

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

May 20: Don & Iola Boyce

ESTEEM TEAM SCHEDULE FOR MAY 15TH :

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| May 15th: | Snowboarder - Derek Winterman | | |
| | 10:30am | Laityview Elementary | Grades 4-7, 250 students |
| | 1:15pm | Kanaka Creek | Grades 4-7, 250 students |
| | Whitewater Kayak Slalom - Margaret Langford | | |
| | 10:30am | Fairview Elementary | Grades 4-7, 175 students |
| | Kayaker - Sarah Hawkins | | |
| | 1:15pm | Davie Jones Elementary | Grades 4-7, 150 students |

CLUB OFFERS HOSPICE OPTION FOR CARE OF TERMINALLY ILL PATIENTS

By Vukoni Lupa-Lasaga
Rotary International News

It took 12 years of hard work for the Rotary Club of Richmond, British Columbia, Canada, to complete their hospice project. The effort was the brainchild of Nancy Yurkovich, a retired nurse and wife of a Rotarian. Selling her idea to her husband, Anthony, a retired medical doctor, and to his fellow club members in 1994 was the easy part. Residents of Richmond, a city with a population of more than 160,000, had to be convinced of the need for a community-based facility for the care of terminally ill patients.

Wilbur Walrond, a past president of the Richmond club, says, "this was difficult because people are generally reluctant to discuss terminal illness, especially when it affects those very close to them." To start public discussion on such a sensitive subject, Yurkovich made presentations and wrote articles in local newspapers. She explained how families and patients would benefit from being able to choose among the options of care at home, in the palliative care unit at Richmond Hospital, or at a free-standing community hospice.

"Being able to offer choices within a well-integrated continuum of care will help people to face the end of life with comfort ensured, values and decisions respected, and families supported," Yurkovich noted.

The necessity of providing such choices had been driven home over the years by long illnesses and deaths in the families of eight area Rotarians. The Rotarians added their authoritative voices to Yurkovich's convictions.

"It was the trust that these families placed in us that gave us the determination to pursue our dream of a free-standing hospice in our community," says Walrond.

After several fundraisers and a cosponsorship agreement with the Salvation Army, the club contributed more than C\$500,000 (US\$435,430) toward the effort. Construction started in May 2001 and three years later, the hospice opened its doors to patients. In August, RI President-elect Wilfrid J. Wilkinson visited the C\$2 million (US\$1,741,700) facility, which is run with the help of Canadian government grants.



The Four Way Flasher

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INVOCATION

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| May 15 | Bob Shantz | May 22 | Valerie Spurrell |
| May 29 | Fraser Stamp-Vincent | June 5 | Eng Tan |

BINGO SCHEDULE

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|----------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| | 6:15 - 8:15 | 8:00 - 10:00 |
| May 17 | Maureen Goodrick | Stan Wade |
| June 14 | Mina Park | |

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



TODAY'S PROGRAM: Rhonda Lohead –
Alouette River Pesticide Comm. Awareness Project

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM: Cailin Green – Marketing (What has Changed & What Hasn't)

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

| Date | Time | Event | Venue |
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| May 28 | | Italian Serata | La Trattoria |
| May 31-June 3 | | District Conference | Harrison Hot Springs Resort |
| June 17-20 | | RI Conference | Salt Lake City |
| August 18 | 3:00pm | Vladimir's Honey BBQ | The Bee Farm - 129 th Ave., Pitt Meadows |

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$480.00+ 1/2 of today's sales, 31 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

LAST WEEKS MEETING

Our Guests today were: Irena Shantz, our Exchange Student Ana and Nathan Vadeboncoeur of the Esteem Team.

Sharon announced that the District Conference is being held this year at Harrison Hot Springs Resort, May 31 to June 3.

Also the Italian Seratta is being held on Monday, May 28 at La Trattoria Restaurant, please contact Val Spurrell for tickets.

Business Meeting was held and the following was reported:

Vocational Committee - Matt reported that the Bursary has been doubled to \$14K from \$7K last year however we have only received six applications (2 from one school), so two schools have not applied.

Mock Interviews have taken place at Garibaldi School.

Visits by the Esteem Team Members are taking place at the local schools May 8th and 15th.

Bob S has received a Rotary Video introducing the 4 Way Test, which has been shown in the U.S. Schools. Bob indicated it is a very large commitment but very worthwhile and it was suggested the club look into pursuing this. We will arrange for Judy Duck from S.D. 42 to visit the Club in August and give us a presentation.

International Service Committee – Dave Rempel reported that the application for the Matching Grant of \$15K has been sent off and it is the same as the 2004 Project (Application for Transportation Grant).

House Build in Mexico - the committee will be meeting later and will be making a decision, we have \$3K in the Budget.

Incoming & Outgoing Students – We have no incoming students for September 07 and Ken Knutilla will be working on an application for an outgoing student for September '08.

GSE TEAM. Marco advised that the Teams will be visiting Italy and Turkey. You can get further information on the following sites: www.gse5050italy.blogspot.com and www.gseturkey.blogspot.com
The GSE Team from Turkey will be visiting the POCO Rotary Club on Thursday, May 10 @ 7:00 p.m.

Community Services – Mike Davies We had the following projects:

- 1) Bursaries for 7 schools.
- 2) Youth support
 - a. Virtues 'R' Reality Society
 - b. Encounters With Canada
 - c. Esteem Team
- 3) Community Events
 - a. Jazz and Blues Festival
 - b. Caribbean Festival
- 4) Donations for the Relief of Poverty and Hunger
 - a. Friends in Need Food Bank
 - b. Christmas Dinner Salvation Army

- 5) Humanitarian Donations to the Community
 - a. Meals on Wheels
 - b. RM Mental Health Self Support Centre
- 6) Environmental Projects
 - a. Presently considering the Pesticide Awareness Program
- 7) Literacy Programs
 - a. Blue Mountain PAC – Speech Therapy Program
 - b. Library Program at Cythera House

Treasurer – Walter gave out a sheet with the summarized results July 2006 to April 2007.
Please refer to that for more information.

Ineke advised that the proceeds from the 2006 Wine Fest will be paid as follows:

- Esteem Team (\$3500.00)
- International Service Committee (\$3500.00)

RYLA – Mary advised that the Club pays for two participants to attend RYLA which will be held at the Zajac Ranch on June 15th. Discussed the possibility of our exchange student Ana attending this event.

Sports Banquet Committee Report – Mary reported the following:

We are looking forward to another sold out Sports Banquet this fall and for the new Members benefit we would like to take the time to explain how the tickets are sold. Tickets are sold by the table (ten to a table) with the option of sponsoring one of the invited celebrities and/or Home Town Heroes. Tables are \$1,250 and tax receipts are available for \$1,000 (\$100 per ticket). Preference is given on selection of table location and picking from the list of celebrities and Home Town Heroes on a first come basis.
There are only 20 tables and eight have been reconfirmed for this year.

There are three rules in organizing this banquet:

- 1) Raise funds for youth sports facilities.
- 2) Have fun.
- 3) Make us proud.

This year two projects receiving funding: The Rotary Lacrosse Box at Maple Ridge Senior Secondary and the Ridge Meadows Lawn Bowling Club's artificial turf replacement. We continue to look for opportunities to partner with and multiply the effects of our donations. Our uncommitted funds are \$67,000 plus. New members will be asked to take on a role and get involved, and will be contacted.

Projects currently under consideration are:

- Hammond Baseball Stadium
- Ridge Meadows Canoe & Kayak Club at Whonnock Lake
- Samuel Robertson Tech 'Rotary' Fitness Centre
- A third artificial turf field at Garibaldi Senior Secondary

Calendar – Bob reported we have one sponsorship spot left. The committee is expecting to send to the printers in June and have the product ready in July.

Submitted by Maureen Goodrick