



The Four Way Flasher

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March is Literacy Month



TODAY: Catriona Sturton - Imagination Library

NEXT WEEK: New Members Installation:
Melissa Kramer, Eric and Urma Mollema and Val Bahnman

Happy Birthday

March 26: Peter Davies

March 26: Alphonse Seward

INVOCATION:

March 22	Gord Robson	March 29	Mary Robson
April 5	Michael Serry	April 12	Alphonse Seward

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
April 5		Fireside @ David Riddell's residence	12990 – 256 St. Maple Ridge
April 9	7pm – 10pm	Wine Festival	Thomas Haney Centre
May 5 - 8		District Conference	Harrison Hot Springs
May 21 - 25		Rotary International Conference	New Orleans

FOUNDATION SETS UP DISASTER FUND FOR JAPAN



Rotary International News -- 14 March 2011

In response to the massive earthquake and tsunami that struck Japan on 11 March, The Rotary Foundation has established the Rotary Japan 2011 Disaster Recovery Fund,

which will support long-term recovery projects in affected areas.

Rotarians and non-Rotarians can [donate online](#). Clubs and districts can contribute cash and District Designated Fund (DDF) allocations to the fund.

The 9.0-magnitude quake, Japan's largest in history, and the tsunami that followed it caused widespread devastation, paralyzing much of the northern coast. More than 10,000 people have been killed, and thousands are missing. Millions have been left without clean water or power, and at least 550,000 people have been forced from their homes.

You can donate online at

https://riweb.rotaryintl.org/donor_xml/ContributionMenu.asp

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$0.00 + 1/2 of today's sales, 52 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Guests: Eric Mollema, Urma Molema, Bonny Telep, Dick Drew and Diesan Zhao

Wine Fest News:

Have you got your 4 tickets to sell?

Anyone who may have air miles to donate, please let the committee know. Hagen's Travel may be able to put together a live auction item of air tickets using the donated miles.

We will be having a bottle draw, so if any members have bottles of wine to donate, these would be welcome.

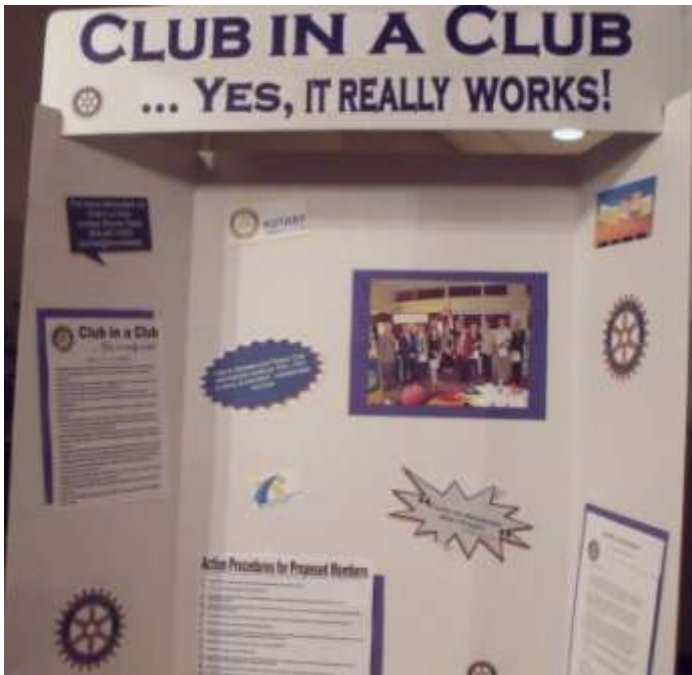
Just a Thought – Could it happen to us?

We are told that we are in an earthquake zone. Considering what has just happened in Japan, you may like to view these websites on the real facts and get some ideas on how to be prepared for any natural disaster.

[http://www.richmond.ca/safety/prepare/city/hazards/tsunami/Tsunami Study.htm](http://www.richmond.ca/safety/prepare/city/hazards/tsunami/Tsunami%20Study.htm)

Guest Speakers: Bonny Telep & Dick Drew

"CLUB IN A CLUB"



Bonny & Dick, Rotarians from the Haney Rotary Club, came to tell members about a very successful RI membership program which was implemented in their club, during the fall of 2010. 8 new members were installed as a result of the program.

A brother and sister, who were both Past District Governors, started the program in Australian Rotary clubs. It is also largely responsible for Australia being able to boast the highest number of Rotarian, per capita, in the world.

The program is aimed at getting every member of the club to become involved in increasing and retaining quality members for the club.



It is a simple 6 step program:

1. Identify a "champion " to drive the program;
2. Circulate a sheet to all members asking them to identify and provide full contact details of suitable people in the community, whom they think could be approached to become Rotarians;
3. A shortlist of suitable people is compiled and members are asked to consider the list and state any objections to their future membership;
4. A "very kind letter" is addressed these candidates informing them that they have been selected to join the club and inviting them to attend a membership meeting. As their membership has already been vetted in principal, they can be installed immediately;
5. If no response is received to the invitation, the committee makes follow up calls to maximize attendance at the membership meeting;
6. Once these candidates become Rotarians it is essential that each new member be assigned a mentor to encourage and involve them in club activities.

THE 50/50 JACKPOT STARTS FROM SCRATCH AGAIN!

Brian Bekar was the lucky winner of \$443. This was a repeat from March 2004, when he pulled the Queen of Hearts from the last 2 remaining cards.



Submitted by Adrienne Dale