

Saturday September 13, 2008, date of our 13th Annual Wine Festival. Once again our venue was the fabulous Rotunda in Thomas Haney Centre. Everybody enjoyed themselves as we celebrated the Harvest, the most important time of the wine industry. This year the festival featured even more beer and wines than ever before. We welcomed a variety of award winning wineries as well as some leading wine agencies, all pouring fine white, red and dessert wines from top local and international wineries.



Complementing the fabulous wines and beer selections, we also proudly showcased the culinary talents of some of our local restaurants. Some back from last year, but also a few new names, like Celebrity's Catering and Papa Murphy's Pizza.



Even the Silent Auction contained more items than ever before and raised well over \$5000.= and the Live Auction featured two spectacular wine cellars, valued at close to \$1000.=

The wonderful music by Gary, Rob and Greg, the decorations by Helen Ferris, which created a stunning entourage, it was all just perfect.



Our annual wine tasting fundraising event has evolved into a delightful and beautiful wine and culinary extravaganza, that you don't want to miss and you enjoy inviting your friends to.



We hosted about 350 patrons, who all had a superb time.

After all was said and done, our Rotary Club raised well over \$15,000 (not a final total, still some money outstanding)

We couldn't have done it without all of you, so: Thanks to all who participated: members, sponsors, volunteers, patrons, local business community, Thomas Haney staff, organizing committee, wineries and anybody I'm forgetting in this line up. It has been another fantastic Wine Festival..... let's do it again in 2009!



Submitted by Ineke Boekhorst



The Four Way Flasher

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SEPTEMBER IS NEW GENERATIONS MONTH

INVOCATION

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| Sept. 16 | Wende Dawes | Oct. 7 | Jennifer Dawkins |
| Oct. 14 | Matt DeBruyn | Oct. 21 | Brian Fox |

BINGO SCHEDULE

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

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TODAY'S PROGRAM: Howard Blank - Maple Ridge Casino

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM: Fireside at Pitt Meadows Corn Maze

Next week no regular meeting: Fireside!

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

| Date | Time | Event | Venue |
|-----------------|-------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Sept. 23 | 5pm | Fireside | P.M. Corn Maze |
| Oct. 7 | 6pm | Sport's Banquet | Meadow Gardens Golf Club |
| Nov. 4 | Noon | D.G. Larry Stinson's Visit | |

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$372.50 + 1/2 of today's sales, 40 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Our Guests today were Assistant District Governor Dennis Boyd, Michael Serry, Betty Levens, Connie McGonigal and Rotarian Ed Chui.

Announcements:

The Shelter Box Dinner is being held in Richmond this Thursday evening. Please advise Robert if anyone wishes to carpool.

The Sports Banquet ticket sales are going well, we anticipate selling out within the next 2 weeks. If you want to get tickets, please contact Lynda Lawrence (604) 467-3333 and she'll advise who still has seats available at their tables.

On September 30th our luncheon meeting will be held at Rosewood Cottage (the seniors' home on the corner of 225th Street and North Avenue). The Bharwanis will provide our lunch, and afterward we will head out to the various seniors' housing centres to distribute 2,000 pairs of "Socks for Seniors".

Our first Guest Speaker was Betty Levens on behalf of the local annual Terry Fox Run fundraiser. She gave a presentation called "Figures & Facts":

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| 28 | - number of years that the event has been held. |
| 36 | - monies raised per person (2005). |
| 39 | - number of countries that hold an annual run. |
| 87 | - cents of every dollar goes to cancer research. |
| 143 | - number of days that Terry Fax ran on his journey. |
| 3,339 | - number of miles he ran. |
| \$2,256 | - raised in 1981. |
| \$1,563 | - raised in 1985 with 242 runners participating. |
| \$3,429 | - raised in 1990 with 156 runners. |
| \$8,763 | - raised in 1995. |
| \$17,502 | - raised in 2000 with 496 participants. |
| \$27,597 | - raised in 2005 with 850 runners participating. |
| \$185,189 | - total raised in Maple Ridge & Pitt Meadows. |
| \$3.2 M | - raised in BC in 2005. |
| \$42,365,000 | - raised nationally in 2005. |
| \$400M | - raised worldwide. |



Betty thanked us for the monies donated annually to install the banner for the run, and asked if anyone wished to pledge for this year's run. The pledge sheet was then circulated and Betty thanked us again.

Betty Levens reported, that the 2008 Ridge Meadows Terry Fox Run, raised a total of \$29,165.45 This is the most ever raised in the Ridge Meadows area.

Thanks again to all our Meadow Ridge Rotarians, who donated last week after Betty's short presentation.



Our second Guest Speaker was Captain Ed Chui of the Salvation Army Caring Place Ministries. He advised that he and his wife, Kathy Chui, were privileged to have been able to attend the Salvation Army Camp located in Langdale, BC this summer. He explained that from May to September each year there are various camps held weekly to benefit underprivileged children.

He then handed over the podium to Connie McGonigal, Family & Community Ministries Advocate for the Salvation Army Caring Place. Connie explained that she has worked with the kids at Camp Sunrise for 11 years. She has had the opportunity to work with over 1,000 children, ages 2 - 18, that attend the camp for a one-week visit. The various camps include Teen camps, Music camps, Mums & Tots camps, and Holiday camps.

These camps are held to benefit underprivileged kids whose parents cannot afford to send them to summer camps. The camps provide a positive emotional experience, confidence and self-esteem, friendship and nutrition. Connie advised that there was a boy at the Camp who cried when he had to go home - this was the first time he had been fed 3 meals a day.

Five years ago the Caring Place's allotment was 18 children per summer. This year there were 28 from Maple Ridge who attended along with a waiting list. Unfortunately the program is running at a \$5,040 deficit, and more support is needed. Ed requested that we consider Camp Sunrise for future club funding. Ed and Connie thanked us for the opportunity to attend lunch and share their camp stories with us.

Ed, who is now the official chaplain for our local RCMP detachment, advised that Inspector Jim Wakely has been diagnosed with terminal cancer, and will be undergoing treatment over the next few months. He asked that we pray for Jim and his family.

Submitted by Lynda Lawrence



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Sept. 22: Wendy Lindvik

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Sept. 18: Nizar & Shalma Virani
Sept. 21: Alphonse & Anne Seward