

LITERACY AND NUMERACY

For many years, Rotarians have been active in efforts to reduce illiteracy, from building schools and paying salaries of teachers to serving as tutors to collecting and distributing books and audiovisual materials to libraries. Rotarians are working with governments to create large-scale replicable literacy projects in the developing world. In 1997, the RI Board of Directors designated July as Literacy Month, a perfect time for Rotary clubs to develop their own literacy projects as well as raise awareness of Rotarian efforts worldwide to eradicate illiteracy.

Considerable progress has been made in recent decades in reducing illiteracy; yet, close to a billion people lack the most basic literacy and numeracy skills. Millions more are functionally illiterate, lacking the skills necessary to meet the demands of everyday life. UNESCO illuminates some of the greatest challenges for those tackling illiteracy:

- Ninety-eight percent of the world's illiterate population is in developing countries.
- Fifty percent of the world's illiterate people live in India and China.
- More than 50 percent of the population of Africa is illiterate.
- Two-thirds of all those who lack literacy and numeracy skills are women.
- More than 130 million school-age children are not attending classes.

'BEE' THERE AT THE 3RD ANNUAL FAMILY OF ROTARY BARBECUE / FARM TOUR

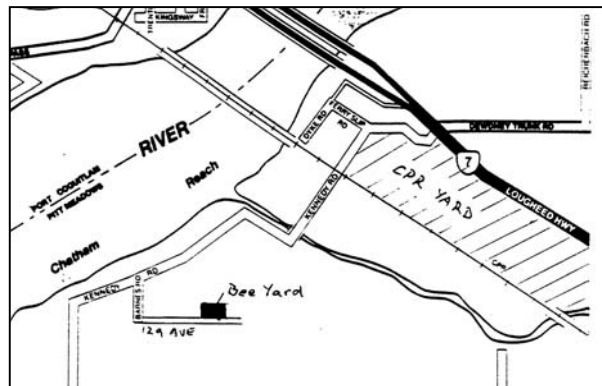
**Tuesday August 23, 7:00 pm at Vladimir & Zdenka's Honey Bee Farm.
This is a "By Donation" event; All donations to the Rotary Foundation!**

Location: 129th Ave., Pitt Meadows (across from Rod and Gun Club, off Kennedy Rd. and Barnes Rd.)

Vladimir and Zdenka, will be hosting once again this year this wonderful Family Barbecue + informative social. You'll be able to experience and find out everything there is to know about a "working honey bee farm" For the first time, this year we will also feature a "Live Auction" with all proceeds going DIRECTLY to the Rotary Foundation, plus a great barbecue **and** you might learn something new about bees too!

PLEASE BRING: **a folding chair** to sit on (if you have one).....some cash (or credit card!) for Rotary Foundation, a good appetite(the food is fantastic!), a happy face... and that's all you have to bring. Everything else will be provided (even wine!) by Vladimir and Zdenka, no cost to this great Family Social.

**PLEASE MARK DATE IN YOUR CALENDAR,
NO REGULAR MEETING August 23rd!**



The Four Way Flasher

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INVOCATION

July 26	Janice Armstrong	Aug. 2	Kevin Nosworthy
Aug. 9	Mina Park	Aug. 16	Ken Paterson

BINGO SCHEDULE

	6:15-8:15	8:00-10:00
August 11	Ken Paterson	Matt de Bruyn
Sep. 08	Diane Kirkland	Walter Volpatti

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

TODAY'S PROGRAM: Alan Lomax – Shelterbox

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM: Megan Fisher – RYLA Report

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
August 10	6:30pm	Joined meeting Haney Rotary	Meadow Gardens Golf Club
August 12	12:30	District 5050 GolFun 2005	Homestead Golf & Country Club, Lynden
August 23	7:00pm	Honey Barbecue at Vladimir's Farm	129 th Ave. Pitt Meadows
Sept. 6	noon	Visit of DG Harvey Jubie	
Sept. 17	7-10pm	Harvest Wine Festival	ACT

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

July 26: Vivian Hatiras July 30: Brian Bekar

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

July 27: Laurie & Lorna Anderson July 31: Sandy & Alison Wakeling

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$250+ 1/2 of today's sales, 47 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!



SERVICE Above Self

LAST WEEKS MEETING



This week was a very good week for our club. We were able to present two major donation cheques to very worthwhile charities. The first was gratefully received by Lola Chapman on behalf of the Youth Justice Advocacy group and was in the amount of \$10,713 raised with the help of Paul and the staff at the Gourmet Hideaway. The cheque was presented by our member Janice Armstrong, Inspector of the Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows RCMP detachment.

Then second was in the amount of \$26,000 for the Hospice Society raised by our most recent Cash Calendar campaign. Two very good results from our Rotary teamwork.

Our guest speaker continued on that vein by discussing the capacity to do much good for our community and internationally by tapping in to the "passion" each one of us has in order to do effective fund raising. Gene Vickers, the past president of the Port

Moody club spoke of his passion for Rotary and of how a very smart Rotarian changed him from being a knife and forker to being very involved and committed to Rotary and its works just by suggesting he take what's dear to him and run with it. When we look for new members we have to take a moment to reflect on all of the good we do as a club and impart that pride and enthusiasm to anyone who may be interested in getting that same feeling of accomplishment through Rotary. We currently have 45 members and we should each think about what motivates us and see if there is a way we can incorporate Rotary into that.

A very inspiring talk indeed, Gene also encourages us to proceed with the possibility of starting a new club in our area. Anybody interested in that challenge should speak to President Brian Bekar.

Submitted by Debi Pearce



LOLA'S LEGACY

From The News July 13, 2005

The work will never leave her heart, but she is leaving the work.



Lola Chapman will retire as co-ordinator of the Ridge Meadows Youth and Justice Advocacy Association at the end of this month, almost 11 years after starting the diversion program.

She remains modest about what she has accomplished since, despite overwhelming support in the community for the program.

I honestly don't know what to say when people tell me that what I have done is amazing. I just don't know how to react," she said. But what I can say is that all the work I have done is very valuable to me and means a lot."

Although she is reserved about her successes with the youth justice association, those who have met Chapman and worked with her since the association's inception in 1994, know just how much of an impact her work has had in the community.

Lola has a great legacy here," said Don MacLean, mayor of Pitt Meadows and chairman of the board for the youth diversion program. She's become a mother for most of the people she's worked with."

Chapman, 77, founded the youth and justice advocacy association in 1994. It aims to divert first-time young offenders from the court system and tries to stop them from re-offending.

What started out as a unique endeavour 11 years ago has become a model for programs across the province - many of which Chapman offered advice and guidance to. And although she is still a bit hesitant to do step away from the program, Chapman said she feels the association is at a point now where it will continue to strive even after she leaves. I do have concerns about leaving," she added. But I also feel like the community sees the benefits of the program, and there are so many dedicated volunteers that I believe even after I leave everything that was started will continue to carry on."

Throughout the years Chapman's work has earned her many recognitions, including a Governor General's meritorious service medal. But, looking back, Chapman said one of the most memorable moments she's had with the association was when she held her first committee meeting.

I remember meeting with three youths at that meeting, and walking away feeling six feet high," Chapman said. I will never forget the wonderful thrill I felt that day knowing the program was on its way."

Chapman, a former credit union manager and realtor, was inspired to start the program for young offenders after spending some time working with a local court-watch group called the Street Cleaners.

Having attended trials and seeing that issues such as violence and drugs were prevalent among local youth and the cause for most of their personal battles, Chapman decided she wanted to do something in the community to help them.

Remembering that she had read about a place in Virginia where the community was dealing with young offenders through a specialized program, she called its coordinators, got some information, and drafted her own plan for a similar program that would fit with the needs of Maple Ridge.

She presented her outline in May 1994 to then Maple Ridge Mayor Carl Durksen and former RCMP Insp. Gary House, as well as a local probation officer, lawyers, the school district superintendent and Member of Parliament - all of whom supported Chapman and gave her the go ahead to start up the association.

Since that time more than 1,300 youth have been referred to the Youth and Justice Advocacy Association, and Chapman said the success rate throughout the years for the program have varied between 86 to 96 per cent.

The program has never been about Lola, it's always been about the youth," said Gord Kehler, vice-president of Ridge Meadows Youth and Justice Advocacy Association. That's the amazing thing about Lola, she's always thought about the youth, and it's because of her the association has been so outstanding."

Currently the association is looking for a new co-ordinator, with the help of Chapman. Once that process is done, Chapman said she isn't sure what the future holds for her.

The association will never leave my heart," she said. I'm going to miss it terribly. But I am also accepting the fact that this is an end to one of the stages in my life, and I will just have to wait and see what's in store for me next."