



A truckload of ShelterBoxes arrives at a state park in Lake Charles, Louisiana.



Governor-elect James "Richard" Churchman and Police Juror Don Manuel pitch tents.

Rotarians from several districts and clubs are diligently working to provide refugees with shelter from the storm, as they have been since Hurricane Katrina made landfall on 29 August.

To date, their efforts have provided emergency accommodation for up to 24,000 survivors via 1,200 ShelterBoxes — containing tents and necessary equipment — delivered throughout the U.S. Gulf Coast.

"This is the first time [ShelterBoxes] are needed in the U.S. since there's standing water in a whole city," said Jerry Hearn, a past district governor of District 6960 and active member of Rotary Club of Lakewood Ranch, Florida, where ShelterBox is an ongoing community service project. Hearn's district was hit hard by Hurricane Charlie in 2004. "But it was nothing to this scale; we could stay in our homes," he said.

Due to the mass homelessness caused by Katrina, boxes were altered to accommodate two tents that house 10 people each. "We omitted 10 sleeping bags because the Salvation Army had enough cots for everyone," Hearn said.

The distribution of ShelterBoxes is one of the main Rotarian relief efforts for Katrina at this time, and it's being coordinated throughout the entire United States. Rotarians are working closely with agencies such as the Red Cross and Salvation Army. "We continue to let them know what we have," Hearn explained. "We don't just drop [the boxes] off."

Whether it's identifying campgrounds or other suitable places to set up tents or teaching the community how to best construct their ShelterBox villages, Rotarians are on the ground and making a difference.

"I do believe we're getting a handle on the areas that were affected," said RI Director Bob Stuart, a member of the Rotary Club of Springfield, Illinois. "We are trying to reach all evacuees."

According to Past District Governor Frank Bradshaw, a member of the Rotary Club of Lafayette South, Louisiana, 200 ShelterBoxes were taken to Katrina's ground zero in Gulfport, Mississippi. Lafayette and Lake Charles, Louisiana, were other early ShelterBox recipients.

The Houston Astrodome received 200 boxes, which were later distributed to areas such as Jackson, Mississippi, where there was a greater need for additional shelter. Atlanta, Georgia, is slated to receive 400 units for evacuees there. And Rotarians are working to determine how to get more ShelterBoxes to areas that remain destitute.

"Today it's the Delta south of New Orleans — there is very much need there," Hearn said. "In their recovery effort, they're where New Orleans was last week. The media was concentrating on New Orleans, and no one heard anything about these areas."

The ShelterBox project began in England but has since spread to Australia, Canada, and the United States. The Rotarian-sponsored groups ship units globally to areas in need.



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SEPTEMBER IS NEW GENERATIONS MONTH

INVOCATION

Sept. 13	Dot Ralston	Sept. 20	Debi Pearce
Sept. 27	Chad Reed	Oct. 4	Dave Rempel

BINGO SCHEDULE

	6:15-8:15	8:00-10:00
Sept. 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: Business Meeting – Community Service

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM: New Members' Installation –
Hugh MacDonald, Jennifer Redmond and Roger Powley

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Sept. 17	7-10pm	Harvest Wine Festival	ACT
Oct. 4		Sports Banquet	Meadow Gardens
Oct. 15	8:00am	5040 and 5050 Membership Seminar	Sunrise Banquet Centre, Surrey

Happy Birthday

September 19: Mina Park

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$358+ 1/2 of today's sales, 41 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!



SERVICE Above Self

Last Weeks Meeting



Last week our distinguished guests were District Governor Harv Jubie and his wife Jan and Assistant District Governor Fred Reynolds.

DG Harv hails from Marysville, Washington and he and his wife Jan have three daughters and 3 grandchildren. Harv is retired and hence has a lot of time to dedicate to Rotary and has been enjoying it a great deal. Jan volunteers with the local hospital gift shop and through the efforts of that organization helped raise \$100,000. DG Harv also volunteers in literacy projects as well as arts related projects.

He has also been very actively involved with the Guatemala Bookmobile project and has been down to Guatemala six times as a representative of Rotary. He informed us that the RI President is focusing on three areas, which include: Clean Water, Health & Hunger and Literacy.

There are many great projects a Rotary club and become involved in to help in any of these three avenues including, many "well" projects for clean water, Bookmobile projects for literacy and the Wheelchair project re Health & Hunger. Rotaplast is also an ongoing project to help children in third world countries, that are afflicted with cleft pallets. Volunteer doctors and Rotarians have already travelled to China to do 140 surgeries on children and in 2006 Rotary intends to go to Bolivia and do the same. They have already raised \$17,000 of the necessary \$30,000 to meet that goal.



DG Harv then presented a couple of awards to our members as follows:

Hands On Awards were presented to Cheryl Johnson for organizing the Wine Festival, Gord Robson for the Crystal Metz program, Bob Shantz for the Cash Calendar and Kevin Nosworthy for the Golf Tournament.

A very special Paul Harris was presented to Vladamir Cukor in recognition of his recent efforts, which

raised \$1,700 for our clubs contribution to the Foundation.

We were also informed that this years District Convention will be held in joint with District 5040 and will be held May 19/20, 2006 in Whistler. Also the International Convention will be held around the 3rd week in June in Copenhagen, Denmark. He highly recommends this experience for anyone who wants to get excited about Rotary again.

Submitted by Debi Pearce



HARVEST WINE FESTIVAL

Only 4 more days to go!

COOLERS:

If you own a cooler, could we please use it for the WineFest? We need the use of approx. 24 coolers to fill with ice and cool our bottles of wine for the event.

Please put your name on the bottom of the cooler (masking tape) and deliver to Pitt Meadows Tourist Information (Harris Road).

WINEFEST TICKETS:

If you still have un-sold tickets in your possession....PLEASE **SELL THEM**. We need all tickets sold. I need all money by Wednesday September 14! If I have not received your money by Wednesday night, I will consider the tickets you have SOLD and we will bill you for them!

The ACT needs our money Thursday morning 9 am and we will have to pay for any and all outstanding tickets.....so make sure to have your money in by Wednesday 14th.

Keep in mind that as a Rotarian you do pay for your own ticket (+ partner) If you have (non-Rotarian) volunteers (working the event min. of 1 hour), we have \$10.= Volunteer tickets for them.

Inform Ineke of # you need + names.

RAFFLE DONATIONS:

Donations to our "Theme Raffles" are coming in VERY SLOW. Bottom line, we don't have enough raffle donations. This is mainly the result of "over-canvassing" our wonderful supporters (bee barbecue, Sports' Banquet, Golf Tournament, Hospice Calendar, Wine Fest). We're always relying on the same group of people! But Our Raffle is replacing our Silent Auction and by far the largest income source of our Wine Fest. Even though we need less donations than in previous years, we still need more (only 22 so far!)

The themes are: Golf, Fishing (great outdoors), Skiing, Indulgence, Pampering, Connoisseur, Beach (great escapes) The themes we especially need stuff for are: Fishing (anything like :smoked salmon, fishing rod, tackle box, folding chair, fishing trip, row boat? etc. etc.) Skiing: (think of something like: warm vest, gloves, ski poles, toque, survival gear, après ski?, ski passes, snow shoes, goggles, sweater etc. etc.) But anything for any of the other themes is great too! Just let your imagination go wild!

WINE BOTTLES:

24 of our 43 members have so far donated 2 bottles of wine (min \$15 each) or \$30 cash for the wine bottle draw. Thank you very much to those people that did! This is a mandatory thing to all Club members though. **PLEASE WE NEED YOUR 2 BOTTLES OF WINE** for this portion of the event, we'll have a minimum of 300 guests.....48 bottles of wine is not going to look very good!

We need at least 150 bottles (including those donated by the wineries) Please, bring in your bottles to the Pitt Meadows Tourist Information Office on Harris Road.

VOLUNTEERS:

If you or somebody you know, are able to volunteer for a couple of hours or more (Friday night 6-10 or/and Saturday 10am-6 pm), please contact Maureen ASAP maureen.goodrick@interpretech.ca or 604-460-2878

Bottom line, we need some quick action, if you can help in **any way**, the Committee welcomes you. We're working as hard as we can.....but this is a large Club Fundraiser and we need some action NOW!

Thanks so much,
Harvest Wine Fest Committee