



SPORTS BANQUET 2006

November 7 at Meadow Gardens

- 6 pm No host bar
- 7 pm Banquet begins

John McKeachie is the Emcee and there will be two new Home Town Heroes announced at the banquet

Tickets are \$125 - \$100 tax receipt will be issued.

We will need several volunteers!

For more information or to volunteer – contact Mary
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OPENING OF NEW HOSPICE FACILITY



The Ridge Meadows Hospice Society finally has its own place.

The hospice was founded 26 years ago by Edna Trethewey. The goal was always to have a permanent home, a place where people could go to spend their last days if home wasn't suitable. They envisioned a place that would welcome families and support grieving.

But, since the society began in 1980, volunteers have been making do without such a facility. They've been spending about four hours each week going into the homes of the dying, propping up the family in any way they can, and being there to assist once death has come and grieving truly begins.

This month, however, the hospice society volunteers will get the home Trethewey envisioned when the 10-bed McKinney Creek Hospice opens adjacent to Ridge Meadows Hospital.

In 2004 the Meadow Ridge Rotary Club pledged \$100,000 over three years. It raised the money through the sales of the Hospice Cash Calendar.



The Four Way Flasher

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OCTOBER IS VOCATIONAL SERVICES MONTH

INVOCATION

Oct. 10	Anil Bharwani	Oct. 17	Ineke Boekhorst
Oct. 24	Peter Boekhorst	Oct. 31	

BINGO SCHEDULE

	6:15 - 8:15	8:00 - 10:00
Nov. 02	Bob Shantz	Dave Rempel
Nov. 30	Marco Terwiel	Anil Bharwani



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

TODAY'S PROGRAM: ??

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM: Hugh Burke – Headmaster, Meadowridge School

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Oct. 24	noon	DG's Visit – Rod Thompson	
Nov. 7	6pm	Sports Banquet	Meadow Gardens
Jan. 20		Zone Regional Rotary Foundation Seminar	Delta Vancouver Airport Hotel

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$0.00+ 1/2 of today's sales, 52 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

LAST WEEKS MEETING

Our guests were Darlene Kee, Julia and Veronica (guests of Mina's), Wendy Lindvik of HSBC (guest of Brian Bekar) and former Attorney General Bud Smith (friend of the Robsons).

Mike Davies presented a cheque of \$500 to Alice Sellers for her Virtues 'R' Reality Society. See the Four Way Flasher from Sep. 5, 2006 for a detailed presentation of this Society.

Dave gave a brief report on the Rotary Lacrosse Court Dedication that he attended. Sharon advised that the Care Life Building would be opening that evening and the club will be presenting a cheque to the Hospice Society.

Mary gave a report on the Maple Ridge Youth Forum on Meth which took place on Saturday September 30th. She said that the event was well attended and that 60% of those that attended were youth. The Victoria Crystal Meth Society gave the presentation. The next forum is in Pitt Meadows on October 14th and the Tri-City group will be presenting their Meth In Excess program. Then on October 21st the Katzie forum will take place. The Ministry of Education has also announced that they are launching a meth program.

Mary also announced that the Sports Banquet ticket sales are going well. 17 of 20 tables are already sold.



Lynda won the 50/50 draw. The jackpot was \$460.00 and she donated half of it to The RI Foundation.



Gordy introduced Bud Smith whom he met in 1981, and who he considers one of his best friends. Bud is currently touring and promoting the Bill Bennett book – "Bill Bennett, a Mandarin's View", written by Bob Plecas.

Bud began by thanking the club for helping to fund the distribution of the book to public libraries, universities, seniors' centres, etc. Bud admits to being an admirer of Bennett's, and was his Executive Secretary in Victoria.

Bud said that British Columbian's do not spend enough time studying politics, and in a sense BC is still a frontier province. The media spends most of its energy focusing on motives not education, which results in a reactionary government based on the polls.

Most politicians in BC are in politics as a long term career, but not Bennett. He voluntarily left public office. He has made two speeches this year, his first since 1986. Bennett believed that all should contribute to public service and that public service done well is its' own reward. Bennett came, served and left politics.

In 1982 Bud went to work for Bennett. Bennett gave him two pieces of advice – serving in the Premier's office you'll have lots of friends that seem to really like you that don't, and there are endless levers of power you can pull but you need to learn which levers not to pull.

In 1973 Bennett was MLA, in 1975 he became Premier and in 1986 on May 22 he resigned. He had an enormous and lasting impact on British Columbia. During his time in power there was the integration of Community Colleges, health and science research related to cancer, trade with Japan and Asia opened up, Asians were taught construction at BCIT which helped the lumber trade, the movie industry started up, tourism grew with cruise trade and 1986 Expo, which showcased British Columbia.



Bob Plecas, who wrote this book, served under six Premiers and 25 Cabinet Ministers. He took two years of his life to research and write this book with no compensation.

They sought a publisher for the project. There was no interest and they were told the book would never get written, no one would buy it and there had to be a \$50,000 guarantee. There was no help available from government agencies. The publishers, Douglas & McIntyre, were surprised that the book was finished on time. It was on the BC Top 10 Best Sellers list for two months. The recorded interviews that Bob Plecas did, will be donated to universities for future studies.

Bud said that Bennett is a shy quiet private person who believed he had a duty to serve in public office. He stayed eleven years. He was extremely focused on principle, and maintained his concentration on the whole picture.

Bud advised that the Skytrain project was a significant battle to get completed and that having no drivers on the train has saved 100s of millions of dollars. The train was to go further east up both sides of the Fraser River, but this has not happened to date.

Bud was born and raised in Kamloops as were his grandfather, father and his own children. He was a high school drop out who worked in construction for Ben Ginter. He then went to law school and practised law for eight years. He was involved in the provincial government as an MLA. He is now involved in the travel business as well as an engineering company.

Ken presented Bud with a cheque payable to the 104 Historical Education Society for our club's contribution to this project. This is a registered society that got its' unusual name from the time when BC joined Canada in Confederation until the time Bill Bennett took the reins, 104 years.

Submitted by Lynda Lawrence