

At the Horse Races

Sunday Oct 21st, time for some serious gambling! Approx. 18 of us went to Hastings Track and had a great time. The weather was lousy, but the food was good and the horses didn't seem to have too much trouble with the rain (and mud!) Some of us were luckier than others (ask Dan Ryland...!) but I think all of us enjoyed the fellowship and the surroundings. All and all a very enjoyable afternoon and a great big thank you to Irena and Kevin for organizing such a super Club social!! And to all you members that weren't there:



your loss, **you missed a real good time! Better be there next social!**

A delegation of our club (Ineke, Debi and Merlyn) attended the district foundation seminar in Cloverdale last Saturday. One of the subjects covered was "The Global Quest" (one new member every month) and on how to attract more prospective members. Our session started with the headline: "Get your ask in gear", meaning that we as members just do not ask enough people if they are interested in joining Rotary.

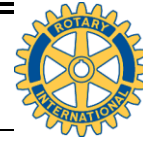
The following article is taken from this week's RI Newsbasket and proves the same point, interested Rotarians everywhere, but they just have never been asked! **Please just ask!**

More than 1,000 prospective Rotarians register online

On 1 July 2001, RI added to the Rotary Web site an online prospective member contact form. Located in the Membership section, the form is geared toward non-Rotarians who are interested in becoming members. The form can be completed online and at the click of a button sent to RI's Membership Development Department. Upon receipt, tracking coordinators funnel the contact information to the appropriate club and district leaders. As of 17 October 2001, a total of 1,020 individuals have completed the prospective member contact form. Contact information was distributed as follows: 6 percent to club presidents, 14 percent to club secretaries, 10 percent to district governors, 55 percent to district membership chairpersons, and 14 percent to Rotaract officers. One percent of contact information was not forwarded because there were no active clubs in the areas where the prospective Rotarians live.

The following is a distribution of responses by country or region: 69 percent from USA/Canada; 8 percent from Europe/Mediterranean; 7 percent from Africa; 6 percent from Asia; 3 percent from Latin America/Mexico; 4 percent from India; 2 percent from the UK; and 1 percent from Australia.

A bigger response is expected from prospective members as the availability of this convenient online feature becomes more widely known. The Membership Development Department will begin to evaluate the effectiveness of this Internet-based collection of contact information in December 2001.



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BINGO SCHEDULE

BE ON TIME!

	3:00-5:00	4:30-6:30
Oct. 25:	Betty Levens	Merlyn White
Nov. 08:	Marco Terwiel	Merlyn White

Call Peter at 604-465-3392 for assistance or e-mail pboekhorst@telus.net

TODAY'S PROGRAM: **Business Meeting**

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM:

Sandra Rankin of the Maple Ridge Hospital Foundation will talk about the work of the Foundation in supporting our hospital.

CALENDAR OF CLUB EVENTS:

Nov. 19, 2001	Sports' Banquet	Meadow Garden's Golf & Country Club
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CALENDAR OF RI & DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS

Date	Event	Venue
Feb.1 - 4, 2002	Rotary International Assembly	Anaheim
Feb.23, 2002	RI's 97th Anniversary	
Mar.22, 2002	PETS	
Apr.20, 2002	District Assembly WWU	
May 16, 2002	District Conference	Everett WA
June 23-26, 2002	International Convention	Barcelona, Spain

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$ 147.= + 1/2 of today's sales, 42 cards, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!



CLUB SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING

Expect to hear from our Sergeant-at-Arms about helping with setting up and taking down of the meeting room for our luncheons. A list will be circulated at this meeting. Please sign up. The good news is that new tables have been ordered and setup and takedown should be simplified in the near future. Peter has been helping out consistently, but he is still feeling a bit weak in the knees.

As a result of the membership luncheon, we have four potential members under review. More information will be forthcoming from the membership committee and thank you to all who sponsored guests for the luncheon. The membership committee will provide additional information about membership privileges, responsibilities and commitment to the ideals of Rotary.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Merlyn White - Oct. 24 Brian Ralston - Oct. 29

UPDATE ON THE YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM

The following members have agreed to be Host Family Participants

Gord & Mary Robson, Kevin Nosworthy and Ineke & Peter Boekhorst

I am continuing to look for a fourth Host Family.

Doris Gagel has agreed to be councilor.

The host school is still under consideration depending on the outgoing Student and agreeing on a location that will be convenient for the Host Families.

Applications have been delivered to the Public Secondary Schools and Meadow Ridge Secondary with a deadline for applications by November 1. The intent of the Program is partner with the Haney Club for two outgoing Students.

We have been sent a prospective incoming applicant from Venezuela, but after consideration by Exchange Participants, a decision was made to pass on the student due to her age (15 Years.) I have indicated to the District that the Club is interested in reviewing future applications.

Stan Wade

POSTER AND ESSAY CONTEST:

Mankind Is Our Business – How Does Helping Others Make the World a Better Place?

Rotary International has initiated this contest to promote awareness of Rotary and to promote to young people the concept of service to others. There are two categories: Posters and Essays and each category has great prizes, including scholarships and trips to Barcelona, Spain to the 2002 RI Convention.

Official contest rules and additional information is available on the Club website at:

http://www3.telus.net/MeadowRidge_Rotary

This is a great way to introduce young people to Rotary and encourage them to think of others too.

Biographies for the Four Way Flasher:

Beat the crowd and submit a Who's Who for the newsletter. We will attempt to print a bio once or twice a month. It is a fun way to get to know fellow Rotarians. If you would like assistance, please call or email Caro. (refer to today's who's who for guideline and don't forget the baby picture!)

2 X 4 = 2 MINUTES OF ROTARY INFORMATION 4 TIMES PER MONTH

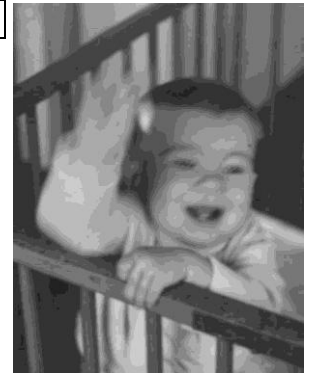
This was last week's 2 X 4 : WOMEN IN ROTARY

Until 1989, the Constitution and Bylaws of Rotary International stated that Rotary club membership was for males only. In 1978 the Rotary Club of Duarte, California, invited three women to become members. The RI board withdrew the charter of that club for violation of the RI Constitution. The club brought suit against RI claiming a violation of a state civil rights law which prevents discrimination of any form in business establishments or public accommodations. The appeals court and the California Supreme Court supported the Duarte position that Rotary could not remove the club's charter merely for inducting women into the club. The United States Supreme Court upheld the California court indicating that Rotary clubs do have a "business purpose" and are in some ways public-type organisations. This action in 1987 allowed women to become Rotarians in any jurisdiction having similar "public accommodation" statutes.

The RI constitutional change was made at the 1989 Council on Legislation, with a vote to eliminate the "male only" provision for all of Rotary.

CLUB MEMBER PROFILE – GUESS WHO IS THIS BABY?

The picture of this little guy was taken well before W.W.II. Being occupied by a foreign power for nearly five years left a lifelong and profound appreciation for the value of freedom and peace. The importance of these two principles became a reality early on in my life, rather than a theoretical concept. (as it was for many younger people in North America until September 11, 2001!!). The sense of freedom and pursuit of peaceful solutions to inevitable conflicts have guided me in all of my important decisions in life.



Because of the war, schooling was sporadic and makeshift, but nevertheless taken seriously by my parents. Being taught the tables of multiplication in a cow-barn worked just as well as in a fancy modern air-conditioned building. Since there was no TV, nor radio, nor movies to distract me, I developed a love for reading. One of my favorite authors was Karl May, a German who had never been to North America, but wrote fascinating stories about how the West was won and the struggle between Europeans and Native Indians. I simply had to go and see that part of the world for myself. However that had to wait for awhile. In the meantime I went to university and to supplement my finances worked as a travel agent. That allowed me to go for US \$60 return to New York, first class on an Italian Luxury liner. I worked for two months and then traveled around the USA and Canada for two more months. That is when I decided that I wanted to spend the rest of my life in North America. Canada was my first choice, but since I was a university graduate from a Western European country and not a destitute refugee from the third world, the bureaucratic hurdles to immigrate to this country were simply too overwhelming. I therefore went to the USA, where I was welcomed with open arms. After five years and having all my US professional credentials in perfect order, it was no problem whatsoever to make the final move to Canada. I have lived in Maple Ridge since my arrival in 1968 and loved every bit of it.