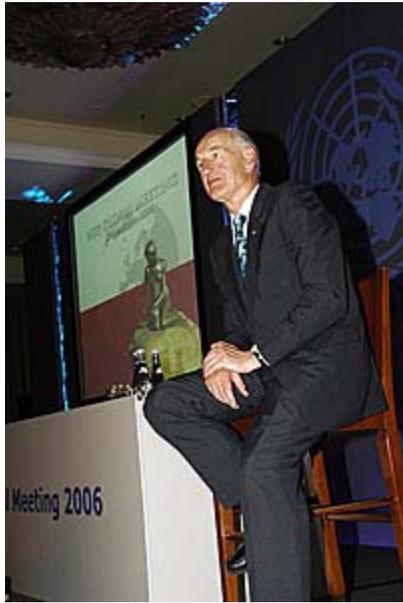


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President Bill Boyd at the award ceremony.

For Rotary International's role in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative and helping give more than two billion children a life free from polio, the World Food Programme (WFP), the United Nations' antihunger agency, honored Rotary with the WFP Award for Exemplary Humanitarian Leadership.

WFP Executive Director James Morris presented the award after brief remarks at the opening ceremony and dinner of the agency's global meeting in Copenhagen, Denmark, on 18 June.

RI President Bill Boyd, who received the honor on behalf of Rotary, said the world is 99 percent free of polio because of the unprecedented level of cooperation among governments and organizations involved with the effort.

"As much as Rotary has given to this project, in volunteer time and in financial contributions, we could not have begun to try to eliminate polio by ourselves," he noted in an acceptance speech. "The scope is simply too great."

Boyd said that the planning and teamwork that has gone into polio eradication can be applied to the goal of eliminating hunger, WFP's chief concern, on a global scale.

"If we work to fight hunger sustainably, by creating renewable supplies of food within the communities that lack them, we will always be moving forward," he said. "It is not something that anyone could achieve alone. But together, we will do our best. And every step that we take along the path to defeating hunger will be something to celebrate."

Attendees at the award dinner included UN Secretary General Kofi Annan, Danish Development Cooperation Minister Ulla Tornaes, and WFP goodwill ambassador Princess Haya of Jordan.



James Morris, executive director for the WFP, presents Boyd with Rotary's award.

RI will receive another award for its PolioPlus program in August. The organization is the overall winner of the 2006 Associations Make a Better World Award from the American Society of Association Executives (ASAE) and the Center for Association Leadership.



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INVOCATION

July 11	Ken Paterson	July 18	Debi Pearce
July 25	Dave Rempel	Aug. 1	Gord Robson

BINGO SCHEDULE

	6:15 - 8:15	8:00 - 10:00
July 13	Brian Bekar	Matt deBruyn
August 6	Doris Gagel	



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TODAY'S PROGRAM: Lewis Lukens – U.S. Consulate General

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM: RYLA

We need some volunteers at the Maple Ridge Caribbean Festival to man (woman) our information booth for the Harvest Wine Festival.

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
July 16	Noon -9pm	Caribbean Festival	224 th St. Maple Ridge
August 19	4:00pm	BBQ at Vladimir and Zdenka's	The Bee Farm – 129 th Ave. Pitt Meadows
August 22	Noon	DG Rod Thomson's Visit	
Sept. 16	7-10pm	Harvest Wine Fest	ACT

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TODAY'S SPEAKER: LEWIS LUKENS – CONSUL GENERAL FOR USA

Prior to his assignment as Consul General to Vancouver, Lewis Lukens served as Executive Secretary at the US Embassy Baghdad, managing the office that served as the nexus between policy and management issues in Iraq. From 2003 to 2004 Mr. Lukens served as Management Officer at the US Embassy Dublin, responsible for operational management of the embassy during a time that coincided with Ireland's EU Presidency. Mr. Lukens served in Washington from 1999 to 2002, first in the State Department's Executive Secretariat, then as Deputy Executive Secretary and Senior Director for Administration at the National Security Council.

Mr. Luken's previous assignments included postings in Sydney, Australia, Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire, and Guangzhou, China as well as work in the State Department's Operations Centre and as Special Assistant to the Director General of the Foreign Service.

Mr Lukens received a Masters in Public Policy from Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs in 2003. While at the Wilson School he concentrated in National Security Policy and Public Sector Management, and served as Academic Athletic Mentor to the men's lightweight rowing team. He also received his BA from Princeton, majoring in History.

Mr. Lukens is accompanied in Vancouver by his wife Lucy and his two daughters.

LAST WEEKS MEETING

Our guests this week were Bobbi Gottchalk, Michael Bright, Tony Iliou, and our Guest Speaker was Robert Morris.

The following announcements were made:

- Sharon advised that we had received tickets for the Main Stage productions as a thank you for the Club's donation. She advised that there were two tickets available for each night of the event if any Rotarians were interested in attending.
- They are seeking a GSE Team Leader for the spring of 2007 – destination currently unknown – if any members are interested in applying.
- Matt advised that he had presented the Firefighter Bursary to Brian Conroy earlier this week.
- Mary announced that our club along with the Haney Club had made a donation of \$2,500 to purchase the Bill Bennett book for the Fraser Valley Regional libraries. Bud Smith will be attending our club on August 29 to speak about the book and with attend the Haney Club on the 30th of August to speak with their members.
- Ineke advised that she had recently returned from the International Convention in Copenhagen. She volunteered as a Sergeant at Arms for the convention. She spoke highly of the "House of Friendship" where you can meet everyone attending the convention. She brought back a number of banners for our collection.



Marco introduced our Guest Speaker, Robert Morris, who hails from Thailand, and is the President Elect for his Rotary Club. Bob is a Hospital Administrative Advisor for the Banphaeo Hospital, who came to ask our club for some assistance with a project.

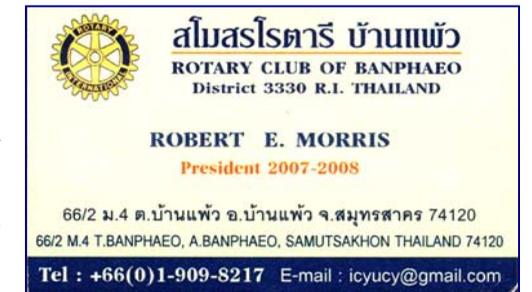
He advised that in 2003 they identified a critical health care problem. There are 220,000 people who require cataract eye surgery to lead a normal life., as they are unable to function due to their visual problem. In September of 2003 they began a cataract eye surgery program. They had no money, no ophthalmologists or health specialists to start. The government support was lacking as any government funding goes to Bangkok, and the upcountry area where Banphaeo is located is neglected.

The Rotary Club of Banphaeo raised \$161,000 to build a mobile operating facility. Non-government organizations, vendors and private donors have been approached to provide funding and medical volunteers. He has requested assistance from some of the other Rotary Clubs in Thailand, but most have other projects currently underway.

In 2006 the project is still operating at a deficit. The grants only cover equipment costs, not labour or administrative expenses. The government will pay \$25 USD for each patient, which covers the cost of the lenses only. The actual cost per patient is about \$112 USD. Although they have been able to get medical volunteers to perform the surgeries, they still need to cover the cost of the volunteer's airfare and living costs while they are in Thailand.

Bob asked us to consider partnering with his Club to help provide some funding for this project.

Submitted by Lynda Lawrence



HOSPICE CASH CALENDAR JULY WINNERS

1	\$20	Mary Davis	Maple Ridge	16	\$20	Evelyn Dubord	Maple Ridge
2	\$20	Alena Nemeth	Abbotsford	17	\$20	Gordon Radelet	Maple Ridge
3	\$20	Silvia Wilson	Port Coquitlam	18	\$20	Planting Plus	Maple Ridge
4	\$20	Fedles Potter	Osoyoos	19	\$20	Jim Penty	Port Coquitlam
5	\$20	Julie Stocky	Langley	20	\$20	SCDP	Maple Ridge
6	\$20	Shawn Mohajer	Maple Ridge	21	\$20	Sharyn Sutherland	Maple Ridge
7	\$20	Shawn Gundy	Maple Ridge	22	\$20	Gordon Simpson	Merritt
8	\$20	Linda Stribny	Maple Ridge	23	\$20	Virginia Kernel	Langley
9	\$20	Corrie Archer	Maple Ridge	24	\$20	D.J. Laverdure	Maple Ridge
10	\$20	Mr. & Mrs. L. Frank	Regina Sask	25	\$20	Karen Fetterer	Maple Ridge
11	\$20	Linda Cling	Chilliwack	26	\$20	Jim Murgatroyd	Maple Ridge
12	\$20	Don Albanese	Maple Ridge	27	\$20	Greg Shaugnessy	Cloverdale
13	\$20	Tammy Cherkowski	Maple Ridge	28	\$20	Ron Marr	North Van
14	\$20	Haydn Colley	Maple Ridge	29	\$20	Karen Gibson	Coquitlam
15	\$20	Tanna Woods	Maple Ridge	30	\$20	Rich Harding	Maple Ridge
				31	\$250	Judy Dueck	Maple Ridge