

KEN AND JO-ANN KNUTTILA'S TRIP TO BRAZIL

We attended 3 Rotary meeting in Brazil.

The first was in Franca with Sabrina Oliveria, exchange student in 1994. The meeting was held in their own building and all 4 clubs in Franca meet there. We were warmly received; one of the members spoke a little English. There were long speeches about the student exchange program and Sabrina interpreted for me. I explained to them that we were having trouble getting host parents for our exchanges, and they have the same problem. Supper was at 10 pm and of course beans and rice were served along with chicken. They seem to drink a lot more beer than water at these meetings.

The next meeting we went to was in Tambau the hometown of Anna Paula Aguiar, exchange student in 1992. Again they have their own building. We met all the Rotarians and again we were warmly received. This club is very active in exchange programs and they send out 2 students per year. We met some former exchange students, and the father of a girl who exchanged in Abbotsford and who stayed at our place for one weekend. We really felt at home with these Rotarians. More beans and beer for supper.

Our last meeting was in Porta Fiera, the hometown of Natalia Fadel, exchange student in 1998. We attended this meeting with Natalia's parents. All of our other meetings were casual dress. This meeting we found out was a formal affair, but they accepted us the way we were.

The district governor was in attendance so it was quite the occasion. Many pictures were taken and speeches given, exchanged banners and presents. We received a certificate for the furthest away of anyone, ever attending their meeting. I helped install a new lady member and they have just recently allowed this to happen. The supper was more buffet style, but there seemed to be an absence of water again. This meeting went well past midnight before we left for home.

The Meadow Ridge rotary Club should be proud of their participation of this program. I hope that we can keep this exchange program going and I encourage some of us to open up their home for a 3 month period to host an exchange student.

Ken and Jo-Ann Knuttila



The Four Way Flasher

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September is New Generations Month



INVOCATION

Sept. 29	Mike Davies	Oct. 13	Jennifer Dawkins
Oct. 20	Matt DeBruyn	Oct. 27	Brian Fox

A Warm Welcome to Our District Governor Larry Jubie

TODAY'S PROGRAM: District Governor Larry Jubie's Visit

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM: Fireside at Heather Hill

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Oct. 3: Marco & Lila Jane Terwiel

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Oct. 3	3 pm	Frisbee Golf - Dave Rempel	10607 - 277 th St., M.R.
Oct. ?	8:30-10 am	4 Way Test at Laity View Elementary	21023 - 123 Ave., M.R.
Oct. 6	6 pm	Fireside, Heather Hill	25494 - 117 Ave., M.R.
Oct. 20	6 pm	Sports Banquet	Meadow Gardens Golf Club
Oct. 24	8 am-4 pm	Rotary LEADERSHIP Institute	Mt. Vernon, U.S.

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$246.00 + 1/2 of today's sales, 43 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Our Guests today were Jean Lawrence, Tana Woods, Glen Kelloway, Warren and visiting Rotarian Adrian Dale from the Johannesburg Rotary Club.

Happy and Sad:

Ken Knuttila, just returned from Brazil, visited 3 exchange students, thanked for the opportunity to be involved. Impressed by what was done for the families. Attended three meetings, received many thanks. Stayed with each family for a week, extremely welcome, and never stayed in a hotel.

This is a program we really need to get back on track, this exchange opens vast opportunities. The candidates they are selecting are very special individuals and later become Doctors, Lawyers, other professionals.

Dave Rempel echoed Ken's sentiments, the international component really makes Rotary special and the exchange program is one of the best examples of that.

Many comments that Wine Fest was phenomenal, well done, superb organization. Craig Spears, Donna Fox, Helen Ferris and other non Rotarians deserve our thanks for their important contribution. Robert shared a slide show of pictures from the event.

Rotary Moment:

Ineke presented two snippets on fundraising, by big people and small people. \$17,600 was raised for the autographed ball cap that Bill Gates wore at the Rotary International Convention with all proceeds going to polio eradication. Two ten year olds came to International Convention with \$164 US raised from friends at school because the kids wanted to help. They think of the donation in terms of actual life, 60 cents for each vaccination. One young fellow donated his entire savings of \$1,200 from odd jobs and gifts to Polio Plus.

Announcements:

Lynda reviewed an email from Rotarian Sean Hogan on the 2010 International Convention in Montreal. he is looking for confirmation on who's attending from our club and what pre/post convention events the attendants may be interested in attending. He is also looking for applicants for the youth program Adventure in Leadership, which will be held in White Rock, BC next year. This program is for youth, ages 15-17. November 20th is the deadline for registration.

GSE Group Study Exchange is still looking for a team leader and candidates for a cultural exchange to Brazil in 2010.

As our Guest Speaker took ill, our program centred around the upcoming Sports Banquet and possible projects that we can support. Ideas that have come from Mike Murray that we are considering for distribution of the \$100,000:

Mountain Bike Skills Course (2)	\$ 5-10k each
Pitt Meadows Sports Turf Field	\$50,000

Pitt Meadows Arena upgrade:

Equipment and Flooring for a dry-land training room	\$50,000
Players Benches Upgrades	\$27,000
Communications upgrades (sound systems etc.)	\$50,000

Football - new score clock for the Rotary Field (at Samuel Robertson).	\$50,000
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Hammond stadium upgrade.
Albion Park Water Play Ground

Gordy advised that the Kayak Club's project is on hold. We have also been approached to fund \$25,000 for the field at Loon Lake as a joint project with the Haney Club. As there were questions from some of the Rotarians in attendance and Rick Howard had not been able to make the meeting, the decision on supporting this project has been tabled for two weeks.

Gordy would like to identify the projects we're supporting so that cheques may be issued the night of the Banquet.

Mike Davies suggested that we consider a time limit on grants. Projects should be ready to advance within a reasonable time limit or reapplication will be required. No giving until project identified, naming opportunities established.

Ineke spoke briefly on the Sports Banquet. We will still be doing a Silent Auction this year but we will also be doing packages. Ineke is looking for people to put together a package, (i.e. Travel, limo, hotel, theatre etc). Robert is working on an entertainment package. Four weeks to the Banquet and counting.

Robert gave a brief report on the success of Wine Fest. All vendors want to return next year. New date is being considered.

Visiting Rotarian Adrian Dale presented us with a banner from the Rotary Club of Johannesburg.



Submitted by Alphonse Seward

FOUR WAY TEST IN THE SCHOOLS

We have been invited to introduce the Four Way Test into two classes (both mixed grades 6/7) at Laity View Elementary School, 21023 - 123 Ave, Maple Ridge.

Time: 8.30AM till 10.00 AM

Possible days:	Monday	October 5, 2009
	Wednesday	October 7, 2009
	Friday	October 9, 2009

Please let me know which two days are the best for you and I will drop the day on which I have the fewest volunteers.

Thank you for working with the young people in our school system.
Matt 604-462-1570

The Four-Way Test

Of the things we think, say or do

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?