

MEADOW RIDGE ROTARY WINE FESTIVAL 2009

Saturday September 19, 2009 was the day and Thomas Haney Rotunda the place to be!

WOW, what a great event! Fantastic food from our local restaurants, wine from the superb wineries, the old & new world wines carefully picked by Craig Speirs, great crowd (of course a great crowd, they are the friends we invited), awesome decor done by Helen Ferris, the beautiful banners (hung by the school district staff), the Thomas Haney venue (everything was perfect, thanks to the fantastic janitorial staff of Thomas Haney), the very special lighting (done by Peter Tam and his crew), the power point presentation with all the sponsors, tasting tips and Rotary information (done by Robert & Cailin), the unbelievable cheese assortment presented by Save on Foods (Westgate), not to mention all the other stuff they provided (grapes,



baguettes, pop, crackers, cups, etc), the very well done Rotary display (thanks to Mike Davies), all the volunteers (organized by Matt), the program, as always beautiful (done by Robert & Cailin).....and the list goes on and on.....

One of those events almost the whole club participates in, in one way or another.....and to all of those participating..... you did a great job, our patrons loved it and everyone I spoke to, wants to come back next year!



How did we do:
Sold approx. 280 tickets + 86 complimentary tickets were given out.
After all is said and done the net proceeds should be somewhere between 15 - \$16,000, but I'm sure Walter, our Treasurer, will be much better in giving you a precise amount after all outstanding tickets and invoices are paid.

Again, a great event, and some people already had some exciting different suggestions for next year!

submitted by Ineke Boekhorst

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The Four Way Flasher

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September is New Generations Month



INVOCATION

Sept. 22	Jan Dale	Sept. 29	Mike Davies
Oct. 13	Jennifer Dawkins	Oct. 20	Matt DeBruyn

TODAY'S PROGRAM: Blaise Salmon – Okicredits

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM: District Governor's Visit

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Sept. 22: Wendy Lindvik

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Sept. 29	noon	DG Larry Jubie's visit	
Oct. 3	3 pm	Frisbee Golf - Dave Rempel	10607-277 th St. M.R.
Oct. 6	6 pm	Fireside, Heather Hill	25494 117 Ave. M.R.
Oct. 20	6 pm	Sports Banquet	Meadow Gardens Golf Club

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$219.00 + 1/2 of today's sales, 44 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Our Guest today were David Boag, visiting Rotarians John Dale and Mike Murray, Melissa Laseau and Karen Thomas.

Announcements:

The Ridge Meadows Hospice Society Hoe Down netted \$9,000 from their event.

Ken Paterson raised \$2,200 on his bike for Cancer ride. The event raised \$400,000.

Rotary Moment - 100% Attendance

Lynda told the story of a Rotary Governor who attended a meeting and met Dr. Doyle Dannenburg. He noticed that Dr. Dannenburg's name badge had a red sticker - 57. It was for 57 years of perfect attendance. Doyle started attending Rotary at the age of 17 when he was the local high school's student council president. After completing optometry medical school at the age of 23, the Rotarians followed up and he joined.

Our scheduled Guest Speaker, Cathy Scherer, had to cancel due to a case of H1N1. So the program was switched to a report on Sports Banquet funding. Gordy distributed a Banquet report as he explained that it was Marco's influence that original got the Robsons involved in Rotary. He was activated to raise funds for minor league sports. The role was to be a seed money generator for youth sports facilities.

Gordy explained the difficulty in obtaining silent auction items, and challenged club members to brainstorm t on different types of packages we could put together and auction off. He suggested we try for 10 high quality packages such as limo with overnight hotel accommodation a meal at a good restaurant, couples massage, etc.

Gord advised that we have some additional monies available as the Canoe Club project does not seem to be moving ahead. Still looking at funding the all weather turf field in Pitt Meadows. He explained that we've been approached by the Haney Club to work with them on funding the Loon Lake Field project which would be this year's project if approved by our members.

He asked that anyone interested in becoming involved with the Sports Banquet Committee step forward as we're trying to find new blood to carry on this event in the future. He reminded us that the purpose is to keep it simple, have fun and make us proud.

Haney Rotarian Rick Howard who is spearheading the Loon Lake project and Cheryl Power, Forester Malcolm Knapp Research Forrest gave a power point presentation on the project which will be named for Norm & Betty Pelton (Norm started his career at Loon Lake). They are seeking \$100,000 to improve the sports field at Loon Lake. It is a large field that will be used by the children attending Camp Goodtimes, an annual 5-7 week event for children age 6-16 that have been diagnosed with cancer.

Haney Rotary has committed to \$50,000, and are looking at three other potential funders - the Meadow Ridge Rotary Club, Maple Ridge Community Foundation and the Founders Cup Golf Tournament.

Cheryl Power provided some background information on Loon Lake. The original facilities were built in 1949 for use by the UBC Forestry school. It provided a location for field study and experiential learning, key elements of forest education. The facilities have been used by various university classes including conservation, architecture, and commerce. It is also used by high school and international students.



Their goals are to enhance programs, increase awareness and provide opportunities.

In 2003, UBC signed an agreement with the Canadian Cancer Society which designated Loon Lake as the permanent home of Camp Goodtimes.

Over the past five years they have completed the following work on the facilities:

1. Improved the trails,
2. Expanded the accommodation,
3. Built a dock,
4. Opened the Walter C. Koerner Forestry Centre,
5. Built an outdoor amphitheatre,
6. Replaced the cabins,
7. Undertaken the playing field and gate house construction.

Cheryl thanked us for the opportunity to speak with our club. Rick advised that on October 14th the Haney Club with be holding their weekly meeting at Loon Lake and they invited our Club to attend.

Gordy advised that the proposal will go to the Club Executive tomorrow and then back to the Club for endorsement within 2 weeks.

Submitted by Lynda Lawrence



MeadowRidge Rotary 19th Annual Sports Banquet Tuesday October 20, 2009

**"RAISING FUNDS FOR
YOUTH SPORTS FACILITIES IN RIDGE MEADOWS"**

Meadow Gardens Golf Club
19675 Meadow Gardens Way
Pitt Meadows, BC

6:00 pm No Host Bar
7:00 pm Three Course Gourmet Dinner

Emcee John McKeachie Induction of 2009 Home Town Heroes
Live & Silent Auctions Great Comedy Entertainment

For Tickets Please Call (604) 467-3333
TICKETS \$150. (TAX RECEIPT FOR \$125. ISSUED THE NIGHT OF THE EVENT)