

Fellow Rotarians

It is with great sadness that I must report to you the passing of our long-time friend and fellow Rotarian, Past District Governor Jim Follows. Jim passed away on Sunday, April 19. Information regarding funeral arrangements and the like will be provided as soon as it becomes available. Our condolences go out to his family and his fellow members of the White Rock Peninsula Rotary Club.

Sincerely,
Larry Stinson, District Governor

SHELTER, AID REACH VICTIMS OF ITALIAN QUAKE

By Ryan Hyland

Rotary International News -- 17 April 2009

Hours after a powerful earthquake struck central Italy on 6 April, killing nearly 300 people, a team of

ShelterBox volunteers reached the affected areas to distribute 245 containers of relief supplies to hundreds of displaced families.

The quake, Italy's deadliest in nearly three decades, left tens of thousands homeless, and damaged or destroyed at least 15,000 buildings across the mountain city of L'Aquila.

In the chaos after the disaster, the ShelterBox team worked with local Rotarians and Italy's Civil Protection Agency to set up five tent camps in the nearby village of Assergi.

"The situation was quite critical in the first couple days," says John Diksa, a ShelterBox volunteer and president of the Rotary Club of Grenoble-Grésivaudan, Isère, France. "Our quick advancement in affected areas helped families stay together. Italian Rotarians were extremely helpful in identifying the areas in most need."

ShelterBox, a grassroots disaster relief organization supported by Rotary clubs around the world, provides boxes that contain a tent, blankets, water purification and cooking equipment, basic tools, and other necessities to help a family of 10 survive for six months.

Diksa estimates that more than 2,000 people have benefited from the ShelterBox containers distributed in Italy after the quake. Most of the families will rely on temporary shelter until September, he says.

District 2090, which covers Albania and parts of Italy, including the most devastated areas, has organized meetings for the next couple of weeks with the nine other Italian districts to discuss intermediate and long-term relief projects.

District officials said the district will focus on making engineers and architects available and lending any technical expertise it can to the most damaged communities. Long-term initiatives would include helping businesses that plan to rebuild.



Volunteers assemble a ShelterBox tent in Assergi, Italy, after the country's worst earthquake in decades left tens of thousands homeless on 6 April. Photo by Mike Greenslade / ShelterBox



The Four Way Flasher

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APRIL IS MAGAZINE MONTH

INVOCATION

April 21	Bob Shantz	April 28	Peter Tam
May 5	Eng Hock Tan	May 12	Marco Terwiel



TODAY'S PROGRAM: Nico Thomas – Exchange Student

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM: Rick Hammer – Pitt Meadows Paddle Club

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

April 23: Debbie Wade April 26: John Becker April 27: Lorna Anderson

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Apr. 27	6:00 pm	Haney Rotary Ladies Night	Swan-E-Set
May 8-10		Shelterbox Village	Memorial Peace Park
May 12		Fireside	Scout Hall
May 24-28		GSE Team from Ecuador	
May 28-31	12:00	District 5050 Conference	Heritage Park – Chilliwack
June 12		(Friday) Installation Dinner	Marco Terwiel's home

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$830.00 + 1/2 of today's sales, 22 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Our Guests today were: Nico's family – John, Rene and Lucas, Assistant District Governor Dennis Boyd, Zdenka Cukor and Carl Ericson.

Guest Speakers: Ranjeet and Emily from Youth Diversion

Announcements:

Next week we will have members from the Mission Club joining us and delivering our new Flag Cabinet.

GSE Team – Dave Riddell announced that we now have enough Host Families.

RYLA - We currently have two people attending the RYLA Event in June

Our newest member **Mr. James Rogers** was installed today. James brings our membership up to 48! The Installation was conducted by our A.D.G. Dennis Boyd and assisted by Alphonse, Bob Shantz and Brian Bekar.

Our Guest Speakers today Ranjeet and Emily discussed the Ridge Meadows Youth Diversion Program, which was established in 1994 in Maple Ridge to divert first time young offenders (12-17 years) away from the court system. The crimes committed by the individuals are vandalism, assault causing bodily harm and shoplifting.



Ranjeet advised that 1700 youth have been reformed since the program started and the success rate is 70-90% of youth not committing another offense. In 2008 ninety eight youth went through the program and in 2009 forty five in the first four months.

Youth Diversion are looking for Volunteers to be Mentors. If you are interested in volunteering your time which is a three month commitment the process prior to starting with the program would be a criminal check, application completion, references and training.

Youth Diversion is a nonprofit organization with two paid employees, their annual budget is \$80K and have received funding from the District of M.R. and P.M. of \$26K and Maple Ridge Community Foundation have donated \$25K.

If you are interested in becoming a Mentor please feel free to contact Ranjeet or Emily at the Youth Diversion Office #467-5889.

Submitted by Maureen Goodrick

GARIBALDI SS "PLANNING 10 INTERVIEWS"

On May 13 Garibaldi will be hosting the sixth annual "Planning 10 Interviews". These mock interviews are part of the Planning 10 final project. In this course the students have been working on career planning areas such as: employability skills, cover letters, resumes and interviews.

At this time we would like to invite you to help us with these interviews. Students will be given specific jobs to apply for. Guidelines for interviews and assessment will be provided. Students will provide you with a cover letter and a resume at the start of the interview.

Interviews will be in half hour time slots. We will meet in the library at 8:15 AM. Interviews will start at 8:30 AM, going until 11:10 AM. We will serve a light lunch and continue interviews from 11:55 – 2:35 PM. We are very flexible with the times for volunteers to assist us: morning only, afternoon only, all day or any specific time that is convenient for you.

If you are able to help out on May 13th would you please email Matt deBruyn at mattdebruyn@shaw.ca or please call him at 604-462-1570.

SHELTERBOX VILLAGE

This year we are proposing both Rotary Clubs to challenge the youth, family and business community of Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows, by setting up a Shelterbox Village.

Twelve tents will be erected **May 8 – 10**, stay up for 72 hrs. in Memorial Peace Park, finishing with a pancake breakfast on Sunday (Mother's Day).

WHAT IS REQUIRED OF BOTH ROTARY CLUBS?

- Each Rotary Club identify / sell 6 Shelterbox sponsorships (12 total), before set-up May 8th. Cost \$1200 per Shelterbox. Sponsor signage, identifying sponsor business will be provided and placed prominently on each tent during the "Camp Out" + Shelterbox display plaque for business (provided by Shelterbox Canada). Business information packages available.
- Each Rotary Club providing volunteers to "manage" one tent overnight (2 nights), total of 6 Rotarians per club/ per night
- Each Rotary Club providing volunteers to assist with cooking of meals.
- Each Rotary Club providing 4 Rotarians Sunday am, to cook pancake breakfast.
- One Rotarian from each Club to be in attendance at all times (4 hour shifts).
- Possibly some donations of food, drinks etc. / or cash to purchase.
- Volunteers to assist with set up and break down of Shelterbox Village.

ROTARY CLUB INVOLVEMENT

- The Rotary Club will provide all Shelterboxes. Participants will be asked to assist with set up and break down of the tents.
- Rotary Club will provide responsible adult supervision for 72 hrs. while living, cooking and sleeping in the Shelterbox Village in Memorial Peace Park.
- Rotary Club will provide all meals. Participants will be asked to assist in preparation of meals, by using all provided tools from Shelterbox.
- Rotary Club will assure adequate insurance.



**Please let Ineke know, if you are willing to help.
We will have a short meeting today after the lunch meeting.**