

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Nov. 28: Nizar Virani
Nov. 30: Shalma Virani

Nov. 29: Stan Wade
Nov. 30: John Lee Park

FRIENDS IN NEED FOODBANK

In the spirit of Christmas, we ask all our members to please make a food or cash donation towards the Friends in Need Foodbank (as we did in previous years). Your donation will help the less fortunate families right here in Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows.

PLEASE bring your donation of 2 pieces (or more!) of non-perishable food items to our Tuesday meeting ASAP and deposit in "Friends in Need Christmas box" Or leave cash donation in cash tin, if you prefer.

Most needed items are: SOUPS, CANNED FISH / MEAT, COFFEE / TEA, CANNED VEGETABLES / FRUIT, MACARONI & CHEESE

Some of our "Hands-On Community Projects" are taking place within the next couple of weeks, so we are looking for help with the following events:

Santa Claus Parade - Dec. 1st starts at 6 pm, meet at 5:30 @ "parade set up" 223rd....look for decorated school bus. We'll need approx. 12-14 volunteers to push buggies and accept food donations from the public (mostly in paper bags from the News), collect cash in provided cash-tins and help load food donations into the bus.

Christmas Train - Dec. 18th, 7:45 @ the Wharf / Billy Miner Pub...be there at about 7pm. We can use as many as possible volunteers (please enter name on sign-up sheet), to collect food and cash donations from the public attending this annual event.



Friends in Need Foodbank will provide "Santa Hats" for everyone and volunteer badges. It would be nice if all volunteers could wear something red for the occasion (but that's up to you!)



The Four Way Flasher

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November is Rotary Foundation Month

INVOCATION

Nov. 27	Diane Kirkland	Dec. 4	Ken Knuttila
Dec. 11	Sharon Kyle	Dec. 18	Lynda Lawrence

BINGO SCHEDULE

	6:15 - 8:15	8:00 - 10:00
Nov. 29	Lynda Lawrence	Wende Dawes
Dec. 27	Marco Terwiel	Dave Rempel

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



TODAY'S PROGRAM: Timo Jurrakko, Maple Ridge Fire Department

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM: Allan Lamb, B.C.A.A. Safety Council

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Dec. 5	6:00pm	Haney Club joined Xmas party	Meadow Gardens
Dec. 11	noon	A.G.M.	Gourmet Hideaway

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$451.00 + 1/2 of today's sales, 35 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

A LETTER FROM ANA LÓ CASTILLO



Ana and her sister Martha

Hi everyone!!!!

As you remember (I hope) I talked to you about "Día de muertos" (Day of the dead) in my presentation, and that was November second. Day of the dead is a very important date in Mexico but is even more meaningful in Oaxaca.



Every year we go to the cemetery and we clean up all the graves and after that we make an altar. This year I did it with school and I would like to show you a little bit of it. We did all this in the daytime, and then at night there's a type of fair for kids outside the cemetery, and inside there are candles everywhere and people just go around and some of them pray. An altar is mostly build in 7 floors, in each one we put food, drinks, cigarettes and some more stuff that our ancestors used to like when they were alive, and at the top we put a picture of that person, we're dedicating the altar to.

So this is my school altar, I helped to make the sand carpet.



Ana and brother Manolo at the rave

The next day I went to another city called Puebla to a rave with my bother!!! It was so much fun! The rave was over by 6 in the morning and my bother dropped me off at home at like 6:30 and we went to the after party! He came back at 1:30 pm!!!

After Day of the dead another important date came along, which is the Mexican Revolution, that's on November 20th, we didn't have classes on Monday because of that, and on Friday we went to school dressed up like the people in 1910 used to dress like. The school brought a band to school and we danced, and we ate lots of tacos! I don't have pictures of that at the moment, but as soon as I get some I'll send you so you can have an idea of how we celebrate around here.

Not everything is party; I've been really busy with school! It's hard and I spend lots of time doing homework and reading, and studying, it's unbelievable! I am getting great grades, so I'm happy, and I still have time to have fun!! Actually I just went to a concert on Saturday. It was fun! I went with my sister and her boyfriend, and some of my friends were there too! So I had a nice time!!

I'm learning how to drive now!!!! (Editor's note: Oh no!) I'm so excited!! We don't have the L and N thing, we can just take the car and drive, with I think it's crazy because people don't know you're learning, so they get all mad, it's funny sometimes ha-ha. I think my dad is going to star lending me the car very soon!! :). 2 weeks ago I was in the hospital!! I had to spend 3 days there because 2 doctors thought I had appendix, but I

didn't!! I was some stomach infection or something, but they made 3 blood samples!! It was horrible, but I'm okay now, it was nothing!! lol.

Anyways, we're getting ready for Christmas now!!!! No snow for me unfortunately!! I'm going to miss that, but we do have our Christmas tree! I love Christmas and my 17th birthday is coming too!!!! (December 23rd!). Oh well, I hope everyone is doing fine! I miss you all!!!!, and write if you want!! I would love to receive news from you!!!!

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!! Have a wonderful holiday!!

Love
Ana Castillo

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Our Guests today were Bruno Tommasini and Cailin Green.

Our Guest Speaker today was Ian Wright, who was last year's exchange student. Due to technical difficulties Ian was not able to present his power point presentation, however went on to tell us about his year living in Belgium.

Ian lived in Liege, which is the fourth largest city in Belgium and is 15 km from Holland. Belgium is split into three parts; French, Flemish and German. The city Ian lived in was on the French side.

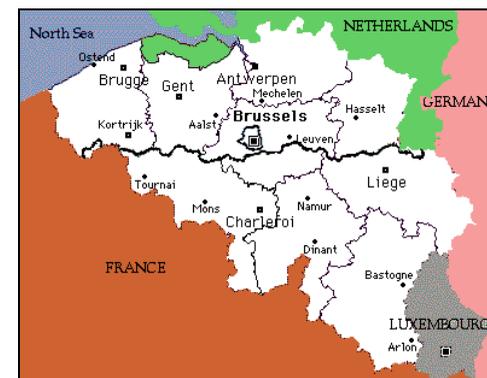
He met exchange students from all over the world – there were 75 of them and they met on a monthly basis. Ian mentioned schooling was very different there, much more rigid.

Ian attended the local Rotary and went on to say that there were seven clubs in the city and only one club allowed women. Some of the fundraisers the local Rotary Clubs assisted in were at soccer matches, building homes in Peru, plus a lot of community service involved in the local hospitals and schools.

Ian thanked the Rotary for the opportunity to be able to experience the year in Belgium

Kevin Nosworthy announced the Joint Haney Club Christmas Party will be held on December 5 at 6:00 p.m. at Meadow Gardens, Adults \$35.00 and \$10.00 Children. Robert & Cailin will be providing the music and individuals bringing children please bring a wrapped gift with their name on it.

Submitted by Maureen Goodrick



Belgium with major cities; thick black lines denote the language border separating the 3 regions: Brussels in the center, Flanders in the Northern half, Wallonia in the Southern half; thin lines delimit provinces