

District 5050's 2002-2003 Conference,
Harrison Hot Springs, B.C., **May 1-3**

Celebrating Our Successes

There are a lot of names involved in a successful District Conference. And this year's RI District 5050 Conference has a roster of Rotarians working behind the scenes to make it the best ever.

Themed, "**Celebrating Our Successes**," the conference to mark the end of District 5050's year for 2002-2003 is being held at Harrison Hot Springs, B.C., May 1-3.

The conference starts with a golf tournament aimed to appeal to duffers and pros alike. That evening will take on a "Pig & Whistle" theme, including the Tam O' Shanter dancers.

Conference speakers include B.C. Deputy Minister of Education Emery Dossdall, Chris Johnson (a.k.a. Dr. Laugh), Barb Harris, and Joan Martin, wife of incoming District Governor Rob Martin, who will be the Breakfast Speaker.

Three GSE Teams are expected to be at the Conference.

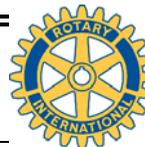
The names behind the this year's Celebration of Our Successes? Here are some of them: Kevin Shaughnessy, Tim Lounsbury, Barb Harris, Charlie Fox, John Morgan, Nilde West, Ron Butcher, Ken Beale, Bill Brooks, Brian Wieks, Iris Davies, Paul Inkman, Iris Davies, Wendy England, Rob Martin, Ian Tate, John Peters, Stewart McIvor, Hank Pilotte, John Piskorik, Dave Robinson, Wayne Crossen, and Ken Beall.

And all you have to do to add your name to the list of those who made it all such a huge a success, is to join in the fun.

District Conference registration forms, as well as registration forms for the Thursday golf tournament, are available at the District 5050 website: www.district5050.org. They are also widely available at clubs. If your club hasn't an abundance of registration forms, call Conference Co-Chair Tim Lounsbury at 604-501-4261, or by e-mail at tim&edwina@shaw.ca.

WHERE CLUBS MEET IN OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD

Burnaby	Fri 1215	Burnaby Radisson Hotel 604-4375420
Burnaby-Metrotown	Wed 1215	Best Western Kings Inn 5411 Kingsway, Burnaby, BC 604-438-1383
Burnaby-Deer Lake	Thu 0715 8	Rinks Ice Sports Centre
Burnaby-Hastings	Tue 1215	A.B.C. Restaurant 604-298-3514
Coquitlam	Wed 1215	Vancouver Golf Club 604-9412100
Coquitlam Sunrise	Tue 0715	City Ctr. Aquatic Complex, 1210 Pinetree Way, Coq. 604-468-8710
Haney	Wed 1830	Meadow Gardens Golf Course, Pitt Meadows 464-4753
Langley	Thu 1815	ABC Rest., Best Western Glover Rd. 604-534-0144
Langley Central	Wed 1210	Newlands Golf & Country Club 21025-48th Ave, Langley 604-5324216
Langley Sunrise	Wed 0700	The Fort Pub in Fort Langley, BC 604-580-4827
Mission	Wed 0700	The Mission City Lodge 604-826-1241
Mission Midday	Tue 1200	Bellevue Hotel, 32998 First Ave, Mission 604-826-2321
New Westminster	Thu 1200	Royal Towers Hotel 604-526-2122
New West-Royal City	Wed 0700	Westminster Club, New Westminster
Port Moody	Wed 0715	St. James Well Pub 604-760-5078
Surrey	Tue 1215	Days Inn 604-599-5021
Surrey-Guildford	Thu 0730	Sheraton Inn Guildford, 15269--104 Ave., Surrey 604-583-0488



The Four Way Flasher

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INVOCATION March 11: Diane Kirkland March 18: Sharon Kyle

BINGO SCHEDULE

	3:30-5:00	5:00-6:30
Mar. 13	Peter Boekhorst	Merlyn White
Mar. 27	Diane Kirkland	Sharon Kyle

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



The Bingo proceeds for January 2003 were \$2,365.35

TODAY'S PROGRAM: Our Exchange Student Mélissa Huyart
Mélissa will give a presentation about her home country and her stay here.

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM: Business meeting

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
March 12	6pm, dinner 7pm	RI President Bhichai Rattakul	West Bayshore Conf. Centre
March 13	12:30pm	WineZest Meeting	Library (down stairs)
March 19	6:30pm	Social committee's Laughter	Giggledam club in PoCo
April 5	8:00am	District Assembly	Western Washington Univ.
May 1-3		District 5050 Conference	Harrison Hot Springs Resort
June 1-4		Rotary Int. Convention	Brisbane, Australia
June 7	7pm - 10pm	WineZest 2003	M.R. Arts Centre

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$251 + 1/2 of today's sales, 41 cards, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

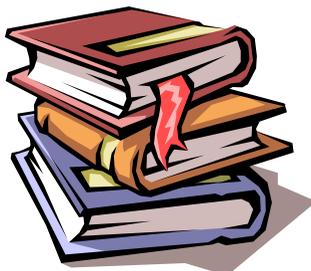
HAPPY BIRTHDAY

March 12: Caro O'Kennedy

LAST WEEKS MEETING

Stan announced today that he received word from the District that the Iron Lung is in our area and ready for us to use as a promotional tool for the polio plus campaign. Ken Knutilla has committed to setting up a Jail/Bail type of promo and Gord suggested perhaps we could have it on display at our Home Show Booth as a way to raise awareness and funds. Stan will speak to Ineke re the Home Show booth and to Ken re the promotion.

Our guest speakers were a tag team effort of Joy and Pat from the Maple Ridge Library. Their topic was one that was obviously a passionate one for them, and it was Literacy. Pat recently attended a conference called Literacy BC in celebration of Family Literacy Day.



One of the points raised is that in today's society only 33% of primary school children are moving on to secondary school with the basic skills needed. She related the story of John Corcoran, the author of "The Teacher Who Couldn't Read". He gave a very passionate and powerful account of his life growing up unable to read.

He was brought up by loving, involved parents, went through the Elementary and High school systems and on to graduate with a degree from university. From that he taught school for 17 years, owned his own real estate development company, but could not read until he was 48 years old. This left him with feelings of anger, frustration and guilt. He learned to cheat and solicit help from his friends without anyone suspecting his problem. His own wife did not realize the extent of his inability to read until a few years into their marriage.

In his late 40's he walked into a library and asked the Librarian if he could learn to read. She put him in touch with a volunteer and after 7 years he was able to read and have confidence in his ability to read. He was diagnosed with severe auditory conceptual dysfunction, which turned out to be the root cause of his problem.

One of the main points is that a community needs to get the interested parties together to work on a Literacy project, so they are not all competing for the same dollars and they can all work towards a common goal.

The Maple Ridge Library, with Caro O'Kennedy as chair is endeavouring to do exactly that and should be applauded for their efforts. Our club will be making a contribution to this project in the near future.

Submitted by Debi Pearce

MÉLISSA'S DIARY

So, I'm in my new home with Ineke, Peter and Bastiaan. All is going well so far. Time is going so fast it's unbelievable.

And I keep going to meet great people. Like this weekend, I met Alma, a student exchange form Germany who lives in Kelowna. Ineke and Peter's daughter is her counsellor.

She came home for a few days and brought Alma with her. I had such a nice weekend. I have never met a person that I got so close to so fast. We have the same taste and think the same things. We spent our entire weekend shopping and chatting (and eat Tim Hortons' donuts with Bastiaan). Now she is gone and I can't wait the next weekend to see her again.

It's those kind of little things which make your exchange year unforgettable.....

Mélissa

PROPOSAL OF NEW MEMBER

The following person has been proposed for membership in the club and approved by the executive. If any member has any objections or comments re this proposal, please contact Stan Wade or Ken Paterson.

Name: Livia Mior
Classification: Newspaper - Advertising

DISTRICT 5050 ASSEMBLY

Greetings to all Club Members.

I am asking you to spend part of your Saturday April 5th to learn more about Rotary by attending our District Assembly at Western Washington University in Bellingham. Last year was great. This year will be even better! I am pleased to pass on to you this message from 2003-04 District Governor Rob Martin about the Assembly.

" At the District Assembly (starts at 8:00 am), we will get the answers to many of our questions about many different aspects of Rotary. Then, Lunch will be served at 12:00 and our featured speaker, Paul Fisher will go on at 1:00. He is a great speaker, and will speak about Rotaplast, a (Rotary) program that sends surgeons to work on children with cleft lip and palate anomalies in the third world. It is a very moving presentation and I believe you will learn a great deal from it."

After the speaker, we are out of there so you will be home by early afternoon. I will arrange a car pool so you may not even have to drive! And the club will pay for it (in fact, we are assessed for five people even if no one shows up). I would like to start things off right by having a great showing, and I have to register those of us who are going. So will you please let me know right away if you will attend with me??

Laurie Anderson