



# The Rotary Club of Steveston

12111 - 3rd Avenue, Richmond, BC V7E 3K1  
Club Bulletin for February 2008



President Sally Houston welcomed members and guests to the Tuesday 7:00 am breakfast meeting at the Steveston Hotel. The Queen and Country were toasted, and the invocation was given.

**February 5**      **Guests: Joan & Charlie Haws, Jim Northy Tsawwassen Rotary**  
**Meeting Notes: Speaker: Niels Veldhuis – Fraser Institute**

- Dieter spoke briefly, departing for Uganda. Has \$1600 for washer/dryer and other items from donors.
- Doug advised balance of \$700 for dental would go to establishing a Guatemala midwife program.
- Jim N spoke of Boys & Girls club setting up programs at Cook & Hamilton schools with associations.
- Niels spoke the negative impact of higher taxation on productivity in a region citing examples from across Canada and the USA.

**February 12**      **Guests:**  
**Meeting Notes: Speaker: Speaker was ill.**

- Don P advised that the Seafood and Wine Festival group has meet and there will be many more wineries and restaurants this year. Planning is proceeding well.
- Jim advises the Jimmy Ng group meets again in early March and is considering a high school division.
- Peter thanked all who helped with Le Carnaval at Winterfest. The event was successful though there are a few wrinkles to be addressed before the City is ready to expand to an Olympic effort in 2010.

**February 19**      **Guests: Wilber Walrond, Colleen Loader, Maureen Wakenshaw, Carly ?**  
**Meeting Notes: Speaker: Chido Onumah – Worldwide Computer Exchange**

- Chido spoke about collecting PIII level computers and monitors and shipping them to Nigeria. He also spoke about a project to encourage communication between students there and here.
- Doug leaves for Guatemala to set up midwife program and soap making micro business.
- Sally advises community meal had full contingent of volunteers Tuesday past.
- Ron will be hosting the barbeque for the Rotaract Zenith Conference.

**February 26**      **Guests: Wilber Walrond, Joan & Charlie Haws, Dave Ferguson**  
**Meeting Notes: Speaker: De Whelan – Richmond Women’s Resource Centre**

- Paul Harris Fellow awards were presented to Don Burgess +3, Bill McNulty +6, Peter Mitchell.
- Doug returned from Guatemala, where support was provided for a midwives program, micro banking, clean water, textiles, a cereal grinder, and a presentation with the mayor.
- De Whelan spoke about the Women’s Resource Centre programs. These include referral services, English conversation and writing, child minding, laughing yoga, a grandmother support group, and teen girl creative writing program. It is a safe comfortable place, is looking for donations, and looking for volunteers, and is holding a fundraiser March 15 at Sanduz Winery.

## UPCOMING EVENTS and REMINDERS

<b>REGULAR MONTHLY:</b> St. Alban’s Meal: 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues at 4:30 pm Gilmore Meal: 4 <sup>th</sup> Thurs at 5:00 pm <i>The meeting handout and our website provide a more detailed event listing.</i>	<b>UPCOMING EVENTS:</b> La Carnaval, WinterFest, Feb. 8 - 9; RYLA South, Indian Arm, Mar. 17 - 20 Club Leadership Assembly Mar 29; Rotary Leadership Institute, May 15 Steveston Seafood & Wine Festival, Apr. 25, Gulf of Georgia Cannery Jimmy Ng Street Hockey Tournament - May 25-26 – Steveston Lacrosse	<b>BIRTHDAYS:</b> Sally
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