

## ESTEEM TEAM REPORT 2006

This year's Esteem Team visited 15 Elementary Schools and one Secondary with a total audience of 3,000 students from grades 4 to 9.

The Team consisted of Mitch Baker – Snowboarder, Justin Abdou – Wrestler, Mike Webber – Rugby, Nick Ugualah – Wrestler, and Stephanie Hume -Field Hockey.

The budget was \$2,500, while the Haney Club, led by Deddie Geese contributed an equal amount.

Thank you Kevin for arranging Rotarian participation at the Esteem Team presentations to the students. Matt DeBruyn, Deddie Geese, Maureen Goodrick, Kevin Noseworthy, Dave Rempel, Bob Shantz, Marco Terwiel and Stan Wade accompanied the athletes to our schools.

Those who were unable to attend, missed a great opportunity to enjoy the presentations by great athletes and to represent Rotary in our schools.

I received some e-mails from principals and talked to many more during year-end district events. All were clear on one point- please continue to sponsor the Esteem Team program for our students - our future (Rotarians).

**Dave Rempel**

## THINK YOU'VE HEARD IT ALL?

### Too Cheap!

Some guy bought a new fridge for his house. To get rid of his old fridge, he put it in his front yard and hung a sign on it saying: "Free to good home. You want it, you take it". For three days the fridge sat there without even one person looking twice at it.

He eventually decided that people were too untrusting of this deal.

It looked too good to be true, so he changed the sign to read: "Fridge for sale \$50".

The next day someone stole it.

### 24/7 Tech Support

I used to work in technical support for a 24/7 call center. One day I got a call from an individual who asked what hours the call center was open. I told him, "The number you dialled is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week."

He responded, "Is that Eastern or Pacific time?"

Wanting to end the call quickly, I said, "Uh, Pacific" . . . . .

### Airline Attendant

I couldn't find my luggage at the airport baggage area. So I went to the lost luggage office and told the woman there that my bags never showed up. She smiled and told me not to worry because she was a trained professional and I was in good hands. "Now first," she asked me, "has your plane arrived yet?"

### Pizza

While working at a Pizza Parlour, I observed a man ordering a small pizza to go. He appeared to be alone and the cook asked him if he would like it cut into 4 pieces or 6.

He thought about it for some time before responding, "just cut it into 4 pieces; I don't think I'm hungry enough to eat 6!"



# The Four Way Flasher

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### INVOCATION

<b>July 18</b>	Debi Pearce	<b>July 25</b>	Dave Rempel
<b>Aug. 1</b>	Gord Robson	<b>Aug. 8</b>	Mary Robson

### BINGO SCHEDULE

	<b>6:15 - 8:15</b>	<b>8:00 - 10:00</b>
<b>August 10</b>	Doris Gagel	
<b>Sept. 07</b>	Mary Robson	Gord Robson



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**TODAY'S PROGRAM:** RYLA

**NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM:** Cheryl Johnson-  
Director of Tourism Maple Ridge & Pitt Meadows

### CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
July 19	Noon	Executive Meeting	Home Restaurant, MR
August 19	4:00pm	BBQ at Vladimir and Zdenka's	The Bee Farm – 129 <sup>th</sup> Ave. Pitt Meadows
August 22	Noon	<b>DG Rod Thomson's Visit</b>	
Sept. 16	7-10pm	Harvest Wine Fest	ACT

**50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$240.00+ 1/2 of today's sales, 42 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!**

## LAST WEEKS MEETING

This weeks guests were: our last years Exchange Student Leo Krekeler, visiting from Germany  
Irena Shantz, wife of Bob Shantz  
Alex Bodding, RCMP guest of Mary Robson  
Jeremy Bekar, son and guest of Brian Bekar, returning from New York

Rotary Friends who are not well: Hilton Haider is not doing well. Our club will send flowers to Hilton who is at Royal Columbian Hospital. Our thoughts are with Hilton and his family at this difficult time. Ken Knuttila is suffering from Congestive Heart Failure and is now resting and recuperating at home. Flowers will be sent to Ken Knuttila on behalf of all of us in the Club.



Special Guest Lewis Lukens from the US Consulate was our speaker today. The Consulate he manages covers all of B.C. and the Yukon Territory.

He has been speaking and reaching out to Rotary Clubs around the Lower Mainland as well as Chambers of Commerce to get to know Canadians and find out what is important to us. The District 50/50 that our club belongs to represents a great co-operative feel between our two countries. Mr. Lukens sees his department as the "eyes and ears" to the US Ambassador for Canada. There is a US Embassy in Ottawa and 7 consulates across Canada.

At the US Consulate downtown there are 62 employees, 32 Americans and 30 Canadians. The Consulate works with American authorities such as the DEA, ATF, Homeland Security and they co-operate and work closely with RCMP, CESIS and other Canadian authorities on a range of cross border issues ranging from drug trafficking, people smuggling, gangs and terrorism. They also process some 40,000 visa applications per year.

Trade Issues: The USA Canada relationship is huge! It is 500 Billion per year or 1.5Billion per day! Canada exports more to the Home Depot in Atlanta, Georgia alone than to France as a whole. USA trades with Ontario is more than all of Japan. Also on the tourism front, 2.1 Million Canadians travel abroad (not USA) compared to 10 Million Canadians travelling to the top 10 destinations in the USA.

The cross border issue is hot right now. Mr. Lukens told us that the US Congress has passed law, requiring passports for Canadians and Americans re-entering the USA by 2008. We have the longest relatively undefended border in the world. Local communities are affected as are school groups and hockey teams, travelling to play across the border, but the US feels that with standardized documentation the border wait times may be reduced.

Mr. Lukens is optimistic about a deal on Softwood lumber, that was recently initialled by both countries. There are so many lawsuits on both sides of the border and although both sides cannot be 100% satisfied, there is hopefully enough to make the deal. Both sides government and industry want to agree.

Mr. Lukens recently returned from Baghdad and recounts his experience there as very restrictive and terrifying. He stayed in an inner compound within the Green Zone in a small trailer with shared facilities, where he basically worked and did not leave the compound as a promise to his wife. He said it was very scary to hear mortar fire and bombs shaking buildings on a regular basis. He said he lost some friends, who were shot at in

the compound at the green zone. It was dangerous work but he came away with a sense that he was doing important work there.

Mr. Lukens is thrilled to be in Vancouver for the next 3 years with his family.

Submitted by Vivian Hatiras

## 6<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MAPLE RIDGE CARIBBEAN FESTIVAL PRESENTED BY MEADOWRIDGE ROTARY CLUB

Last Sunday, July 16th, a very successful Caribbean Festival took place in downtown Maple Ridge.



It attracted approx. 22,000 people to the streets of our beautiful Municipality.....and what a fantastic Caribbean party it was!!! Raving reviews from all who attended. Attendees came from as far as Seattle, Nanaimo, Victoria, Kelowna, but also from all over the Lower Mainland.

This year's Festival was possible thanks to a \$5,000.= donation from our Club to the Festival, which is a FREE Festival to all who attend. The donation was funded from the proceeds of the 2005 Harvest Wine Festival proceeds.

Some of our members volunteered to represent our Club in the MeadowRidge Rotary booth and provided information about Rotary in general and in particular about our upcoming Harvest Wine Festival on September 16<sup>th</sup>. We also launched the ticket sales for this year's Harvest Wine Festival.

The Maple Ridge Caribbean Festival Society wishes to once again hereby thank the MeadowRidge Rotary Club for their generous donation. The Maple Ridge Caribbean Festival Society is a non-profit organization, which consists of 6 very hard

working people, giving their time and energy to provide Maple Ridge with a FREE family oriented Caribbean style, "Festival" attraction, designed to generate tourism for our Community. After these last 6 successful years, we can truly say, that we succeeded in our initial dream!

Tickets for the Harvest Wine Festival are **now available** from Ineke (\$35.00 each) or the ACT (\$38.50)

Submitted by Ineke Boekhorst

