

R.I. Convention 2003 Brisbane, Queensland, June 1-4



Your guide to what is planned at R.I. Convention

Brisbane is a vibrant city all year round with warm weather during the winter months giving outdoor areas masses of colour. It has more sunny days than Florida.



The fun of the Brisbane R.I. Convention in 2003 from June 1 to 4 actually begins on May 30 with the opening of the House of Friendship in the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre at South Bank.

The House of Friendship is an extraordinary showcase of Rotary programs and projects combined with more than 150 displays of Australian products and activities to ensure a fair dinkum experience.

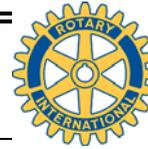
It will be a meeting place for delegates to be refreshed and entertained during the convention.

Aussie Experience will be night of fun

The Australian Experience on June 3 at the R.I. Convention in Brisbane will be a large-scale party which will allow visitors to experience the nation's informality.

The classic Australian entertainment will be combined with barbecue-styled food service, bushcraft and horsemanship. Organisers expect as many as 10,000 to attend this ticketed event.

From ROTARY DOWN UNDER November 2002



The Four Way Flasher

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INVOCATION Dec. 10: Rick Carruthers Jan. 7: Vladimir Cukor

BINGO SCHEDULE BE ON TIME!

	3:30-5:00	5:00-6:30
Dec. 19	Peter Boekhorst	Dave Reekie
Jan. 2	Lindsay Hendy	Merlyn White

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

The Bingo proceeds for October were \$2,466.38.

TODAY'S PROGRAM: Executive 2003/2004 Elections

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM: Christmas Party

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Dec. 10		Executive 2003/04 Elections	Regular meeting
Dec. 10	After regular mtg.	WineZest Meeting	Library
Dec. 10	7pm	Executive Meeting	Kevin's Office
Dec. 17	7:30pm	Christmas Party	Gord & Mary Robson
March 12	6pm, dinner 7pm	RI President Bhichai Rattakul	West Bayshore Conf. Centre
April 5	tba	District Assembly	Western Washington Univ.

THE CHRISTMAS PARTY WILL BE HELD ON DEC. 17 AT THE ROBSON'S HOME
25433 117th Ave, MR (Dewdney Trunk Rd – 256th St. South – 117th Ave West)

DO NOT FORGET TO BRING IN YOUR TWO CANS EACH FOR OUR ANNUAL FOOD BANK DONATION!
IF YOU STILL FORGOT IT, YOU CAN DROP THEM OFF AT CHOCOLATES BY GRACE.

NO REGULAR MEETING ON DECEMBER 17, 24 AND 31

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$72 + 1/2 of today's sales, 49 cards, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!



LAST WEEKS BUSINESS MEETING

Last week it was reported that we managed to raise \$354.00 for Polio plus through our Halloween boxes.

Thanks to all of those who participated.

It was also announced that the elections will be next week for next years executive. Ineke reported that she has a good slate and can still have some nominations for Directors positions.

Our guest speaker was Jack Fisk, a Rotarian from Anacortes who spoke on behalf of the Wheelchair Foundation.

This foundation was founded several years ago by Ken Behring, an American millionaire/philanthropist. Ken was approached by several charities over the years to use his air service to deliver needed items to third world countries. He was happy to do this and on several occasions accompanied the delivery to the recipients. One of these occasions was the delivery of wheelchairs to Romania and he was very touched by the difference these wheelchairs made in the lives of the crippled who received them All of the sudden they had mobility and with that a new sense of freedom. He later travelled to Vietnam and experienced the same thing. He investigated the need for these wheelchairs and found that over 100,000 people around the world need a wheelchair. He also found that in many countries the immobility victims are often isolated and considered an embarrassment. Wheelchairs would take years of savings for some of these people to purchase. Through Ken's connections and business expertise he made a deal with a wheelchair manufacturer to purchase 20,000 wheelchairs that would normally cost \$500 each and he was able to get them for \$150 (US) each. These wheelchairs have been adapted to their use by being made of steel so that they are stronger and can be welded if they should break.



He then created the Wheelchair Foundation which raises money to pay for these wheelchairs and he also set up a second foundation to carry all of the administration and transportation costs. He totally funds the 2nd foundation. Ken is an honorary Rotarian and with that connection he approached Rotary International to partner with him on this project. Rotary agreed and hence you can now purchase a wheelchair for \$75. US as Ken will match each dollar donated. If a club gets together enough funds to purchase 240 wheelchairs (a container) it can also designate where the wheelchairs should go. It should be noted that the Wheelchair campaign is a partnership with Rotary International and not a part of foundation.

So for \$75.00 US you too can help a immobility victim achieve Freedom where none was available before. Think about it and if you are interested let either Stan or Brian Bekar know and they will assist you in your donation.



Submitted by Debi Pearce

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Dec. 10: Liz Hancock

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Dec. 10: Ineke & Peter Boekhorst

WINEZEST 2003

Hard to believe it's "that time" again - time sure flies...

Please note there will be a brief Wine Zest meeting immediately following next week's Rotary meeting. At this time we will be setting the planning wheels in motion for the 2003 Wine Zest. So if you were on the Wine Zest committee last year or are interested in helping to organize this year's event, please be sure to join us after next week's meeting. We need YOUR help to make the 2003 Wine Zest the best ever!

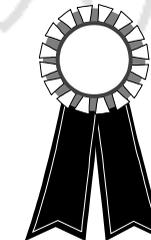
Cheryl Johnson

100% OF THE MONTH CLUB

The following people were inducted into November:

Laurie Anderson,
Peter Boekhorst,
Ron LePore,
Dot Ralston,
Mary Robson,
Stan Wade,

Liz Attarmigirian,
Doris Gagel,
Kevin Nosworthy,
Dave Reekie,
Irena Shantz,
Merlyn White



the 100% Attendance of the Month Club for

Brian Bekar,
Lindsay Hendy,
Ken Paterson,
Dave Rempel,
Craig Vernon,

Ineke Boekhorst,
Sharon Kyle,
Debi Pearce,
Gordy Robson,
Andrea Vevers,