

WINE FESTIVAL 2008

As far as I understand it, you have all received an “official request” to make a donation to our 2008 Rotary Wine Festival Silent Auction from Lorene, our fantastic assistant.

I hereby would like to ask you, if you could bring your donation to one of our Rotary lunches asap, to avoid Lorene having to contact you all personally again. I have taken it upon myself to collect all donations from our club members for her.

Please, either let me know what you are going to donate by return email (we can pick it up from your office, if that’s more convenient), or bring it to the lunch meeting. We thank you for your cooperation.

In addition to this, I also would like to remind all members to bring to the lunch meeting (please hand to Ineke) a bottle of very special wine or donate \$30 (and we will buy a bottle at 30 % discount!) for our wine cellars. With all donated bottles of wine we will create two unique “wine cellars”. They will be auctioned off during the evening (Wine Festival, September 13, Thomas Haney Centre, tickets \$40); the “Wine Cellar Auction” has been a very exciting part of our previous Wine Festivals, we urge you to participate!

PS: A sincere “SORRY” to all members on this list, who already made a donation towards the Wine Festival Silent Auction: we thank you for your quick response!

Ineke Boekhorst

ROTARY FRIENDSHIP EXCHANGE DISTRICT 9470 WESTERN AUSTRALIA AND DISTRICT 5050

I am asking for your support in finding a/or Club(s) within your Area, that would be prepared to home-host a maximum of 14 Rotarians and their spouses/partners from Western Australia for 3 days and nights starting June 29th until July 13th, 2009. Ideally I would like to have 2/3 clubs from the US and 2/3 from the Canadian side. The Club(s) would also be asked to establish an itinerary, within your area that would be of interest to the visiting Rotarians. Your club and or clubs would be asked to provide transportation for the 14 to the next area, which would be hosting for the next 3 days. We would also need a contact Rotarian to coordinate the activities within your area and then to supply that information to the District committee.

Through this program, we have the opportunity to showcase our countries, our district, and our clubs. Support for the Rotary Friendship Exchange Program as a Club and as individuals is a very strong demonstration of international friendship and understanding, not only of Rotary, but also other cultures and lifestyles. If you have any questions please contact me.

Ron Howardson
District Chair, Rotary Friendship Exchange



The Four Way Flasher

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INVOCATION

Aug. 12	Robert Campbell	Aug. 19	Jim Coulter
Aug. 26	Vladimir Cukor	Sep. 2	Jan Dale

BINGO SCHEDULE

	6:15 - 8:15	8:00 - 10:00
Aug. 21	Doris Gagel	Brian Bekar
Sep. 18	Mary Robson	Gordy Robson



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

TODAY’S PROGRAM: Installation of Cailin Green
Amber Huguet & Derek Tyler (S.D.42) – 4Way Test

NEXT WEEK’S PROGRAM: Installation of Ron Curran
Terry Campbell – Boy Scouts of Canada

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Aug. 22	1pm	Golf Fun	Surrey Golf Club, 7700 – 168 th St., Surrey
Sept. 13	7pm	WineFest	Thomas Haney Centre
Oct. 7		Sport’s Banquet	Meadow Gardens Golf Club
Nov. 4	Noon	D.G. Larry Stinson’s Visit	

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$210 + 1/2 of today’s sales, 45 cards left, Jackpot on “Queen of Hearts” only!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

August 13: Gord Robson

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Our Guests today were Shannon Wright, Will Robson and Dana Lang. Marco chaired the meeting in Robert's absence.

Announcements:

Marco advised that the Richmond Rotary Club is hosting a fundraising gala for the Shelterbox Program on September 11th. The keynote speaker will be Tom Henderson, Shelterbox Founder. Tickets are \$80 each, a \$50 tax receipt will be issued.

Ineke gave us a reminder about Vlad's upcoming Bee BBQ on August 9th. The BBQ starts at 3 pm, and will be followed with a live auction held by auctioneer Dave Rempel.

Ken Knuttila introduced our Outgoing Exchange Student, Shannon Wright and advised that she's departing for Paris on August 26th. Shannon is the third Wright we've sponsored, and she thanked the Club for this opportunity. Shannon will be back to give us a recap of her trip upon her return.

Kevin advised that the Service Club committee had met, and the focus this year will be on not-for-profit family events and social events with the Haney Club. One proposed event would be a trip to Vancouver by coach to watch a Canuck's game. The cost per person would be est. \$75. for the ticket and bus, and the event is to take place in February 2009. Kevin asked if anyone was interested. 10 members indicated interest, so this will be pursued with the other club who have a number wishing to go.

Matt announced that Amber Huguet and Derek Tyler, School District 42, will be our Guest Speakers next Tuesday. They will be providing insight on the how the 4 Way Test program was received in the initial test sessions and the future growth of this program.

Matt introduced our Guest Speaker, Brittany Lang (with her mum Dana) who came to share her experience at the "Forum for Young Canadians" which was sponsored by our Club. Brittany, along with 137 other youth, ages 15 - 19 years, from across Canada gathered in Ottawa to learn about the role of Parliament and the dynamics of the decision-making process. The one-week experience included breakfast with the Senate, dinner with the MPs (she met Randy Kamp), and a guided tour of Ottawa, Rideau Hall, and Archives Canada. In the Lester Pearson Building they had the opportunity for political role-play, and other simulations including mini elections. They had the opportunity to speak with some of the senate pages. Brittany advised that she's bilingual (English/French), which will be beneficial, as she has applied to be a page. Brittany was one of sixteen youth out of 138 that participated in the Members' Statement simulation. She received the *Texture of Canada* pin for her Statement by Members on bilingualism. She thanked us for the opportunity to have attended the forum.

Submitted by Lynda Lawrence

THE 6TH ANNUAL FAMILY OF ROTARY BARBECUE

Last Saturday, August 9, it was once again Vlad's and Zdenka's pleasure to invite all Meadow Ridge Rotarians (including family members) they also welcomed Dick Drew with his wife from the Haney Club, to their Bee farm. The weather held up and it turned out to be a beautiful late afternoon. The wonderful soothing music by Robert, Cailin and Alphonse (drums) made everything even more "complete".

Vladimir started with the, by now also, traditional little "update" about the "bee world", always very interesting and down to earth!



As every previous year Vlad and Zdenka had gone "all out" to serve a beautiful, and all home-made, Croatian buffet-style meal, including a fantastic salmon barbeque (facilitated by one of their good friends), great wine and delicious raspberry juice (all their own product!). After the delicious variety of foods (like: pork, smoked salmon, potato salad, beans, pickled peppers, cheese, beautiful cold cuts, fabulous bbq'd salmon etc.), there were the deserts.....oh boy, were they ever good! Vlad later told me, that Zdenka was baking until 3 am the previous night! But what a delight it was. I think all in attendance will have to agree, it was just absolutely fantastic.

No paper plates or plastic cutlery either, everything was so well orchestrated and beautifully laid out; clearly Vlad and Zdenka are real "professionals" at this!

Not everybody who "signed up" showed up, but others that didn't confirm did show up and some people brought along more people than expected....all and all it was a GREAT party and not much food was left over! The "Live Auction", with our own Dave acting as auctioneer, was once again very "lively". A collection of truly beautiful and sometimes "unique" items was up for bids and everybody had lots of fun! By the end of our last item \$1875.= was committed, not bad at all.....and thanks again to Dave Rempel and his very, shall we say "unique" auctioneering skills! Thanks again to all who donated something and to those purchasing for the cause!

The total proceeds of the event reached \$2988.= (with maybe some more donations to be made?), which was all donated to the Rotary Foundation by Vladimir and Zdenka!

This was once again a fabulous event and all who attended would join me in once again thanking Vladimir and Zdenka for the "GREAT 6th Family Bee Barbeque", the Food, the Auction, the Music, the Ambience, the Fellowship, this is a truly unique experience. Your unbelievable generosity towards your fellow Rotarians and friends is very much appreciated.....and way, way beyond "Service above Self".

Dear Vladimir and Zdenka thanks so much from the bottom of our hearts!

Submitted by Ineke Boekhorst

