

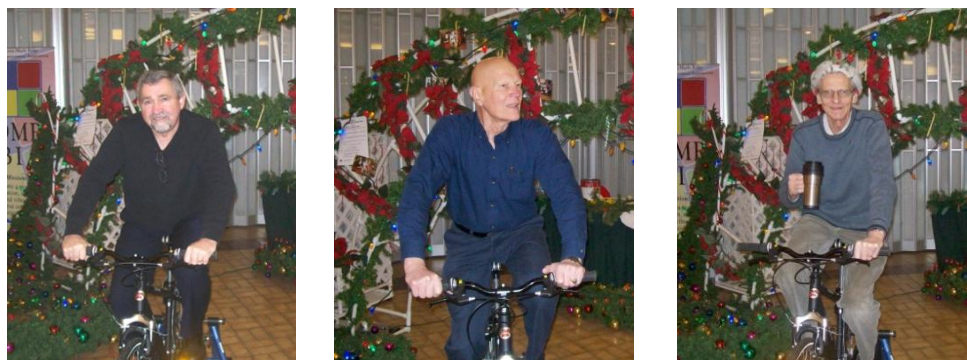
TURNING WHEELS FOR HOLIDAY MEALS 2009

Thanks to all participants, and many of them were fellow Rotarians, we raised over \$2100 and 180 lbs. of food for the Friends in Need Food Bank.

Participants peddled 20 minutes each on the BC Hydro Power Smart bike to keep the lights glowing for 24 hours, on the Christmas Arch in Haney Place Mall.

If you haven't paid your pledge yet, please pay today....as you can see, the proof is in the pictures!

And again, a great big THANK YOU from our "Friends in Need"



The Four Way Flasher

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December is Rotary Family Month



INVOCATION

Dec. 15	Ken Knuttila	Dec. 22	Melissa Kramer
Jan. 5	Sharon Kyle	Jan. 12	Lynda Lawrence

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Dec. 19: Vladimir & Zdenka Cukor

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Dec. 20: Randall Kramer Dec.21: Sharon Bekar

TODAY'S PROGRAM: Spirit of BC Presentation

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM: Christmas Party (Gifts to 'End Polio Now' campaign)

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Dec. 18	7:45 pm	CP Christmas Train	Haney Station
Dec. 22	Noon	Christmas Party	
Dec. 29		NO MEETING!	
Jan. 26	6:00 pm	Fireside Meeting – Marco's home	21616 River Rd. M.R.

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$483.00 + 1/2 of today's sales, 37 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

LAST WEEK'S MEETING (AGM)

- Past President:** Robert Campbell
It was a great year and a good learning experience. It was an honour to serve. We had some great projects, wine fest, sports banquet, shelter box and others. This club is great at getting involved. The club grew and we enjoyed camaraderie. Thank you for this opportunity to be of service.
- Current president:** Marco Terwiel congratulated Robert and pointed out we received a presidential citation for meeting the clubs goals and our support of public health i.e.: the vaccination program for children. Being retired has given me the opportunity to spend the time and really enjoy being president. I would appreciate more response from e-mails, the club is responding about 50% of the time.
The next executive meeting is at my house next Wednesday @ 7:30 am, everyone is welcome, please rsvp. I request the committee chairs to make public their meeting dates. This allows new members an opportunity to know when and where meetings are taking place; they can attend some meetings and get an idea of where they may contribute.
- Secretary** Alphonse Seward agreed to continue for the coming year as secretary.
- Treasurer:** Ken Patterson, on behalf of the current treasurer Walter Volpatti, circulated financial statements. Statements required for gaming licensing. This is a consolidated reporting including sports banquet, gaming etc. Gaming funds pre-paid to March 2010. In terms of last year, gaming 30K, sports banquet 40K, wine fest approx 10K, 6.8K from membership. And more. Approx rev 139K in all. Lunches and dinners are break even. A separate statement was circulated re the foundation. We have 33k in the bank, 25 from sports banquet balance from other activities.
Gratitude was expressed by the club for Ken and Walter's ongoing service to our club.
- Vocational Committee:** Matt DeBruyn
Committee Members: Ineke Boekhorst, Jan Dale, Matt DeBruyn, Kevin Nosworthy, David Rempel, Mary Robson, James Rogers, and Bob Shantz
Non Rotarians Associates: Maynard Embree, Ron Curran and Suzanne Hall, both SD 42.

Bursaries.

Every year our club offers 7 bursaries of \$2000 each to one high school graduate per school, pursuing a career in an apprentice trade.

Four Way Test

Since the beginning of this club-year we have introduced the Rotary Four Way Test to more than 400 students. We target grade 7 students in School District 42. Thanks to the help of District 42 staff, Rotary members and others this program has been very successful. Sessions, typically of two hour length, requires the attendance of some 5 to 6 Rotarians. They offer the opportunity for students to discuss in small groups how the Rotary Four Way Test may assist them in making the right decisions when faced with a moral dilemma.

Other projects

Ineke and Matt are still interested in and are looking at getting our club involved in the Dolly Parton Imagination Library Project. We would piggy-back on a group that is trying to get it started in the Richmond area as a combined Rotary – City of Richmond activity. It is not clear at this time what, if any, progress has been made.

Who is who

We remain strong supporters of having “who is who” sessions during our luncheon meetings

- Community Services:** Brett Paskar
We meet when requests come through. We conduct our meetings by e-mail. We have a budget of 30K annually. After existing commitments we have approx 10.5K for distribution. There are many requests. Today we have committed 7.5K we have remaining 3+K remaining to give. We are looking for ways to streamline the request process. All requests for funding are vetted through the community service committee.
- International services:** David Riddell
Nico came and went, exchange student Shannon came and shared at the fireside, we are not doing GSE this year. Youth exchange is back on. There is a lot of support for youth exchange from this club and the Haney club. Ken Knutilla has recruited a sixteen year old candidate for next year. Young candidates are sought after because they return to the school system and share their experience. Later in the spring we did the shelter box project. We will do it again with two or more high schools participating. The date is April 30th, Friday and Saturday night. David is not great at having meetings. Our committee meets when there is something to decide, otherwise communication by e-mail. This process was also encouraged at the recent Rotary Leadership training. We will be supporting fire fighters without borders, thank you to Jennifer for bringing forward. Polio Eradication: Patrick and Marco came up with an idea and ran with it. They raised 5K on short notice. David agreed to stay on for two more years.
- Club services:** Ineke Boekhorst
We have already enjoyed some very successful member events:
Early August - Family bar b q at Patrick O'Connor
End of August - Horseback riding
Frisbee Golf – October scheduled was unfortunately cancelled because of many conflicting events.
Fireside early October at Heather Hills Golf Course
10 Members participated in the Santa Parade, Dec. 5th.

Dec. 18th, CP Christmas Train at Haney Wharf at 7:45, we are again collecting cash and food for the Friends in Need Food Bank.

Open House at Lynda Lawrence: from 5 pm – 7:30 pm, address 22233 River Road, buzz intercom # 34. This is across from the Haney Wharf and we will walk together to the Christmas Train event.

Christmas Party will be Dec. 22nd with all members instead of buying a gift, donating to the “END POLIO NOW” campaign. We will have a bit of a “sing along” and you're welcome to invite spouse or other guest.

In the New Year we already have a Fireside scheduled for January 26th, 6 pm at Marco's home (21616 River Road), no lunch meeting that date.

On the request of the Executive, Ineke has been working on Service Club signage at the entrances of our municipality, show design, to identify the different Service Clubs including time and locations of their respective meetings. This is a work in progress and I will update the Club when permits and such are completed.

- Election of officers and directors for 2010-2011** conducted by Robert Campbell. Nominees for

Incoming President: Lynda Lawrence, President Elect 2010-2011: Terry Becker,
Vice President 2010-2011: Lindsay Hendy.
Existing directors have agreed to remain for the next year.

As there were no nominations from the floor, your president and directors were adopted by acclamation.