

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Oct. 9: Kevin Nosworthy Oct. 12: Gordon Kirkland

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Oct. 10: Jo-Ann & Ken Knuttila

Melissa's Diary

We got hold of Melissa's diary and you have the first sneak preview. But don't tell anybody, maybe we will see more in the future!

MY FIRST WEEKEND WITH OTHER ROTARY EXCHANGE STUDENT.

Friday afternoon. 2.20 pm

Oh my God! This class is so long. I want to go to USA now. Please!

Friday afternoon. 2.34 pm

The bell rang. YES! Ron is here. I can leave Maple Ridge. We then picked up other exchange students in Coquitlam and Surrey: 2 Belgium girls, a girl from Turkey and another one from Austria were already in the car. Let's go!

Friday 5:15 pm - First Problem

We arrive at the border but Asli, the girl from Turkey needs a Visa.
We wait during 1 hour...

Friday night. 7:00 pm

We arrive at Mount Vernon. We are the last. Everybody has waited for us for dinner. We start to introduce each other. We are 13 in the District 5050 from all over the world: Belgium, Germany, Finland, Austria, Italy, Turkey, France, Mexico, Argentina and Brazil.

Saturday. 7:00 am

Wake up everybody! NO! We went to bed at 1:30 am. It's too early!
After we go to Seattle. It's not really pretty but we have a lot of fun in that town. We take a car for visiting that city and it's funny because we can go on the water with that car.

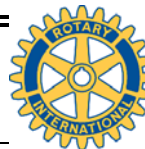
Saturday. 7:00 pm

We eat in a very famous restaurant in Seattle. We wait for 20 minutes to obtain a table.

Sunday. Noon.

Everybody leaves to go back home. We don't want to go. It was so cool, too much fun. I met a lot of people and now we are like the best friends, as if we knew each other since a lot of years. It's so exciting to meet people from all over the world and can communicate with them thanks to English. I built some real friendships during this weekend and I hope I can see my new friends soon.

Melissa Huyart



The Four Way Flasher

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INVOCATION Oct. 8: Stan Wade Oct. 15: Merlyn White

BINGO SCHEDULE BE ON TIME!

	3:30-5:00	5:00-6:30
Oct. 10	Merlyn White	Kevin Nosworthy
Oct. 24	Diane Kirkland	Laurie Anderson

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

TODAY'S PROGRAM: Business Meeting

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM: Jim Rule - CAO District of Maple Ridge

CALENDAR OF CLUB EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Oct. 15	1:15pm	Sports Banquet Meeting	After regular meeting
Oct. 22	6:30pm	Sports Banquet	Meadow Gardens
Nov. 5	Noon	Membership Luncheon	La Trattoria
Dec. 16	Noon	Executive 2003/04 Elections	Regular meeting

Nov. 5th no regular meeting in the library!
This will be a Membership Drive Luncheon in La Trattoria.

And the Jackpot is an estimated BIG, BIG \$1,600

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$1493 + 1/2 of today's sales, 2 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

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LAST WEEKS PROGRAM

A couple of announcements were made. Our Membership drive meeting will be held at La Trattoria on November 5 and the club will pay for one guest per member. Also the 50/50 is still out there!! Dot was the lucky person to have her ticket pulled but she drew the wrong queen. So, we now have over 1,500 in the pot and only 2 cards left.

Marco was our speaker today and his topic was Polio Plus. In case anyone was not aware Marco is the district rep for the Polio Plus campaign and we should all be proud of his contribution.

Rotary International's goal has been realigned to eradicate polio by 2005. The original goal was by 2000, however we still have a little way to go. In 2000 polio was still a problem in 20 countries. Since then we have managed to wipe it out in 10 of those and now have 10 more to go.

In the 40's and 50's an polio epidemic swept around the world and 5% of the worlds population was affected. Millions of children around the world either died from this dreadful disease or were left crippled. In 1985 Rotary, in partnership with World Health Organization and the United Nations Childrens Foundation, embarked on a mission to eradicate polio for the world by the year 2000. Well we came close and can be proud, but it is not the time to rest on our laurels. We can almost smell success and we need to rally behind this last effort to accomplish this impressive goal.

Polio is a very, very contagious disease and the virus can live up to 4 months in water or sewage. Typical symptoms start with headaches, fevers and fatigue. But the virus then goes on to attack the central nervous system. The disease often left people unable to breath on their own, hence the invention of the iron lung. This machine forced air in and out of the lungs for the patient and one patient was known to have spent 45 years in the machine. There is NO CURE for this disease, but the prevention is so simple it's heartbreaking to think of the millions of children in third world countries who are still at risk. Polio only attacks humans so this also makes its prevention and eradication possible, where other diseases go across species, like the West Nile Virus, and that fact alone makes it pretty much impossible to completely eradicate. Once we have immunized all of the worlds children, we have to have no cases, verified by a surveillance lab, for 3 years before we can rest.

In 1994 the Americas were declared polio free and in 2000, with the Rotarian efforts we immunized 152 million children in India in one day. Our funds go to assisting with transporting, storing and administering the vaccine into these remote areas. Rotary volunteers also participate in the actual immunization. Talk about rewarding work. 5 Million children are estimated to have been saved from this crippling disease already and we carry 575 million doses into 94 countries. Our club has agreed to raise \$10,000 over the next two years and Marco is challenging other clubs in the district to match or beat us.

Marco distributed pledge forms and UNICEF boxes which are both ways to raise funds, so if you missed this meeting be sure to talk to him to help. Our Golf Tournie raised over \$2,000 towards our goal, now that was easy, right?!

THIS IS OUR CHANCE TO CHANGE THE WORLD!

Submitted by Debi Pearce

12th ANNUAL SPORTS' BANQUET OCT. 22, 2002 MEADOW GARDENS

As we all know, the Sports' Banquet is only 2 weeks away and we really need to get our "act together" in the Silent Auction collection "department"!!!! Yes, the tickets are almost sold out, but donations for our Silent Auction, one of the main "Money Makers" at this event, are coming in very slow. PLEASE, remember we cannot do it without your help!

EVERY MEMBER of our club needs to participate and/or volunteer for our Sports' Banquet, our Mayor Fundraiser of the year. AND every member needs to collect a minimum of 2 items for the Silent Auction (Value approx. \$100.= each, or a number of items with a value totalling \$200.=) These items could be products or services from your own business or from people/companies you're associated with. Think of something original, dinner with the Mayor, golf with a sports' celebrity, an airplane ride with someone who owns a plane, maybe you own a condo in Whistler, or somewhere else exciting, that would be a very worthwhile auction item, or anything else original you can think of.....!!

When you have your 2 items collected, please drop them off at Chocolates by Grace, or let Ineke, Irena or Chad know what they are, who donated, what the value is, when they will be dropped off, or where we need to pick up. Make sure we get a business card from the donor to attach to the donation and so we can properly thank for the donation after the Banquet. It is all very simple and straightforward so PLEASE.....

MAKE SURE WE GET YOUR 2 DONATIONS TO THE SILENT AUCTION NOW!

HE IS COMING TO TOWN!

I am pleased to announce that RI President Bhichai Rattakul will be in Vancouver on March 12, 2003. This came about as a request from the District Governors of Districts 5020, 5030, 5040 and 5050.

Details are as follows: Wednesday, March 12, 2003
 West Bayshore Conference Centre
 1601 Bayshore Drive, Vancouver, B.C.

No Host Bar - 6:00 PM Dinner - 7:00 PM

Business Attire, Black Tie Optional Cost is \$80.00 Canadian

- The above includes a four course diner with wine; ten seats to a table
- Dietary restrictions must be made clear at time of ticket ordering
- This involves 4 Rotary Districts and it is anticipated that tickets will sell out quickly - in order to avoid disappointment get your payment and order in quickly.
- Tickets will be issued to Clubs only

I encourage you to attend. Have your clubs book the tickets now!

I would hope to see at least 5 from each club.

Our President Bhichai Rattakul is an inspiring speaker and you will benefit from his presentation.

Kevin Shaughnessy

District Governor 2002-03

District 5050