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ShelterBox has issued an urgent appeal for funds to help provide aid to tens of thousands of displaced people in four countries following a succession of humanitarian crises.

Response teams from [ShelterBox](#) reacted quickly to distribute emergency aid to victims of the 29 October earthquake in Pakistan. And worsening humanitarian situations in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Honduras, and Swaziland have stretched operations to the limit, ShelterBox representatives say.

"This is a life-or-death situation. Families who have lost their homes are in desperate need of shelter and warmth," says Sally Grint, ShelterBox communications and fundraising manager. "[Donations](#) are urgently needed to fund further deliveries of aid."

In southwestern Pakistan, a ShelterBox response team provided 1,000 containers to families left homeless after a powerful earthquake rocked impoverished regions there, killing at least 215 people and causing widespread destruction.

Each container provides a tent, a stove, a water purification kit, blankets, tools, and other necessities to help a family of 10 survive for six months.

Mark Pearson, response team leader on the ground in Pakistan, says winterized tents are desperately needed to shelter an estimated 15,000 displaced villagers trying to withstand frigid nighttime temperatures.

"We assessed the scattered villages around Ziarat District, and almost all the mud-brick houses were destroyed," Pearson says on the ShelterBox Web site.

Pearson praises the logistical support provided by local Rotary clubs. "The clubs in Quetta and Karachi are invaluable in the operations here, providing flights, security, accommodations, interpreters, and local knowledge," he says.

In Congo, an estimated quarter-million people are seeking refuge from fierce fighting between rebels and government forces. ShelterBox has provided 200 containers and has committed to deliver 200 more.

A response team also distributed 200 containers to residents of San Pedro Sula, Honduras, after heavy rains and flooding forced 22,000 people from their homes on 22 October.

And a ShelterBox team in Swaziland is distributing aid to children orphaned by AIDS in an ongoing program with the National Emergency Response Council on HIV/AIDS.

The ShelterBox program was launched in 2000 by Tom Henderson, a British Rotarian and former Royal Navy search-and-rescue diver, who is the charity's CEO.



An estimated 15,000 displaced earthquake victims are trying to withstand a frigid upcoming winter in southwest Pakistan.

*Photo by Mark Pearson/ShelterBox*



# The Four Way Flasher

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## DECEMBER IS FAMILY MONTH

### INVOCATION

<b>Dec. 2</b>	Cailin Green	<b>Dec. 9</b>	Ken Knuttila
<b>Dec. 16</b>	Sharon Kyle	<b>Dec. 23</b>	Lynda Lawrence

### BINGO SCHEDULE

	<b>6:15 - 8:15</b>	<b>8:00 - 10:00</b>
<b>Dec. 11</b>	Brian Bekar	Dave Rempel

**No Bingo duties for Jan., Feb., and March**

Call Peter at 604-465-3392 for assistance or email [peter.boekhorst@telus.net](mailto:peter.boekhorst@telus.net)



**TODAY'S PROGRAM:** Peddling for \$\$ for Cathy's Rwanda School

**NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM:** AGM

### CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

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

**50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$509.00 + 1/2 of today's sales, 36 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!**

## LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Our Guests today were Rotarians Mike Morden and Melissa Kramer, and Niko our exchange student.

A \$1,000 donation was presented to Ineke Boekhorst on behalf of the Friends In Need Food Bank.

Thank you Club Members for this very generous donation.

Liz presented a number of Rotary flags that she has collected along her recent travels. The banners will be added to our collection once the new display arrives.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Robert advised that the joint Christmas Party with the Haney Club is scheduled for December 10<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm at Meadow Gardens. This is a family event. Please advise ASAP if you will be attending.

Our Christmas Luncheon will be held on December 16<sup>th</sup> at noon at the Gourmet Hideaway.

There is another Rotary Leadership Institute session scheduled for January 2009. The club will cover the fee of those wishing to attend.

Jim Coulter advised that he has some complimentary tickets available for the Susan Jacks' concert this Friday at the ACT. Please call Jim if you are interested in attending.

The Visioning Session is scheduled for January 20, 2009.



Mary introduced our Guest Speaker, Nick Smith, who came to speak with us on his RYLA camp experience. Nick grew up in Maple Ridge and is 19 years old. He is the Student Co-ordinator for the Ridge Meadows Homeshow. Nick is a graduate of Thomas Haney Secondary School. He is currently studying at Carleton University for his BA in Political Science.

He described his experience at the District 50/50 RYLA youth exchange which was held at the Zajac Ranch.

He explained that upon arrival he was hugged to death, received his string ball lanyard (which is used to measure the number of people you meet), and met his group. He learned the RYLA International Cheer which must be sung before each meal.

Sal Abbott started the weekend with a presentation on the different types of leaders. Other speakers over the weekend included Gary Hollick, Patty Klassen and Sarah Matheson, who is a Maple Ridge teacher that suffers from Huntington's Disease.

Nick advised that there was a very diverse group of people at the camp. Campfire bonding was a nightly occurrence that usually went on until 2 - 3 am. He participated in the RYLANTICS, which is the RYLA team building olympics.



His group's indoor project was to design a resort, create advertising and a marketing plan to sell the resort services.

Their outdoor project was to do a clean up of the Mission Downtown. They scrubbed, power washed and weeded. This taught the group about community leadership and pride in your community.

They were educated about the history of Rotary, Rotary International programs, Rotorac, and the youth exchange programs.

Everyone received a dream stone with inspirational sayings, his was "smile". On Sunday they had their closing debriefing and goodbyes.

Nick said that he came away from the experience with life-long friends, and that he learned the following:

- teamwork is essential to success,
- the importance of community involvement,
- to give without expectations of return,
- leadership isn't about directing people but working with them.

He thanked Mary and the Club for the "best experience in his life". He would like to go back to help as a facilitator if he's invited next year.

### Submitted by Lynda Lawrence

### FOLLOWING ARE THE DECEMBER WINNERS FOR THE HOSPICE 2008 CASH CALENDAR:



1	\$20	Lindsay Beauchamp	Mission	16	\$20	Bill Aubert	Maple Ridge
2	\$20	Anne Audet/Gosse	Maple Ridge	17	\$20	Marjorie Stevens	Vancouver
3	\$20	Arlene Brown	Penticton	18	\$20	Satinder Sdlawi	Port Coquitlam
4	\$20	Shawna Peake	Maple Ridge	19	\$20	Kristi & Lovie Pimentel	Maple Ridge
5	\$20	Georgie McDermott	Maple Ridge	20	\$20	Alex Prodanovik	Port Moody
6	\$20	Anne Supak	Maple Ridge	21	\$20	Hans Hansen	Coquitlam
7	\$20	Kim Hunter	Mission	22	\$20	Mai Banh	Maple Ridge
8	\$20	Mary Anderson	Pitt Meadows	23	\$20	Judi Hart	Maple Ridge
9	\$20	Nick Logue		24	\$20	Michelle Richmond	Maple Ridge
10	\$20	Cindy Brooks	Maple Ridge	25	\$250	Joanne Quarto	Port Moody
11	\$20	Kathy Algar	Maple Ridge	26	\$20	Levina Ugolini	Maple Ridge
12	\$20	Leck Lee	Maple Ridge	27	\$20	Tony Pimentel	Surrey
13	\$250	Jean Norrie	Maple Ridge	28	\$20	Pat & Amy Tamminga	Maple Ridge
14	\$20	Joanne Halliday	Maple Ridge	29	\$20	Denise Broughton	Port Coquitlam
15	\$20	Dawn Bouchard	Maple Ridge	30	\$20	Brian Bekar	Maple Ridge
				31	\$250	Gerry Chabauty	Maple Ridge