

THE PROOF OF THE PARTY - A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL



“A great venue”



“The Three Amigos”



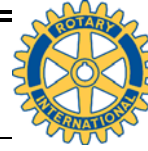
“Looking good in that TUX”



Ambiance provided by Chris Rolin

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The Four Way Flasher

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INVOCATION June 10: Dot Ralston June 17: Chad Reed

BINGO SCHEDULE

	6:15-8:15	8:00-10:00
June 19	Craig Vernon	Peter Boekhorst
July 17	Ken Paterson	Al Graveson



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

Starting May 22 we have a new Bingo schedule: 1 evening session per month.

TODAY'S PROGRAM: Fireside at Irena's

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM: Business Meeting

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
June 9		Community Services Mtg	
June 10		Fireside	Bob & Irena Shantz' home
June 10		REG MTG CANCELLED	
June 20		Executive 2003/04 Installation	Meadow Gardens Golf Club
June 23		Italian Seratta	La Trattoria
July 19	8am	Presidential Celebration	Delta Airport Hotel

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$462 + ½ of today's sales, 31 cards, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

June 14 : Diane & Craig Vernon

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

June 10: Rick Carruthers

June 12: Sharon Rempel

June 14: Bob Shantz

LAST WEEKS MEETING – WINE ZEST 2003

Last week we did not have a speaker so I was worried I wouldn't have anything to write about.... but along came the Wine Zest and I'm back in business.

This years Wine Zest, held at the Art Centre, was a ROARING success. There must have been close to 400 people circulating the venue enjoying the ambiance of Chris Rolin's music amongst the decorations graciously provided by Occasionally Yours. The wineries provided a fine selection of wines for sampling and while I didn't sample too many I heard lots of positive feedback as I circulated the room. The food was to die for. The restaurateurs really got into it this year and we were treated to excellent delicacies from Frogstone Grill, La Trattoria, Star 5 Catering, Meadow Gardens Golf Course, Marinas Gelato, Crumbs Bakery and the Saveon Foods deli provided a wonderful selection of cheeses.

The Silent Auction and Raffle both grew over last years event and were run very smoothly. I also heard lots of comments excited about our selection in the auction and quite a few things received close to 100% of their value with a few even going for more than their stated value.

All in All I feel it is safe to say that the event was a HUGE success and grew slightly over last years event.

Kudos to the committee: Chairperson Cheryl Johnson and members: Ineke & Peter B, Deb P, Irena S, Dave Reekie, Sharon K, Dot R, Al G, Merlyn W, Stan W, Craig V, and assistance from non-rotarians Justine Marchand and Jennifer Craig. Also we had quite a few non-Rotarian volunteers during the evening, co-ordinated by Merlyn White and they did an excellent job.

Next weeks meeting is a business meeting and the last one for this administration so have you year end reports ready. We had a busy year and a very successful one too. One we can all be proud of.

Submitted by Debi Pearce

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL NEWSBASKET

Rotarians celebrate raising of more than \$88 million to stop polio

"Fulfilling Our Promise: Eradicate Polio," the 15-month polio eradication fundraising campaign (PEFC) that had Rotarians racing ducks, building snowmen, running marathons, and coordinating countless other fundraising efforts throughout the 2002-03 Rotary year, celebrated a dramatic moment on 3 June at the 94th annual RI Convention in Brisbane, Australia.

RI President Bhichai Rattakul and Trustee Chairman Glen Kinross read a roll call of fundraising achievements by national committees during a morning plenary session that culminated in an announcement **that Rotarians worldwide have raised US\$88,557,000 for the PEFC. The amount, which surpasses the fundraising goal of \$80 million set in 2002, includes cash contributions, District Designated Funds, and pledges.**

"Thanks to the remarkable commitment and generosity of Rotary members worldwide, we are closer than ever to wiping out this crippling and deadly disease," said Rattakul.

The announcement, which brought thunderous applause from the crowd at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre, followed an address by Dr. Shigeru Omi, director of the Western Pacific region of the World Health Organization (WHO). Omi, who has worked closely with Rotarians in his 13 years with the WHO, praised Rotarians for their tenacity and pledged ongoing support from his organization, one of Rotary's longtime partners in the fight against polio.

"I can assure you that Rotary's unwavering commitment is matched by us, your closest partners, and by the leaders of the few remaining polio infected countries," he said. "I have come here directly from the World Health Assembly in Geneva, where I listened to the health leaders of India, Nigeria, and Pakistan, who reaffirmed their commitment to finish polio once and for all." Omi also recognized Rotary's commitment to polio eradication with an award, presented on behalf of the WHO and Rotary's other partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and UNICEF.

Before joining Rattakul to announce fundraising achievements by Rotarians worldwide, Kinross reflected on the history and progress of the polio eradication campaign, recognized PEFC director and chairman of the Polio Eradication Advocacy Task Force Robert Scott for his dedication, and encouraged Rotarians to press on in the fight against polio.

"There has been a 99 percent reduction in the number of polio cases worldwide, from 350,000 in 1988 to fewer than 2000 in 2002," said Kinross. "99 percent is not enough. Unless we finish that last one percent, the entire campaign is in jeopardy. Polio will not be eradicated – ever – and all our efforts will have been in vain."

Rotary International and its partners will use money raised by the [PEFC](#) to purchase oral polio vaccine and to help cover operational expenses and poliovirus surveillance activities. Rotary's commitment of nearly \$600 million to the fight against polio since 1985 represents the largest private-sector support of a global health initiative ever.

"We are proud of our achievement – and rightfully so," said Kinross.