



“The Conference in the Country”

District Governor Larry Stinson and his planning Committee are hard at work putting the finishing touches on the planning for the “Conference in the Country” in Chilliwack, B.C., from May 28 – 31, 2009. The Conference events will be primarily held at Heritage Park (www.chilliwackheritagepark.com), with some events at our host hotel being the Best Western Rainbow Country Inn.

A complete agenda and registration forms will be coming out in February. You will be responsible for booking your own accommodation and you may start doing so now.

There are a variety of options for you as follows (and Conference rates have been arranged with the following hotels/motels):

- Best Western Rainbow Country Inn - www.rainbowcountryinn.com
- Travelodge Chilliwack – www.travelodgechilliwack.com
- Comfort Inn - www.comfortinn.com/hotel-chilliwack-canada-CN235
- Travel and stay in your own RV at the Heritage Park venue...\$10 + GST/night for dry camping and \$17.50 + GST/night for electrical hook-ups
- Enjoy the wonderful hospitality of local Rotarians with our “Home Stay” opportunities. Space available on a first come – first served basis. Please contact Doug Wickers via email at dkwick@telus.net (please indicate Rotary District Conference in your re: line)

The following is a tentative outline (subject to change) of the Conference events:

- Thursday:** golfing at Chilliwack Golf and Country Club
Tours of the area for non-golfers
Evening social at the Best Western Rainbow Country Inn
- Friday:** Opening Ceremonies
Plenary Sessions
Home Hosting in the evening (groups dining in the homes of Rotarians)
- Saturday:** Plenary Sessions
Reception with a country-themed demonstration
Governor’s “Rhinstone Ball”
Dancing
- Sunday:** Closing informal breakfast at the Best Western Rainbow Country Inn

*** NO TIES *** NO SUITS *** LOTS OF FELLOWSHIP ***



The Four Way Flasher

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FEBRUARY IS WORLD UNDERSTANDING MONTH

“This is a time to focus on the importance of goodwill and understanding for peace. It is a time for all of us to pause and consider how we are pursuing Rotary’s fourth Avenue of Service – International Service – because it is our international service, and our international fellowship, that will do the most to help us all build a more peaceful tomorrow.”

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

INVOCATION

Feb. 10	Kevin Nosworthy	Feb. 17	Patrick O’Brien
Feb. 24	Brett Paskar	Mar. 3	Ken Paterson



TODAY’S PROGRAM: Katrina Elliot –
Rotary Youth Exchange & Ambassadorial Scholar

NEXT WEEK’S PROGRAM: Peter Tam - Boy Scouts

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Feb. 21	8am / 4pm	Rotary Leadership Institute - Pt. 1 only	Burlington, Wa.
Apr. 4	8am / 2pm	District 5050 Assembly	Kwantlen University, Surrey
May 28-31		District 5050 Conference	Heritage Park - Chilliwack

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$639.50 + 1/2 of today’s sales, 34 cards left, Jackpot on “Queen of Hearts” only!

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Our Guests today were Zdenka Cukor and Julia Mandziuk.

Announcements:

Robert advised that the Visioning Committee will be discussing the Long Range Plan at the next Fireside. Date and time to be confirmed.

There will be a Four Way Test overview presentation for SD42 teachers on February 18th. Bob Shantz will be the presenter. Robert is working on a power point intro presentation for the session. He is looking for ideas and help with facilitation. There was a brief meeting following the luncheon to exchange ideas.

The BC Disability Games sponsorship request for \$10,000 went to the Sport Banquet Committee which advised that funds are for infrastructure purposes only. The Wine Fest Committee advised that they would be willing to sponsor \$5,000. with the club's approval. The Haney Club has committed to \$10,000. If we match Haney, Rotary then becomes a major sponsor for the event with a \$20,000. sponsorship. They are seeking five major sponsors.

MOTION - by Dave Rempel and seconded by Terry Becker to take \$5,000 from the Wine Fest funds. MOTION CARRIED.

There was discussion on taking the other \$5,000 out of General Revenues. Walter advised that the monies can either come from previous years surplus funds or from the monies received from the sale of the Bingoplex. Mike Davies advised that Community Services funds cannot be used.

MOTION - by Dave Rempel and seconded by Ineke Boekhorst to take the other \$5,000 out of General Revenues. All in favour.

Ineke suggested that it may be possible to get a Matching Grant for the \$5,000 from Wine Fest. It was agreed that Robert would look into this possibility and advise.

MOTION AMENDED - will take funds out of General Revenue if not possible to get a Matching Grant. MOTION CARRIED.

Ken Knuttila advised that he has heard from a number of former exchange students recently. Jenny is now married. Uko now has four children. Paula is getting married. Natalie is busy with her studies. Leonie sent a Christmas card - she is working at the hospital and is planning on going to school to become a doctor.

Brian Fox announced that he has finished the Rotary Leadership Institute program. Congratulations Brian!

Our Guest Speaker was Lorie Muller who founded "Athletes in Kind" four years ago, Supporting Families Battling Cancer. Lorie is a paramedic for BC Ambulance Service. She began with a quote from Martin Luther King Jr. - "Take the first step in faith, you don't have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step".

Lorie lost her Mom to cancer when she was 23. She started the organization after doing a triathlon. The organizations' mission is to enable athletes to give back to their community through athletics. She has trained with Jenn Dawkins, a friend, for the Iron Man Competition. Other fundraisers include:

Annual Head Shave raises about \$5,000. a year (Lorie has participated and had her head shaved).

12 Hour Spin Relay - \$7,000. raised.



Lorie contacted the Lance Armstrong Foundation and ordered the yellow wristbands which she used to raise \$15,000.

She started the "kilometre Club" which is a school program for children in kindergarten thru Grade 7.

This is a kids helping kids program. The kindergarten class raised \$260 the first year. Last year the program raised \$2,000. They are working to get the program national across Canada.

Her husband, Eric Muller, is an artist. They held an Art Auction with all monies raised going to BCCPA.

It's the 10th year that they've done the Canada Day 7km race. They did a Kids Run with the Scotia Bank, matching the funds the kids raised. There are 10 schools involved in the Ridge Meadows /Poco area.

Last year they registered to become a recognized Charitable organization. The society is now know as AIK. The motto is "Driven by Sport, Inspired by People".

Lorie is seeking sponsorship for an Easy Up Tent for events. The cost is \$2,200. If anyone is interested in donating, more information is available at www.athletesinkind.com.

Submitted by Lynda Lawrence

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR -- BUILDING GOODWILL THROUGH OUR FOUNDATION

February 2009



Dear family of Rotary,

The mission of The Rotary Foundation asks Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace. That's a tall order in a world where ethnic conflict, terrorist attacks, and civil strife fuel hatred and threaten stability in so many regions. But the second part of the mission tells us how we can reach this ambitious goal: through improving health, supporting education, and alleviating poverty.

Today, 5,000 Foundation grant projects are addressing those issues through efforts as diverse as digging wells in Guatemala, equipping schools in Afghanistan, and funding microcredit programs in Uganda. The Foundation is setting the stage for peace by making life more stable for people in need.

As Rotarians, we promote international understanding and enjoy international friendships. Those friendships take root every time an Ambassadorial Scholar meets his or her host family or a district welcomes a Group Study Exchange team. Such life-changing experiences broaden our perspectives and sharpen our interest in the world. Through Rotary and its Foundation, we foster personal relationships that transcend borders and form a foundation for peace.

February – World Understanding Month – focuses our attention on international understanding, goodwill, and peace. By supporting our Foundation and participating in its programs, we find many ways to achieve those goals.

Jonathan Majiyagbe, Foundation Trustee Chair

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