no later than January 21st with a cover letter and resume to:

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The Four Way Flasher

**Rotary Club of
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INVOCATION

Jan. 18	Anil Bharwani	Jan. 25	Ineke Boekhorst
Feb. 1	Peter Boekhorst	Feb. 8	Robert Campbell

BINGO SCHEDULE

	6:15-8:15	8:00-10:00
Jan. 27	Debbie MacRae	Mina Park
Feb. 24		Peter Boekhorst

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

TODAY'S PROGRAM: Dave Reekie

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM: Rhian Piprel - District Literacy Program

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Jan. 19	Noon	Executive Meeting	Robson & Associates office
Feb. 8		Membership Drive	Gourmet Hideaway Restaurant
April 9	8:00am	District Assembly	Kwantlen University College, Surrey
May 12		District 5050 Centennial Conference	Victoria, BC
May 28		WineZest 2005	
June 18-22		RI Centennial Convention	Chicago

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Jan. 22: Gordy and Mary Robson



50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$834+ 1/2 of today's sales, 24 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

LAST WEEKS MEETING

Today was a **big** day for MeadowRidge Rotary, as we presented Mayor Kathy Morse and Mike Murray from the District with two cheques totalling \$50,000. The funds are to go towards the Rotary Sports Fields located at the new Samuel Robertson High School on 104th.

Diane also let us know that there is a professional troupe coming into Maple Ridge to perform the Traditional Lions dance for the Chinese New Year on Feb 12th. Tickets are \$20 and more info can be got from Diane.

Our guest speaker today was Mayor Kathy Morse and she proudly announced that Maple Ridge received the award for the best Annual Report and she feels a large part is due to the "citizens report" that they include. In recognition of all the efforts of Service clubs such as ours she intends to include a "service club report" next year, which would recognize all of the efforts and funds donated to the Municipality by service clubs. Our efforts towards the "Rotary Sports Fields" are a prime example of this.



The mayor then took questions from the floor the first being about the dramatic increase in our tax assessments. She noted that on average the assessments increased by 19% this year, which reflected that value as of July 1, 2004 when the housing prices peaked. The average house price in Maple Ridge last year was \$235,000 and this year is up to \$282,000.

Regarding transit, the mayor indicated they are working to try to use more shuttle buses in town instead of the full size buses and also to encourage developing Light Rail Transit to the new Pitt River Bridge which is getting closer to being accepted. Also they are negotiating to lower the track rates so that at some time in the future perhaps we could have midday trips by the West Coast Express.

At the end she again thanked us for our generous donation for the Sports Fields and said it is one project that would not have come to fruition if we had not been behind it. Kudos to the Sports Banquet committee.

Submitted by Debi Pearce

FROM OUR TREASURER

MeadowRidge Rotary Tsunami relief fund donations totalled \$7,945. \$200 of that came from two members of the office staff of PSVC Chartered Accountants.

Tax receipts will be issued from our own MeadowRidge Foundation for next weeks meeting.

Message to Santa Claus from Ken Paterson.

Ken would like to thank very much Santa for the gift certificate he received at the Rotary party - it was thoughtfully selected and very welcome.

Thanks again.

HELLO FROM FRANCE

Hello Mary and Club!

Well it's been four months now and I've just changed families for the first time, and yes it was emotional, which says something about the relationship I had with my first family. So yah, I've descended from the wilds, to the town where I have all the modern services. What an experience it was up there though, I loved it, and I will never forget it. My new family seems really nice although you can't really get to know people in 2 days but my first impression is very good. Christmas went very well here, we had the whole family come from all over to the little chalet in the mountains for Christmas, and we even had snow! yay! It was really snowy here about a week ago but it warmed up, but there is still a lot on the ground. So I had the chance to do a bit of skiing at the little ski town here, it was good. I went with my new host family, whom are very active! They do like every kind of sport in the books. It's insane and I don't think they sit down ever! But it's good. School is also going very well, if you can believe it I've even started to do the Philosophy tests and homework. It might not be good but at least I'm trying! Also, I am addicted to cheese, that'll come in handy when I'm 40! So what else can I say, the French is really flowing now, I can't believe how it just happens, one day you just feel like you know all these words and you don't know how you learned them and you feel kind of overwhelmed, I'm sure Leo know just what I'm talking about. I hope she's doing well. It's weird, she emailed me saying that she's become good friends with all these people that I know.... very weird. This house is also much closer to school, which makes it easier on the travel. So as soon as I figure out the computer here I promise to send you some pictures tout suite, and with the internet now I'll write more frequently. Merci and a Happy New Year!

Eric

FROM OUR DOCTOR ON THE MOVE

Greetings from New Zealand.

We reached our destination a week ago and are more or less settled in Oamaru, a town on the East Coast of the South Island. About 14,000 people with a drawing area of probably 20,000. It is surrounded by farms and the town serves the farmers with all they need.

However that is not all. When one enters this place there is a very wide boulevard six lane wide and a strip of grass and parking in the middle. The boulevard is lined by majestic building fitting a major city. Built from whitestone, that is quarried right here and is famous throughout the South Island. Neoclassical buildings with columns that would make the ancient Greek people green with envy.

There are two Rotary clubs that both meet in the evening. One on Monday and the other on Wednesday. I tried to attend, but they shut down from before Christmas until the end of the month. Everybody is away on holidays. However I have met some Rotarians and I am to give a talk in February.

I received my registration and license to practice and have been seeing patients for a week now, replacing a doc who is away on holidays. The pace is much more relaxed than in Canada. I enjoy a two hour lunch break! That is unheard of at home. Some things are miles ahead here in comparison and other things are backward. Very instructive to work in a different environment. I will tell you more about that later.

CHINESE NEW YEAR

Pitt Meadows Foundation is sponsoring the 5th annual Chinese New Year dinner dance on Sat Feb 12. Doors open at 6:00pm at the old Pitt Meadows Rec. Centre. Dinner stars at 7:00. Tickets limited and sell quickly. For information and tickets contact Diane Kirkland, 604-465-7992.