

HARVEST WINE FESTIVAL 2008

Every single member is asked to donate a "good" BOTTLE OF WINE with a minimum value of \$30.00 (Absolutely NO home-made wines!). If you are unable to do so, we would ask you to just donate \$30.00 and a Committee member will buy the bottle for you (discount available to our Club!).



We will then put together 2 exquisite "wine cellars" to be auctioned off at the event! As you can see, we really need **every** member to participate in this, otherwise we will not have enough bottles to make this exciting "wine cellar-auction" successful.

RI PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear fellow Rotarians,

In Rotary, we know that planning ahead and planning wisely are the keys to successful service. This is why I urge all of you to plan ahead – and plan wisely – by registering now for the 2009 RI Convention in Birmingham, England.

If you have been to a convention before, you already know how wonderful this annual event can be. And if you have never been to a Rotary convention, Birmingham is the perfect place to start.

Like Rotary, Birmingham is a mix of the old and the new. With a pedestrian-friendly downtown area and excellent public transportation, the city offers diverse neighbourhoods, historical interests, great dining, and ample shopping. And Britain's extensive rail network makes it easy to get to many sites in less than an hour. The excitement of London, the natural beauty of Wales, and all the charms of the English countryside are close enough for a daytrip and engaging enough for a post-convention vacation.

With its own airport and rapid rail links to London, Birmingham is an easy destination from anywhere in the world. And once you're in Birmingham, your stay will be more than worth the trip. There, you will join thousands of Rotarians from dozens of countries as you celebrate a year in which we have worked together to *Make Dreams Real* for the world's children.

It is impossible to describe the energy and excitement of a Rotary convention. It is the highlight of the Rotary year and an event that I look forward to from the end of each convention until the beginning of the next. I know I will see old friends and make new ones, learn about Rotary projects throughout the world, and find new ways that my club can put Service Above Self.

Each convention is different, but each one promises the same friendship, fellowship, and inspiration. Each one is unique, and each one is memorable. Each one is an opportunity that will not come again.

I strongly believe that every Rotarian should experience a Rotary convention at least once. It will forever change how you see Rotary. And after you leave, you'll find that you are already planning for the next convention. Young and I look forward to seeing you in Birmingham for the 100th convention of Rotary International.

Dong Kurn (D.K.) Lee
President, Rotary International



The Four Way Flasher

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SEPTEMBER IS NEW GENERATIONS MONTH

INVOCATION

Sept. 2	Jan Dale	Sept. 9	Mike Davies
Sept. 16	Wende Dawes	Sept. 30	Jennifer Dawkins

BINGO SCHEDULE

	6:15 - 8:15	8:00 - 10:00
Sep. 18	Mary Robson	Gordy Robson
Oct. 16	Sharon Kyle	Robert Campbell

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



TODAY'S PROGRAM: Barrie Seaton, P.R. Chair for District 5050

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM: Ed Chu – Salvation Army

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Sept. 13	7pm	WineFest	Thomas Haney Centre
Sept. 23	5pm	Fireside	P.M. Corn Maze
Oct. 7		Sport's Banquet	Meadow Gardens Golf Club
Nov. 4	Noon	D.G. Larry Stinson's Visit	

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$331.00 + 1/2 of today's sales, 42 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Sept.3: Dave Rempel Sept.4: Doris Gagel Sept.8: Gayle Paterson

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Sept.2: Fraser & Debbie McRae Sept.3: Mile & Wendy Lindvik
Sept.6: Jack & Liz Attarmigirian

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Guests today: Irena Shantz, Nicholas (exchange student from France, and our guest speakers, subject "Merchants Against Money Laundering", Kevin Rakhra (BCIT undergraduate), Emily Li (Simon Fraser undergraduate), Dave Reece (RCMP Corporal of the Proceeds of Crime Unit in Vancouver).

Lynda Lawrence, our Vice President, chaired the meeting for the second week in a row in President Robert's absence. If you would like to volunteer for the Sports' Banquet committee, please contact Lynda; date of Banquet, October 7.

Terry reported on the Wine Festival: date September 13. If your company can donate something towards the Silent Auction please inform Ineke.

Tickets are available from Ineke @ \$40. = each. Please sell lots of tickets (only 60 tickets are sold to date!) If you can volunteer, please contact Matt.

Our Guest Speakers were Kevin Rakhra and Emily Li, who provided us with a presentation on "Merchants Against Money Laundering". Canadian businesses are being victimized, often unknowingly, by organized crime. This presentation highlights some of these areas, gives brief guidelines on how to deal with these situations and explains briefly the obligations of business operators on reporting. Each Rotary member was provided with a copy of the booklet "Merchants against Money Laundering" which covers all of the relevant information.

This is a national Government Initiative to combat money laundering, which brings together several federal departments and agencies including the Solicitor General of Canada, RCMP, Justice Canada, Canada Customs and Revenue Agency, Citizenship and Immigration Canada and the Department of Finance.



The RCMP Proceeds of Crime program's mandate is to identify, assess, restrain and forfeit illicit and/or unreported wealth accumulated through criminal activities. The Integrated Proceeds of Crime Units bring together the skills, knowledge and abilities of a diverse group of experts, including RCMP, municipal and provincial police investigators, lawyers from the Department of Justice, forensic accountants, representatives from CCRA and custom officers from the Canada Border Services Agency.

One of the RCMP's roles is to inform and educate business owners and the general public on money laundering. Criminals launder money to convert cash into any kind of asset in order to conceal its criminal origins, avoid persecution and evade taxes. It involves placement (introduction of illegal profits into the financial system) by breaking up large amounts of cash into smaller sums, which are then deposited into a bank account. Layering involves a series of conversions or movements of funds to distance from their source. Integration is when the funds re-enter the legitimate economy such as investments in real estate, business ventures or luxury assets.

Money laundering methods include "smurfing" (structuring) which is the most common method. It involves many individuals who deposit cash into bank accounts in amounts under \$10,000. to avoid the reporting threshold. Bank complicity occurs when a bank employee is involved in facilitating in part of money laundry process. Money Services and Currency Exchange provide a service that enables individuals to exchange foreign currency, which can then be transported out of the country. Other methods include asset purchases with bulk cash, electronic funds transfer, postal money orders, credit card overpayments, co-mingling of funds with legitimate business (i.e. restaurants and night clubs), value tampering and the loan back scheme.

Ignoring key money laundering indicators is considered "wilful blindness". It arises where a person is aware of the need for some inquiry, declines to make the inquiry and purposely avoids investigation. By ignoring the indicators, an individual may have directly participated in the process.

FINTRAC (Financial Transactions and Reports Analysis Centre) was created in 2000. All financial entities, security dealers, life insurance companies, foreign exchange outlets and money service businesses which have detected a suspicious transaction or wire transfers in/out of Canada worth \$10,000 and over, must record and report these transactions. The records are kept for a period of five years. These reports go to FINTRAC for analysis. To report a suspicious transaction go to www.fintrac.gc.ca or contact your local RCMP.

It's important to know your customers, and train your staff how to recognize possible crimes. Money laundering impacts the economy (2-5% of worldwide GDP). Primarily centres on marijuana in BC. Seized items are auctioned, drugs and paraphernalia are destroyed.

Every year police investigations are launched as a result of information provided by community members. Law enforcement considers this information vital to identify suspected money launderers.

Submitted by Ineke Boekhorst

FOLLOWING ARE THE SEPTEMBER WINNERS FOR THE HOSPICE 2008 CASH CALENDAR:



1	\$20	Hilda Yaciw	Maple Ridge	16	\$20	Teresa Caldovino	Maple Ridge
2	\$20	Jo-Anna Connor	Maple Ridge	17	\$20	Anthony Rossner	Maple Ridge
3	\$20	Don Woytowich	Maple Ridge	18	\$20	David Moffitt	Maple Ridge
4	\$20	Sharon Pyle	Maple Ridge	19	\$20	Barb Leech	Maple Ridge
5	\$20	Louise Buis	Port Coquitlam	20	\$20	Bonnie Telep	Maple Ridge
6	\$20	Dawn Bouchard	Maple Ridge	21	\$20	Carollee Kirby	Port Coquitlam
7	\$20	Betty Brown	Maple Ridge	22	\$20	Leanne Nielsen	Mission
8	\$20	Diana Kelly	Port Coquitlam	23	\$20	Greg Stuart	Maple Ridge
9	\$20	Tim And Amy Daniels	Auburn California	24	\$20	Andrea Adams	Maple Ridge
10	\$20	H Barnes	Maple Ridge	25	\$20	Arlene Pyle	Maple Ridge
11	\$20	Rick & Sharon Hughes	Maple Ridge	26	\$20	Sandy Poscott	Maple Ridge
12	\$20	Hubert Daignault	Mission	27	\$20	Rory Stewart	
13	\$20	John McDermott	Maple Ridge	28	\$20	Bruno Tommasini	Maple Ridge
14	\$20	Lynne Balfour	Pitt Meadows	29	\$20	Don & Lynn Nyhus	Maple Ridge
15	\$20	Jolanda Oostewegel	Maple Ridge	30	\$250	Bonnie Telep	Maple Ridge