



# The Rotary Club of Steveston

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Club Bulletin for February 2009



President Doug Nielsen 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 3 Guests:

- **Bob Blacker** 5040 Governor
- **Judy Blacker**
- **Gordon Dalglish** Governor Elect
- **Wally Philips** Area Ass't Governor (Richmond Sunset)

## Meeting Notes: Speaker: Bob Blacker

**Bob** gave an overview of the effects Rotary has on the Community and on a larger scale, Internationally. Also, on the great job that Steveston Rotary has done. In summation **Bob** made presentations to **Paul Meyer** and **Don Pfeffer** for their **“MAKE DREAMS HAPPEN”** contributions to making Steveston Rotary successful. Bob gave us an overview of the agenda for the upcoming Conference in Victoria and as a reminder, he presented **Doug** with a Conference T Shirt to remind us to attend the event if possible. It is being held at the Empress Hotel and Victoria Conference Center Complex.

- **Doug**
  - We have the Richmond McMath Interact meeting tomorrow at McMath School at 7:15am to about 7:45am.
  - The GSE teams are arriving soon and will need some host families to help with their stay.
  - Winterfest booth – We are considering a having a Rotary Booth at the Winterfest this year. It will be at the Oval on February 14 and 15. We will be sharing the event with the other Rotary Clubs of Richmond. We will need volunteers to man the booth for short periods of time. The hours are Sat. Noon to 9PM and Sunday Noon to 7PM. Each club is asking for at least 2 volunteers (2 hrs each) but if more can attend, the duration will be less.
  - This months Rotary theme is “World Understanding Month”
- **Peter**
  - We (**Peter and Doug**) met with the Richmond School Board and presented our cheques toward the School Breakfast Program.
- **Bob Blacker**
  - Each of our Committee Chairs (Bill, Roger, Caroline, Jack, Sean, Bill M, Jim, Don and Susan) presented Bob with summaries of the Committee accomplishments throughout this year.

## February 10 Guests:

- Lynda Meyer and a previous Rotary Exchange Student (hosted by the Meyers and sponsored by our club) Yu Ogawa and her friend
- Bob Ransford and Cpl. Rob Vermeulen – Onside Program

## Meeting Notes: Speakers: Bob Ransford and Cpl. Rob Vermeulen (RCMP)

### Cpl Rob Vermeulen & Bob Ransford

They spoke on the success of the “Onside Program” -- a mentorship program whereby up to six youths (selected by their school) are accompanied by two police members and they attend BC Lions or Canuck games. Our club donated \$2,500 to the Onside Program and \$2,500 to the Positive Ticket Program in 2008. Our continued support was requested.

## Committee Updates

### Don Pfeffer

#### Steveston Seafood & Wine Festival 2009

- The **Festival** will be on **Friday, May 1st**. The \$50 tickets will be available at our March 10th meeting on a first come first served basis. Make cheques payable to the Rotary Club of Steveston. The committee is requesting high quality items for the auction such as golf, restaurant & hotel vouchers.

### Bob Butterworth

#### Car Show – (Proposed)

- A collection of about 35 vintage vehicles is being proposed for display on July 1st along 1st Avenue between Chatham & Moncton Streets. The plans include a band and BBQ.

### Doug Nielsen

- Explained the history of the Rotary wheel logo.

## February 17 Guests: No guest today

## Meeting Notes: Speaker: No speaker today

- Peter
  - There were between 50 and 100 thousand people attending the Winterfest; held this year at the Oval. It seemed to be successful.
  - Update on the Charitable Society status – we are getting positive feedback
- Bob B.
  - July 1 car show update. It is okay to block the streets. There will be about 40 cars and in addition, the option of having a BBQ associated with the show is being reviewed.
- Doug
  - Crating the microscope equipment – the final cost is \$75.
  - Donations to help with the Australian fires – this issue will be discussed at the next board meeting.

- Don
- Wine Festival – There will be no increase in the cost of tickets this year. In order to increase fund raising, we need to ensure lots of high value items are available for auction. Everyone is being asked to help with the donation of items for the auction. There will be a meeting on Thursday after the directors meeting.

**February 24    Guests: Dieter**

**Meeting Notes:    Speaker: No speaker today**

- Doug
  - The Steveston Rotary Board met and recommended that \$300 be sent to assist people affected by the Australian Fire destruction. Any members wishing to donate personally, can go to the 5040 website and follow the instructions on that site.
  - We will be having our **annual cocktail party on June 25, 2009**. It will be between **6:30PM and 9:00PM**. The cost will be \$25 per person (Rotarians only). Guests and “Friends of Rotary” will not be charged. Friends of Rotary nominations can be forwarded to Sean and recognition will be given at the Party.
  - July 1<sup>st</sup> Wine Tasting event will not be held as first indicated. An analysis of the set up costs and benefits indicated that because of excessive costs, it was unlikely that we would generate sufficient fundraising.
  - We are reviewing the plan to advertise monthly in the Richmond Review. This is an advertising that would include all 4 Rotaries in Richmond. The cost of a 3X5 ad would be approximately \$47 per month per club.
  - There are 7 applications for the Citizenship award. There will be a meeting on Saturday morning (7am) at the Steveston Hotel to review the applications. Susan will email out the applications in advance to the review panel.
  - Richmond Sunset Rotary club has sponsored a new Interact Club – Steveston / London has between 40 and 46 students participating in that club.
  - Bursaries for this year will be announced at the school grad ceremonies but the actual presentation of the cheques will be done at one of our meetings later to allow for the photo ops and acknowledgements.
  - The Steveston Community Center want our Rotary club to send a letter of support for the Farmers Market to assist with their getting approval to hold the market in 2009. It was agreed at the meeting to support the Market.
  - Again a reminder that **May 21** is the start of the **Rotary District Conference in Victoria**
- Bill Mc
  - Update on the Foundation Funding. We have donated approximately \$55,000.00 to date to the Foundation. Over the past year, we have raised \$6,000 CAD. There are now over 40 Paul Harris Fellows awarded to club members (Members that have personally donated \$1,000 USD in a calendar year). The latest recognition goes to: **Jim Toogood** +1, **Bob Jones** +6, **Susan Nielsen**, **Sally Houston** +1 and **Barb Brady** +2. Receipts will be mailed out soon.
- Dieter
  - He is off to Uganda tomorrow. The plane flies direct to Entebbe. The shipment of books will be delivered and sometime after returning, we will get a presentation on the trip.

- **Peter**
  - We received another letter from Ottawa regarding our request for a Charitable Society approval. The letter indicated that we needed to change the Constitution of the Club in order to resubmit the application. This will be addressed at the next board meeting.
- **Sally**
  - As a thank you to those that assist with the Church meals, there will be an **appreciation dinner** for those that have helped. Please contact Sally if you wish to attend. The meal will be on **March 26, 2009 at 5:30PM.**
- **Thelma**
  - There was a lot of interest in the Rotary booth at the Winterfest. A number of people stopped by that were Rotarians from various clubs elsewhere.
- **Mike**

Teresa has indicated that she will have the revised website finished for us by March 1. In addition, we are including the McMath Interact club web page within our site as the students are unable to use the Schoolboard site.

<b>UPCOMING EVENTS and REMINDERS</b>		
<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>Our website provides a more detailed event listing.</i>	<b>UPCOMING EVENTS:</b> Le Carnaval / Winter Fest - Feb. 14/15; RYLA South, Indian Arm - Mar. 14- 17; Club Leadership Assembly - Mar 28; Rotary Leadership Institute - April 18; GSE teams arrive - April 25; Steveston Seafood & Wine Festival - Gulf of Georgia Cannery - May 1; Rotary District 5040 - District Conference – Victoria, May 21 – 24; Jimmy Ng Street Hockey Tournament - Steveston Lacrosse Rink - May 30 & 31.	<b>BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES:</b>  Sally Feb 23 Rotary International Birthday