

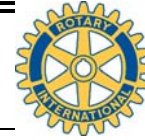
Rotary Youth Exchange

The most powerful force in the promotion of international understanding and peace is exposure to different cultures. The world becomes a smaller, friendlier place when we learn that all people — regardless of nationality — desire the same basic things: a safe, comfortable environment that allows for a rich and satisfying life for ourselves and our children. Youth Exchange provides thousands of young people with the opportunity to meet people from other lands and to experience their cultures, thus planting the seeds for a lifetime of international understanding.

Since 1929, students and host families all over the world have had their horizons broadened and their lives enriched by the generosity of Rotary's Youth Exchange program. Administered by Rotary clubs, districts and multidistrict groups, the program today involves more than 82 countries and over 8,000 students each year.



The first documented exchanges date back to 1929, when the Rotary Club of Copenhagen, Denmark, initiated exchanges with European students. Exchanges between clubs in California, USA, and Latin American countries began in 1939, and exchange activities spread to the eastern United States in 1958. In 1972, the Rotary International Board of Directors agreed to recommend Youth Exchange to clubs worldwide as a worthwhile international activity promoting global peace and understanding.



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INVOCATION Sept. 17: Marco Terwiel Sept. 24: Craig Vernon

BINGO SCHEDULE BE ON TIME!

	3:30-5:00	5:00-6:30
Sept. 26	Brian Bekar	Ron LePore
Oct. 10	NEED VOLUNTEER!	NEED VOLUNTEER!

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

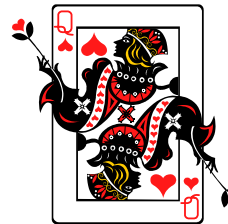


TODAY'S PROGRAM: Business Meeting

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM: Charles Lester - Canadian Blood Service

CALENDAR OF CLUB EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Sept. 17	1:30pm	Sports Banquet Meeting	After regular meeting
Sept. 17	7:00pm	Youth in Rotary	MR Library
Sept. 29	3:00pm	Frisbee Golf	Dave Rempel
Oct. 22	6:30pm	Sports Banquet	Meadow Gardens
Dec. 16	noon	Executive 2003/04 Elections	Regular meeting



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LAST WEEKS PROGRAM

The best news last week was that Mike Davies is recovering well from his surgery. He would like to receive visitors, but please call ahead so that visits are spaced out and he does not become too tired.

The slight confusion about the invocation at the beginning of the meeting was somewhat amusing, but when Eng gave the invocation, I was touched and felt that his prayer was most appropriate for the day. It was simple, powerful and moving all at the same time. I tried several times during the week to reach Eng to have the text printed, but he is a busy man and I possibly did not try hard enough.

The programme consisted of a video produced by the Salvation Army to remember and honour the work done by many volunteers at Ground Zero last September and the months following. Ed Chiu from the Salvation Army and his helper Rick introduced the video. The images were a powerful reminder of the events of September 11, 2001. It also portrayed the depth of commitment to help those who suffer and are devastated by senseless acts of violence.

Four volunteers from Maple Ridge had the privilege to travel to New York to work at Ground Zero experiencing the enrichment that comes from giving and sharing with people in crisis.

Over the years Meadow Ridge Rotary Club has had the privilege to contribute to many community events, local, national and international that has made a great deal of difference in the world. Marco reminded us again of the new Rotary International goal to eradicate polio. Remember to volunteer for the Iron Lung event. Remember to contribute financially. Contact Marco for more information.

Submitted by Caro O'Kennedy



MEADOWRIDGE ROTARY SPORTS BANQUET 2002

"Raising money for youth sport facilities"

The MeadowRidge Rotary Club is pleased to announce the 12th Annual Sports Banquet to be held on October 22, 2002 at the Meadow Garden's Golf and Country Club.

Like the past eleven years the event will be emceed by sports broadcaster John McKeachie.

The Rotary Sports Banquet raises funds for local youth sports facilities. Over the last eleven years, the event has raised over \$250,000. The banquet, co-sponsored by the MeadowRidge Rotary Club and Maple Ridge Community Savings, assists the club in supporting local groups on a matching fund basis.

The event is well attended by both the local community and local sports celebrities. Last year's guests included representatives from the Vancouver 86'ers, BC Lions, Vancouver Canucks.

MEADOWRIDGE GOLF TOURNAMENT 2002

The golf tournament held last Sunday was a great success. I would like to thank all members who contributed to the organization and running of the event.

Although past years have focused on a social, it is obvious that we can use the event both as a way to have good fellowship, and raise funds for a worthwhile cause. The venue at Meadow Gardens was a perfect location -many thanks to Sharon for helping us in the organization.

As was mentioned, all proceeds will be applied to the Polio Eradication Fund – the tally is approx. \$2000 and to be announced, hopefully at the following meeting. Kevin and Brian both gave thanks for Ineke, who tied all the loose ends together to produce the first of what I hope will be a long run of fun and fund raising.

During Kevin's prologue to our meal and in between jokes he mentioned all the individuals who contributed their time. I would like to thank the Club in general for their participation. It is disappointing that we could not secure the Cup in it's first year, but there is always next year. So all you serious golfers – lets practice and focus on bringing the Cup home.

Next year has great potential in a partnership with School District 42 with their ability to solicit prizes and participation by their many operating contacts. In this year's event the Club should commend all the members who contributed to prizes and items that made the event so much fun. The day inspired me to find more time to golf. I hope it did the same for all who participated.

Thank you all.
MeadowRidge Rotary
President

Stan Wade



And the Cup winner is Bart Findlay from the Haney Club.

