



# The Rotary Club of Steveston

12111 - 3rd Avenue, Richmond, BC V7E 3K1  
Club Bulletin for January 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.

**January 6**      **Guests: Richmond Marine Rescue Society / Coast Guard Auxiliary**  
**Meeting Notes: Speaker: Blake Williams** with **Brian Hobbs** and **Ross Fothergill** in attendance. They gave an overview of what Unit 10 is and the area they are responsible for. They are willing to be available for events to advertise their presence and do safety awareness presentations.

- Bill McNulty
  - The Christmas Parade was a success even with the snow fall. The food collected went to the Food bank with great appreciation. There was \$185.00 in donations.
  - Foundation donations, we have close to \$10,000.00 raised for 2008.
- Doug Nielsen
  - We received a letter of thanks from the Richmond Dream Auction for our wine donation.
  - Please note that we have a special Gilmore Church meal on **January 22** and would appreciate all those that can provide help on that day. We are needed to be there from 2PM in the afternoon to approximately 8:00pm for final cleanup.
  - A Richmond Supply Company (Patterson Dental) will coordinate with the UBC Faculty of Dentistry for donations toward the Patterson Dental Mission Project.
- Note that **Bob Blacker** will be in attendance on **February 3<sup>rd</sup>** meeting. We will have presentations to him on our various committees from 7:30 to 8:30am. Chair persons, please have your updates ready and into **Doug** before the meeting.
- Note that on **February 4<sup>th</sup>** 7:15am to 8:am, there is a meeting at **McMath School** for the **Interact Club**. They will be having their **Induction Ceremony**. Rotarians are requested to be in attendance to show support.
- Note that on January 30 and 31 we have the Foundation Seminar and Dinner. Those interested should register early to not be disappointed. See [www.RotaryEvents.ca](http://www.RotaryEvents.ca) for details.
- Sally
  - will make a presentation to the Richmond School Board soon regarding the money raised for the Breakfast Program. Rotary has raised over \$1000.

**January 13**      **Guests: Brian Cole – President Elect for Richmond Sunrise**  
**John Yap – Richmond Sunrise**

**Meeting Notes: Speaker: no speaker at today's meeting**

- Peter
  - Chaired the Steveston - Richmond Charitable Society A.G.Meeting. Minutes were taken by Peter.
- Doug

- Adventures in Citizenship – We are sponsoring a McMath student (the actual candidate is to be determined) as part of Interact for a 4 day trip to Ottawa. We will contribute \$575 plus airfare for this program.
- Rick Duff received his “official welcome to rotary package” from Doug. (see attached photo)
- McMath Interact Club has now raised the membership of the Interact Clubs of Rotary to 8,601 members. We have a banner to present to them on February 4<sup>th</sup>. The McMath club is already planning a social to attract new members to their club.
- Jan Gisborne – Jan will be arriving in Vancouver for January 30 and 31. She is needing a host to invite her to stay with them for 2 days. If there are any volunteers, please contact Doug.
- **Doug needs a paragraph of what each committee is doing for a presentation as a report to Bob Blacker on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. meeting**
- **Bill Mc / Doug** a brief presentation on the opportunity to host a beer and wine tasting “booth” at this years Steveston Salmon Festival. We are looking for 6 volunteers and the booth would be open from 12:30 to 4:30. We talked about the pros and cons of this event including liability issues. We need to decide soon so we can be included with the Planning of this years event.
- **Don / Lee**
  - This year there will be co-chairing of the Wine and Seafood Festival on May 1. Both Don and Lee will lead us into temptation.

### **Next Board Meeting is January 22, 2009**

**January 20      Guests: Dieter**  
**Meeting Notes:    Speaker: No speaker this week**

- **Doug**
  - We received a thank you card from McMath Interact Club, for enabling them to attend our meeting and provided breakfast for them.
  - We have enough help now for the Gilmore Church Dinner on January 22.
  - Alex Campbell asked to attend our January 27 meeting. We are donating \$1,000 to the McMath / Costa Rica project.
  - RYLA Students will be attending Camp Jubilee on Indian Arm from March 17 to 21, 2009. We have 4 students asking to attend and we will be supporting 2 for sure and possibly all 4. It will be mentioned at the Board Meeting to identify if there is sufficient funding.
  - Steveston High School Books
  - International Project - April is the tentative date to ship the microscopes to Central America. Dieter will go to assist with the installation.
  - Guatemala - August 21, 2009. There will be 9 volunteers travelling to the San Juan Dental Clinic from here and we will also have 2 local volunteers.
  - **Doug needs a paragraph of what each committee is doing for a presentation as a report to Bob Blacker. It is important to have it back to him by Friday 23. Please don't forget.**

- **Don P**
  - The Steveston High School has located the books that were “lost”. We have one month to move the books and will need a 5 ton truck to move them. **Bill Mc.** Will contact his Philippines contact and attempt to have them moved from the school directly to the final recipient.
- **Bill Mc.**
  - Steveston Community Association are in support of Rotary providing a Wine Pavillion at this years Salmon Festival. **Don P.** will look at his contacts for wines. We will try to get the basketball court or indoor tennis court.
  - It is best to give the Community Assn. the funding for the tents and allow them to make the purchase (\$1,000.00)
- **Bob B.**
  - The car club wants to use Bayview Street or perhaps the Steveston Harbour Parking lot to hold their Car Show on July 1, 2009. We need about 2 volunteers to assist with this event.
- **Jack**
  - June 17 to 11, 2009 is the Rotary Conference in Scotland. Those interested please see Jack and also tune up your golf game for the revered St. Andrews Golf Course.
- **Jim**
  - The Bada family is asking Rotary for support to petition the Government to change the law in order to criminalize street racing. Jim will include this with the Jimmy Ng tournament
- **Dieter**
  - A big thanks to Steveston Rotary for the help with the Library books. Hopefully future assistance and support will be there for 2009. Dieter will be approaching Rotary Int’l for a matching grant to provide even larger assistance to Uganda.

### **January 27     Guests:**

#### **Meeting Notes:    Speaker: Alex Campbell McMath High School Principal**

Alex spoke on McMath’s Costa Rica Annual Visit. This is a real education on social responsibility and the students come away with a greater appreciation on the need to help other people. McMath is linked with the Costa Rica Humanitarian Foundation run by Gail Nystrom in Costa Rica. They have travelled to Costa Rica for 8 years now. This years trip is planned for March 7. Every year approximately 20 students are selected to make the trip.

- **Sally**
  - Thanks to all the Rotarians that helped with the Gilmore Church meal.
- **Doug**
  - A sad note to notify the group that 2 youths from the Rotary Youth Exchange Program in Portland died as a result of a random shooting in downtown Portland. We extend our sorrow and condolences to all the families affected by this terrible act.
  - Bill Gates has increased his donation to Rotary by another \$250 Million for the eradication of Polio
  - The Board has approved the sponsorship of 4 candidates from McMath Interact to attend the RYLA getaway at Camp Jubilee.
  - The Board has also approved the sponsoring of one student for the Rotary Adventures in Citizenship. The student will be billeted in Ottawa with a local Rotarian family.

- The Wine Tasting opportunity has also been approved by the Board. We can commence planning for this event in conjunction with the Steveston Salmon Festival
  - The Steveston Community Center will receive \$1,000.00 from us toward the purchase of 4 tents. They will be have Rotarian logos on them.
  - Guatemala – the microscopes are ready to go.
  - There will be 2 GSE teams arriving on April 25. The Nebraskan team will proceed to Prince George and return on May 12. The British Team will stay locally until May 9 and then proceed to Prince George. Both teams will be attending the Conference in Victoria on April 21. They will be in need of families willing to host their stay in the lower mainland. Please contact Doug if you are able to help. Peter will be sending the email with the details of the actual arrival and departure dates.
  - **Doug needs a paragraph of what each committee is doing for a presentation as a report to Bob Blacker. It is important to have it back to him by Friday 23. If you haven't already done so, you are now late, please get them it asap.**
  - Steveston School books, Barbara Fitzgerald is our contact at SD38. We also have an opportunity to forward them to some First Nations locations as they also may be showing interest in having them.
  - Our new theme starts next week.
- **Don**
    - The first Wine Festival organization meeting for 2009 will be held on February 5<sup>th</sup>. Stay tuned for the details.
  - **Peter**
    - We will be donating \$1,000.00 to Richmond School District 38 School Breakfast program. We received \$407 from the senior's meal, \$185 from the Santa Parade and we are matching \$407 to bring the balance to \$999.

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> <b>Foundation Seminar and Dinner Jan 30/31 @ Marriott Hotel</b> Le Carnaval, WinterFest, Feb. 14/15; RYLA South, Indian Arm, Mar. 17 - 20 Club Leadership Assembly Mar 29; Rotary Leadership Institute, May 15 Steveston Seafood & Wine Festival, May 1, Gulf of Georgia Cannery Jimmy Ng Street Hockey Tournament - May 30 & 31 – Steveston Lacrosse Rink	<b>BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES:</b> Barbara, Paul,