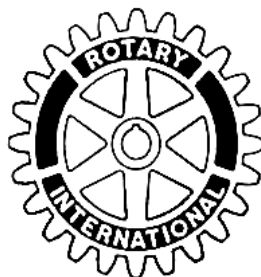


Meadowridge Rotary Raises over \$1500 plus tons of Food at the annual Santa Claus Parade!

Mayor Robson and RCMP Inspector Armstrong would like to pay tribute to their fellow Rotarians who came out in the cold and pushed shopping carts in the Annual Santa Claus parade to gather donations of cash and food for the Friends In Need Food Bank. This year Meadowridge Rotarians raised over \$1500 in cash which the organization desperately needs to help them meet their commitment to assist those folks in our community that need a helping hand. In addition to the cash, generous citizens of our community donated literally a ton of food. The Meadowridge Rotary Club would like to thank everyone who made a donation - you made the parade very special for all of us. The Friends In Need Food Bank needs your support now more than ever due to the recent robbery. Remember, The Friends In Need Food Bank does not collect door-to-door.



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INVOCATION

Jan. 10	Janice Armstrong	Jan. 17	Liz Attarmigirian
Jan. 24	Brian Bekar	Jan. 31	Anil Bharwani

BINGO SCHEDULE

	6:15-8:15	8:00-10:00
Dec. 29	Mina Park	Liz Attarmigirian
Jan. 26	Peter Boekhorst	Vivian Hatiras

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



SERVICE Above Self

No regular meeting on Dec. 27

**No regular meeting on Jan. 3, instead at noon a visit to the
Mission Mid-day Rotary Club**



**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND
A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR
TO ALL OF YOU.**



CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Dec. 27		Regular Meeting Cancelled!	
Jan. 3	noon	Visit to Mission Mid-day Rotary	Bellevue Hotel, 32998 1st Ave, Mission
Jan. 7	8am-2pm	Potential Rotary Leadership Seminar	Sunrise Banquet Centre 5640-188 St., Surrey

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$686+ 1/2 of today's sales, 29 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

LAST WEEKS MEETING



Sandra Taylor of the Asante Centre was presented with a cheque of \$500 by the Club.



Debbie MacRae presented Scott Fraser of the ACT with a cheque for \$660 for the Tree of Angels project.



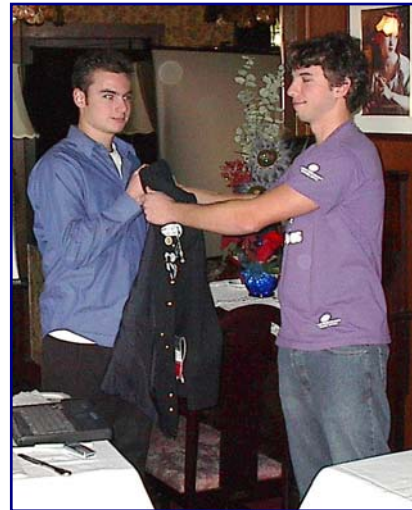
Michael Hayes of the Pitt Meadows Foundation presented Bob Shantz with a gift for the work he did for their society.

Eric Wright, our Rotary Exchange student who spent a year in France, attended the meeting and gave a presentation on his year aboard. He began his stay in a small village in the French Alps close by Switzerland and Italy. He won a French photo contest with a picture he took of the Alps.

He enjoyed snow boarding in the Savoie region, and “lived a dream”. He learned to speak French hanging out in the cafes in the medieval city of Annecy. “Life was a café”. School ran from 8 am – 5:30 pm with a two hour lunch.

He spoke highly of the connection and bond that he had with his host families. It was a real cultural exchange for Eric as he made friends with students from Mexico, Argentina and Russia. His family visited him for seven days and the family travelled together to Italy and Croatia.

Eric thanked the Club for giving him the opportunity to make the trip. He advised that his brother Ian will be applying for an upcoming exchange opportunity. He said that the exchange program promotes tolerance and peace, and enriches the lives of Rotarians involved.



Submitted by Lynda Lawrence



Beggar's Rhyme

Christmas is coming, the geese are getting fat,
Please to put a penny in the old man's hat;
If you haven't got a penny, a ha'penny will do,
If you haven't got a ha'penny, God bless you.



NO Regular Meeting next week, Dec. 27th (CANCELLED)

NO Regular Meeting Jan 3rd

Joined mtg. with the Mission Mid-Day Club at 12 Noon, at the Bellevue Hotel, 32998 1st Ave. in Mission. (park along N. Railway Ave)

