

## WINE FESTIVAL 2009

Every single member is asked to donate a "good" BOTTLE OF WINE with a minimum value of \$30.00 (Absolutely NO home-made wines!).

If you are unable to do so, we would ask you to just donate \$30.00 and a Committee member will buy the bottle for you (discount available to our Club!).



We will then put together 2 exquisite "wine cellars" to be auctioned off at the event! As you can see, we really need **every** member to participate in this, otherwise we will not have enough bottles to make this exciting "wine cellar-auction" successful.

## GENERAL SECRETARY'S MEMO

### Opportunities for Rotary in challenging times

The current economic crisis has touched every part of the world. Throughout the communities served by Rotary's more than 33,000 clubs, we see people losing their jobs, their homes, their savings, and their hope for the future. And for people already at the bottom of the economic ladder, conditions have gone from difficult to desperate.

Now more than ever, the world needs Rotary and the vital service we provide. These volatile financial times offer an opportunity for Rotarians to demonstrate strong leadership and act as a stabilizing force. An effective Rotary club understands the needs of its community and is already working with other local leaders to address problems. During a crisis, our knowledge and connections help us develop effective solutions and implement them quickly.

Some members of your club may be directly affected by the economic downturn. This is a time when the fellowship aspect of Rotary becomes so important. Some clubs have tried to ease the financial burden on members by reducing club dues for those who have lost their jobs or by cutting back on meal costs for everyone.

Here at Rotary International, we have also been feeling the effects of the volatile investment markets. In developing our budget for this year, we worked especially hard to reduce expenses and introduce cost-saving measures. We'll continue to monitor costs carefully throughout the year.

It's said that adversity can make us stronger. If that's the case, Rotary clubs now have an opportunity to show their communities what an important role Rotary can play in bad times as well as good.

Ed Futa



# The Four Way Flasher

## Rotary Club of MeadowRidge Newsletter

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### INVOCATION

July 21	Terry Becker	July 28	Brian Bekar
Aug. 4	Anil Bharwani	Aug. 11	Ineke Boekhorst



**TODAY'S PROGRAM:** Bruce Ashton – The International Baccalaureate system

**NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM:** Mayor Ernie Daykin – District of Maple Ridge

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

July 17: Kevin & Debora Nosworthy July 27: Laurie & Lorna Anderson

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

July 20: Tiffany Parton

### CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Aug. 9	3-8pm	Rotary Foundation Potluck Picnic	Patrick's home
Aug. 12	Noon	Executive meeting	Caring Place
Aug 29	11:45am	"Ride & BBQ", Mustang Riding Stables	14729 Sylvester Rd, Mission
Sept. 1	noon	DG Larry Jubie's visit	
Sept. 19	7 pm	Wine Festival	Thomas Haney Rotunda
Sept. 26	3 pm	Frisbee Golf	Dave Rempel
Oct. 6	6 pm	Fireside, Heather Hill	

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$28.50 + 1/2 of today's sales, 51 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

## LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Our Guests today were Sam Inn, Ron Langley, Kim McGillivray, Nico Thomas, and Rotarian Peter Mitchell from the Steveston Club.

### *Rotary Moment - What's Up Doc?*

Dr. Charles H. Mayo 1865-1939 - Co-founder of the world-renowned Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. Dr. Mayo was a member of the Rotary Club of Rochester, Minnesota and served as its Club President.

### Announcements:

Matt advised that he and Ineke had attended the presentation on the Dolly Parton Library and were very interested in the program and bringing it to our club.

On July 24<sup>th</sup> there will be a Disability Games fundraiser. The Haney Club is hosting the event - Jim Byrnes concert and dance. Tickets are \$15 per person. Doors open at 6pm.

Patrick invited everyone to come to his new place for a family picnic and Foundation fundraiser on Saturday August 9<sup>th</sup> from 3 pm - whenever. \$10 per family.

Assistance was requested from Club members to help cook burgers for the Seniors at the Heritage Day Celebration on Saturday August 1<sup>st</sup> from 3 - 5 pm.

Ineke has been asked to do a ShelterBox presentation for the White Rock Millennium Club next Wednesday (Don Boyce's Club).

Tiffany advised that the "Lunch Money Day" fundraiser for the Friends in Need Foodbank is coming up. The foodbank is low on food at this time.

Jenn Dawkins advised that the Police & Fire Fighters Games are being held in the next two weeks. There will be 15,000 athletes participating from around the world. Jenn is participating in the Tug of War, Stair climb, Open Water Swim and ½ Marathon events. Way to go Jenn!

Sharon and Robert are working on the Wine Fest. Matt needs a co-chair for the Volunteer Committee. Weekly meetings will be held at noon on Thursdays at Meadow Gardens. The committee is seeking a donation of a \$30 bottle of wine from each Rotarian or you can just donate the cash and the committee will purchase the wine.

Kevin advised that his sister has been diagnosed with terminal cancer, and his Mom suffered a severe heart attack. Our prayers are with you Kevin.

Nico gave a farewell address. He is leaving Canada in five days. He thanked everyone for the opportunity to be involved in the exchange program. He thanked his host parents - the Nosworthys, the Shantz and the Campbells. He thanked everyone for including him in various family outings. He thanked Kevin for being there for him. Bon voyage Nico! We'll miss you.

Anil introduced David Sheach, Executive Director for the Abbotsford/Mission/Ridge Meadows Big Brothers, Big Sisters program. After hearing Nico's parting speech, David commented that he does not need to speak with our club about mentorship, as we obviously understand the importance of mentoring youth.



David advised that the local office in Ridge Meadows is staffed by Art Solomon, who has been with BBBS for about 1½ years. Shirley Wilson is the Director of Fund Development.

David stated that there are 45 matches in Ridge Meadows. There is an increasing sense of the relevance of the program in Ridge Meadows. The average length of a match is 2½ years. Average wait for a Big Brother is two years and a Big Sister is six months. They have been facilitating mentoring relationships in the Central Fraser Valley since 1969, and they have 13 community leaders volunteering on their Board of Directors. For the four cities they handle, they have 10 full and part time professional staff. They are trying to get faster and more creative in meeting the needs. There are 343 kids in this region with a current waitlist of 50. There are 26,000 matches in Canada with the goal being 100,000.

There are two main programs with the mission of building a child's future through the friendship and guidance of mentoring. The In School Mentoring (ISM) program requires a volunteer to commit one hour weekly to spend time with a child at school reading, doing crafts or playing games such as cribbage and sports. The Community Based Mentoring Program requires 2 - 4 hours per week enjoying day to day activities with a young person such as watching a movie, going fishing or to the mall, etc.

Shirley joined the organization on January 21, 2008. Previously from 1990-1991, she was a Big Sister herself. She spoke briefly on one of their fundraising activities "Bowl for Kids' Sake". She advised that they are working with Heather Hills Farm Society on a golf fundraiser.

She advised that Katrina Huberman, a "Little Sister" received the CIBC Vision Scholarship in the amount of \$16,000. Her mentor is an RCMP officer.

Shirley advised that they receive local sponsorship from merchants such as Quisnos and HHFS. They also receive subsidies through the Abbotsford office to staff and fund the Maple Ridge office.

Shirley announced that Gordy was one of the first Big Brothers in Maple Ridge. His "Little Brother" now has 20 year old children of his own.

Matt advised that he was an "Uncle at Large" in Edmonton. His "Little Brother" is now 31 years old. Cailin advised that she had two "Little Sisters" about 10 years ago.

If anyone wishes to volunteer a bit of time to mentor a youth, please contact Art Solomon at 604-466-7555, or for further information please go to the following website - [www.mentoringworks.ca](http://www.mentoringworks.ca).

**Submitted by Lynda Lawrence**

## ROTARY FOUNDATION POTLUCK PICNIC

All proceeds to Rotary Foundation

**Sunday August 9** – 3-8pm Family Picnic at Patrick O'Brien's home. Cost \$10 per family. Come one, come all! Acres of family fun! There will be swimming, pony rides, toonie toss, bocce ball, putting contest, silent auction and lots of kids' activities. Bring your own plates, cutlery and lawn chairs. Rain or shine (in case of rain, lots of covered area).

This is a Foundation fundraiser; we depend on your generosity. Looking for silent auction donations and a menu dish, choose from appetizer, main dish, hotdog/hamburger, salad or dessert.

This promises to be a great family event!

Call Patrick O'Brien at 604-476-0931 or contact [patobrien@shaw.ca](mailto:patobrien@shaw.ca) for more information.