

2006 Sports Banquet Pictures



The Hosts Mary and Gord Robson



Emcee John McKeachie



Brett Sonne signs his poster



Natalie Jones is happy to put down her signature



The Four Way Flasher

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NOVEMBER IS ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH

INVOCATION

Nov. 14	Vladimir Cukor	Nov. 21	Mike Davies
Nov. 28	Matt DeBruyn	Dec. 5	Brian Fox

BINGO SCHEDULE

	6:15 - 8:15	8:00 - 10:00
Nov. 30	Marco Terwiel	Anil Bharwani
Dec. 28	Dave Rempel	Hugh MacDonald

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TODAY'S PROGRAM: Who's who

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM: Constable Derek Keist – Identity Theft

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Nov 17	5:45pm	D5050 Foundation Dinner - \$55.00 USD	The Skagit Hotel Resort
Jan. 19	6:00pm	Regional PolioPlus Dinner - \$80.00 CAD	Delta Vancouver Airport Hotel
Jan. 20	8:30pm	Regional Rotary Foundation Seminar - \$40 CAD	Delta Vancouver Airport Hotel



LAST WEEKS MEETING

Bob Shantz chaired the meeting. Our guests were Janet Laity, who is helping Mary with the Sports Banquet, and Jenn Dawkins, a Vancouver Firefighter and a member of the Esteem Team who will be leading a GSE this year. Our Guest Speakers were Suzette Fram and Lynn Thomas of the Garibaldi Art Club.

Mike Davies presented \$500. to the Friends In Need Foodbank for food, and \$2,500. was donated to the Meals On Wheels program.

Vladimir announced that they have won the Golden Spoon Award again for their honey. He also announced that \$7,000 USD has been raised by the club members for the Rotary Foundation.

Bob announced that the Hospital Foundation Fundraiser had raised \$122,000.

Matt advised that Hilton is not doing well, but will receive his 35 year Gold Bar on Tuesday November 7th.

Suzette Fram, who is the President of the Garibaldi Art Club and Lynn Thomas – Past President, were our Guest Speakers. Lynn gave a brief history of the Club. It was started 47 years ago in 1959, when a group of artists met at Maple Ridge Senior Secondary. The then Club moved by the old Seniors' Centre.

Lynn has been with the Club for 20 years, about the time the municipality gave the Club a room to use at Haney Place to paint. They then moved to the Haney Plaza while the theatre complex was being built.

The Club started a fundraising campaign twelve years ago and were successful in raising \$10,000. which was used for lighting at their new facilities located at the ACT. Their new location has allowed them a place to paint on Monday and Tuesday evenings. It has also provide storage for the club. The facility is run by volunteers.

The Arts Club has 80 members ranging from high school students to those in their 80's. The group is comprised of more women than men, and includes both hobby and professional painters. They do exhibitions, painting get-togethers and workshops.

Lynn and Suzette expressed their gratitude for the grant of \$5,000, that Bob presented on behalf of our club. They will use the money towards purchasing new panels for their exhibitions, which can cost between \$8,000. - \$10,000. There will be a dedication ceremony held, and our club will be invited.

Submitted by Lynda Lawrence

GARIBALDI ART CLUB SHOW

On November 3-5 the Garibaldi Art Club held an art show in the ACT, where we also had the official presentation of the \$5000 cheque to the Garibaldi Art Club. This donation was a part of this year's Harvest Wine Fest proceeds.

What better way to reflect the feelings of the Garibaldi Art Club than to reprint an acknowledgement in their program:

A Very Special Thank You

to the MeadowRidge Rotary Club, for giving us the opportunity to participate in their 2006 Wine Festival, and for the substantial grant which they are making towards the purchase of new exhibition panels for our club. New panels have been needed for some time and we are thrilled that, with the Rotary Club's grant, we will be in a position to purchase new panels in the coming year.

**Sharon presented the cheque to Suzette Fram
Ineke and Cheryl represented the Harvest Wine Festival**



MEADOWRIDGE ROTARY 2006 SPORTS BANQUET

Last week Tuesday (November 7th) we had a very successful 16th Annual Sports Banquet.

Following is an excerpt from the welcome speech, President Sharon gave at the beginning of the evening:

This year the Club is proud to be the main sponsor of the new lacrosse box located at Maple Ridge Senior Secondary, which is providing a facility not only for Ridge Meadows Minor Lacrosse Association, but other youth sports organizations which are experiencing a dramatic increase in enrolment. We are also proud to be involved in the second artificial turf field in our community, which will be located at Westview Senior Secondary.

These projects are possible because of the partnerships, which have a common goal of providing more facilities for our youth and they include the Ridge Meadows School District, the Ridge Meadows Parks and Leisure and the Ridge Meadows Minor League Sports Associations. The need is there, the demand is there, and MeadowRidge Rotary is committed to continue working with these partners to expand and enhance our youth sport facilities.

Ridge Meadows is a growing community that has the highest number of kids per households – more than any other community in the province. When every minor league sports organization in our community has facilities equal to, or better than, anywhere else in the province, our mission will be accomplished. We believe we cannot have too many facilities for our youth.

A main facet of the Sports Banquet is the 'Home Town Heroes' program. This year we could add two more names to the list of 24 Home Town Heroes: Natalie Jones – Equestrian, and Brett Sonne – Ice Hockey.

The posters are displayed in various locations in the community, and we like to think that when the kids see the posters in the rec centres, their schools and commercial establishments, that it will contribute however slightly in the realization that they "can get there from here".

See the back page for some pictures from the evening.

