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- **Scouts** is for 11 – 13 year olds, their program provides them with multiple opportunities for leadership and in fact requires them to be part of the planning and implementation process for their program activities. They develop environmental plans and take part in activities that help us ensure that we minimize our environmental impact. Youth who aspire to being the best they can be, may achieve their Chief Scout Award which is the highest award for this age group and requires significant dedication and a serious commitment to completing all the requirements which also includes a requirement of completing 40 hours of volunteer work within the community to achieve this prestigious award. In addition, the BC Ministry of Education has recognized Scouting as an educational movement and upon completion of their Chief Scout Award it will earn them 4 credits towards their Grade 11 graduation.
- **Venturers** is for 14-17 year olds, this is a self directing program where the youth become self governing and develop their own program with the assistance of an “advisor” rather than a leader. Ventures can earn their Queens Venturer Award which, like the Chief Scout Award, is the highest award for this age group and is in fact presented by the Lieutenant Governor at Government house in Victoria. It will earn them 4 credits towards their Grade 12 graduation.
- **Rovers** – ages 17-26, these are typically young men and women who have experienced Scouting at some previous level and have developed strong ties and friendships in a common interest – Scouting. Their motto is service and they are often called upon to assist with the younger sections and provide service to the community not to mention that they enjoy the social aspect of this age group as well, they are after all not kids but indeed young men and women.
- **Adult volunteers** – these are the heart, the soul and the backbone of Scouting without them there would be no movement. They are the ones who develop the youth, they are the ones who help the youth to reach their potential. Baden Powell once said “the true measure of a good leader is not in how well he leads but in how well he develops leadership in others”, that is their responsibility. You just need to look around to see how good a job they have done. 7 Prime Ministers were Scouts, business leaders, sports personalities, music stars, actors - in every walk of life, high profile individuals can be found who were ex-Scouts.

Why is all this important to you?

Well the youth that I have just talked about are the workers, the leaders and business persons of tomorrow. They are the people who will be taking over your businesses, becoming the leaders of industry and government. And by instilling in them the values of Scouting we hope to be providing them with a sound foundation for their future and through their subsequent actions to make the world a better place.

So have we achieved the dream?

I would say yes except that this is a never ending dream, one that we must keep alive and one that as we stand in the doorway of our past, about to step across the threshold into the future, we can stop and reflect on the millions of lives that Scouting has touched. And as we move forward continuing to develop the youth of today into the leaders of tomorrow - we must keep the dream in front of us, the dream to make the world a better place.

Thank you.
Terry Campbell



The Four Way Flasher

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FEBRUARY IS WORLD UNDERSTANDING MONTH

INVOCATION

Feb. 24	Brett Paskar	Mar. 3	Ken Paterson
Mar. 10	Dave Rempel	Mar. 17	David Riddell



Please bring any prospective members or people interested in finding out more about "Rotary Membership". The Club will pay for "guest lunches" (one per member!), March 10th only.

David Riddell and Alphonse Seward are in charge of organizing this meeting. Contact either one of them, if you have any suggestions etc. Please help us to make this a successful "Membership Drive" and let's see everybody bring one guest to this meeting!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Feb. 23: Vladimir Cukor Mar. 1: Gladys Davies

TODAY'S PROGRAM: Don Waite - M.R. / P.M. History of Photo's.

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM: Sean Hogan – RYLA

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Mar. 10	noon	New Member Drive	
Apr. 4	8am / 2pm	District 5050 Assembly	Kwantlen University, Surrey
May 28-31		District 5050 Conference	Heritage Park – Chilliwack

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$681.00 + 1/2 of today's sales, 32 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Our Guest today was Irena Shantz.

Announcements:

We will be hosting a GSE Team from Ecuador from May 24 - 28, 2009. We will require host families - if you are interested please contact Dave Rempel.

Doris has offered to host Nico's family - thank you Doris!

The Spirit of Wood Festival went very well with double the numbers from last year.

Briefly discussed the June 2009 Installation and Marco suggested having the event take place at his house and have tents set up in his yard - more details to follow.

Peter Tam introduced our guest speaker today - Terry Campbell of Scouts Canada.

A MAN HAD A DREAM

Scouting's founder, Lord Robert Baden Powell, had a dream. A dream that tomorrow the world could be a better place and that he could help. So he wrote a book. The book was caught up and the dream was believed by the dreamers – the little ones who find adventure and excitement in a mud puddle. Soon the dream began to spread. It jumped from shore to shore, continent to continent until it circled the globe. The dream was not for those who live in the ashes of their past and speculate on their possible triumphs. The dream was not for those who simply scramble for the crusts of today. The dream was for those who could see tomorrow shining bright, full of hope, like a tiny candle burning at the end of a long tunnel.

The dream grew and it grew. It kindled hope in the hearts of men and it kindled the dreamers who gazed into those mud puddles. The dream soon outstripped the man and left him behind as it caught in hearts and imaginations and became in its own way, a moving force.

For you see, the hopes of tomorrow lie with those who can rise up out of the ashes of the past and clutch that crust of today, and know, in their hearts and in their minds, that tomorrow will become a reality.

While Scouting is certainly a reality it also continues to be a dream. A dream that has spanned more than a century. Not just in books and words but in minds and hearts. It is not the dream of stary eyed philosophers but rather of the “you and me” of this community – repeated over and over not just in our community , not only in this great nation of ours, but which broaches all borders to embrace the world.

Again ... what is that dream – the dream of that man?

That the world can be a better place if we act today. And now a hundred years later, Scouting which was founded on three fundamental principles that have withstood the test of time; Duty to God, Duty to Self And Duty to others; has grown to 38 million members in 216 Countries and territories, all with a common focus, all with a common mission to develop young people and to make the world a better place.

And how exactly do we accomplish that dream? What is Scouting? If I was to ask each of you that question I'm sure it would conjure an image of some description. And as long as your image isn't one of young boys in short pants helping little old ladies across the street, then one of the things I'm about to tell you is likely to ring a true with your image .



So what is Scouting?

It is A Youth Movement – constantly evolving and adapting to the rigors of change and cultural differences. It is governed and driven by volunteers and supported by a small staff of equally dedicated professional Scouters.

It is Education For Life – we are the world's largest non-formal educational movement. We teach life skills, we help young people to develop their potential to become constructive, contributing members of their community.

It is Open To All – we continue to break down the barriers of race, creed and religion to help youth better understand the need to work together cooperatively to improve the world of today and tomorrow.

It is A Challenge To The Adults – a challenge to get involved, to help shape the youth of today into better citizens of tomorrow, to help the youth realize their potential and to do it in a way that is safe and enjoyable; and for the adults to develop their own potential, and to learn new skills that will also serve them well in their day to day lives.

It is Learning By Doing – this isn't a typical classroom this is the school of try it, if it works that's great if it doesn't let's figure out how to make it work and try it again. To loosely quote Thomas Edison after 100's of failures at getting his light bulb to work he said “I now know 900 ways that it won't work; I just have to find the one way that will work”. Hopefully it doesn't take a Scout 900 tries to get their camp stove going or they may starve to death but that's where Scouters play a critical role in teaching and helping young people how to succeed.

It is The Outdoors – Scouting uses the outdoors as a teaching tool. While it is a serious challenge to the world of Nintendo, I truly believe that most youth would rather be outside exploring the natural world or playing an exciting game of ‘capture the flag’ and developing their self-confidence, leadership and teamwork skills rather than sitting inside.

It is Taking Care Of The Environment – as far back as the early 1900's, our founder, Baden Powell made it very clear to Scouts that they must never use their axes or knives to cut down, or cut into, a tree for the sake of using their axe or knife. It was only to be done in order to provide them with necessary elements for survival.

It is Fun - but fun with a purpose. Through fun activities we help young people achieve Scouting's purpose to develop physically, intellectually, socially and spiritually.

And how do we accomplish all of this?

Through age appropriate activities. Progressive activities that are creative and imaginative. Programming that inspires and challenges the kids and helps them to grow.

By working in small groups where they can experience leadership and social dynamics.

By making a personal commitment to a simple ‘code of conduct’ and living ... the Scout Promise and law.

Youth are divided into age Groupings where all of the above methodology can be implemented on an age appropriate basis;

- **Beavers** is for 5-7 year olds, their program is cooperative in nature as opposed to a competitive and is designed to help them learn social skills, to introduce them to the outdoors and to help them develop an appreciation for nature.
- **Cubs** is for 8-10 year olds, their program introduces them to leadership and gives them opportunities to practice it. It allows for them to experience many different interests through the badge and star program designed to recognize them for their achievements. They are charged with developing an appreciation for and taking action in helping to take care of the environment.

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