

# The Four Way Flasher

**MeadowRidge Rotary Club  
Newsletter**

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## TODAY'S PROGRAM :

**Ian Dunsmuir - Acupuncturist**

## NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM :

**March 21 : Don McDonald – Pacific  
Riding for the Disabled (P.R.D.A.)**

## Bingo Schedule BE ON TIME !

March 16 : Debi Pearce 3:00 - 5:00  
Caro O'Kennedy 4:30 - 6:30

March 30: Eng Tan 3:00 - 5:00  
Doug McMaster 4:30 - 6:30

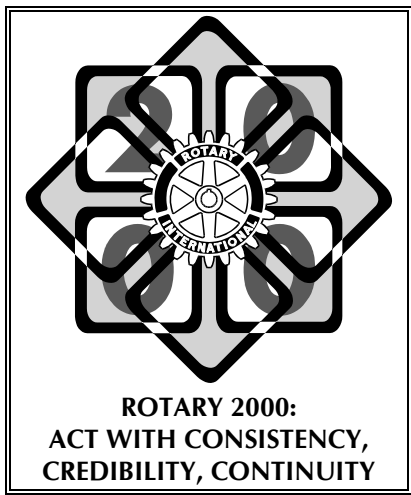
If you find yourself running late for your bingo-shift, PLEASE make sure you cover the time ! You can call Debi/Ineke 463-3767 or Mary/Gord 463-3333 for assistance.

## Thursday March 16, 9am at

Haney Bingoplex, an extraordinary mtg. of the membership of R.M.Bingo Operators Soc.is being held. It is important, that someone from our Club attends this mtg., since there will be amendments to the constitution made.

## Last Weeks' Meeting

Our Guest Speaker was Cst. Wendy Hawthorne representing Translink, with a very interesting presentation on the immense problem of Graffiti in our Communities. Translink is a support system to the Police Department, with a focus on Skytrain (which moves approx. 500,000 people per day!!) Wendy is in plain words : a Provincial plain clothed transit const.- peace officer. Graffiti is now a BIG problem, almost like an addiction to the spray-paint / felt-marker "artists". It is considered a sub- culture that can literally hold your Community



"hostage". Clean up needs to be immediate to be effectual. It takes a special nose, to track down "Taggers" by their unique names or "signatures". A new and even more destructive wave is "etching", using a sharp tool, like rock, knife or sandpaper to cut into surfaces, like into Skytrain windows etc. Wendy showed us a "piece book", with many examples of the different graffiti writers' sketch book an important tool for Translink to try to track down some of the most frequent "taggers", follow their path and eventually arrest them. Graffiti is an increasing problem; it has proven to be very costly to the Community and is changing the neighbourhoods in which we live! Thanks Wendy, for an excellent presentation. I hope we can somehow prevent our Community from being targeted!

## OTHER ROTARY CLUB NEWS

**March 31, April 1&2 – Intra  
District Rotary Curling Bonspiel**

Held in Tsawwassen(Tunnel Town Curling Club), registration \$200.= per team. Davidd for details.

**May 8** : R.I. Pres. Nominee Richard King will speak @ Vancouver Rotary Club noon mtg. (\$25.-) Pres. Davidd for details

**May 25 –28 Harrison Hot Springs Hotel : District 5050 Conference.** Rooms main hotel \$115. (S or Dbl)

**Rotarian Alaska Cruise : Sept. 10** Inside Passage (Davidd for info)

**Rotary International Convention** June 4 – 7, Buenos Aires. Guess what !?See Pres. Davidd for details!

**Sept. 9-28** : 7<sup>th</sup> int.Rotary Friendship Tour to Turkey org. by Rotary Club of Levent (see Davidd)

## CLUB NEWS

### Community Services Donations

The following donations were approved at March mtg. :

1. M.R. Roteract Club \$ 500.=
2. M.R.S.S. special needs \$ 750.=

**Attendance for Jan. 2000** – 86% - ranked year to date #9 (out of 52)

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS

**March 15** – 7am – WineZest Committee Mtg. (every 2<sup>nd</sup> week)

## HAPPY ST. PATRICKS DAY

Do you know when ??? S.O.S. for more valuable St. Paddy info !!!!

**50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$ 265.00 + 1/2 of today's sales, 38 cards, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!**