

Installation June 12, 2009

The weather was perfect, as was the setting. We had a lovely evening at Marco and Lila Jane's home. The food was very good - roast beef, salmon, salads, and deserts. The entertainment included Robert and Cailin playing some great music, as well as a magician.



First we honoured two Outstanding New Members, David Riddell and Alphonse Seward.

Then we thanked the existing Executive for their excellent work during the past year.

A Distinguished Service Award went to Brian Bekar, Lynda Lawrence and Jim Coulter. Ineke and Peter Boekhorst received a Lifetime Achievement Award.

The new Executive was piped in by the Bagpiper, and our District Governor Larry Stinson performed the Installation of the new board and committee chairs.

New Executive:

- President: Marco Terwiel
- President Elect: Lynda Lawrence
- Vice President: Wendy Lindvik
- Secretary: Alphonse Seward
- Treasurer: Walter Volpatti

- Community Service Chair: Brett Paskar
- Club Service Chair: Ineke Boekhorst
- International Service Chair: David Riddell
- Vocational Service Chair: Matt DeBruyn
- Sergeant At Arms: Brian Fox



Four Paul Harris Awards were given out: Sharon Kyle, Past President Bob Shantz, Walter Volpatti and the Wrights (student exchange parents) were the deserving recipients.



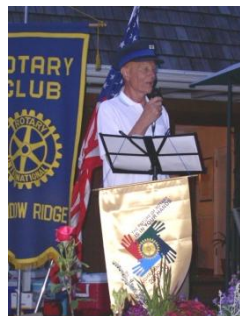
Nico received a Canuck's hockey jersey which he wore with pride for the rest of the evening.



There were a number of 100% Attendance recipients.



Our newest member Laura Cherrille was installed by DG Larry Stinson.



The pilot knows where he is going!

Robert was thanked for taking on the role of President at the last minute, and he did a great job. Thank you Robert!



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JUNE IS FELLOWSHIP MONTH

INVOCATION

June 23	Stan Wade	June 30	Rustam Yazdgerdian
July 7	Laurie Anderson	July 14	Liz Attarmigirian



TODAY'S PROGRAM: Inspector Dave Walsh, the Officer in Charge of the Ridge Meadows RCMP Detachment

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM: Installation of Tiffany Parton
Who's Who – Alphonse Seward

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

June 21: Mary Robson

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
June 12	6 pm	(Friday) Installation Dinner @ Marco's house	21616 River Road 2nd driveway east of 216th South side of River Rd.
June 21-24		RI Convention - Birmingham	
Sept. 19		Wine Festival	Thomas Haney Secondary School

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$1,010.50 + 1/2 of today's sales, 16 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

BUSINESS MEETING JUNE 9TH

Financial: Walter advised that there is \$113,000 in the Sports Banquet account. Some of the funds are designated for the Hammond Stadium project and the Whonnock Lake Boathouse.

Approximately \$35,000 in the Gaming account. We've received our \$30,000 from Gaming for this year. The next funding is due next March.

ACTION - Check gaming application for next year's funding.

There is currently \$70,000 in the General account. Funds of \$30,000 received from the bingo hall sale. There will still be small amounts coming from the sale.

Club Services: Kevin reviewed some of this year's events including the Christmas Party, Hockey Night, and the plans for the upcoming installation. Ineke will be taking over from Kevin this year. There are two events currently being planned - September 25th FOLF (Frisbee golf) and a horseback riding/BBQ event for the end of August.

Vocational: Matt will continue this role next year focusing on the Four Way Test School program and the Bursary program. Matt has done a great job with the Four Way Test program, and there has been a request to train a large group in Squamish.

International Services:

Dave Rempel advised that the club is re-applying for a Matching Grant for the Thailand Water Project. He noted that there will be no student exchange program during the 2009/2010 year. The committee used part of this year's funding to support Ineke's Rotary Shelterbox project - \$3,600 for three Shelterboxes. Ineke did a great job and got eight or nine boxes sponsored. Dave thanked David Riddell for all his hard work on the GSE Team visit. David will be taking over from Dave for the upcoming year.

Community Services: Mike advised that most of their funding is from Bingo. This year they spent \$15,000 on bursaries, and \$10,000 towards the BC Disability Games. The committee has also supported Meals on Wheels, Christmas Dinner at the Salvation Army, the Friends in Need Foodbank and the Therapeutic Riding Association. Brett will be taking over from Mike. It is suggested that the sponsorship of events such as the Caribbean Festival should go to the Wine Fest Committee for funding.

Wine Fest: Brian Fox advised that the Wine Fest will be held on September 19th this year. They currently have commitments from 100 people for donations for the Silent Auction. So far, five wineries have committed to the event. A request was made for a donation by each member of a good bottle of wine (\$30 value) for the wine cellars that are auctioned off. If you wish to just give cash, that works well as there is a discount given when we purchase the wine from the LDB and we can actually get a \$40 bottle for \$30.

Sports Banquet: The Robsons were not in attendance but Lynda advised that Gordy is following up with the various groups that we have agreed to sponsor to see if they have their matching funding in place yet. There are currently \$100,000+ committed to projects.

Pre-Natal Program: The Kindergarten Booster Fair went very well. Kudos to David Riddell for his superb "hand washing" skills. There is another Booster Fair scheduled for the Fall. 150+ families attended. It is suggested that we collect some items for the disadvantaged mothers participating (gift cards, etc.).

Other discussion items:

The Manila School project, headed up by Heidi Johnson, raised \$5,000 plus a matching grant for construction of school washrooms. As well, Heidi sent over dictionaries and computers for the students.

The Visioning Session provided some groundwork for the Club's long term planning.

Nico spoke briefly about the RYLA camp which he attended with Karim Jinnah. There were six exchange students from District 50/50 which attended the Zajac Ranch. Nico advised that the weekend was about learning, growing up and having fun. There was a lot of hugging!!! He explained that they broke into teams of six people. There were some very good speakers who talked about risk taking, personal values, and leadership. Each group made a trailer for a movie which included some role reversal play. Their outside project included building a wood path and some birdhouses, as well as planting some trees. He thanked us for the opportunity to be able to attend camp.

Submitted by Lynda Lawrence

RI CONVENTION IN BIRMINGHAM, UK

After registration on Saturday, I spent most of my time in downtown Birmingham; it has a beautiful shopping center "Bull Ring" has all the big English stores and so much more....had a ball!

The Convention Centre is actually "attached" to the airport by a free little train, so that's pretty convenient. Already ran into International president "DK" Lee and his wife this morning at the opening of the House of Friendship, which is absolutely wonderful (as every year). Lots of guys in kilts, everything very English....even a real old fashioned London carousel for the kids and lots of "bobbies", town criers (with the bells) screaming "hear ye, hear ye"....all very "English"

Sunday I attended the opening ceremony.....it was absolutely amazing!

Featured speaker was the Secretary General of the United Nations, his Excellency Mr. Ban Ki-moon. Quite an honour to have him speak, he was very heavily guarded in and out. He was so full of praise for Rotary International and basically asked Rotary to continue to work with the United Nations in other common goals like hunger, climate change and helping the most vulnerable in the world.

He noted that Rotary is the Heart and Soul of the Polio eradication program and that more than a quarter of a billion has been raised by Rotary alone for this very important cause. He acknowledged that there are only 4 more countries with Polio (Afghanistan, India, Pakistan and Nigeria and the eradication is close. But also that last year 3 people were killed in Afghanistan, while on a Polio drive and those things have to be avoided at all cost.

Last night was fantastic. Performance of the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra with an apparently very famous singer.....I had never heard of her before, but she was fantastic.....Katherine Jenkins, but she has sung with Andrea Bottcelli and is presently working with David Foster on an album....so she must be good (and she really is!)

Monday evening we were in Warwick Castle and it was really nice. Lots of special activities going on, like jousting with the knights and horses, birds of Prey flying, climbing the castle tower (1000 steps!) and all that kind of stuff!

Monday was the second plenary session, where we had the Secretary General of Unicef speaking about the need of "taps, toilets and soap"....even more so than water.....a very inspiring presentation. Followed by Tom Henderson from Shelter Box, which of course was also very good to see.

Well, this was a short introduction to the RI Convention in Birmingham by Ineke Boekhorst

