

HARVEST WINE FESTIVAL

Dear Meadow Ridge Rotarians,

Exciting changes are a-foot for our annual Wine Zest fundraising event! Given that this year marks the 10th anniversary of this important fundraiser for our club, the Wine Zest committee wanted to do something really special for the 2005 event. So, we are delighted to announce that the Wine Zest has been moved to a Fall Wine Festival. In keeping with the "harvest" theme of this time of year, the event will now be called the "Harvest Wine Fest" and take place on Saturday, September 17th from 7 to 10pm at the Maple Ridge Arts Centre and Theatre. The format of the event will remain the same - international wine and beer paired with culinary delights from local top chefs. The ticket price will stay the same (\$38), and there will still be great entertainment and lots of other exciting components (which we aren't able to reveal yet!). So mark the date in your calendar and get ready for some fabulous harvest celebrations at the Harvest Wine Fest!

The Wine Fest committee still needs a few more members, so join today and help make this the best Rotary Wine Fest yet! There will be a brief committee meeting immediately following today's meeting - see you there!

Cheers,
Your hard-working Wine Fest committee

KAMP NAMED CHAIR OF CRYSTAL METH TASK FORCE

Ottawa April 22, 2005

Conservative MPs Start Task Force to Combat Crystal Meth

When Conservative MP Randy Kamp sees a problem, he takes action.

Kamp took the lead in bringing together a group of MPs who will work to form a national strategy addressing the growing epidemic of crystal meth. On Thursday, Kamp was named chair of their new Crystal Meth Task Force which will work to bring about changes to Canada's laws and regulations in order to combat the drug.

"After seeing the destruction crystal meth has caused in my community, I had to do something. I made a commitment to work with the Maple Ridge Crystal Meth Task Force and I am dedicated to helping out on a national level as well," said Kamp.

Soon after being elected last year, Kamp joined the Meadowridge Rotary Club's Maple Ridge Crystal Meth Task Force. Kamp is also involved in a similar initiative in Mission.

"Crystal meth is an unforgiving, far-reaching, cheap and popular drug. It doesn't discriminate when it targets your kids, friends, and colleagues," said Kamp. "This drug is like no other in that the ingredients are available at the local hardware store or pharmacy and the recipe can be found on the internet. It is relatively easy to make and it gives the user a high that lasts up to ten times longer than cocaine at a fraction of the cost."

Kamp said that while the drug is becoming popular with young people, users come from a wide variety of backgrounds.

"Young girls are using meth to lose weight, others use it to boost self-esteem, some use it for energy, or for enhanced sexual pleasure. Crystal meth is also very addictive, sometimes it only takes one try and you're hooked."



The Four Way Flasher

Rotary Club of
MeadowRidge Newsletter

Vol. 11 Issue 43
April 26, 2005

Web-site: www3.telus.net/MeadowRidge_Rotary

Meetings: Tuesday 12pm, Gourmet Hideaway Restaurant
President: Mary Robson Phone: 604-463-3333, 2
Exec. Asst.: Lynda Lawrence Phone: 604-463-3333, 3
Editor: Peter Boekhorst Phone: 604-465-3392

maryrobson@robsonandassoc.com
ljlawrence@robsonandassoc.com
mrrotary@telus.net

INVOCATION

April 26	Maureen Goodrick	May 3	Robert Goodrick
May 10	Lindsay Hendy	May 17	Shane James



BINGO SCHEDULE

	6:15-8:15	8:00-10:00
May 19	Debi Pearce	Robert Campbell
June 16	Tim Lowes	Sharon Kyle



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

TODAY'S PROGRAM: Gord Robson – Crystal Meth Program Update

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM: Bobbie Lenarduzzi

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Apr.29, 30 May 1		HomeShow	
May 10	12:30pm	Golf Tournament	Swan-e-Set Golf Club
May 12-15		District5050 Centennial Conference	Victoria, BC
May 18		Grade 10 – Career Preparation Interviews	
May 30		Italian Serata – Hospital ER	La Trattoria
June 18-22		RI Centennial Convention	Chicago
June 28		Installation of new Executive	Meadow Gardens Golf Course
Sept. 17	7-10pm	Harvest Wine Festival	ACT

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

April 27: Lorna Anderson April 28: Peter Boekhorst April 29: Lindsay Hendy

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$0+ 1/2 of today's sales, 52 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

LAST WEEKS MEETING

We proudly were able to make two presentations today, both in regards to the Guatamalan Literacy project. We first presented Rhian Piprell a cheque of \$140 which will be used to purchase books for this project. These funds were raised by donating a book in the name of the Guest speaker each week. The second presentation was for a cheque of \$3,750 to the district project for the Mobile library. The district is also applying for a matching grant for these funds. We will be continuing to donate books to this library in order to support this worthwhile project.



The Esteem Team will once again be hitting our local schools with their upbeat message and we are looking for Rotarian volunteers to escort them to the schools. This is a very positive experience and is highly recommended to anyone with a spare hour around lunch time. The dates will be April 26th, May 3, 7 and 10th. The lead contact person on this is Kevin Nosworthy. Call him if you would like to help.



The District Conference is to be held in Victoria this year from May 12-15th, and DG Gary Hollick promises this centennial celebration will be FUN. Some of the scheduled items include a catered event held on the top floor of the Royal Museum & a pub crawl. And let me tell you the speakers are going to be inspiring to say the least. Ryan of Ryans Well will be there. This is a young lad of 12 years old who is successfully managing a foundation he started that raises money to drill wells in Africa. (The Power of One!) Also Past DG Richard King, and incredible Rotarian speaker will also be there. Register today, don't be disappointed.

Submitted by Debi Pearce

CONGRATULATIONS TO A MEMBER

Positively Speaking Toastmaster Shane James placed first in the Area 92 International Speech Contest and will be representing Area 92 at the Division K Contest. Please consider attending on Tuesday April 26th and support Shane in the International Speech Contest. The winner of the Division will advance to the District.

Way to Go Shane!!

The Toastmasters District contest will be at the District 21 Conference in Victoria on the weekend of May 13, 14 and 15th.

MEADOWRIDGE ROTARY ESTEEM TEAM

The Esteem Team's visitation is scheduled for Tuesday, April 26, May 3, May 10 and May 17, 2005 with the following itinerary:

April 26 – 10:30am	Albion Elementary	10031 240 th St., MR	Dana Williams, Kevin Nosworthy
April 26 – 10:30am	Fairview Elementary	12209 206 th St., MR	Darcy Turenne, Stan Wade
April 26 – 1:15pm	Edith McDermott Elementary	12178 Bonson Rd., PM	Dana Williams, Peter Boekhorst
April 26 – 1:15pm	Alouette Elementary	22155 Isaac Cres., MR	Darcy Turenne, Brian Bekar

May 3 – 10:00am	Westview Secondary	20905 Wicklund Ave., MR	Mitch Baker
May 3 – 10:30am	Webster's Corner Elementary	25554 Dewdney Tr. Rd., MR	Margaret Langford
May3 – 1:15pm	Mount Crescent Elementary	21821 122 Ave., MR	Mitch Baker
May3 – 1:15pm	Yennadon Elementary	23347 128 Ave., MR	Margaret Langford

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



Dana Williams

Born and raised as a true Maritimer, Dana has always enjoyed sports. Whether it was playing soccer, baseball, basketball, or riding his dirt bike, mountain bike or a set of skis, he has always preferred exhilarating sports where he could go fast and feel the wind on his face. This is why he made a decision to pursue alpine skiing as a career. After graduating from high school in Truro, Nova Scotia, he decided to move to British Columbia where many ski greats have come from. He spent seven years in Whistler, BC, moving from club level to provincial level and then on to the Canadian Alpine Ski Team in 1997. Dana enjoyed a number of top 30 World Cup finishes, but injury forced him to retire in 2000 and to change his focus from sport to education. Skiing is still one of Dana's greatest passions.



Darcy Turenne

Darcy started mountain bike racing at age 14 and since then has competed throughout Europe and North America. She is a two-time member of the Canadian national downhill mountain bike team and has placed 8th in the World Championships twice. Darcy is now one of Canada's top female downhill racers in the Pro-elite division and continues to push her limits as an extreme athlete. When Darcy is not racing she spends her time completing her degree in Geography and Environmental Studies at the University of Victoria, extreme skiing, surfing, or dreaming about her next adventure!



Margaret Langford

Margaret Langford is a whitewater kayaker who has risen from paddling near her hometown of Lions Bay, B.C. to competing in three Olympic games. Margaret has been a member of the Canadian National Whitewater Kayak Team since 1989 and has won the Canadian Championships for the last 6 years. She has won World Cup Silver and Bronze medals. Margaret has graduated with honors from UBC with a degree in Human Kinetics and has recently returned from competing at the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games.



Mitch Baker

As a member of the Canadian National Snowboard team for 6 years, Mitch has provided Canada with several top 15 finishes in World Cup Giant Slalom and Bordercross. Some of his highlights include a silver medal in Giant slalom at the World University Games held in Slovakia, 3rd place in Giant slalom at the Canadian Nationals, and 4th place in the World Cup Bordercross in Switzerland. Mitch is currently a member of the Vancouver Fire and Rescue Services and continues to pursue his passion for snowboarding.