



The Zajac Ranch is a very special camp for children with disability and illness. It is a place where the children can just be “normal” and escape the rigors of hospital life. The Ranch provides a great Camp experience with all the safety and health precautions in mind. It is located at Stave Lake in Mission. Last year the Ranch worked with YMCA who assisted in the operation of the Ranch. This year the Ranch has hired a Camp Director from Toronto who is familiar with special needs to run the operation. In addition a Program Director was hired from Winnipeg. The Camp

Counselors are all students with medical or social work backgrounds. The Ranch also recently hired a Nursing Director who ensures the children with disabilities have a safe and invigorating experience at Zajac Ranch.

The Ranch is working with tomorrow’s leaders in training with 15 – 16 yrs olds. Also 17-18yrs olds are in leadership programs where the hope is they return as counselors the following year!

The Medical Centre is now complete and is a 24/7 facility serving the needs of children and can accommodate children on dialysis. The high rope course is set up and can be used by children ion wheelchairs. Also the climbing wall is now complete. The outdoor picnic area has been completed and features an in-ground BBQ pit and can host up to 100. There is a new Ars & Crafts Centre and a new Paddock area for the horses. The outdoor riding ring is complete and an indoor is in the plans.

The Ranch acknowledges the help of volunteer Doctors and Nurses who make the Ranch a possibility for seriously ill and disabled children to enjoy the Ranch. Sibling Camp is running where a sibling can enjoy and interact at Camp with the disabled sibling. At Camp the children feel normal and able to enjoy themselves and they can feel that they can do anything!

Carmen Zajac thanked out Clubs participation and support over the past several years and other Clubs are stepping forward to support the Ranch. Those Clubs are 2 clubs in Abbotsford and Vancouver and 1 in Chilliwack. This Ranch is truly an asset to the Children and Families of BC.

Carmen extended an offer to host a BBQ at the Ranch for our Rotary Club. We will discuss a lunch or dinner event coming at an upcoming meeting. We thank Carmen for the generous offer.

INSTALLATION OF VICKY MARTIN

With the participation of Bob Shantz, Ken Patterson and Stan Wade, Vicky Martin was installed as the newest member of o Meadowridge Rotary Club. Vicky Martin is the executive director for the Food Bank. She is very active in the community. Vicky lives in Chilliwack with her husband and 2 teenage boys. Congratulations Vicky on being our newest Rotarian. We hope your injury heals quickly! ☺



The Four Way Flasher

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INVOCATION

May 09	Diane Kirkland	May 16	Sharon Kyle
May 23	Lynda Lawrence	May 30	Ron LePore

BINGO SCHEDULE

	6:15 - 8:15	8:00 - 10:00
May 18	Vivian Hatiras	Debbie McRae
June 15	Mina Park	Brian Bekar

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

TODAY’S PROGRAM: GSE Team Thailand (Evening BBQ social at Dave Rempel)

NEXT WEEK’S PROGRAM: GSE Team – Thailand visit

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
May 09	5:00 p.m.	BBQ for GSE Team- Rempel Residence	10607 277 th Street, Maple Ridge
May 19-21		District 5040,5050 Conference	Whistler
May 23	6:30 p.m.	Youth Diversion Dinner	Gourmet Hideaway
May 24		Haney Rotary Golf Tournament	Swan-E-Set
June 11-14		RI Convention 2006	Malmo and Copenhagen
June 14		Haney Rotary Ladies Night	TBA
August 19	4:00 p.m	BBQ at Vladimir and Zdenka’s	The Bee Farm !



SERVICE Above Self

LAST WEEKS MEETING

GUESTS WERE: **Carnen Zajac**- Zajac Ranch; **Zenga** , wife of Vladimir; **Constable Robert Lemon**, guest of Mary Robson, **Mike Webb** and **Nick Ugualah** from the Esteem Team, guests of Dave Rempel

HAPPY/SAD: **Mary Robson** announced that the Mayor will shave the head of our Inspector, Jim Wakely at the Home Show which occurs this weekend. A pledge sheet was circulated and we quickly raised \$400. If we raise \$500 the Mayor will match our contribution. Funds raised benefit the hospital.

Ken Patterson announced that at this time on such a day sunny and bright he was married. Congratulation to the Pattersons for their 40th Wedding anniversary!

Mike Davies announced that he is resigning from our Rotary Club. We thank him for his past contributions. Gordy Robson introduced Mike to Rotary in 1992 and Mike was president in 1995.

PRESERVE PLANET EARTH

Information



Improving the environment has been central to Rotary service from the organization's earliest days. Spurred by the example of Rotary founder Paul Harris, who stopped to plant many a tree during his world travels, Rotarians have planted millions of trees, created parks large and small, and carried out recycling activities in communities all over the globe. In 1990, Rotary International endorsed a focus on Preserve Planet Earth as a way to promote awareness among Rotarians and increase the number of Rotary environmental service projects.

Reports from United Nations agencies and the World Bank underscore the urgency of preserving our planet:

- Without changes in water management, a third of the world's people will likely suffer from chronic water shortages in 30 years.
- In a 25-year span of the late 20th century, the world's natural forest cover declined about 10 percent, an area equivalent in size to England and Wales.
- Loss of forests and global warming are among factors aggravating the impact of natural disasters, resulting in great loss of life and displacement of people.
- Global energy use is increasing more than 2 percent a year, most of it from nonrenewable fossil fuels.
- pollution, mainly from cooking fires.
- As much as a third of all croplands worldwide have lost topsoil due to poor agricultural practices, and drylands are spreading in more than 100 countries.

Project Ideas

Through hands-on activities, educational programs, and innovative projects to reverse environmental deterioration, Rotary clubs and districts continue to make preserving the environment a service opportunity.

Demonstrate your commitment to preserving the environment by developing a project in your community. Below you'll find several ideas for community and international projects your club may want to consider.

- Support the creation of urban gardens, parks, woodlands, and greenbelts.
- Arrange a cleanup day along a river, lake, or ocean shore in your community.
- Promote the use of public transportation and ride-sharing.
- Assist poor communities to obtain safe water and sanitation systems.
- Publicize community health training that addresses the relationships between safe water, sanitation, and health.
- Organize a community program to collect and sort glass, paper products, and other recyclable items.
- Support innovative educational programs that emphasize the importance and interdependence of the ecosystem.
- Sponsor a service project that provides agricultural training, appropriate tools, and capital resources to small farmers.
- Give awards to local businesses or industries for ecologically sound extraction, production, design, packaging, and waste disposal practices.

Project Example ~ Recycling household wastes

The Rotary Club of Cerquillo, Brazil, organized a project to encourage community members to separate and recycle household trash, such as bottles, plastic, paper and cardboard, cans, and iron. These items are packed in plastic bags, collected by trucks, and sent to a storage area for later sale. The income derived from the sale is given to the Municipal School for the Assistance and Education of the Handicapped for the purchase of teaching materials, paint, equipment, and the like. The cost of the plastic bags used for trash collection is underwritten by the Cerquillo Solidarity Social Fund, relying on support from the Cerquillo municipality, which collects the separated trash.

ESTEEM TEAM PRESENTATIONS- MAY 16, 2006

- STEPHANIE HUME** **10:30 a.m.** Blue Mt. Elementary 12153 248th Street, Maple Ridge
P.604.463.6414 F.604.463.4955 Ms. Leslie Langford
1:15 p.m. Kanaka Creek Elementary 11120 234 A Street, Maple Ridge
P.604.467.9050 F.604.467.8073 Mr. Bruce Grady
- JUSTIN ABDOU** **10:30 a.m.** Alouette Elementary 22155 Isaac Crescent, Maple Ridge
P.604.463.8730 F. 604.463.3281 Mr. Kim Bondi
1:30 p.m. Haney Hooge Elementary 12280 230th Street, Maple Ridge
P.604.463.0866 F. 604.463.0821 Mr. Bob Many