

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

Water is often a resource taken for granted in the Pacific Northwest. We all get our fair share of rain and wonder if and when summer will actually start. However, as you are all well aware, many regions are not blessed with our moist climate.

As we begin our new year of service, I would like all of us to keep in mind the challenge presented by RI President Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar to move forward with clean water as a goal.

I would like each club to seriously consider how they can become involved in a water project to help promote clean water, the development of water resources, or conservation either abroad or here at home.

Did you know Rotary clubs in District 5030 in Seattle, Washington, USA; District 9200 in Ethiopia; and WaterPartners International are teaming up to bring safe water to Ethiopians in need? The project will benefit over 25,000 people residing in the poorest, drought-stricken regions of Ethiopia.

For the past 8 years, working with Lifewater International, the Rotary Clubs of Everett Port Gardner and South Everett/Mukilteo conducted joint water projects that have furnished 20,000+ Africans with access to clean water. These clubs provided equipment and technical training for local Mozambique crews, who now drill their own wells and install their own pumps. Together with the Rotary club of Polana in Mozambique, the Clubs have just been awarded a Matching Grant from The Rotary Foundation to expand this work. For more details on becoming involved in the Mozambique water project or how to start your own water project, contact Don Anderson of the Rotary Club of Everett Port Gardner. (drdmanderson@msn.com)

The Rotary International website also has many resources available to assist your club in becoming involved in a water project. The Water Resource Task force will provide information and support Rotary clubs and districts. Be sure to check out the RI site for more details.

I look forward to further discussing this important topic with your all during my District Governor visits.

Yours in Rotary,
District Governor Harv



Promotion of Clean Water

Local villagers using a well that was installed by Justino Macano and his crew in the vicinity of **Maxixie, Mozambique.**

Starting in 1995, Justino has received training and equipment in connection with several Rotary sponsored Lifewater trips.



The Four Way Flasher

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AUGUST IS THE ROTARY MONTH OF MEMBERSHIP AND EXTENSION

INVOCATION

Aug. 16	Mina Park	Aug. 30	Ken Paterson
Sep. 6	Debi Pearce	Sep. 13	Dot Ralston



SERVICE Above Self

BINGO SCHEDULE

	6:15-8:15	8:00-10:00
Sep. 08	Diane Kirkland	Walter Volpatti
Oct. 06	Gordy Robson	Mary Robson

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

TODAY'S PROGRAM: Eric Wright - Outbound Exchange Student

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM: Honey Barbecue at Vladimir's Farm

**Because of the 'Honey Barbecue' at Vladimir's,
next week there will be no regular meeting! (August 23rd)**

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
August 17	12 noon	Executive Meeting	Home Rest. 21667 Lougheed Hwy, MR
August 23	7:00pm	Honey Barbecue at Vladimir's Farm	129 th Ave. Pitt Meadows
Sept. 6	12 noon	Visit of DG Harvey Jubie	
Sept. 17	7-10pm	Harvest Wine Festival	ACT

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$300+ 1/2 of today's sales, 44 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

Happy Birthday

August 20: Janice Armstrong

August 21: Ron LePore

LAST WEEKS MEETING

Last week was a 'New Member' meeting, where we invite people, who express an interest to become a Rotarian, and we only had one guest. That's why Membership Chair Gord Robson asked, if we should skip the showing of the Rotary video, unless members still wanted to see it. Oddly enough there was only one person, who loved to see the video, but majority rules and the video showing was skipped.

We also had ADG Fred Reynolds as a guest, who presented a Presidential Citation to the Club. Each year the Rotary International President sets goals for each Club to meet. Clubs that achieve these goals are honoured by receiving the Presidential Citation Award. We did it!



Last week Wednesday we joined the Haney Rotary Club in their meeting. The guest-speaker was Dimitri Kondratiev from our 'Sister Club' in Novosibirsk. The topic was 'Democracy in Russia...Fact or Fiction'. It was very interesting with lots of questions from the audience. At the end Dimitri gave some gifts to Club Presidents Brian and Brian. Also Dave Rempel, as the driving force behind the Canada-Russia contacts, was not forgotten.



Hopefully we could have in the future more joined meetings with the Haney Club. This way you get to know your fellow Rotarians, who are so close by.



HARVEST WINE FEST DONATIONS

All Club members are asked to donate 2 bottles of wine or spirits, with a minimum value of \$15.00 each. (Absolutely NO home-made wines!) If you are unable to do so, we would ask you to just donate \$30.00 and a Committee member will buy the bottles for you.

These bottles will be used for our "Wine bottle Raffle" at the Harvest Wine Fest, September 17th. A really "fun raffle", and major part of the overall fundraising event. We REALLY need EVERY member to participate in this, otherwise we will not have enough bottles to make the "bottle raffle" successful.

Please bring your bottles ASAP to the lunch mtg. or to any Club member, who can deliver it to the meeting for you. (hand to Walter or Ineke, if cheque: make payable to MeadowRidge Rotary)

Thanks for your help and Please don't forget to sell lots of tickets (\$35.00 each) for the Harvest Wine Fest, our success depends on EVERYBODY'S participation!!



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

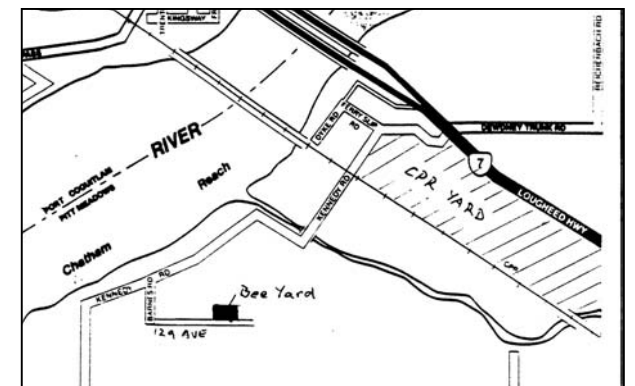


Tuesday August 23, 7:00 pm at Vladimir & Zdenka's Honey Bee Farm. This is a "By Donation" event; All donations to the Rotary Foundation!

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: 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.

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



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