

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Mt. Crescent PAC are looking for volunteers to assist with flipping pancakes December 6 from 9:00 - 11:30 a.m. - at their Christmas Breakfast - for more details please contact Dave Rempel.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Nov. 28: Nizar Virani Nov. 29 Stan Wade Nov. 30 Shalma Virani

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Nov. 26: Matt & Lynda deBruyn

MOSQUITO NET PROJECTS HELP PREVENT MALARIA

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One of the most sobering facts about malaria is, that it can be prevented simply by sleeping under an insecticide-treated mosquito net.

These nets can last five years and cost about US\$10 -- expensive to families who survive on less than \$1 a day but, thanks to Rotarian efforts, now accessible to many of them.

The Rotary Club of Kråkerøy, Norway, teamed up with the Rotary Club of Machakos, Kenya, in 2004 on a \$16,000 Matching Grant project to distribute 3,000 mosquito nets to children under five and pregnant women in a slum of Machakos and nearby rural villages.

It was such a success that the clubs are collaborating on a second Matching Grant project to hand out 5,000 nets during 2008, with plans for a third effort in the works.

Malaria prevention often fits in with larger community development ventures. The Rotary Club of Red Deer Sunrise, Alberta, Canada, for instance, is partnering with the Rotary Club of Iganga, Uganda, on a \$33,000 Matching Grant project that's providing rainwater harvesting tanks, livestock, agricultural education, and 1,400 insecticide-treated mosquito nets — enough for everyone in Uganda's Buntaba village.

"Malaria is almost like the common cold [to people in Buntaba]," says Ed Grose, of the Red Deer Sunrise club. "And because it's so commonplace, it becomes almost acceptable."

Another effort to address multiple needs was initiated by the Rotary Club of Raymond, Alberta, Canada. Past club president Steven Leavitt and his wife, Pat, traveled to a Bushenyi District village near Kampala, Uganda, in 2007 on a \$6,000 Volunteer Service Grant to distribute mosquito nets and offer agricultural assistance.

Their hosts from the Rotary Club of Mengo recruited a local doctor to help distribute 150 pretreated mosquito nets to the 32-family village. Every household reported outbreaks of malaria at least once a month, Pat recalls, and only a few villagers had even seen a mosquito net before. She was thrilled when, six months later, the doctor e-mailed to report that he had found no new cases of malaria on a recent visit.

"It's just incredible to realize that kind of impact," Pat says.



Emily Grose, daughter of Canadian Rotarian Ed Grose, befriended other children while accompanying her parents on a Rotary-related trip to Uganda in 2004. The trip inspired a Matching Grant project that Grose is coordinating for his club. *Photo courtesy of Ed Grose*



The Four Way Flasher

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NOVEMBER IS ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH

INVOCATION

Nov. 25	Maureen Goodrick	Dec. 2	Cailin Green
Dec. 9	Ken Knuttila	Dec. 16	Sharon Kyle

BINGO SCHEDULE

	6:15 - 8:15	8:00 - 10:00
Dec. 11	Brian Bekar	Dave Rempel
Jan. ??		

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

TODAY'S PROGRAM: Nick Smith - RYLA

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM: Peddling for \$\$ for Cathy's Rwanda School

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Dec. 6	5:30pm	Christmas Parade	Downtown Maple Ridge
Dec. 9	Noon	AGM	
Dec. 10	6:00pm	Haney/MeadowRidge Christmas Party	Meadow Gardens
Dec. 19		CP Christmas Train	Haney station
Jan. 20	5-9pm	Visioning Session	

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$487.00 + 1/2 of today's sales, 37 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Today's Guests: Bruno Tommasini of the Haney Club, Melissa Kramer of the Coquitlam Club, Nico Thomas and Donald Carter

Today's Guest Speaker: Linda Palm, Operation Red Nose

Announcements:

Vision Meeting scheduled for January 20, 2009 (5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.) A sign up sheet was distributed.

Ineke announced there will be a Friends in Need Fundraiser on December 9th at MeadowRidge School. Musician Tom Jackson will be performing. Tickets are \$20.00 for adults and \$15.00 for seniors and students and tickets can be purchased from the Chamber of Commerce.

Christmas Parade will be held on December 6th at 5:30 p.m. We will need Rotarians to come out and push the carts – please dress warm.

On Friday, December 19th the CP Christmas Train will be arriving. Canned food and cash is greatly appreciated. Canned Fruit, Kraft Dinner and Pasta are popular items. If you bring canned goods please check the expiry date.

Ineke also announced that she has been chosen to be the Ambassador for Shelter Box – congratulations Ineke – we know you will do an awesome job!!

Mike Davies announced that St. John's Ambulance will be holding a free seminar – please contact St. John's for more details.

Brian Bekar announced he has leads on two new potential Rotarians but is asking for our help in recruiting new members.

Mary Robson will be seeking nomination for the B.C. Liberal Party (East Maple Ridge/ Mission).

Kevin Nosworthy advised that there will be a joint Haney / MeadowRidge Christmas Party on Wednesday, December 10 at Meadow Gardens Golf Club. Reception starts at 6:00 p.m. with a buffet dinner following at 6:30. If you are bringing a child please bring a wrapped gift with your child's name on it and leave at the front desk upon arrival. Cost is \$30.00 for adults and \$12.50 per child. All proceeds from this event will be donated to the Food Bank.

Our outgoing student Shannon Wright is now residing in Lucerne, France and living with Nico's family.

Our Guest Speaker Linda Palm was next on the Agenda and she mentioned that she is a Member of the Kiwanis Club in Clearbrook. Linda then spoke about "Operation Red Nose" which is a Free and Confidential Driver Service. However, she said, most patrons are very generous with their donations to have a safe ride home in their own vehicle.

Operation Red Nose has been in operation for 25 years in Canada and started in Quebec. It has been operating in Abbotsford/Mission for 13 years and has provided 5,443 safe rides to people in the community. The service

runs for 9 nights, starting November 28th and operates on Friday and Saturday nights from 9:00 p.m.- 3:00 a.m. and consists of a team of 3 people. They are in the recruitment phase and are seeking sponsors and are currently talking to licensed premises (pubs, restaurants, golf courses). There will be a Volunteer Kick Off Meeting this Monday night at the Golden Ears Winter Club at 7:00 p.m. Linda mentioned the Mission Rotary Clubs are very active in the community and have two teams. If you are able to sign up for a night or two please drop Linda a line or check out their web site at www.operationrednose.com

Submitted by Maureen Goodrick

Hi there.

I won't be at Rotary because the next 2 Tuesdays I have meetings with the Firefighters Without Borders and the following 2 Tuesdays I am on day shift (don't worry I will do online make-ups...lol), but I wanted to share this with you and the club.

This is something I do every year.

Check out the link: <http://www.samaritanspurse.ca/occ/>

Jenn Dawkins

Operation Christmas Child brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations around the world through gift-filled shoe boxes and the message of God's unconditional love. Anyone can participate in this simple, hands-on project.

Last season, 661,530 shoe boxes from Canada were collected and distributed to children in more than 15 countries. Each gift is a special reminder to a child that he or she is loved. Delivered by teams of local pastors, charities, and civic leaders, Operation Christmas Child gifts provide opportunities to make a lasting impact on children, families and communities. Often, the shoe boxes open doors to provide other aid, allowing Samaritan's Purse to provide resources for a better tomorrow.

Operation Christmas Child focuses on the true meaning of Christmas – Jesus Christ – God's greatest gift. Separate from the shoe box and when culturally appropriate, we offer children "The Greatest Gift of All," an illustrated Bible storybook in the local language. When possible, children can further explore a faith in Jesus Christ through a voluntary Bible study program.

The shoe boxes don't leave Canada on their journey overseas without first making an impact on the people who pack them. The project fosters compassion in Canadian families, individuals, and businesses by expanding their world view and showing how it is greater to give than to receive.

Collection week is Nov. 24 – 29, so you are not too late, but better hurry!

You can pick up a free, specially designed Operation Christmas Child boxes at Maple Ridge Baptist Church (22155 Lougheed Highway), Greyhound Depot (#4, 20214 Lougheed Highway) or at your nearest Safeway store.

