**Future Plans** 

- 1. Group Study Exchange will discuss again looking to host a team in 2011;
- International water project this or something similar in the next couple of months;
- 3. Foundation continuing our commitment to the Foundation;
- 4. Youth Exchange managing our new inbound/outbound and building host families;
- 5. Shelterbox a priority, but mainly once Shelterbox works itself out;
- 6. PolioPlus.

Gordy Robson made a motion to support the Ridge Meadows softball association with a 15K donation. The money is for the development of the pitching machine, closing in the pitching area and providing suitable lighting for the kids to practice by. Lynda Lawrence seconded the motion. There was limited discussion. It was suggested the motion be brought forward by the executive. The motion was tabled until the next executive meeting.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned. Time 1:20PM

### Executive meeting June 15, 2010 following the business meeting

Present, Marco Terwiel, Walter Volpatti, Lynda Lawrence, Matt Debruyn, Robert Campbell, David Riddell, Gord Robson, and Alphonse Seward.

Discussed was the tabled motion to support the donation of 15K to the softball program. Specifically the money will develop the pitching machine enclosure, improve lighting and install two pitching machines. All labor to be provided by the soft ball association.

Lynda motioned to support the donation which was seconded by Matt Debruyn. Alphonse abstained, all others in favor, the motion carried.

### Submitted by Alphonse Seward

## **Message from Marco... Greetings from Montreal**

It is quite a conference and so far has lived up to my expectations. Saw Peter and Ineke once just before and not since. Have not seen Bob and Irena at all. But there are only 17500 people here. District 50550 is well represented. Lots of red shirts!. Learned a lot of new things about Rotary

Greetings to all, Marco



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## JUNE IS ROTARY FELLOWSHIP MONTH

#### **INVOCATION**

	June 22	Liz Attarmigirian	July 6	Terry Becker		
	July 13	Brian Bekar	July 20	Anil Bharwani		



TODAY'S PROGRAM:	Karim Jinnah - Adventures in Citizenship
NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM:	Installation Executive 2010/2011 @ HHF

#### CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
June 20-23		Rotary International Convention	Montreal
June 29	6:00 pm	Installation Executive 2010/2011	Heather Hills Farm
Aug. 21	1:30 pm	Golfun	Useless Bay Golf & Country Club Langley, Wa

### LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Rotary Business meeting June 15, 2010 - attendance – approx. 55% of club **Opening remarks** by President Marco Terwiel: Marco expressed both happiness and sadness at the close of his term as president. This is the last official meeting Marco will chair as our president this year.

**President elect,** Lynda Lawrence, reported on the steps she took while president elect in preparation for her tenure as president. Lynda has participated in many steps most notably the PETS program. Lynda is looking forward to being president and helping our club realize its goals.

**Treasurer** Walter Volpatti reported the club is in great financial shape. The Ridge Meadows club has raised over 100K this year. Gaming continues to be our biggest challenge as our funding remains uncertain.

**Club Service** Lynda Lawrence reported for Ineke Boekhorst, This year our club had a wonderful Christmas gathering, a family Bar-B-Q at Patrick's, a hockey night out, and we have another family gathering planned at Patrick's August 29<sup>th</sup> this summery.

**Community Service** chair, Brett Paskar reported they have a 30K budget. 15K is allocated for bursaries, 10% is withheld for administration costs and the remainder is distributed. 10K year to date has been distributed so community service is on track to distribute its budget.

Wine fest Chair, Laura Cherrille, reported on the success of the wine fest

**Vocational** Chair Matt Debruyn reported on the success and renewed enthusiasm for our bursary program. There is no doubt we should continue this good work. The submissions this year would bring tears to your eyes. We are really doing some good work here. In the coming year Ineke and I will continue exploring the Dolly Parton literacy program.

**New Member** chair Brian Bekar reported the club has realized its membership goals and earned the presidential citation. Next year our goal is to earn it again. Bob Shantz has joined the committee and will be a great addition to the committee.

International Committee chair David Riddell reported the following: for 2009-2010 David Riddell / Dave Rempel – Past Chair / Doris Gagel / Ineke Boekhorst / Jen Dawkins / Ken Knutilla / Marco Terwiel / Michael Serry / Peter Boekhorst - Inherited a busy committee, well-tuned by Dave Rempel over several years.

"Frankly I can see this being a transition year. A mix of 'more of the same' with 'steady as she goes' and a dash of 'don't rock the boat'. So I hope and trust that you will all bear with me and we'll see what we can achieve."

Started the year with five core project areas that the club has been involved in:

- 1. Group Study Exchange
- 2. International water project

- 3. Foundation
- 4. Youth Exchange
- 5. Shelterbox

In our visioning we, as a club, decided on our three top priorities:

- 1. Major water project in International and over 5 years and continuing;
- 2. Host 1 Youth Exchange student per annum and have a waiting list of host families; and
- 3. Shelterbox Village, funding 12 Shelterboxes annually.

**GSE** - took a year out. Worked on following up the successful GSE – Ecuador team, but nothing blossomed.

International water project - cancelled as no progress - as per Marco

**Foundation** – Nizar - Pat's August BBQ - About 30 people came including some nonmembers. Everyone enjoyed themselves with swimming, pony rides, bouncy castle and games and good food. Nizar represented us at the annual Foundation Dinner. EREY

**Youth Exchange** – took a year out. Have now selected an Outgoing student to France – Cassandra Novotny fantastic young lady who will assuredly be a suitable ambassador for us. Have been assigned an Incoming student from northern Spain (Ines).

Shelterbox – Haiti relief effort.

What other international flavour was available to the club?

Several speakers- A presentation on the International Baccalaureate system, outgoing GSE member returned from India, another we sponsored to go to Brazil (http://www.gsebrazil2010.co.cc/journey-blog.html) and Lee Harman about Polio.

We learned more about FWB and so supported their efforts in El Salvador financially using the funds released from the International water project.

Polio Plus and Pat's fundraising efforts – another example of a member being stirred into action and achieving something significant. Raised 5.5 boxes (\$1650) in about 30 seconds at our club in a single meeting. Took the idea to other clubs too. We had committed to donate \$1,000 (US) from the club – far exceeded.