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All Club members are asked to donate a "good" BOTTLE OF WINE from either Australia, France or "International" with a minimum value of \$30.00 (Absolutely NO home-made wines!). If you are unable to do so, we would ask you to just donate \$30.00 and a Committee member will buy the bottle for you.



These bottles will be used for our "Live Auction" at the Harvest Wine Fest, September 16th. We will have Fred Armstrong auctioneering off 2 exquisite "wine cellars"!

As you can see, we really need **every** member to participate in this, otherwise we will not have enough bottles to make this new and exciting "wine cellar-auction" successful.

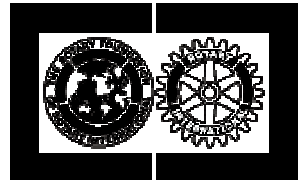
Please bring your bottle ASAP to the lunch meeting or to any Club member, who can deliver it to the meeting for you. (hand to Walter or Ineke, if cheque: make payable to MeadowRidge Rotary)

Thanks for your help and Please don't forget to sell lots of tickets (\$35.00 each) for the Harvest Wine Fest, our success depends on EVERYBODY'S participation!!

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE FROM INEKE

ABOUT THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

The Rotary Foundation is a not-for-profit corporation that supports the efforts of Rotary International to achieve world understanding and peace through international humanitarian, educational, and cultural exchange programs. It is supported solely by voluntary contributions from Rotarians and friends of the Foundation who share its vision of a better world.



The Foundation was created in 1917 by Rotary International's sixth president, Arch C. Klumph, as an endowment fund for Rotary "to do good in the world." It has grown from an initial contribution of US\$26.50 to more than US\$117.9 million contributed in 2004-05. Its event-filled history is a story of Rotarians learning the value of service to humanity.

The Foundation's Humanitarian Programs fund international Rotary club and district projects to improve the quality of life, providing health care, clean water, food, education, and other essential needs primarily in the developing world. One of the major Humanitarian Programs is PolioPlus, which seeks to eradicate the poliovirus worldwide. Through its Educational Programs, the Foundation provides funding for some 1,200 students to study abroad each year. Grants are also awarded to university teachers to teach in developing countries and for exchanges of business and professional people.



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AUGUST IS MEMBERSHIP & EXTENSION MONTH

INVOCATION

Aug. 22	Marco Terwiel	Aug. 29	Walter Volpatti
Sep. 5	Stan Wade	Sep. 12	Sandy Wakeling

BINGO SCHEDULE

	6:15 - 8:15	8:00 - 10:00
Sept. 07	Mary Robson	Gord Robson
Oct. 05	Debbie MacRae	Walter Volpatti



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

TODAY'S PROGRAM: Today we will install 4 new members: Fraser Stamp-Vincent, Bobbi Gottschalk, Nizar Virani, and Valerie Spurrell

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM: ??

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Sept. 16	7-10pm	Harvest Wine Fest	ACT
Nov. 7		Sports Banquet	Meadow Gardens

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$335.00+ 1/2 of today's sales, 38 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

LAST WEEKS MEETING

Our Guests were Caitlin Green, Glenda Williams, Jamie Sin, Errica An and our Guest Speaker Bill Neale. Rotarian Sandy Wakeling returned this week. It's great to have Sandy with us again.

Bill Neale, President of William R. Neale & Associates, which specializes in Business Development & Management in the Transportation & Communications sector, came to speak to us about the Pitt Meadows Airport. Mr. Neale has been the Manager of the airport since 2001.

He gave us a brief history of the airport beginning in 1916 when the airstrip was ran by the Aero Club of British Columbia. In 1963 the Federal Government expanded the facilities constructing a satellite facility to the Vancouver International Airport. It was built like a miniature version of the Vancouver facility.

1972 – 1973 the airport was the busiest in Canada with approximately 250,000 flights a year. Later the Boundary Bay Airport opened to the general public taking away some of the flights. The mid '80s recession resulted in the airport being used less and less as a training facility. New uses for some of the land was required resulting in land leases to Van Vloten Nurseries and others.

In 1998 the Crown transferred the airport to the Airport Society. Seven Directors, local businessmen, ran the airport without the assistance of a manager. Then the pilots tried to run the facilities themselves with volunteer committees, which over a period of time resulted in deteriorating infrastructure.

In 2001, Craig Richmond coerced Mr. Neale to get involved with the airport.

Bill has 30 years experience in the telecommunications industry and has been a pilot for over 30 years. Bill instigated a 15 year development plan to diversify the airport. As Vancouver International handles the large carriers and Abbotsford Airport handles the charters, the Pitt Meadows Airport is looking at the regional carrier niche.

Over 700 acres of land, land that would not be used for aviation, is being utilized to raise long term revenue for the airport. In late 2007 they will be developing land to link with the new bridge. The primary purpose of the airport will be for recreational aircraft. In the last four years, a half a million square feet of hanger space has been constructed.

“Driving Unlimited” the largest driver training facility in Canada has signed a contract for the north side of the airport. The company provides driver training for the RCMP, Justice Institute, BC Hydro, etc. They are developing a 10 acre parking lot which will generate \$250,000. - \$300,000. a year in revenue.

Transport Canada is installing a navigation system, and the airport will be providing regional scheduled service to Victoria, Prince George, Fort Nelson, Kelowna, Kamloops, Spokane, etc. By 2008 the airport will be a central hub for carriers such as Coast Mountain Air and Air Canada Jazz



They are also constructing a seaplane facility, which will provide scheduled service to Victoria and Nanaimo starting later this year. Within the next two years they are planning on constructing a restaurant on the river. There is also a light industrial park in the future plans. 2010 will see the airport as a hub for helicopters transporting VIPs, media, etc. to the Olympics.

Saturday August 19th is the Pitt Meadows Airport Day. This is a family event without cost to the public. Last year they had about 10,000 people out for the event.

Submitted by Lynda Lawrence

BEE BEE Q



Saturday August 20th, Vladimir & Zdenka invited all of us once more, to share in the 4th Annual Bee Farm Barbecue.....and what a "Honey of an Event" it was! Vladimir and Zdenka went all out as they hosted this fabulous social at their "Real Life Bee Farm", totally and completely on their own expense.

22 of our members attended, with or without partner and/or children (or grand children) and some invited personal friends and family of Vlad and Zdenka, for a total of some 65 people in attendance! The Kroatian food was fantastic (Zdenka you're an amazing cook!) and the music was beautiful (thanks sooo much Robert Campbell & Cailin

Green), the company was great.....and then, there was the Auction! Wow Dave, you're just a born "Auctioneer in disguise"! You did a superb job in auctioning off the items (mostly supplied by members, Vlad & Zdenka, or collected from friends etc.)

The financial bottom line, as the whole night was ...nothing short of "just grand" as well!

Total voluntary donations for the dinner: \$1210.= (everybody will receive a "taxreceipt" through MeadowRidge Rotary Foundation)

Total proceeds of the "Auctioneer Dave -show" Auction: \$1575.=

Honey-sales...Vladimir also donated 25% of honey-sales back to the Rotary Foundation....total to Club \$ 50.00

For a GRAND total of \$ 2835.=

(last year's proceeds \$ 1800.=)

All proceeds to go to Rotary Foundation as per request of Vladimir and Zdenka.



This was a WONDERFUL Event...and if you missed it.....well, really too bad for you, as you missed a great Club Social, where everybody in attendance had a super time, thanks to the generosity and hospitality of the Cukor's.

A great big THANK YOU TO VLADIMIR AND ZDENKA!

Thanks for the fellowship, for all your generosity, time and effort to organize and "conduct" this "fun"tastic night under the tent" in Pitt Meadows! We all enjoyed it immensely!!

Submitted by Ineke