

## INTERNATIONAL SERVICE FUNDING PROJECT 2007/2008

for consideration at the December 11, AGM

The International Service Committee seeks the approval of the club membership for the following project:



- Nature of the Project (Goal):
  - The project will provide clean portable drinking water to rural villages in Sumat Sakhon province, Thailand.
  - The Rotary Club of Ban Paew in District 3330 has identified at least 7 villages that need water filtration and purification for existing wells. The water in the wells is not portable or safe to drink due to high residuals and bacteria. The installation of the filtering systems will have a direct positive effect on more than 5,300 people, of which more than 60% are children and elderly.
  - Marco knows the club and the spokesperson for the project, Bob Morrison
  - Amount to be funded is \$8,000. Some of the \$ 8,000 to come from the International Service 2007/2008 budget (\$ 3,500) and the remainder from the International Rotary Fund (about \$7,000), money that was collected for the tsunami disaster in Thailand
  - When additional funding becomes available the plan is to install 10,000 litre water storage tanks in each village.
  - The Rotary Club of Ban Paew has already raised more than \$1,500.
- Recommendation: That the R C of Meadowridge fund the water project as defined by the R. Club of Ban Paew in the province of Sumat Sakhon, Thailand, in the amount of \$ 8,000.00.
- The committee will apply for a matching grant, which if successful could expand the fund to \$ 32,000

Submitted on behalf of the committee, Dave Rempel

## FRIENDS IN NEED FOODBANK

Please remember to bring a donation of food or cash to Tuesday's Rotary lunch meeting, if you haven't already done so.

Tuesday Dec. 11 will be your last chance to help the many people in our community, who depend on you to receive a food hamper for Christmas. All donations will be forwarded to the Friends in Need foodbank on Wednesday Dec. 12.

So far, we haven't collected very much.....so PLEASE don't forget and thank you for your participation!

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### Most needed items are:

**SOUPS, CANNED FISH / MEAT, COFFEE / TEA, CANNED VEGETABLES / FRUIT, MACARONI & CHEESE**



# The Four Way Flasher

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## December is Family Month

### INVOCATION

Dec. 11	Sharon Kyle	Dec. 18	Lynda Lawrence
Jan. 8	Ron LePore	Jan. 15	Wendy Lindvik

### BINGO SCHEDULE

	6:15 - 8:15	8:00 - 10:00
Dec. 27	Marco Terwiel	Dave Rempel
Jan. 24	Wendy Lindvik	Wende Dawes



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## DEC. 25 AND JAN. 1 NO REGULAR MEETING.

TODAY'S PROGRAM: A.G.M.

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM: **Dinner @ Gourmet Hideaway - 5:45 p.m.,  
Christmas Train - 7:45 p.m.**

### CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Dec. 18	7:45pm	Christmas Train	The Wharf

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$514.00 + 1/2 of today's sales, 33 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!



## Christmas Party

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Dec. 13: Fraser MacRae

### LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Our Guests today were Andy Cleven and Allan Lamb.

Robert Campbell presented Andy Cleven with a \$4,000 donation for the Ridge Meadows Opry. The Opry was started 5 years ago by Andy and his wife, Karen. They perform a variety show with a "Hee Haw" format that is used as a vehicle for fundraising. All the performers are volunteers, and the funds raised have been given to the Asante Centre for Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS) for the past couple of years.



#### Announcements:

Our group helped raise \$900 cash plus 500 – 600 lbs. of food for the Friends In Need Foodbank at the Santa Parade last Saturday. This is down from previous years. The Foodbank continues to need more food. If you can help, please see Ineke as she has a collection box for food and a can for cash donations.

Ken Knuttila is holding a Student Exchange meeting on Thursday December 6<sup>th</sup> to meet with the four candidates. If anyone wishes to attend, please notify Ken.

Bob requested that each Rotary member not involved with the Calendar committee purchase five (5) Cash Calendars to help with the sales. There is still an abundance of calendars to be sold before the end of December. Bob has organized a sales table at three mall locations for the next three Saturdays between 11:30 am – 3:30 pm. If anyone can help for two hours, please call Bob.

December 18<sup>th</sup> is the date for the Christmas Train. Our meeting that day will be moved to 5:45 pm for dinner, and shortly after 7 pm those helping collect for the Friends In Need Foodbank will go down to the wharf to await the train. All help is appreciated. The train arrives at 7:45 pm.

Maureen advised that there had been a good response on the Shelterbox email seeking donors for the purchase of more Shelterboxes. The International Committee may have some funds to put towards this project. Gordy challenged the Club. He advised that if someone wanted to organize a new fundraising dinner, he would take a table. This will be considered in the new year.

Our Guest Speaker today was Allan Lamb, Executive Director of the BCAA Traffic Safety Foundation. He provided an engaging talk on traffic safety based on his 32 years of road safety knowledge and experience. He provided Lynda with this overview of his presentation:

"In any given year in BC we can expect there to be approximately 4 times as many people killed in traffic accidents than all homicides and murders combined. Unless we are personally touched by a fatality or serious injury involving a motor vehicle, most of us remain indifferent to the extent of the problem. It is estimated that the financial burden from traffic accidents in Canada is \$10 billion annually.



The majority of drivers admit that they regularly drive over the posted maximum speed limit and it is very common to hear from drivers that they believe they are often aggressive drivers but safe drivers. BC has the highest percentage of drivers in Canada who admit to driving after drinking alcohol and the average Breath Alcohol Concentration level in most police detachments and departments is around .15 (legal limit is .08)."

He also provided information on the Foundation's family based road safety programs including its child safety seat program, school safety patrol program, teen driving for parents program and the BC Medical Association award winning road safety program for mature drivers.

#### Some facts –

- automotive accidents are the #1 teen killer,
- 18 – 25 year old males cause of most crashes,
- driving schools do not change the accident rate as they provide a false sense of security,
- cel phone use increases the risk of an accident 4 times,
- Text messaging increases cognisant impairment 12 times,
- Not wearing seatbelts when traveling short distances accounts for a of the auto deaths in BC,
- Average BAC level is 1.3 (legal BAC level .08). Mainly people returning from public functions,
- Only 18% of families use child seats properly. 5 – 9 years olds from low income families are the most affected. The BCAA Traffic Safety Foundation is partnering to provide child car seats for those who cannot afford this expense.
- Seniors have a fewer number of accidents than teens overall, but per kilometre driven the number is the same. This is mainly due to dementia.

Allan encouraged parents to stay involved with their kids driving habits. He suggested contracting with the teens regarding their use of alcohol and cell phones while driving. He advised that the greatest influence on young male drivers, aged 18 – 20 years old, is their father. If the father drives aggressively or speeds, their child is likely to follow suit. Parents need to set the right example and stay involved.

**Submitted by Lynda Lawrence**