

NEW MEETING LOCATION FOR THE ROTARY CLUB OF ABBOTSFORD-MATSQUI

Effective January 3rd, 2008 the Rotary Club of Abbotsford-Matsqui will meet at the Rendevous Restaurant at Unit 240 - 3033 Immel St., Abbotsford (Clayburn Plaza).

NEW ROTARY CLUB FORMING !

There is a new Rotary Dinner Club forming in White Rock BC Canada.

Meetings will be Tuesday evenings 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM, and they are avidly seeking Charter Members.

Please refer potential members to them by calling:

Alf Marchi 604-318-8585, Garry McIntosh 604-538-9824 or Lyle Konner 604-551-5370

Or by sending email to: Lyle Konner at lylek@konnerfinancial.com

3-H PROJECT SHINES THE LIGHT OF LITERACY IN BRAZIL

A Rotary Foundation 3-H Grant that introduced the concentrated language encounter (CLE) method to Brazil in 2001 continues to boost literacy rates among low-income families throughout the country.

With support from the Foundation, Brazilian host partners in districts 4520, 4560, and 4760 and international partners in districts 6900 (Georgia, USA) and 7080 (Ontario, Canada) developed a US\$344,862 project that set up a CLE training center in Contagem, Minas Gerais.



Today, more than 1,900 teachers and other educational experts have learned the method that has taught more than 72,600 beneficiaries how to read and write. Through CLE, students learn from group texts and activities rather than rote memorization and repetition. With low costs and a highly interactive aspect that is popular with students, CLE programs have proven effective in numerous developing countries.

“In this area, we’ve had a big problem with functional illiteracy,” says Gláucia Rosa Alves, a trainer at one of the centers. “We needed a low-cost and effective method, and then Rotary came.”

Dozens of local Rotary clubs are now promoting and supporting CLE methodology in Brazil. The active involvement of local Rotarians has also led to numerous non-grant projects to help schools with materials, meals, and health care.

One school that adopted the method is Sônia Braga Ribeiro, an oasis in a crime-ridden area of Contagem. Many of the students come from destitute families who must collect trash to make a living.

“For many students, the school becomes a second home,” says Eduardo Krafetuski, a past District 4760 governor and coordinator of the project. “The CLE method is successful because students work in groups, so if one student is struggling, his classmates will help him out.”



The Four Way Flasher

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March is Literacy Month

INVOCATION

Mar. 18	Dave Rempel	Apr. 1	Gord Robson
Apr. 8	Mary Robson	Apr. 15	Bob Shantz

BINGO SCHEDULE

	6:15 - 8:15	8:00 - 10:00
April 17	Mina Park	Debbie MacRae
May 15	Doris Gagel	Valerie Spurrell



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

TODAY'S PROGRAM: Barbara Desjardins – North Fraser Therapeutic Riding Assoc

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM: Fireside Meeting (Rotary House, Lawn Bowling Club).

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
March 25	6:00 pm	Fireside Meeting	Lawn Bowling Club on 232 nd
April 1	Noon	New Member Drive Meeting	La Trattoria
April 12		District Assembly	Kwantlen University College, Surrey, BC
May 15		2008 District 50/50 Conference	Holiday Inn, Pine Street, Everett, WA
June 15 -18		Rotary International Conference	Los Angeles

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$709.00 + 1/2 of today's sales, 24 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

March 21: Debbie MacRae

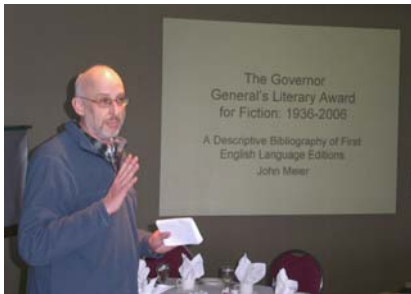
LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Guests today were: Rod Hughes, Don Boyce, Dick Drew, Cailin Green, Lorna and Rene.

Announcements:

- 1) March 18 Meeting will be held at Meadow Gardens
- 2) March 25 Meeting - Fireside Meeting at Lawn Bowling Club on 232nd (Bowling: 5:00 p.m. Dinner: 6:00 p.m.) Please bring a second set of shoes if you will be bowling. Please note there will be no regular luncheon meeting on March 25th.
- 3) April 1st - Lunch at LaTrattoria - this is a New Membership Drive so please bring a friend or co-worker who might be interested in joining Rotary.
- 4) President Bob handed out the Chilliwack Rotary Handbook, which was never returned - so if you have it would you please pass onto Bob.
- 5) Bob announced there will be a WASHRAG Meeting on June 12 prior to the Convention

Robert Campbell introduced our Guest Speaker: John Meier - Antique & Rare Books Expert.



John entertained us with a very informative Power Point presentation titled "A Descriptive Biography of First English Language Editions"

John has collected the Governor's General Award for Fiction (1936-2006) and has over 450 volumes in his collection. The first Governor Award in his collection is the Author's reading copy by Bertram Booker (1936) titled "Think of the Earth"

For more information on John Meier please check out the wonderful article in the Walrus **December 2007** issue titled Unlimited Editions at www.walrusmagazine.com/archives

Submitted by Maureen Goodrick



INTERNATIONAL SERVICES UPDATE

A. Matching Grants

1. Project: T.M. Tikhiy Special State Boarding School for Boys, in Ussurisk, Primorsky Krai, Russia

Goal: Purchase wall boards and classroom furniture. Recently they have requested to purchase computers instead. It's being considered.

Matching Grant Funding: \$15,000.00 Approved: December 20, 2007.

Host Club: Vladivostok Eco, Vladivostok, Russia - Olga Luzganova, President

Note: In 2005 our club purchased a dump truck for the school for \$8,600.00.

2. Project: Water Project. To install filtering systems with UV treatment to existing wells, in Tambon Ban Phaeo, and Amphoe Ban Phaeo, Samut Sakkon, Thailand.

Goal: Install filtering systems to existing wells for 5,300 residence in two communities.

Matching Grant Funding for \$22,250.00. Sent: December 20, 2007

Host Club: Ban Paew, District 3330, Thailand. Nattachai Leelahasilp, Past President

Approval Date: Still waiting.

B. Hosting GSE Team from the Philippines

1. Dates: April 30 - May 6, 2008
2. Host Rotarians : Marco, Bob S., Kevin N., Brian B., and Robert C.
3. Planning Committee: Marco, Ken P., Kevin N., Brett, and Dave
4. Itinerary:

Wed. April 30:

Pick up team at lunch from Coquitlam Club. Deliver to host families.

Pick up later to attend Haney Club meeting and presentation at Meadow Gardens.

Thursday, May 1:

AM Tour of Moli Energy, PM Tour of Sawmill, Dinner at Marco's home.

Friday, May 2:

AM Tour Canadian Tire, Lunch and PM tour at B.C. Hydro Generation Plant. Bird Tour and BBQ at Dave Rempel's house.

The lunch and BBQ is open for Rotarians. Contact Kevin for the lunch and Dave for the BBQ.

Saturday and Sunday, May 3,4 - personal time at Stan Wade's B&B.

Monday, May 5: Vocational Day. Dinner with home hosts.

Tuesday, May 6:

AM Tour of PRT Reforestation. Lunch at MeadowRidge Club, includes presentation. Transfer to Aldergrove Club following lunch at Meadowridge Club

Submitted by Dave Rempel