

Ineke - Community Foundation - Vivian Smith came to Wine Festival and spoke about the Van Vloten endowment. Could we commit to donating our time and years to increasing this fund. Discussion ensued - Winefest Committee should be consulted. Not to be supported.

Alphonse - Shelter box - Approx \$50,000 raised. Thomas Haney is rallying their students to collect \$'s for a box as is MRSS. Suggested we might consider turning this into a District Event. Alphonse's choir is donating and challenging other choir's. Both Rotary Clubs contributed in time, treasure and talent. Scouts and Kiwanis were also involved - all was donated.

Robert - Winefest is April 10, 2010 - looking for a volunteer coordinator to replace Matt.

Gordy - Spoke about a duck race. Benefiting youth sports. Looking for someone in the club to take on and organize this on behalf of the club. A group of 6 was formed and they will meet and report back at a future meeting.

Laurie - reported he has boxes of historical information in the basement of his office.

**Submitted by Terry Becker**

### RI PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

My fellow Rotarians,

Each of us has, at one time or another, been asked the question, what is Rotary? There are many ways to answer, depending on the questioner, the context, and the time available. The shortest and simplest answer is that Rotary is the world's oldest service club organization. This is, of course, an accurate but necessarily incomplete response, for any true understanding of Rotary must include an explanation of how we in Rotary strive through our service to achieve more than the goal of each individual project. By working together in our clubs, our districts, and internationally, we strive to establish the simple foundations of a better society: friendship, trust, honesty, and hope.

The structure of Rotary, along with our international club projects, helps make friendly connections between Rotarians in different countries. Our emphasis on ethical and honest behavior works to build strong and open relationships between people and nations. Our service projects in water, health and hunger, and literacy help eliminate many of the practical obstacles to peace. And our Rotary Foundation and Rotary Youth Exchange programs go a step beyond by training the leaders of tomorrow to be active builders of a more peaceful world.

These programs help shape responsible citizens of better communities -- people who will have a broad and nuanced perspective, enhanced by opened eyes and open minds. They will be indelibly marked by their experiences, and throughout their lives -- both now and in their later careers -- they will not keep the benefits of these experiences to themselves. These are the people who will help build the kind of future that we as Rotarians strive to create through our every action.

What is Rotary? It is a network of people who care -- people who are both realists and optimists. We recognize the challenges before us and our own limitations; we also recognize our abilities and our responsibility to use them to the fullest. If we are ever to realize Paul Harris' vision for Rotary as an organization that promotes goodwill among nations, then, as he wrote, "the hearts of men must be so touched and molded that mutual understanding and goodwill will take the place of fear and hatred." In this, World Understanding Month, we do well to remember these words -- and to remember as well that in all of our service, we reach for the larger goal of fellowship, understanding, and peace.

John Kenny - President, Rotary International



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## February is World Understanding Month



### INVOCATION

<b>Feb. 2</b>	Kevin Nosworthy	<b>Feb. 9</b>	Patrick O'Brien
<b>Feb. 16</b>	Brett Paskar	<b>Feb. 23</b>	Ken Paterson

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Feb. 7: Brett Paskar

**TODAY'S PROGRAM:** MLA Marc Dalton

**NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM:** Foundation Meeting

### CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
<b>March 9</b>		New Members Meeting	
<b>April 10</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	Wine Festival	Rotunda – Thomas Haney S.S.
<b>June 20-23</b>		Rotary International Convention	Montreal

**50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$543.50 + 1/2 of today's sales, 35 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!**

## JAN. 19 MEETING

**ROTARY MOMENT:** Michael Serry shared a rotary perspective of Haiti. They had 17 clubs prior to the quake in district 720. They are very involved now and there are three key things they want: money, medical supplies, and blankets/clothes. In the 720 website there is a daily blog from volunteers including a story of a paediatrician who has converted his house into a hospital for over 100 critical injured. The Rotary are involved in media, fundraising, arranging transport of goods. Funds can go to Shelter Box or under the past District Governor General. See the website.

Marco apologized for jumping to Shelter box this weekend and recognized the work that Ineke has put into the efforts for April but the events in Haiti made the change necessary.

Approx 3300 shelter boxes are on the ground or on the way to Haiti so far. It was noted by Mary that independent schools in Ontario have a shelter box challenge underway.

Hockey Tickets: will be going out to the district via email.

### **Who's Who – Lise Jinnah**

When the request went to Lise, she said panic and fear set in – but as a member of the audience I can say she kept us all enthralled and did a great job. Here is what she shared:

She was born in Dublin Ireland. Her mum was and Interior designer and dad a South African Law student at Trinity college...and she apparently was the product of too much champagne, explaining her love for the bubbly. Her sense of justice has roots – father's cousin interned with Nelson Mandela and her great uncle is chief justice of Johannesburg.

Lise moved to Kildare when young and attended primary and secondary school there under the guidance of the Roman Catholic nuns. This explains her dislike of uniforms.

She attended university College Cork where she received an honours degree in psychology and numerous diplomas and certificates from the national university of Ireland. In Dec. 2009 passed her exams for MSC Psychology via Open University. She calls herself “a never ending student and has always enjoyed academia and the pursuit of knowledge”.

Lise traveled extensively as a young person and has been to Bosnia Herzegovina, Croatia, Isle of Man, Scandinavia, Europe and UK by the time she was 21. She was in Bosnia just prior to the war. She returned to Dubrovnik for their honeymoon and witnessed a “city riddled with bullet and motor holes, emerging from the ashes. The sense of oppression and fear was almost tangible and has left an indelible mark on my soul”. Lise says “that is when I first realized how protected and fortunate I was to be born in a democratic, safe and wealthy country. This is also when I left the need to contribute and give back to a gracious world I had been so enriched by.”

In Ireland she founded a lone parents group as well as dedicated time to a suicide phone line. In 95 she became a job coach in Ireland supporting people with severe to moderate learning disabilities. She worked with the Brothers of Charity and Enable Ireland.

In Cork University she met and fell in love with her husband Peter. She says “it was love at first sight for me, although it didn't happen to him for a year.” They immigrated to BC years ago and have opened a health care business. They have 2 teens.

**ADVENTURES IN LEADERSHIP** – a letter was read from a youth who we supported. He says he is so thankful for the opportunity. He knows he can achieve anything he wants to and has learned to set proactive goals. He is “pumped up”.

### **WEEKEND EVENT**

Ineke shared info on the weekend shelter box event. Don is coming on Friday to deliver boxes and she invited others who want to join them for lunch to do so. Set up is 2-330 in the park. She reported that between now and March 12<sup>th</sup> all boxes will go to Haiti. Federal government is expected to match the dollars. Go the clubs website to see more about the events this weekend. There will be great music, food, belly dancers etc. Everyone who can is asked to come out and to ensure you share the info about the event with others.

**Submitted by Valerie Spurrell**

## LAST WEEK'S MEETING (FIRESIDE)

Presentation by Ridge Kayak and Canoe Club - Ken Kellaway and Federiko.

- Reviewed various programs - 400-800 teachers and students per year.
- High calibre of athletes, some of whom volunteer in our community.
- Instills strong work ethic and giving back to the community.

They require a new home - Whonock Lake Paddling and Recreation Centre. It would be geo-thermal and also function as an emergency centre for the area. There is currently one national winter training centre and one West Coast Training Centre. The funds committed by the District are \$650,000.00.

Ken Knuttila also donated \$1000.00 to Shelter **Box**. Marco presented both with a Shelter **Box** T-Shirt and pin.

Presentation by Piper of \$400 towards Shelter **Box**. Piper donated all her birthday money.

Lynda – Club's 20th Charter Anniversary - Reunion idea held the same weekend as Heritage Days - Last Saturday in July (BC Day weekend). A small committee is to be struck. Past Presidents, Charter Members all to be invited.

Marco - Operation Red Nose - There is a potential to net \$30,000 for the club should we sponsor it next year. It's Fridays and Saturdays during the Christmas season. Motion by Mary, second by Dave to consider pursuing this - carried.

Marco - Centennial Project - Schools in Afghanistan - Executive handled at their meeting and voted in favour of donating the \$1,000.00

Spirit of BC - Letter for donation requesting \$2000 towards cabling and audio/video at the ACT. Dave Rempel moved, Jim Coulter seconded - discussion re: where are the \$'s coming from etc. Carried.

Matt - Ryla Adventures in Leadership - Matt will be investigating Encounters in Canada and others so that each year there will be information and protocol and it won't be treated as a new item. It will be included in the budget.

Mary - Ryla/Interact/Rotoract - Mary reported it as one of our most successful programs. Mary has approached Wilson to speak with Mel and Carmen Zajac to sort out more the needs of the Ranch and the needs of Ryla. Mischa Bharwani has expressed interest in assisting with a Rotoract Club.



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