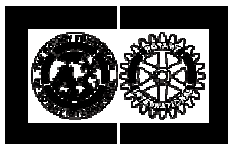


DISTRICT FOUNDATION DINNER



The 2008 District 5050 Foundation dinner will be held on **November 7, at McIntyre Hall in Mount Vernon, WA.** Cocktails start at 5:30 with dinner being served at 7:00

The 8 Rotary Clubs in the greater SkagitValley each made significant financial commitments to build McIntyre Hall and Performing Arts Center so it is a fitting place to locate our dinner. In addition to our Group Study Exchange Teams, our Ambassadorial Scholar Candidates and other District programs, we are privileged to hear from Penny LeGate, who is a newscaster for Channel 7 in Seattle. Penny is a sought after and inspirational speaker who, with her enthusiastic and informative presentation style will be a program you won't want to miss. Penny will talk about her most recent trip to immunize children against polio and other diseases in Ethiopia and about the progress we have made and what still has to be done to win the battle to rid the world of this terrible disease. Tickets are \$65.00 each and dinner will be roast beef medallions and halibut.

Back by popular request, we'll have a silent auction to raise additional funds for the Polio Challenge for this year. Each Club is requested to bring one or two auction items worth about \$100.00. Last year we raised an additional \$4500.00 and maybe this year we can do even better!

PENNY LEGATE BIOGRAPHY

Versatility and experience may be the best words to describe Penny LeGate, who has climbed mountains, traveled remote roads of Africa, and gone scuba diving with sharks to get the news. Known as a daring storyteller with a heart, she can be seen regularly anchoring Saturday mornings on KIRO 7 Eyewitness News.



Penny's broadcasting career spans 30 years and includes hosting, reporting and producing for both television and radio. With a popular local television presence, her many honors include an Emmy award for writing, hosting, and producing a documentary on Springer, the orphaned orca captured in Puget Sound and returned to her pod in Canada. Penny also won an Emmy for her work as host of "Evening Magazine" as well as numerous other nominations for producing and writing.

An active participant in many local charities, Penny feels strongly connected to causes devoted to children, animals, and the environment. Among her contributions, Penny created a fundraiser called "Tuxes & Tails" for the Humane Society, which has raised more than 3-million dollars. She has reached the summit of Mt. Rainier twice as a participant in the Climb for Clean Air and cycled 150 miles on a bike trek to raise money for the American Lung Association.

Every year since 2002, Penny has traveled to Ethiopia at the invitation of Rotary International District 5030, raising awareness of various global health issues, including the ongoing battle to eradicate polio.

As a result, Rotary has awarded Penny the prestigious Paul Harris fellowship five times for her humanitarian work in Africa. She feels privileged that her gritty experiences in remote places have helped open her eyes to the suffering and needs of others. In recent years, Penny has traveled to Ghana, Ethiopia, Bolivia and Uganda on charitable missions and is sponsoring children in three developing nations.

A native of Nebraska, Penny earned a bachelor's degree in Broadcast Journalism from the University of Nebraska and a master's degree in Telecommunications from Indiana University. She has worked as a writer, producer and reporter in Pittsburgh, Indianapolis, Wichita and Omaha.

Penny lives in Seattle with her husband, two daughters and a bunch of rescued animals. She enjoys exotic travel, reading, skiing, hiking, biking, and scuba diving.



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OCTOBER IS VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH

INVOCATION

Oct. 21	Brian Fox	Nov. 4	Matt DeBruyn
Nov. 11	Doris Gagel	Nov. 18	Maureen Goodrick

BINGO SCHEDULE

	6:15 - 8:15	8:00 - 10:00
Nov. 20	Maureen Goodrick	Walter Volpatti
Dec. 11	Brian Bekar	Dave Rempel



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

TODAY'S PROGRAM: David Riddle - Who's Who

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM: Mayor Candidates' Meeting

Next Week NO Regular Meeting: Mayor Candidates' Meeting

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Oct. 28	Noon	Mayor Candidates' Meeting	M.R. ACT
Nov. 4	Noon	D.G. Larry Stinson's Visit	

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$431.00 + 1/2 of today's sales, 39 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

OCT. 21: ANNE SEWARD

OCT. 22: ROBERT CAMPBELL

USE YOUR PROFESSIONAL SKILLS DURING VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH

Rotarians have put Service Above Self for more than a century. Through vocational service, Rotarians serve others through their professions and promote high ethical standards. In honour of Vocational Service Month, encourage members to apply the skills and talents they use in their professions to your club's service projects. Or, create new projects that tap into your club's collective talent. To discover members' unique skills, members of the membership or service projects committees could conduct a skills inventory to determine a service project that maximizes their club's professional abilities.

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Our Guests today were Irena Shantz, our exchange student Niko, and Melissa a visiting Rotarian from the Coquitlam Club.

Announcements:

Lynda advised that she's participating in the Kidney Foundation "Jail 'n Bail" event this week and asked for support. Peter Tam advised that he is also participating and is taking donations on-line.

Robert asked if any club members would be interested in helping to organize Rotaract or Interact service clubs for youth in our community. Rotaract is a Rotary-sponsored service club for young men and women ages 18 to 30, which is sponsored by a local Rotary club. This makes them true "partners in service" and key members of the family of Rotary. Interact is Rotary International's service club for young people ages 14 to 18. Interact clubs are sponsored by individual Rotary clubs, which provide support and guidance, but they are self-governing and self-supporting. There was a brief discussion on this topic.

Jen Dawkins advised that she'd had done an online makeup and that she found it very interesting and a great way to learn about Rotary and meet other members online.

Robert advised that the Rotary Foundation Dinner and silent auction to benefit Polio Plus will be held on November 7th in Mount Vernon, WA. More details are available online at District 5050.

Gordy congratulated Stan Wade for his work on getting the horse trail open on 132nd Avenue, which enables the riders to keep off the road.

Gordy announced that the Robson Foundation is working on a proposal to utilize the former Boulder Bay Youth Camp as a treatment facility with 90 - 100 beds for adult Ridge Meadows and Mission residents requiring rehabilitation. The Foundation is holding a fundraising dinner on October 22nd at the Gourmet Hideaway to raise funds for this proposal. The plan is to make this a self-sufficient facility, and the project manager is exploring ways to generate power (run of the river, geothermal, etc.).

Mary advised that the Sports Banquet was a great success and thanked Peter and Ineke for all their hard work. She advised that it netted over \$42,000 before the administration cost. Kudos to all the Rotarians, who participated in the event.

Kevin asked the members to consider having Niko participate in any recreational plans or weekend jaunts they may be planning. If anyone would like to take Niko out, please advise Kevin.

Peter Tam reminded us about the Ridge Meadows Hospital Foundation Gala taking place at Meadow Gardens Golf and Country Club on October 18th. All funds raised will be used to purchase urgently needed life-saving equipment for the hospital.

On October 28th there will be a special meeting at the ARTS Centre in place of our regular luncheon meeting. The Chamber of Commerce with the two Rotary Clubs will host an All Candidates Meeting for Mayoralty Candidates. There will be no meeting on November 11th.

Our Guest Speaker was club member Wendy Lindvik. Wendy spoke to us on the Ridge Meadows Education Foundation. She advised that it is a stand alone, public foundation which fundraises to enhance the quality of public education in School District No. 42 including fine arts, sports and health programs. They have a \$500,000 endowment fund which funds 35 scholarships and a number of enhancements to student programs.

They have an excellent Board of Directors including Laurie Anderson, Ineke Boekhorst, Ernie Daykin, Fred Armstrong, Don Woytowich, Kathy Marshall among others. Dave Rempel is a former board member. Their role is to safeguard and administer endowment funds for the purpose to which they were intended, to establish and administer bursaries and scholarships and to provide funding to initiate, enrich and expand School District No. 42 programs.

The programs are sustained through fundraising, bequests and endowments. The Foundation hosts an annual fundraising dinner (which will be held next year on February 27th, 2009) in the Thomas Haney Rotunda. The entertainment is provided by the students, and the Culinary program students provide the meals.

They are currently working on a fundraiser called the "Dam Leaf Project", which is utilizing the wooden maple leafs that were removed from the Bella Vita and Fuller Watson buildings. Another upcoming fundraiser to provide awareness of the Foundation and its' purpose is the Yuen Kick-a-thon that is being held on November 9th. The goal is to break 100 boards in 10,000 kicks.

If you would like more information on the Foundation, please contact Wendy.

Submitted by Lynda Lawrence

JAIL 'N BAIL EVENT

Dear Fellow Rotarians:

I would like to take a moment to thank all of you who supported me at the above-noted event. Through your generosity I was able to exceed my goal of \$500. I have just been "released" and I was able to pay \$575 "bail".

On behalf of my Mum and I, I would like to thank you for your donation to the Kidney Foundation. Anyone who has not yet received their tax receipt, they are ready and will be distributed at our next meeting.

Thank You!!!!
Lynda Lawrence