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Kevin's Kaleidoscope

RICHMOND SUNSET

Early in December we visited the **Winter Wonderland** at the Richmond City Hall for the annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony with appetizers, aperitifs and carol singing, organized and hosted by the Rotary Club of Richmond Sunset. The competitively decorated Christmas trees, a fundraiser for The Rotary Foundation and other causes, were sponsored by community organizations and businesses, and lined the main foyer. In our view, the clear winner was the Rotary International Tree dressed in blue and silver. (Photo 1)



TSAWWASSEN

We joined other members of the Tsawwassen club to **celebrate a white Christmas** in the home of Garry and Colleen Shearer, a truly spectacular setting for a black and white glitz affair with enough food and drink for the whole of Tsawwassen. (Photo 2,3)



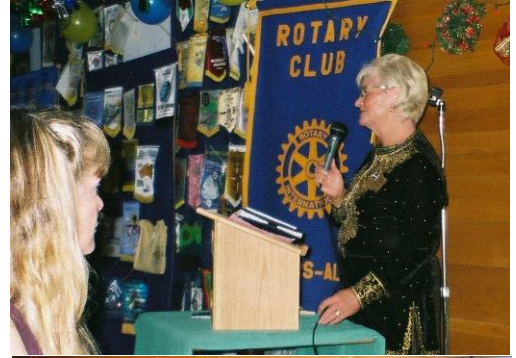
VOLUNTEERS ARE STARS

I was accorded the unique privilege of **being the keynote speaker at the annual Richmond "Volunteers are Stars" awards dinner**. 500 volunteers and sponsors gathered first over a celebratory drink to meet and toast the stars. There were more volunteers than seats available, a wonderful sign of the strong Richmond community spirit. The speeches and company were inspiring and the food plentiful and delicious. Though not everyone won an award, everyone left with a gift of a colourful travel blanket. (DG Kevin's speech at the award dinner can be viewed from the District website under District Leadership, DG's page).



SMITHERS & SMITHERS ALPINE

On December 15 DGE Dean and I traveled to Smithers to join the two Smithers' clubs for a brief **Rotary Foundation seminar**, and then to celebrate a **Rotary Foundation dinner** which was well attended and hugely successful with enthusiasm and fundraising equally matched. (Photo 1: DGE Dean giving the Foundation Talk. Photo 2: DG Kevin presented Rotarian Randy Kroeker the Kelowna District Conference wine. Randy was the winner of the President Craig's "pin game". Craig constantly comes up with interesting things for the club.)



VANCOUVER CHINATOWN

Just before Christmas, the Rotary Club of Vancouver Chinatown celebrated their Christmas lunch with representatives from several Vancouver area Rotary clubs. Of course, where there are Rotarians gathered, there is also fundraising and during the lunch **\$10,000 was raised for the Salvation Army Harbor Light project**. Salvation Army alumni gathered on stage to sing carols and all were encouraged to join in, creating a raucous and fun atmosphere. (Photo 3)



TSAWWASSEN

The Tsawwassen Rotary club Thursday **breakfast meeting** gave up its weekly business to celebrate with a special **Christmas family gathering**. Santa arrived with packed sack on his back and was persuaded to sit in front of the Christmas tree long enough to have his portrait taken with a continuous stream of children and babies on his knee. (Photo 4)



JOIN THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

The **Saturday before Christmas** we **joined fellow Rotarians and volunteers** from other Delta community organizations to **deliver 500 Christmas hampers to the needy**. Trucks, SUVs and even some smaller vehicles with less capacity but huge heart, lined the road waiting their turn to load up and deliver. The huge warehouse stocked with boxes containing all the food requirements for a happy Christmas week, including whole turkeys, was emptied before noon, following which the volunteers were invited to join in a chilli lunch at the Canadian Legion to meet and greet and share experiences.

On **Christmas day**, because the whole world is a Rotary family, Jen and I spent the day with the **downtown east side** family, carving and **serving turkey dinners to the many hundred homeless and hungry**. This experience was the more rewarding because of the many enlightened teenagers who had given their time to volunteer. It is truly uplifting to note that the young care for those in need.

On **New Year's eve** we joined Joan Hansen from the Tsawwassen Rotary club and several other volunteers from the community in a fun evening **helping get party goes home safely via Operation Rednose**.



AND SO TO THE END OF 2006

It has been a wonderful year, and Jen and I applaud all the Rotarians and their families in District 5040 for your great work in furthering the object of Rotary. We thank you most sincerely for all your kindness shown to us, and we extend our best wishes to you for vibrant good health, and abundant prosperity in all your endeavors in 2007.



ROTARY AWARENESS IS THE "KEY" TO

Happy New Year from the 8 Prince George North Rotary Clubs, we hope that 2007 brings you and the Rotary family, health and happiness.

January is Rotary Awareness Month and this is a topic that is gaining more attention in recent years. The principles of Rotary and a "service above self" attitude lead to a group that is naturally humble and reluctant to blow their own horn. However, we now recognize that **Rotary awareness is key to maintaining and growing membership and is also key to future support and sponsorship of the many projects in the world of Rotary.** The Prince George North clubs each have a plan for awareness in their communities.— AG Harold Spensley



BURNS LAKE

One of the advantages of being a smaller community is that your activities are often obvious and well publicized. In Burns Lake, this **very active group** of Rotarians makes sure that their community knows they are there with many local projects over the years. Even non-Rotarians in this northern town are aware of the international group of students who are treated annually to a tour of nearby picturesque, rugged and remote Tweedsmuir Park.

FORT ST. JAMES

The smallest Rotary community of the 8 in Prince George North area, Fort St. James also benefits from the familiarity associated with a close-knit community. It would be hard to live in this small remote town and not know the dedicated group of individuals that have completed so many local projects. As you enter Fort St. James, a **huge wooden sign that prominently displays the Rotary wheel** in the centre welcomes you. As with many Rotary clubs, it is part of the Fort St. James awareness plan to ensure that the Rotary wheel and presence is front and centre in the community.

VANDERHOOF

As you enter Vanderhoof you will encounter the same huge sign and **prominent Rotary wheel** that you saw in Fort St. James. This is no surprise when you learn that these 2 communities have partnered on a number of projects including their **annual successful radio auction**. Also a small community and also benefiting from the small town local knowledge syndrome, Vanderhoof has a number of public parks and facilities that carry the Rotary name and wheel that make the community aware of Rotary's presence.

MACKENZIE

The fourth small community and the furthest north of the eight, Mackenzie has a similar recognition and community presence. It may be a result of having local media representation in the membership but Mackenzie can probably boast the **highest per member media coverage** of any Rotary club in the District. Everything they do seems to end up in the paper. Way to go gang!

PRINCE GEORGE, PG NECHAKO, PG NEW CALEDONIA & PG YELLOWHEAD

Prince George is a larger community and as such has to work harder to raise awareness. This means that the 4 clubs in P.G. have not been able to rely on word of mouth and local knowledge to get the word out. As a result, **the 4 clubs have undertaken a joint media approach annually**, producing either a special newspaper insert or a series of advertisements and testimonials of prominent Rotarian community members. In addition to the joint media campaigns, the 4 clubs also have collaborated on local community projects and these projects proudly carry Rotary signage. Such an example is the **Rotary Soccer Fields** (see picture next page) and the Gazebo currently under construction that will be a viewpoint for the city from the University of Northern BC Campus.

As we enter a new year, we all must challenge our humble nature and ensure that we take every opportunity to brag about the good deeds of Rotary. In the north we do good job of making our local communities aware of our local service but could do more to raise awareness of the global good works and impact that Rotary has on our planet.

Again from the Prince George North region and especially from the Assistant Governor, we wish you health, happiness and success in your Rotary awareness efforts in 2007.

*Harold Spensley,
Assistant Governor District 5040,
Prince George, B.C.*



Soccer Field - Prince George joint community project



PROUD TO BE A ROTARIAN?

Spread the words!

What is the best way to let others know about Rotary? How do you let others know that you are proud to be a Rotarian?

Consider these Rotary PR Tips During January Rotary Awareness Month:

- Share your club or district's Web site link along with a simple news release about Rotary Awareness Month with your local media.
- Invite local media to one of your meetings or club events next month. Host a Question and Answer session.
- Invite a friend or co-worker to an upcoming meeting.
- Write a letter to your paper's local editor about your

club's local and international humanitarian efforts.

- Coordinate a community service project with another organization in your community.

Have your answer ready when being asked "What is Rotary?" You've been asked this question before, but did you have a good response? Even though there are over 32,000 Rotary clubs in the world, many people still don't know what Rotary stands for. Who better to share what Rotary is, than its 1.2 million members in almost 170 countries. Visit RI Website for Rotary's key messages at <http://www.rotary.org/support/prtools/messages/general.html>



**We all
want the
same thing.**

And the 1.2 million members of Rotary around the world are making it happen.
Rotary's educational programs and scholarships are dedicated solely to promoting peace.
Together we can create a more peaceful world.



Rotary. Humanity in motion.
www.rotary5040.org 604.290.9644

Watch for the Rotary Ads in Vancouver Sun.

The district has received a grant from RI to run a series of ads started January 4th. The ads will be similar to the one shown here, with different photo each time. The district web address also appear on the ad to direct readers to check us out. An article targeted for non-Rotarians has been posted by PDG Chris Offer at the District website homepage at www.rotary5040.org. Consider adding a similar message at your club website for visitors.

Have your valid passport ready when travelling to and from CANADA and the US. Proposed implementation: Beginning Jan 23, 2007, all persons will be required to present a valid passport travelling by air. As early as Jan 1, 2008 will include travelling by land or sea Visit US [Government website](#) for details.





"FOUNDATION OF HOPE"

Are you a part of it?

"Foundation of Hope" is the title of Chapter 10 of the David Forward's definitive history of Rotary, '**A Century of Service.**' The question I pose to you is "Are you a part of it?!"



In 1917, Past Rotary International President Arch Klumph stated "... it seems eminently proper that we should accept endowments for the purpose of doing good in the world." That was the spark that ignited the amazing, life changing Rotary International Foundation engine that would start its inspiring and challenging journey of improving the lives of millions of people in every country in our fast changing world! This journey has been interrupted by two world wars, many smaller wars, civil wars and economic depressions. Yet, Rotarians have continued to Build Bridges with community, governmental, and business groups to magnify their Power of One as we share the Magic of Rotary. - *By DG Frank T. Sargent, MD, D5450 (article appeared on Foundation Newsletter)*



2008-2010 ROTARY WORLD PEACE SCHOLAR

Would your Rotary Club like to nominate someone at no cost to your club? Here's your chance!

Nomination

Start looking . . . for that young committed person in your community who should receive a two-year fully funded scholarship to a leading University to study peace and conflict resolution.

For nomination information, please contact PDG Dave Ker at dker@telus.net or phone 604-261-8561 and read information from [RI Website](#).



Timeline

- Application to be submitted to PDG David Ker by March 31, 2007.
- The District 5040 Selection Committee will meet in April 2007.

The scholar selected will be advised and his/her application sent to The Rotary Foundation in May 2007.

WAR CANNOT GO ON FOREVER



"War cannot go on forever. Peace must and shall come. The years ahead reserve for Rotary a most difficult and arduous task. To heal the wounds of a war-ravished world; to substitute for hate, mutual understanding and tolerance; to create affection where rancour exists; to change enemies into friends and replace excited passion and armed struggle by goodwill and international peace." *Paul P Harris - The Rotarian 1942*

On the eleventh hour of the eleventh month in 1918 the armistice was declared ending the Great War or, as it was known then, "The war to end all wars". Sadly that was not the case and still, nearly 90 years on, our world still sees warfare and conflict.

Rotary's weapons against warfare are all contained within The Rotary Foundation: - Peace Scholarships; Local and International Service Projects; Educational and Cultural Exchanges.- *Calum Thomson, Rotary Global History Fellowship Chairman*



Rotary PEACE Centers Major Gifts Initiative

To raise \$95 million to completely endow the Rotary Peace Centers by 2015. Today we already raised \$15 million.

Chair Eddie Blender and Vice-Chair John Germ have asked Rotary leaders to help by compiling a list of those they know who could, if asked, give \$500,000 and higher to our Permanent Fund to endow World Peace Fellows for The Rotary Foundation's Rotary Centers for International Studies in Peace and Conflict Resolution and to share those names with Eddie and John.



HOW TO GET MORE MEMBERS INVOLVED?

Ask RI President Bill Boyd



Answer from RI Pres
Boyd on Interactives
Vol 1 Issue 3



Service is central to a successful club, and for me, it is one of the most important aspects of Rotary. The starting point must be to involve all new members in a service activity so they are built into the fellowship of the club and come to understand the joy of serving others.

Individual committees may target a specific Avenue of Service, but this focus may not motivate nonparticipating members to join in. Here are **some ways to get everyone to take part** in a project:

- Focus your efforts on a local service project that can unite all members of the club as they work to achieve a common goal.
- Assign each committee to tasks related to the project, including needs assessment, promotion, fundraising, implementation, and evaluation, to ensure that the project engages the whole club.

- Get new members assigned to and involved with a specific committee to help with the project, and make sure that most, if not all, members help in some way.
- Build upon the success of one project with additional projects.
- Recognize the interests and skills of club members when you develop projects so getting them involved will be easier in the future.

Many clubs now participate in ongoing service projects that can motivate club members for years to come. Read about project resources and ideas in Interactive's Toolkit.

President Boyd would like to hear your questions. Please send them to website@rotary.org, and he will try to respond in an upcoming edition of *Interactive*.

PROVISIONAL ROTARY CLUB OF VANCOUVER YALETOWN



We need your help!

We have made arrangements to hold the first meeting of interest for this proposed Club on **Wednesday January 24th** at the Roundhouse in Yaletown. Inexpensive parking is available under the Roundhouse with elevator access into the lobby of the facilities. It is anticipated that the meeting will start at 5.00 pm and be over by 6.00 pm.

We need your help to invite prospective mem-

bers to join us at this meeting. Perhaps you know individuals who left a Rotary Club but would find this location and time for a Club to be more to their liking. If you have any leads of names to share with us, send me their names and contact numbers. Look forward to hearing from you.

- Henry Fetigan, District Membership Chair,
hfetigan@shaw.ca or call 604-277-0193



FOUNDATION EVENTS & RI CONVENTION EVENT

Two Unique Rotary Events
Two Outstanding Opportunities

Fri. Jan 19, 2007

PolioPlus Celebration Dinner

Sat. Jan 20, 2007

Regional Rotary Foundation Seminar

www.RotaryEvents.ca

Join fellow Rotarians, family and friends
from Zone 22 for a fantastic Utah Style
Breakfast during Salt Lake Convention

Sun. Jun 17, 2007

Zone 22 Northern Nights Breakfast

Registration Information

www.rotary5040.org



LEO'S LITERACY AND NUMERACY PAGE

ROTARY GIVES KIDS LOTS OF WORDS

Ketchikan – a local service organization, First City Rotary, is distributing dictionaries to every third-grader in the city.

Rotary members started passing out American Education Publishing dictionaries to all public and private schools as well as home-schooled students at the start of the month, said Rotary president Mary Kowalczyk. The distribution continued last week.

"We ordered 102 dictionaries and we should have a few leftover," she said.

The Rotary worked through The Dictionary Project, a national organization with a goal of helping students be good writers, active readers and creative thinkers by providing them with their own dictionaries.

The Dictionary Project recommends that third-grade students receive the dictionaries, Kowalczyk said.

"It's an age when kids have begun to write and are getting better at reading," she said, "They've found at that age that students are ready to take on the dictionary."

Kowalczyk helped pass out dictionaries at Point Higgins School.

"We asked them what their mascot was," she said. "It was a killer whale, so we had them look up 'whale' and found what it was. We showed them the book and how it was divided up into different categories.

"One of the kids came up with a word, 'samurai'. That took them a while to find, but they were raising their hands when they found the word."

Rotary member Tom Thompson helped pass out dictionaries at three schools.

Students immediately started leafing through them, he said. Rotary mem-

bers showed students how to look up words and showed them other features of the book, such as a listing of U.S. presidents.

"They really liked the idea that the book was theirs to keep forever," he said. "At Houghtaling, the kids took (the dictionaries) out to recess with them."

Thompson said he remembers getting his first dictionary when he was about that age. He still has it. Some other Rotarians said the same thing. "It was one of the reasons we wanted to do the project," he said.

**Article from Anchorage Daily News
Submitted for Literacy by David
Alexander—D5010**

ZONE 22 (WEST) LITERACY WEBSITE

PDG Leo Nimsick , District 5040 Literacy Resource, Nimsick@telus.net , 604-542-0989

The mission of **The International Fellowship of Rotarian Musicians** is: to promote Rotary fellowship by encouraging clubs to sing, to organize musical activities for performance

at all levels of Rotary functions, and to support community musical organization and school music programs.

Since 1972 the officers and members of this fellowship have taken a leading role in inspiring the cultural and educational use of music in Rotary, including group singing, musical entertainment, and the fostering of music projects.



IFRM serves as a link between special needs requests and organizations and individuals who could respond to such needs. **The Music Fellowship** acts as a clearinghouse in receiving requests ranging from scholarships for talented musicians to providing instruments for schools and music for libraries. Finding resources and organizations that can respond to these requests is one of the goals of IFRM.

As an IFRM member, you and your club can help this Fellowship match *your* resources with their project needs.

Going to the RI Convention in Salt Lake City, Utah, USA? Visit the IFRM booth. Members of the IFRM will be there making music.

Need more information? E-mail Susan DuPree at Chair@IFRM.org. or Lee Denlinger at Secretary@IFRM.org. Visit their website at: www.ifrm.org/ifrm/index.php

For information about Rotary Fellowships and Rotary Action Groups: www.rotaryfellowship.org
Are you already a member? Let's hear about your experiences and adventures with Rotary Fellowships and Rotary Action Groups.
Please submit articles for publication to:

PDG Dave Kirk - email: dbkirk@telus.net

District 5040 Fellowships Chair, Member, International Travel and Hosting Fellowship



"FRIENDSHIP EXCHANGE" OPPORTUNITY

Interested in exchange with District 5580 this summer?

Rotary Friendship Exchange is Rotary's international exchange program for Rotarians and their families. Friendship Exchange provides participants the opportunity to experience other cultures by staying in the homes of Rotarians in other countries. The program aims to advance international understanding and peace through personal contact across borders while developing interclub relationships for fellowship and service projects. Download RI [Information](#) and [handbook](#)

District 5580 Friendship Exchange Chair Betty Opheim has expressed great interest in an exchange with Rotary clubs in our District. They are open for exchange in 2007.

District 5580 comprises all of North Dakota, northern Minnesota, 2 clubs in Wisconsin and 6 clubs in Ontario. They have 66 clubs and are 1200 miles, east to west, in distance. They offer variety of interests such as: the famous ND Badlands, beautiful lakes (including Lake Superior), forestry, farming, Indian reservations, mining, as well as cos-

mopolitan cities. Check them out on their district [website](#)



The summer months are the best time to travel there. Normally, they send out a team one year and receive a team the following. However, they are flexible and can do in-bound and outbound the same year.

Betty is looking forward to hear from us, please contact her at Betty.Opheim@ndsu.edu for details.



VANCOUVER CENTENNIAL CELEBRATING ...

December Family Month

Can you believe it, our newly chartered club is already into their 2nd year. PDG Sonia who chartered the club a year ago joined this **special Anniversary celebration** along with members and their families. It was a night full of exciting events that included "Trivial Rotary" and special gift exchange among the members. The club also raised over \$700 from Happy dollars, auction of gifts donated by members and 50/50 draw. Club Pres. Wells Hsu was presented with the Paul Harris Fellowship from PDG Del Paterson and Rotarian PK Chan was officially inducted into the club.

To celebrate Family month, the club also invited club members and their family to an **afternoon of hands-on "Arts"**, hosted by Rotary Family committee Chair - David and wife Rosa. Everyone had fun painting mugs and plates.



Anniversary Dinner Celebration



PDG Del, PP Harrison, PDG Sonia, Pres Wells



Having fun painting

Happy New Year, Everyone!

Rise N Shine, Richmond Sunrise at their first meeting of the new year, they donned hats to celebrate the New Year.





ROTARIANS SHOW THEIR LOCAL COMMUNITY

HOW MUCH THEY CARE

GIBSONS

The club **donated \$500** to Roberts Creek **Community School** for supporting the Missoula Children's Theatre on the performance of Jungle Book at Heritage Playhouse. Club Pres. Don Stuart and Director Lynne Geikie presented the check to Allyson Hatherill, parent volunteer of the school)



BURNABY

Members, family and friends volunteered to **serve the Annual Christmas dinner** to over 100 people at the United Church. Rotarian John Smithman (Pic 1) was the Happy Santa. The event provided a full course dinner and gifts for at risk mothers and their children, and in many cases will be the only gifts and dinner these children will receive this holiday season.

Breakfast with Santa at the Maywood Elementary School was also a great success, with 150 people attending. The event helps raise money for the school and introduces new Canadian immigrants to part of Canadian Culture. (Pic 2)



RICHMOND RICHMOND SUNRISE RICHMOND SUNSET

On Dec 14, all 3 clubs donated a total of **\$5,600** to the **Richmond Christmas Hamper Fund**. The Richmond Sunrise Club also donated another 40 items (toys, books, etc.) to the Hamper Fund.



RICHMOND SUNSET



Congratulation to Richmond Sunset Club, they are the **winner of the 2006 "VOLUNTEER ARE STARS" AWARDS** in Constellation Award-Group Category.

The Volunteer Richmond Information Services "Volunteers are Stars" Awards celebrate the tremendous contribution made each and every day by thousands of volunteers in the Richmond community.

RICHMOND SUNRISE

Xmalts and skyhi - a community project the club did in coordination with the City of Richmond. Pictures of holiday lights being installed on the Rotary Tree at the south end of the No. 2 Road bridge.

Volunteer for Stars Awards- The club was one of the award sponsors and gave out two awards to two Shining Stars (under 21 years old.)





ROTARIANS SHOW THEIR LOCAL COMMUNITY HOW MUCH THEY CARE

SMITHERS ALPINE

On Dec. 15th, the club donated \$3,371 to **Operation Keyhole**, a local fund-raising drive to bring surgical equipment up-to-date at Bulkley Valley District Hospital. "This donation is another great example of local residents working hard to improve health care in their community" said O.K. Chair Marilyn Stewart. (Pic L to R: DG Kevin, DGE Dean, Marilyn Stewart, Community Service Director, Cindy Stucklberger and Club Pres. Craig.

The club also donated recently to the Science Fair and the Smithers Soup Kitchen.



VANC CHINATOWN

Nearly 200 Rotarians and friends of Rotary attended the club's annual Christmas luncheon with the Salvation Army - Harbour Lights. More than **\$10,000 was donated to support the work of the Salvation Army** in the Downtown Eastside. In addition a variety of toys and clothing was donated. (Pic: Sally Ann Chorus)



NEW WEST - ROYAL CITY

On Dec 13th, the club held a **Christmas Charity Breakfast**, \$1,732.00 raised from the Charity Auction went to the Salvation Army for the homeless and the Purpose Society towards their Christmas Hamper Drive. Also, essential supplies were purchased and distributed to the 16 residences at the Stevenson House, a temporary residence run by Salvation Army for men with addictions and problems.

BURNABY DEERLAKE

On Dec 22nd, club members volunteered to cook and serve a Santa breakfast at the Edmonds Community School, books were given to the children as well.



STEVESTON

On Dec 23, club members served a delicious luncheon to 124 people at the Steveston Seniors Community Centre.

NORTH VANCOUVER NORTH VANC LIONSGATE WEST VANCOUVER WEST VANC SUNRISE HOLLYBURN ROTARACT

Operation Red Nose - Over Christmas and New Year, 208 volunteers provided 295 rides over 9 evenings, 7196 km driven, over \$7,000 in donation. All proceeds go towards supporting Youth programs on the North Shore.

Operation Red Nose is hosted provincially by the BC Crime Prevention Association. On the North Shore the program is being coordinated by the four North Shore Rotary Clubs with assistance from the Hollyburn Rotaract Club and provincial and local sponsors. Rotary and its partners hope to increase awareness of drinking and driving.



ROTARIANS ALSO CARE INTERNATIONALLY

WHERE THE PEOPLE ARE IN NEED



VANCOUVER CHINATOWN

Canadian troops in Southern Afghanistan recently hand-delivered 560 brand-new wheelchairs to Afghan citizens with physical disabilities. **40 of the wheelchairs** were donated by **Rotary Club of Vancouver Chinatown** at their club's 25th Anniversary Celebration on July 8, 2006.

There was a report on the wheelchairs on the CBC national news on Jan 7, visit [District website](#) homepage for the story.

A total of 554,830 wheelchairs have been committed or delivered in 147 countries. To find out more, visit [Wheelchair Foundation website](#).
(Pic: Presentation of the first chair in Kandahar)

JOINT SUNSHINE COAST CHRISTMAS PARTY

Besides gathering for fellowship, the clubs also **raised fund to support the Rotary project for the needy children in Indonesia**. A bottle of vintage Rotary wine and a special Christmas cake, gift to Jim Ling from HK Maxim were auctioned for \$300.

Rotarian Mary Bittroff delivered the wine and the cake as well as the Chinese Hacky-sack to the **Pasadena Rose Bowl Parade** for decorating the Rotary Float "Lead the Way". Check out the [2007 Rotary Rose Parade Flat website](#).



GUNG HAY FAT CHOY

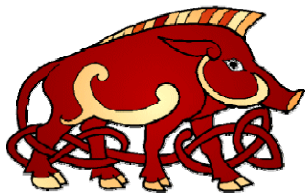
Annual Chinese New Year's Dinner
The Rotary Club of Vanc Chinatown
Celebrating the year of the Boar
Friday, March 9, 2007



Floata Chinese Seafood Restaurant
400-180 Keefer Street (at Quebec/Columbia)

Tickets \$75/person or Tables of 10 for \$750.00
(proceeds help fund Community Rotary Projects)
Contact any Vanc Chinatown member for tickets

6pm No Host Bar -7pm Gourmet Chinese Dinner
Lion Dance, Entertainment, Fabulous Food,
Silent Auction, Dancing and Raffle Draws



ROTARY CLUB OF RICHMOND

My Richmond Photography Contest: Capture the Spirit

SUBJECT: What are the things in Richmond that interest you the most?

CRITERIA: Open to youth living in Richmond

PRIZES: Cameras, photographic equipment, software and more!
All contest finalists will be published in the Richmond News

ENTRY FEES:

AGE 12 & UNDER — \$10 FOR UP TO 3 PHOTOS
AGE 13 - 18 — \$15 FOR UP TO 3 PHOTOS

1st and 2nd prize awarded for each of the two age categories

Proceeds will be applied to Rotary projects, ie. Scholarships, Youth Exchange programs, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, and Community service projects benefiting youth. Rotary reserves the right to publish photographs for promotional purposes.

Richmond Club is asking for your support in the form of prizes or advertising spots on the flyer. Posters and flyers are being distributed through Rich School Board. For details, visit www.richmondrotary.com or contact Pres. Keith ktsukishima@hotmail.com or 604-207-3168.



TERRACE ROTARACT UPDATE

Way to go, keep it up!

MEMBERSHIP: Grown from 15 to 17 members since chartered in September and going strong.

FIRST COMMUNITY PROJECT: "Sock Drive" initiated by the club, besides helping people in need, they were having fun working on the project.

- Canadian Tire and Marks Work Wearhouse donated 70 pairs of warm winter socks.
- Community members can choose to sponsor a pair of socks for \$10 and then fill the socks with men's personal hygiene products and a Christmas treat or for an additional \$20 the club would purchase items

and fill the socks for them.

- The sponsoring fees were used to purchase 38 sets of toques and gloves and 4 scarves.
- They delivered the gifts of warmth to the Terrace Emergency Shelter on Dec 20th.

INTERNATIONAL PROJECT:

The club had contacted Rotaract Club of Mella in Ethiopia and is considering a few options, they might be looking to partner with other Rotaract clubs in our district.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- May – Signed up as a team in the Relay for Life event for the Cancer Foundation.
- June - Has been asked to organize and sell food for the outdoor awards ceremony of the Relay Marathon from Prince Rupert to Terrace.
- June – Planning a BBQ Fundraiser.



So long, farewell . . . Fraser McDonald

Before leaving on December 30th to return to his home in Australia, our Exchange Student said thank you to his sponsor Club Steveston for making his stay in Canada something he will remember forever. Fraser's parents also extended their heartfelt thank you to the club. All members wished Fraser a fond farewell, safe journey home and an open invitation for a return visit.



EDITOR'S CORNER

Are you proud of your club's project accomplishment? Here's a chance to showcase your club signature projects in the May 2007 District Conference

Submission Deadline: March 31, 2007

Submitted to: Editor Becky editor5040@hotmail.com

Service Projects: Community and International projects (2 to max. 3 in total per club)

Joint Projects: Designate one club to send in submission.

Requirements: Name of project; project period; pictures in high resolution; accomplishment and work involved

Suggestions: list everything in point form and be brief and precise, also check out last year's [PowerPoint Presentation](#) for reference (District website).

Club Presidents: please advise ASAP whether your club will be participating and approximate date of submission.

RI Service Projects Resources:

Download the newly revised *Communities in Action: A Guide to Effective Projects* (605A-EN) at http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/pdfs/605a_en.pdf and its companion, *A Menu of Service Opportunities* (605B-EN), http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/pdfs/605b_en.pdf from RI website. They have been updated with recent statistics, relevant examples, and useful tips, these publications help readers create, plan, and implement successful service projects.

