

DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

Rotary is an organization uniquely positioned to provide service next door, or around the world. Through our network of clubs in more than 170 countries we provide service in our communities and through The Rotary Foundation to people half a world away.

Through more than 100 years of service, Rotary has adjusted to the challenges of a changing world and the admission of new countries and cultures into the family of Rotary.

While the structural and administrative functions of Rotary and the district are not always fascinating, they are of course important, providing a framework for our service.

Over the next couple months District 5050 will move down the path toward Incorporation as a not for profit entity. Club presidents were invited to a meeting in January to review the proposed Articles of Incorporation, hear the rationale behind the move, and discuss any questions or concerns they have on behalf of their clubs. Soon each club will receive a mail ballot pursuant to the RI prescribed method for Incorporation.

I encourage each of you to ask any questions you may have about Incorporation and, after considering the response, I seek your support for this initiative.

In April PDG Dave Robinson will represent D5050 at the Council on Legislation in Evanston. Every three years the Council meets to consider and adopt legislation proposed and endorsed by Rotary clubs, districts and the Board of Directors.

This year more than 300 resolutions have been included for consideration by delegates. Some are purely administrative, and others speak to our core values. Sometimes legislation is presented in direct opposition to the submission following! Clearly the challenge faced by delegates is daunting.

PDG Dave is a knowledgeable Rotarian with experience at the Club, District, Zone and International levels. He will act in what he believes are the best interests of Rotary and D5050. That said, if you have an interest in shaping the future of our great organization, you can view the proposals on the RI website and give Dave your comments on proposals you feel strongly about.

I believe structure can influence outcomes. As we adjust and amend the structure of our district and Rotary International to meet the needs of all Rotarians, I believe we will have stronger, more effective clubs.

Thank you for all you do for Rotary, and plan now to Celebrate our Success May 31 to June 2 at the Harrison Resort!

DG Rod Thomson

For those of you, who didn't know it yet,
here are some important web sites you could brows frequently:

Rotary International: www.rotary.org
District 5050: www.district5050.org
Our website: www3.telus.net/MeadowRidge_Rotary



The Four Way Flasher

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February is World Understanding Month

INVOCATION

| | | | |
|----------------|----------------|----------------|-------------|
| Feb. 13 | Ken Knuttila | Feb. 20 | Sharon Kyle |
| Feb. 27 | Lynda Lawrence | Mar. 6 | Ron LePore |

BINGO SCHEDULE

| | 6:15 - 8:15 | 8:00 - 10:00 |
|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Feb. 22 | Laurie Anderson | Ken Paterson |
| March 22 | Sharon Kyle | Valerie Spurrell |

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



No Community Services meeting on Tues. Feb 13th : this afternoon!

TODAY'S PROGRAM: Sean Hogan - RYLA Presentation

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM: t.b.d.

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

| Date | Time | Event | Venue |
|---------------|--------|---------------------|----------------------------------|
| Apr. 14 | 8:00am | District Assembly | Kwantlen University College, Sry |
| May 31-June 2 | | District Conference | Harrison Hot Springs Resort |
| June 17-20 | | RI Conference | Salt Lake City |

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$215.50+ 1/2 of today's sales, 41 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Today there will be **NO** Community Services Meeting, as we have not received any new requests for funding.

I have received the request for funds from the Eric Langton Parent Advisory Council. This is a project that was approved in May 2006 by Stan Wade and his committee during the last Rotary year. The money was placed in reserve awaiting the PAC purchase and installation. I have been informed that equipment has been ordered for installation in end of March/April. The principal will be attending the Feb. 20 meeting to be presented with our cheque for \$2,500.

Today there will be a cheque presentation to the Friends of the Library for the library at Cytheria House.

Mike Davies

LAST WEEKS MEETING

Guests: Zdenka Cukor, Cailin Green & John McDermid

A cheque presentation was made to Ridge Meadows Mental Health Self Support Services in the amount of \$500.00. 📄

Announcements:

Wine Fest Committee to tour Thomas Haney School today at 1:30 as possible venue.

Sharon has just recently celebrated 40 years at Meadow Gardens Golf Course – Congratulations Sharon!!



Ineke announced that Ana visited Glacier Park this past weekend and had a wonderful time. She met with 200 Exchange Students and went Tubing in February!! Ineke thanked the Club for sponsoring Ana.

Sharon announced that Dr. Bob Scott, Past President of Rotary International will be on Delta Cable the following dates:

Feb. 11 @ 4:30 p.m. Feb. 19 @ 9:30 p.m. and Feb. 25th at 5:30 p.m.
Topic will be Global Polio Eradication – Focus on the Final Hour.

Our Guest Speaker today was Glenda Williams of the Friends In Need Food Bank

Glenda previously worked in the banking industry for 16 years and at 40 decided to go back to school and become a social worker – something she has always wanted to do. This past fall Glenda completed her Masters Degree in Community Development and Leadership. She has worked for the Society of Organized Services in Parksville, Richmond Youth Services, the Ministry of Children and Families, Child Protection and the Burnaby Assoc for Community Inclusion. Glenda has also worked at the Vancouver Detox and Income Assistance Centre – she is an extremely busy lady!! Glenda was pleased to accept the position at the Friends In Need Food Bank this past October and is humbled to serve the community that she lives in. Glenda has two adult children, her son who works in Maple Ridge and a daughter who is about to graduate University and join the Corrections Branch of the Federal Government.

In Glenda's opening statement to the Club she expressly thanked the Rotary for our assistance this past Christmas with the Christmas in the Park, Christmas Train and the Parade. \$59,000.00 was raised in six weeks along with 41,000 lbs of food – WOW!! Maple Ridge is one very gracious community.

The Friends In Need Food Bank started in October 1989 at the Ford Road Co-Op. The first Christmas they had 47 clients and raised \$750.00

Today 2500 people a month are served in the Community. The food Bank helps the working poor, 1400 are children and there has been an increase in seniors by 22%. Glenda went on to say that no one is turned away from the Food Bank. Glenda also tries to assist people who come in by not only providing food but helping them in other areas such as job placement, Outreach Programs, Cythera House, etc. - focus is always to have her clients feel respected. The F.I.N.F.B. is a very safe and friendly environment and has 50 volunteers (mostly seniors). The Board of Directors is amazing and very supportive.

Canned Goods as well as cash donations are always welcome. However when donating canned goods it is important that the verification date is checked as the FINFB inspects the dates and if the date has expired due to liability issues, the food has to be thrown away.

Last year the premise was robbed. The insurance funds from the robbery are being used for expansion of the premises to 1600 square feet; 800 for office space and 800 for warehouse.

Glenda went on to say that all cash donations are spent on food purchases, where the funds received from the B.C. Gaming Commission covers the administration costs.

Sharon thanked Glenda for her presentation and advised her, that a Book in her name would be donated to the Guatemalan Book Library.

Submitted by Maureen Goodrick

Hello all. Greetings from Portugal.

The very first thing we saw on TV was an advertisement for Rotary and what our organization is doing to make a better world. However, that was the last we have seen or heard about Rotary in this country. But then we did not see much of the Golden Arches either; only two of those establishments after visiting at least 20 different towns so far. People here have a preference for their own food and rightfully so. Aside from that glaring lack of presence of Rotary, otherwise the country is a great place to visit. Mild climate, very nice people and easy to get around. By the time we are finished here we will have seen the better part of the South and tasted all the dishes and wines.

People here are much more environmentally conscious than we are in Canada or the USA. A very refreshing attitude. And no garbage lying around. All in all we have not started to miss you yet.

Cheers, Marco and Lila Jane

