



The Four Way Flasher

Meadow Ridge Rotary Club

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TODAY: Philippe Lamoise - International Projects Website Creator

NEXT WEEK: Ineke Boekhorst - Business Improvement Association



Happy Birthday

May 13: Jan Dale

INVOCATION:

May 10	Walter Volpatti
May 17	Laurie Anderson
May 24	Liz Attarmigirian
May 31	Val Bahnman

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
May 21 - 25		Rotary International Conference	New Orleans
Sun. June 26	6pm	Installation of New Board	Pitt Meadows Golf Club – 13615 Harris Rd.

DISTRICT 5050 CONFERENCE

The theme was very fitting: Let The Good Times Roll!



Everything about it was good, just horrible weather, but that didn't matter....the Harrison Hot Springs Resort and Spa was a fabulous venue for the annual event.

Thursday May 5th started with the choice of a golf tournament, a lake cruise or a circle farm tour, followed by a delicious pub style buffet and entertainment by the excellent Reid Sisters.

Friday morning the official opening during breakfast, followed with a presentation by Christopher Gaze, best known as the artistic director of Vancouver's Bard on the Beach, Shakespeare Festival.

The First Plenary Session featured presentations by the Irish and Korean GSE Teams. During lunch an inspiring presentation by Ryan Walter, his accomplishments include being drafted 2nd in his draft year, the youngest NHL Captain in history at the time,

four time Team Canada player, NHL All-Star, NHL "Man of the Year" and he won a Stanley Cup with the Montreal Canadians!

During the afternoon, different break out sessions to choose from (Rotaplast, Bee World Project, Y.E.S. Project, Imagination Library, etc)

Friday night dinner featured the Langley Ukulele Ensemble, with a fantastic show; they will be on their way to the International Conference in New Orleans next week.



Saturday breakfast and another fabulous speaker; David Guscott, CEO of E-Comm 911, the communication link for many of the Metro Vancouver and beyond, area emergency services. David was formerly the executive vice-president of celebrations and partnerships with the Vancouver Olympic and Paralympic Organizing Committee (VANOC). Guscott was responsible for the relationship between the organizing committee and its government partners and the highly successful opening, closing and victory ceremonies. He developed new lines of business that resulted in more than \$30

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million in contributions to the Games from private and government partners. He gave us some of the "inside stories" relating to the mishaps during the opening ceremonies!

The Plenary session featured the outbound GSE Team, which returned from Ireland, VERY entertaining.

Next Plenary Session it was time for Jennifer Jones, Rotary International President's Representative and I wouldn't be surprised if Jennifer will be introduced as Rotary International President (Maybe the first ever female RI President?) in the near future! She is a brilliant public speaker.



During lunch Mel Cooper was the speaker and again a very interesting presentation. Mel is one of the most awarded citizens of Victoria and British Columbia; he has received the Order of Canada and of British Columbia, two lifetime Achievement awards for business and leadership, Variety Club's Golden Heart and dozens of other commendations. Probably best known as the radio-owner of stations in Victoria and Kelowna (CKNW), Director of the Royal Bank, Telus Corporation, and Chairman of Air BC (now Air Canada Jazz) Mel was very involved in Expo 86 and worked alongside his good friend Jimmy Paterson.

Later that afternoon the always entertaining presentation by the Youth Exchange students.....very, very funny!

Saturday Night the traditional District Governor Banquet/ Ball, great dinner and dancing to the Redline Band.

Sunday morning a last breakfast buffet and it was all over.....until we meet again next year!

If you've never attended a Rotary District or International Conference, you don't know what you've been missing.....it's the best way to find out everything and anything you ever wanted to know about Rotary and the very best fellowship and exchange of ideas you'll ever experience.

Plan to attend next year, when the Good Times will Roll again!

Submitted by Ineke Boekhorst

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

We welcomed as guests Irene Shantz and Mike Forrester.

Rotary Moment.

Matt told the club about a heart warming moment in his life, which epitomised what it was to be a Rotarian. He has been involved with a family for 25 years as part of a programme to provide a father figure and a role model to a young boy, Dane, whose biological father was either totally absent or abusive when he was around.

One Christmas, he recalled how he had received a call from Dane on Christmas morning, when his dad had failed to keep his promise and fetch him to spend Christmas with him. He felt honoured that he had achieved his purpose as a father figure. Their relationship has strengthened over the years and Dane

even attended his daughter's wedding. Reminded of this experience he realised the importance of the role of the club's scholarship programme in meeting the financial needs in our community, as well as the difference the programme can make in the lives young people.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Last year's Wine Fest Donations:

Robert reported that the musical instruments had been finally been purchased and delivered to three elementary schools in the community. We managed to purchase \$10,000.00 worth of instruments for \$7,000.00. We will be advertising shortly for sponsorship requests for the 2011 Wine Fest proceeds.

Graduate Scholarships.

Matt was pleased to announce that he had received 9 strong applications for scholarships. However, as we only currently have place for 8, he proposed a motion to put forward an extra scholarship for \$1,500 to accommodate the extra candidate. The motion was seconded by the club.

GUEST SPEAKER:

Marco Terwiel – My GSE Exchange to Thailand.

Marco was appointed as team leader to take a team of 4 professionals to District 3330 in Thailand. Despite technically being too old to meet the RI requirements, he was chosen as leader after a rigorous application and interview process. There were 30 applicants for team positions and finally 4 were appointed.

The team had to give presentations in the local language. They were fortunate that one of the selected team members was Thai and was able to assist them with translations. It is a difficult tone language.

The trip across took them via Seattle, Soule and onto Bangkok. They were centered around an area called Chumphon.

Their first stop on reaching Bangkok was a visit to the very prestigious Rotary Foundation Offices. It is a great privilege to be a Rotarian in Thailand.

His team, being from D5050 consisted of 2 Canadian and 2 American members.

Most of the clubs wear uniforms and the people are very hospitable.

He visited health care facilities on his vocational days and confirms that the health care system is not only free, particularly for medication, but also extremely good.

Many Rotary projects focus on issues of HIV, housing and rebuilding the country, after the damage caused by the Tsunami. Most of the houses are now built on stilts to accommodate future Tsunami waters.

For interest sake have a look at the website for the reciprocal exchange of the inbound team from District 3330 in 2006 to District 5050. Our club took an active part in the hosting. http://www.tongkah.org/group_study.htm

Submitted by Adrienne Dale