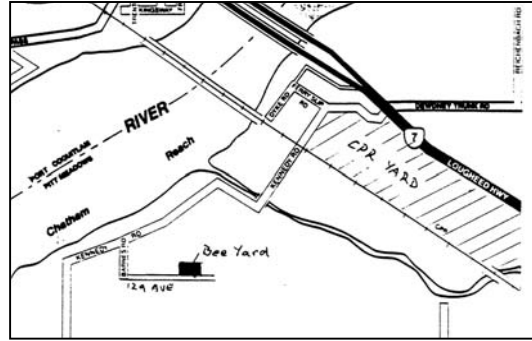


'BEE' THERE AT THE 5TH ANNUAL FAMILY OF ROTARY BARBECUE

SATURDAY August 9, 3:00 pm at Vladimir & Zdenka's Honey Bee Farm
This is a "By Donation" event: all donations to Rotary Foundation

LOCATION: Vlad's Apiary, 129th Ave. Pitt Meadows

At Pitt River Bridge turn left onto Kennedy Rd.
 Over railroad, follow bend in road right, left.
 Left onto Barnes Rd. (sign for Gun Club)
 At the end, left onto 129th Ave.



Vladimir and Zdenka, will be hosting once again this wonderful Family Barbecue + informative social. You'll be able to experience and find out everything there is to know about a "working honey bee farm" Again this year featuring a "Live Auction" with all proceeds going DIRECTLY to the Rotary Foundation, and a FABULOUS barbecue!

G8 RENEWS COMMITMENTS TO POLIO ERADICATION

By Dan Nixon Rotary International News -- 18 July 2008

At their 8-9 July summit meeting in Japan, the G8 nations agreed to "maintain momentum towards the historical achievement of eradicating polio." To do so, their joint statement continued, "We will meet our previous commitments to maintain or increase financial contributions to support the Global Polio Eradication Initiative [GPEI], and encourage other public and private donors to do the same."

Together, the G8 countries -- Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Russia, the United Kingdom, and the United States -- account for more than half of all funding of the GPEI. The G8 first placed polio eradication on its summit agenda in 2002. It has renewed its commitment to eradication at every summit since then, but not all member countries have completed their financial contributions.



In addition to raising funds, G8 countries work as a group to advocate broad support for ending polio. Advocacy by G8 leaders for the four remaining polio-endemic countries -- Afghanistan, India, Nigeria, and Pakistan -- is critical to ensure eradication of the disease.

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation welcomed the G8's renewed commitment to finishing polio. Following release of the G8's 2008 summit communiqué, the Gates Foundation stated, "In recognition of the G8's continued attention to polio eradication, the foundation will commit at least US\$150 million to fight polio this year. This is in addition to the \$250 million we have committed to date toward polio eradication efforts."

Finishing polio worldwide remains Rotary's top goal. Vital to helping achieve that goal is Rotary's US\$100 Million Challenge, the three-year funding effort to match the Gates Foundation's \$100 million grant to The Rotary Foundation for polio eradication



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BINGO SCHEDULE

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| | 6:15 - 8:15 | 8:00 - 10:00 |
| Aug. 21 | | |
| Sep. 18 | Mary Robson | Gordy Robson |

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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

July 27: Laurie & Lorna Anderson

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

July 30: Brian Bekar August 4: Liz Attarmigirian

TODAY'S PROGRAM: Installation of Alphonse Seward
 Roger Welch (President – Ridge Meadows Art Council)

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM: Brittany Lang – "Forum for Young Canadians"

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

| Date | Time | Event | Venue |
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| Aug. 2 | | Heritage Day | M.R. Memorial Peace Park |
| Aug. 9 | 3pm | Bee BBQ – Vlad's Apiary | The Bee Farm – 129 th Ave., Pitt Meadows |
| Sept. 13 | | WineFest | Thomas Haney Centre |

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$155.00 + 1/2 of today's sales, 47 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Our Guests today were Gabriel Chung, visiting Rotarian Pedro Domingus from Chile, and Assistant District Governor Denis Boyd.

The election for Club Vice President was held. Nominees were Brian Fox and Lynda Lawrence. Robert asked for nominations from the floor. Pat O'Brien was nominated, but declined at this time. The vote was very close, resulting in Lynda Lawrence being elected as Vice President.

Robert asked if any members would be interested in assisting Brian and Jim in their role of Sergeant at Arms. Please advise Robert if you are interested.

Robert advised that he applied for a Matching Grant for improvement of facilities for the Pre & Post Natal Support Care program. He is working with Sandra Rankin, and has applied for a \$4,000 grant.

It was confirmed that the Rotary Wheel is being picked up tomorrow for the Bard at the Bandstand performance this week. This is a no charge event that is being held at the Memorial Peace Park. They are looking for a few volunteers to act as ushers if anyone is available.

- **END POLIO NOW**

Patrick spoke about the Rotary "End Polio Now" program. He is seeking ideas for a fundraising event that will also focus on awareness of this disease. After 20 years of hard work, Rotary and its partners are on the verge of eradicating this tenacious disease. A strong push is needed now to completely rid the world of polio. There is a matching \$100 million challenge grant available from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. The resulting \$200 million will directly support immunization campaigns in developing countries, where polio continues to infect and paralyze children, robbing them of their futures and compounding the hardships faced by their families. As long as polio threatens even one child anywhere in the world, children everywhere remain at risk. The stakes are that high. Pat advised that eradication of polio would free up \$2 billion health care dollars for other important health care issues. There were some suggestions for fundraisers including involvement of the RCMP Musical Ride which is scheduled in Maple Ridge next Spring and setting up the Iron Lung display.

Marco advised that the disease is still active in Northern India, Pakistan, Nigeria and Afghanistan. Every newborn in the developed countries receives the polio vaccine shot. Overseas in the under developed countries, the vaccine is orally administered. Marco advised that when the Rotarians travel to one of these areas, the fighting stops and the guns are put down while the vaccinations take place.

- **WINE FEST**

Terry advised that the Wine Fest is being held on September 13th at the Thomas Haney Centre. Lorraine Stewart has been brought on as a paid assistant for this event. The first correspondence has been sent out to previous donors, and will be followed up by telephone shortly. Helen Ferris will be looking after the decoration of the venue. They are seeking a donation of a bottle of wine (\$30 value) from each club member for the Wine Cellars that are to be auctioned, or the monies can be given to the committee and they will purchase the wine. Ineke now has tickets for the event. The price for Rotarians is \$40 per ticket or tickets may be purchased thru the ACT at \$45 each. Terry has recruited Jen Dawkins and Patrick for the committee. She is also seeking a Chairperson for next year's event. Terry will email a poster to the club members for distribution to friends and associates.

- **CLUB SERVICES REPORT**

Kevin is working on some social events for our Club. These will be family events and socials with the Haney Club. These events will not be fundraising ventures, just relaxing social gatherings. He is currently working on a Day at the Races at Hastings Park and a family day at Timberline Ranch.

- **INTERNATIONAL SERVICES REPORT**

Dave Rempel advised that he's building a strong committee. Shannon Wright is this year's outgoing student exchange candidate, and she will be travelling to France next April. The incoming student is Nicholi Thomas. They currently have two of the three host families lined up. The GSE was very successful this year. Dave updated us briefly on the matching grant applications for the water well project (\$23,000) and the Russian project (\$15,000). They have budgeted \$3,500 for new programs.

Vladmir expressed concern over duplication of efforts with respect to the proposed Polio Fundraiser. He advised that the International Committee usually raises funds for the Polio Plus Campaign thru Rotary International.

- **SPORTS BANQUET UPDATE**

Mary advised that a date has not been as she is awaiting the schedules of the various sports clubs. Nominations are being taken for Home Town Heroes candidates (two are needed).

Mary also advised that Jen Dawkins is organizing the "Socks For Seniors" program. This event will take place on a Tuesday at noon. Club members can meet at the designated location and pick-up the socks, deliver and distribute them to the seniors housing centres.

- **COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT**

Mike Davies reported that the bingo funds of \$22,500 will be spent as follows:

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| Esteem Team | \$2,700 | Bursaries | \$16,000 |
| Administration | \$1,500 | 4 Way Test Program | \$ 1,000 |

Mike advised that the Wine Fest Committee has taken on some of the community event sponsoring out of their budget.

- **ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE**

ADG Denis Boyd spoke briefly on this upcoming program. This is a three part curriculum based course for leadership training. The first part is to be held this Saturday July 26th in Chilliwack. The cost per session is \$85 which includes the course materials and meals. The topics for the first session include an introduction to the program, identifying leadership characteristics, focus on membership retention and an introduction to the Rotary Foundation. There will be another Part I session on October 18th at Kwantlen College in Surrey.

Ineke passed around the sign up sheet for Vlad's BBQ - very important that Vlad gets the proposed attendance numbers as soon as possible. The volunteer sign up sheet for the Ridge Meadows Heritage Day event was circulated as well. Volunteers are needed to flip and serve hamburgers.

Denis advised that there is a Golfun Tee Off on Polio Tournament being held at the Surrey Golf Club on August 22nd at 1 pm to raise funds for Polio eradication. He advised that if our Club raises \$1,000, it would be matched.

Submitted by Lynda Lawrence