



Rotary



Guatemala Cultural Tour

Sat February 16- Sun March 2, 2008
15 Days – 14 Nights

Dear Everyone:

This trip is a fundraiser for my project in Guatemala to maintain a mobile library that I set up through Rotary funding last year. The tour includes a chance to see this and other literacy projects that have been developed by Probigua to help improve the literacy of the Mayan population of Guatemala.

Four of us went on the trip this last March and had a fantastic time. Our guide is a Swiss guy, married to a Guatemalan who is very knowledgeable especially about the Mayan history, very relaxed and flexible.

If you have any questions fire away. Maybe we'll see each other in Antigua?
 Cheers, Rhian

Contact Peter for detailed itinerary

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The Four Way Flasher

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September is New Generations Month

INVOCATION

Sept. 4	Robert Campbell	Sept. 11	Jim Coulter
Sept. 18	Vladimir Cukor	Sept. 25	Jan Dale

BINGO SCHEDULE

	6:15 - 8:15	8:00 - 10:00
Sept. 06	Mina Park	Vladimir Cukor
Oct. 04	Wendy Lindvik	Walter Volpatti

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



TODAY'S PROGRAM:

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM:

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Sept. 15	7:00pm	Harvest Wine Festival	Thomas Haney Centre
Oct. 16	6-11pm	Sports Banquet	Meadow Gardens Golf Course
Nov. 9	6-10pm	District 5050 Foundation Dinner \$60 CAD	Coast Hotel Langley City 20393 Fraser Highway, Langley BC

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$243.00 + 1/2 of today's sales, 42 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Our Guests today were Marina Marrocco, Debbie Ledgerwood, Mina's friend Grace, visiting Rotarians Bruno Tomassini and Dick Drew, our President's wife Irena, Kevin's wife Samantha and his sister Cathy.



Our Special Guests were District Governor John Bosch & his wife Maxine, and Assistant District Governor Denis Boyd & his wife Maureen. Gordy, as Mayor of Maple Ridge and a Charter Member of our Club welcomed DG John Bosch and presented him with the Maple Ridge Pin.

Kevin was our creative fine master today. Following the earlier email asking for "dirt" on his fellow Club members, he said he has received a package of "special pictures" of Ken and Ineke. He advised that he would be auctioning the package, and assured Peter that the pictures were BP (before Peter). A bit of bidding ensued. Ken got the pictures for \$35, and told Peter he'd sell them to him for \$40.

Ineke announced that the Arabian Nights Festival went very well in spite of the weather. It was a colourful and lively day with many families in attendance.

Diane announced that she is celebrating her 34th Wedding Anniversary with Gordon. She also advised that Kirkland is a contestant in the International 3-Day Novel Contest, taking place in Edmonton this upcoming weekend. The contest gives 12 writers an opportunity to write a novel in just 72 hours on national TV. Part literary marathon, part reality show, part behind-the-scenes look at the writing process, the "3-Day Novel Contest", see the contestants compete to capture a \$5000 cash prize en route to becoming Canada's next literary superstar. The event is being filmed by Booktelevision to produce a show that will air sometime next February.

Bob announced that the calendars will be arriving at his office this week and distribution will start next week. The calendars can be sold between September 1 thru December 31. With earlier distribution this year, and the opportunity to promote the calendars at upcoming events, a sell out should be much easier. Brian Bekar is still looking for a Rotarian to challenge for top calendars sales, even though he's been unsuccessful the past couple of times he's competed for the title.

Assistant DG Denis Boyd introduced our District Governor, John Bosch. John was born in San Louis Obispo, CA in June of 1948. At the age of six, his family moved to Washington where he has resided for the last 50 years. He is a Viet Nam Veteran, and served on the aircraft carrier Oriskany as an aviation ordinance tech visiting many countries in South East Asia, including being stationed in the Philippines and Da Nang, Viet Nam. John is the CEO of JABCO Janitorial, Inc., a janitorial service company, which has been in business since 1974. John and his wife, Maxine, have been married for 30 years and are proud parents of two sons, Craig and Chad.



DG John Bosch began by quoting Rotary President Wilf Wilkinson who has said that without new members, Rotary will not survive. Many of today's service clubs are dying due to the lack of new membership. He said the key point is to bring in new young members that can be mentored by older professionals within our Clubs. Wilkinson has issued a challenge for each member, to bring a new member into their club this year. Bosch presented Bob with a pin for already inducting a new member during his first month as Club President.

John Bosch believes in good communication. He encouraged us to register on the District 5050 website as well as the International website, stating that good prompt communication is very important in this world. He said the greatest reward is working and associating with Rotarians. We share through the various avenues of service and work towards world peace. Our District is second in per capita giving on the west coast. We must focus on youth, as they're our future. Share time, talent, and love. He reminded us that life is not measured by the breath we take but by what takes our breath away, and that we will not be remembered by what we say but by what we do in life.

He shared a great story about a young autistic woman named Paula who is now an accomplished pianist, who will be playing at the 2008 District 50/50 Conference in Everett, Washington to be held on May 15 – 18. Thanks to a piano donated by Rotary she was able to come out of her shell and share her talent with those around her.

Mike spoke briefly on the Spirit Banner Program. A \$5,000 contribution towards the project has been requested from the Club. The banners will carry the sponsors' logos, and will be part of Maple Ridge's contribution to the 2010 Olympics celebrations.

Bob advised that we're still working on putting together a joint Fireside where we can discuss a joint International project.

Submitted by Lynda Lawrence



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Sept. 4: Doris Gagel

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Sept 6: Jack & Liz Attarmigirian