



LaTRATTORIA AND ROTARY RECOGNIZED FOR SERVICE TO HOSPITAL

Maple Ridge, April 18, 2008 – Val Spurrell, Executive Director of the Ridge Meadows Hospital, presented Harry Chahal, owner of the LaTrattoria Ristorante with a plaque on behalf of the Ridge Meadows Hospital Foundation in recognition of the generous gift of food and service over the last six years.

About 6 years ago the government announced that a new CT scan would be installed at Ridge Meadows Hospital. Dr. Frank Ervin who is a local specialist felt that a single slice unit, which was what RMH was getting, was old technology and that a multi-slice unit was the way to go. He felt so strongly that he led a Ridge Meadows Hospital Foundation fundraising campaign to raise the additional \$250,000 needed to make this happen.

MeadowRidge Rotary came to the aid of the Hospital Foundation when Mary and Gordy Robson approaching Harry Chahal of LaTrattoria Ristorante to plan the first exciting fundraising event.

LaTrattoria Ristorante being one of the finest restaurants in the Lower Mainland opened their doors to a limited number of lucky attendees. Chahal who is owner and executive chef prepared a 5 course dinner at no cost to the organizers and his staff volunteered their labour for the first of several Italian Serata evenings. Rotarians sold tickets and provided organizational expertise.

Those Italian Serata evenings provided incredible food, great conversation and lots of fun for all who participated with the added benefit to the community hospital. That first evening helped to upgrade the CT scanner and subsequent events raised funds for a respiratory ventilator for the ICU and contributed to equipment for the new Emergency and Ambulatory Care wing at Ridge Meadows Hospital.

“Much of the equipment at RMH, the new Emergency and the CT Scan would not be available to the people of this community without you – people who care enough to organize special events and who give so generously.” said Spurrell as she presented Harry Chahal and Bob Shantz, president of MeadowRidge Rotary with a plaque in appreciation of their gifts.



For more information on how you can help, please contact Sandra Rankin at Ridge Meadows Hospital Foundation 604.463.1801.



The Four Way Flasher

Rotary Club of MeadowRidge Newsletter

Vol. 14 Issue 43
April 22, 2008

Web-site: www3.telus.net/MeadowRidge_Rotary

Meetings: Tuesday 12pm, Gourmet Hideaway Restaurant

President:	Bob Shantz	Phone: 604-463-9319	rdshantz@telus.net
Secretary:	Maureen Goodrick	Phone: 604-329-2879	maureen.goodrick@interprotech.ca
Editor:	Peter Boekhorst	Phone: 604-465-3392	mrrotary@telus.net

April is Magazine Month

INVOCATION

Apr. 22	Valerie Spurrell	Apr. 29	Eng Hock Tan
May 6	Marco Terwiel	May 13	Nizar Virani



BINGO SCHEDULE

	6:15 - 8:15	8:00 - 10:00
May 15	Kelly Fry	Valerie Spurrell
June 19	Mina Park	Ken Paterson

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

TODAY'S PROGRAM: Heidi Johnson (GSE – Philippines Trip)

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM: Myles Tycholis (Esteem Team)

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
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 \$825.00 + 1/2 of today's sales, 20 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

April 23: Debbie Wade

April 27: Lorna Anderson

April 28: Peter Boekhorst

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Our Guest today was Jen Dawkins, whose name is currently being circulated as a prospective new member. Bob commented on the great turnout for our New Members Drive meeting that was held on April 1st, and thanked those who brought guests to the meeting.

Gordy advised that he will be finishing the State of the District speech he started at the Haney Rotary Club tomorrow night if anyone wishes to attend. He explained that halfway through his first presentation they had a medical emergency, which ended the meeting. He advised that the gentleman who had a cardiac arrest during that meeting is okay.

Community Foundation Dinner is on Thursday May 1st at Meadow Gardens. Tickets are \$110 each and are available from Deb or Bob.

April 23rd is the first "4 Way Test Program" session at Hammond School. More Rotarians are needed. The Haney Club is involved as well. If you can help, please contact Matt.

Our Guest Speakers were Kim and Karen Kamstra of Raptors Ridge Birds of Prey.

Kim advised that it took awhile to get their business started. He explained that he started trying to get a business license in September one year and was still trying in frustration to obtain it the following May when he ran into Gordy and Al Hogarth at City Hall. He explained his dilemma, and within 3 days the license was granted.

Karen has her recreational and her zoo license which enables them to go into schools and clubs to teach about the birds and what can be done to avoid extinction. Karen is the head trainer. They teach youth to be respectful of the birds, and they have provided their Barn Owl Box Program to 180,000 people over the past year at schools, camps, services clubs and community events.



They brought with them to the meeting a barn owl by the name of Stomper. She was a beautiful slightly ruddy buff colour with black pin dots in her feathers, a very striking bird. The raptors do not have a long life span in the wild, but in captivity she will live up to 20 years. Kim explained that Barn owls have the best sight at night and possess exceptional hearing. The birds' serrated feathers allow silent flight.

The Government has provided approval for the Kamstras to put up barn owl boxes. The population of these birds has

declined drastically in Pitt Meadows in recent years. They had a donation of a \$40,000 video camera, and Telus provided and set up high speed internet to monitor a local nest. With the live video feed they were able to determine that black crows have been destroying the local owl population. The video has enabled them to modify the owl boxes to deal with the predator crows, so that the babies are protected in the nest. Bird Studies Canada is very interested in seeing the video, which is being kept private for now. Kim noted that there are only 4 barn owls left in Ontario.

The funds to do the school visits come from donations from various service clubs. Following a school visit they put up a box. The boxes are 2 feet by 2 feet. The typical clutch size is 5 - 7 owlets. The boxes need to be erected at least 18 feet off the ground for protection from predators. Some predators include other raptors, larger birds, raccoons, and cars (the owls get so focused on their food, they can fly into traffic).

The Kamstras are unable to look after injured birds due to legal regulation, so they work with a vet out of Port Coquitlam, who treats the birds. Kim also noted that they cannot breed the birds by law as a special license is required.

They offer a number of courses including the following:

Falconer for the Day	6 hour course
Raptor Discovery	3 hour course
Hawk Walks	1 hour course



If you would like further information or would like to donate to their school programs, please contact the Kamstras at info@raptorsridge.com or (604) 831-HAWK.

REMINDERS:

The Esteem Team Program will be starting again on April 29th and will run every Tuesday for 4 weeks. If you can help Kevin by accompanying team members to the schools, please advise.

The GSE Team will be in town touring the Stave Lake Dam on May 2nd if any Rotarians would like to join them. This will be followed by a get together at Dave Rempel's place.

Submitted by Lynda Lawrence

ESTEEM TEAM

April 29, 2008

Snowboarder - Derek Winterman

10:00 Pitt Meadows Secondary, Grade 9, 200 students

13:00 Eric Langton Elementary, Grades 4 - 7, 200 students

Mountain Biker - Amber Zirnelt

10:35 Alexander Robinson Elementary, Grade 4 - 7, 250 students

13:15 Edith McDermott Elementary, Grades 4 - 7, 200 students