



Rotary Club of Steveston Weekly Synopsis



Every Tuesday 7.00 a.m. at the Steveston Hotel 12111-3rd Avenue

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Today's Board of Directors Pres Peter, Secretary Lee and Treasurer Bill Brooke. First order of the day was to hold the first Board Meeting for the year!



From the President's & Secretary's desk & other reports:

From all reports our Club's annual seniors' BBQ held on Saturday July 24, 2010 was another success story thanks to all those who assisted in its set up and organization.

Another success was one of our member's Birthday party (*which unfortunately clashed with the seniors' BBQ*) until its formal Closing Ceremony by one of Richmond's finest, seen here with some of the celebrants!



Guest Speaker

Today's Guest speaker Rtn Wilbur Walrond finally had his chance to give a very very brief insight into his background before leaving his native Trinidad in 1958 at the tender age of 20 years to further his education in beautiful BC with the princely sum of \$296 Can in his pockets.

Prior to graduating from UBC in 1963 with a degree in Civil Engineering and starting his own Consulting firm in 1967, his claim to fame was bringing tremendous change into the banking industry for the benefit of immigrant students like himself.

At the end of his 2nd year at UBC, as was the custom at each school year's end, he went to the bank to withdraw the last of his savings before heading off to his long awaited summer job. After handing the teller his withdrawal slip, she duly checked his signature, but then suddenly detoured to the Manager's office where, after furtively looking at him, the Manager initialled the slip, the teller returned to the counter and said: "Sir!, You don't quite have that much funds in your account but the manager said you can pay us back at the end of the summer!" and she quietly handed him his \$1.00 bill!

And that is Rtn Wilbur was responsible for introducing what is now known in the banking industry as the Overdraft or Line of Credit system in Canada – except for the fact that it is not as easy to obtain today as it was in 1960!

Rotary Moment: Then and Now

1911 RIBI

Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland, known as RIBI, is a unique group within the worldwide body of Rotary. Often misunderstood, its status has been hotly debated over the years. Stuart Morrow, later called 'The Runaway Irishman' by Paul Harris, first joined the Rotary Club of San Francisco in 1909, then later failed in business and returned to Ireland.

There he started the Rotary Club of Dublin in February 22, 1911 scuttling Paul Harris' plans to see the Rotary Club of London become the first foothold in Europe, an event which did not occur until August 1911.

Although Morrow went on to establish clubs in Belfast, Scotland, England, Glasgow, Edinburgh, Birmingham, Liverpool and London area, he became a fallen star with Rotary Headquarters on account of his habit of keeping 50% of each member's initiation fee as a finder's fee for himself.

Not to be outdone, Morrow headed back to the US ten years later where he founded the female equivalent of Rotary, which he called the Soroptomist Clubs of America.



2010 Steveston

Our Club was very proud to quietly recognize ourselves for recently beautifying the streets of Steveston with its new summer banners.

The Lighter Side of Life

Acts 2:38

A woman had just returned to her home from an evening of church services, when she was startled by an intruder. She caught the man in the act of robbing her home of its valuables and yelled: 'Stop! Acts 2:38!' (*Repent and be baptized, in the name of Jesus Christ, so that your sins may be forgiven.*)

The burglar stopped in his tracks. The woman calmly called the police and explained what she had done. As the officer cuffed the man to take him in, he asked the burglar: 'Why did you just stand there? All the old lady did was to yell a scripture to you.'

'Scripture?' replied the burglar. 'She said she had an Axe and Two 38s! I don't want no trouble'

UPCOMING EVENTS and REMINDERS

REGULAR MONTHLY:

St. Alban's Meal 2nd Tues at 4:30 pm
Gilmore Meal: 4th Thurs at 5:00 pm

UPCOMING EVENTS:

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES:

August
Dave Ferguson, Thomas Forbes, Pat Kaspro, Trevor Stickler: Trevor & Judy. Sean & Danielle, Mike & Verna (July belated)