

The Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) has denied The Canadian Rotary Committee for International Development (CRCID) application for matching funds for money collected on behalf of the Tsunami Disaster affected countries in South Asia.

To: District 5050 Canadian Rotary Clubs:

As you are aware CRCID (Canadian Rotary Committee for International Development) submitted an application on behalf of Rotary in Canada to CIDA's International Humanitarian Assistance Program seeking eligibility for matched Rotary funds to assist in the immediate relief of the victims of the horrendous Tsunami catastrophe in Asia.

CRCID has received a negative response from CIDA, stating that Rotary in Canada is ineligible for matched funding under this program. "A committee of Senior Managers reviewed the Canadian Rotary Committee for International Development proposal with interest, but regrettably the organization was not deemed eligible for matching funds, based on the criteria set out by CIDA".

This information was received in an email addressed to the Chief Administrative Officer of CRCID at 5:37pm on January 11, 2005 and it is attached for your review. This news means that those funds raised for the Tsunami relief effort by dedicated Rotarians and either sent to the Rotary Foundation (Canada) or directly overseas will not be matched by the Canadian Government. However, this only represents the initial stage of a multi-year recovery and reconstruction effort in the disaster areas. In an announcement made on January 10, 2005, the Canadian Government has pledged \$425 million to the disaster over the next five years. \$150 million of this amount is dedicated to matching the contributions raised by Canadians between December 26, 2004 and January 11, 2005 and contributed to a CIDA approved disaster relief agency (e.g. Red Cross/Crescent; UNICEF; CARE Canada; etc.). Rotary in Canada was seeking access to these funds through its application to IHAP. Rotary in Canada and its representative committee, CRCID, has not had any past relationship with this program or with the Multilateral branch of CIDA. Since its incorporation in 1985, CRCID has only dealt with the Canadian Partnership Branch. It was therefore necessary to introduce IHAP to Rotary in Canada through the submission of a request for eligibility letter (attached). The additional \$275 million will be utilized for humanitarian and rehabilitation assistance (\$115 million) and for ongoing reconstruction assistance to the affected region (\$160 million) over the next five (5) years. These are funds that will be available for organizations such as Rotary in Canada to do what Rotarians do best - implement sustainable development projects identified by the host country Rotarians and beneficiaries that meet the priority needs of the beneficiary communities. CIDA has not yet announced how these funds will be distributed but the CRCID Board of Directors will be discussing a strategy with its CIDA representatives during its Board Meeting being held in Ottawa the weekend of January 21-23, 2005. Rotary in Canada may not have been eligible for matched funding for the short-term humanitarian assistance but this was a departure from its natural strengths and abilities. Rotarians are recognized and respected for providing communities in need with financial and professional assistance and expertise.

For 100 years Rotarians have contributed in meaningful ways to improving the standard of living and reducing poverty for the beneficiaries in these communities.



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INVOCATION

Jan. 25	Ineke Boekhorst	Feb. 1	Peter Boekhorst
Feb. 8	Robert Campbell	Feb. 15	Rick Carruthers



BINGO SCHEDULE

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



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

TODAY'S PROGRAM: Rhian Piprel - District Literacy Program

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM: Marjatta Longston, "The Future of the School District"

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Feb. 8	noon	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

Cash Calendar: Inside you will find a list of the January winners. This list is also posted on our website www3.telus.net/MeadowRidge_Rotary and will be updated regularly.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$868+ 1/2 of today's sales, 23 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

LAST WEEKS MEETING

This week our guest speaker was none other than our past member Dave Reekie. He recently participated in an EarthWatch project in Brazil and was here to share his adventure and encourage us to try to do something for the environment as individuals and as a club.

The name of the project was Projecto Atlantis – Brazil Marine Mammals, and was the study of the Tucuxi dolphins. These small dolphins live in the rivers and estuaries of South America and are small in number. Dave stayed in a small town called Cananeia, just south of San Paulo and his duties included observing the dolphins from the beach or a boat, cleaning skulls, recording their activities, recording the water temperature and salinity and photo identification.

Much like the killer whales, these dolphins are often identified by the unique scars, shape and notches in their dorsal fin. They think their life cycle lasts for approximately 20 years and that they reach sexual maturity at 5 years old. Their numbers are decreasing and they are trying to identify the reasons of which could be, loss of habitat, loss of food, or others. Tourism and fishing seem to be the things that most impact their lives.

HSBC in partnership with Earth Watch pays for staff to volunteer for these types of activities. The volunteers range from 16 – 60 years old and are usually there for 1 week or 10 days. They are provided accommodation and food and are doing their work from 7Am til about 8 pm.

Dave found this trip very rewarding and said he would definitely like to go back again. He encourages our club to pick up an environmental issue to fund or assist and every effort helps, no matter how small.

Submitted by Debi Pearce

EMAIL FROM SIBERIA

The dear colleagues rotarian of Meadow Ridge Rotary Club,
The dear president of Rotary Club!

Let to express you intimate gratitude for your donations on MG 8639.

The special large thank Laurie Anderson, which was the remarkable president yours of Rotary Club during visit of group of a professional exchange from Rotary Club "Novosibirsk" in Canada in 2003 and personally has made for successful realization of the program much.

Also warmest thank Mary Robson, which was for me hospitable mistress of the large house within two weeks. Also large thank Lynda Lawrence, and also all members of the club which has brought in the real contribution. You true rotarian, assisting to general business not by words, and businesses. It corresponds to high principles Rotary and it correctly.

Always your friend in Siberia.
Boris Aronov, PP

PLANNING 10 INTERVIEW DAY

Thank you all from Westview Students and staff for sponsoring our Planning 10 Interview Day on Tuesday January 18. 125 students were interviewed that day! All found the exercise useful and gave them 'food for thought'.

Our next Interview Day is on Wednesday May 18th 8.15am ---2.45pm.

Any Rotarians who would like to participate, please contact Andrea Vevers.



HOSPICE CASH CALENDAR WINNERS FOR JANUARY

Month	Prize	Name	City
January	1	\$3,000 MELISSA STOSEK	ABBOTSFORD
	2	\$20 AL WATSON	
	3	\$20 SANDRA WYANT	MAPLE RIDGE
	4	\$20 ROD HUGHES	MAPLE RIDGE
	5	\$20 NANCY EIFLER	COQUITLAM
	6	\$20 KATHERINE ARSENAULT	MAPLE RIDGE
	7	\$20 ANOOK TERWIEL	VANCOUVER
	8	\$20 JEFF KLASSEN	STETTLER, ALTA
	9	\$20 JIM HAMILTON	PITT MEADOWS
	10	\$20 SUE SCYRUP	MAPLE RIDGE
	11	\$20 CAROL BARTOLOMIE	
	12	\$20 MEL OVERACKER	MAPLE RIDGE
	13	\$20 PETER & TRACEY POLDERMAN	MAPLE RIDGE
	14	\$20 PAT & JAN O'BRIEN	DELTA
	15	\$20 ROYCE MCATTCHEON	KAMLOOPS
	16	\$20 ROU HYTAINEN	MAPLE RIDGE
	17	\$20 ANN WATERHOUSE	ANMORE
	18	\$20 LEE BROUGHTON	MAPLE RIDGE
	19	\$20 TRAVIS & KIM BROWN	MAPLE RIDGE
	20	\$20 DUANE & MEL GOERZEN	MAPLE RIDGE
	21	\$20 ERIN CULHANE	PITT MEADOWS
	22	\$20 EVA COLE	MAPLE RIDGE
	23	\$20 DONNA HILL	MAPLE RIDGE
	24	\$20 BART TERWIEL	SALTSPRING
	25	\$20 MARGARET VANDERPAS	RICHMOND
	26	\$20 BOB DENISON	MAPLE RIDGE
	27	\$20 BRENT CHAPMAN	VANCOUVER
	28	\$20 LEWIS CORDONI	MAPLE RIDGE
	29	\$20 KATIE HARRISON	MAPLE RIDGE
	30	\$20 EDWINA HOGAN	LANGLEY
	31	\$250 ERIN CULHANE	PITT MEADOWS