



The Rotary Club of Steveston

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Club Bulletin for March 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.

March 3

Guests: no guests today

Speaker: Bill McNulty

Meeting Notes:

- Doug
 - On Thursday, March 5, @7PM meet the new President of Kwantlen College. - **Dr. David W. Atkinson** at **Chris Brodie's** home. **Peter** will attend for us.
 - **Adventures in Citizenship Award** - Our recipient this year is **Sean Connacher** from McMath School. He will be travelling to Ottawa for a 4 day visit. While he is there, he will also be checking out Queens University. He applied and has been accepted at that University. Congratulations Sean.
 - **Volunteer Dentistry in Guatemala 2009 Trip** - In preparation for this trip, we have mailed off paperwork for the Guatemala representatives to sign and return. We will then be applying to Rotary for a volunteer service grant.
 - **Doug** attended the **Rotary Club of Richmond's** luncheon meeting to discuss the advantages of joint Rotary advertisements in the Richmond Review.
 - There is a meeting this evening at 6:15PM to 7:15PM at West Richmond Community Center (Grouse Room) to meet with the IBI Architect regarding the **Rotary Youth Center**. Interested people can attend.
 - Charitable Society SGM March 10. Just a reminder of the hard work Peter did in getting the Society paperwork this far. The General Meeting will discuss the changes needed to satisfy the
- Jim
 - There will be a meeting at the **Steveston Harbour Board** boardroom at 4PM on March 5, 2009. This is the first meeting for organizing **The 2009 Jimmy Ng Tournament** this year. We need to discuss prizes and the impacts / benefits of starting this years tournament on Friday afternoon, May 29, 2009.
- Bill
 - We have an opportunity to add a vintage supplement to our History in the club web site. This addition would include information already gathered by **Barb**.

March 10

Guests:

Speaker: Andy Hobbs – Superintendant Vancouver Police Dep't.

Meeting Notes:

- Peter

- Brief meeting of the Rotary Club of Steveston - Richmond Charitable Society S.G.M. to adopt changes to the Constitution and Bylaws.
- Introduced Superintendent Andy Hobbs of the VPD and following the intro, Andy gave us an overview of Repeat Offender Sentencing, impacts on the police force managing these criminals and the impacts on our community caused by the offenders. (A very interesting presentation)
- Don
 - **Steveston Seafood and Wine Festival tickets are now on sale.** First come first served, buy the before they are all gone. There will be another organization meeting for the Festival this Thursday at 7am in the Rotary room.
- Jim
 - **Jimmy Ng Tournament** - all teams are on board and it looks like we will be playing on the Friday evening (May 29). As part of the fundraising, we are reviewing the opportunity to have Corporate sponsors place their banners on the inside walls of the rink.

March 17

Guests: Wilbur Walrond Richmond Rotary (noon club)
Sid Harmon – Brampton District 7080 Assistant Governor

Speaker: Pat Kaspro

Meeting Notes:

- Don
 - Tickets are being distributed for the Steveston Wine and Seafood Festival. We need people signed up for the event. Also need to find items for the auctions. 4 to 5 items for the live auction and 10 items for the silent auction.
- **Bob O'Butterworth the little Leprechaun wished everyone Happy St. Paddy's Day**
 - We have presently sold 300 tickets. Given that this is our major fundraiser for the year, we need everyone to canvas their friends etc. to ensure that we sell out the tickets.
- Bill Mc
 - April 3 to 5 is the Library book sale. We should take the books we need A.S.A.P. to ensure we get them. The sale is at Thompson School on the 5th.
 - April 8 we need help for hospitality for the Senior Games Social. Volunteers contact Bill for further information.
 - June 1 is the torch run (57 kms). It will go through all of our Community Centers.
 - PETS Report. We need to discuss the Gates foundation funding match for 2009 before we commit to raising more funds.
 - Steveston Rotary is the District leader for Paul Harris foundation Awards.
 - A consideration is to develop a 5 year plan for our club. Other clubs have done this and find it effective.
- Doug
 - **June 25 will be our Cocktail Party.** It will be at the Steveston Hotel between 6:30 and 9:00. Gordon Daglish will be here to induct the new team. Members are asked to pay \$25 each and guests are free.
- Peter
 - Jimmy Ng Tournament. There are 5-6 teams acknowledged already and everything is going well.
- Mike

- Rotary Club house. We met with the Architect and presented drawings of the proposed building. The building is concrete construction single storey with 2 phases of construction. The cost seemed high and the Architect was asked to review the option of wood construction and developing a second storey.
- Susan
 - Update on Interact and RYLA. The Rotary awards information has been presented to the High Schools and application forms are now available online.

March 24

Guests: Wilbur Walrond & Tony Yurkovick Richmond Rotary (noon club)
Syd Harmon – Brampton District 7080 Assistant Governor

Speaker: no speaker today

Meeting Notes:

- McMath Interact Members
 - Holly Lo, Betina Ng & Amy Xu each spoke on their spring break experiences at RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) at Camp Jubilee sponsored by our club. They enthusiastically shared stories of their teamwork & leadership activities and new friendships and had us all up on our feet doing Danish dance moves > taught to them by the international students at RYLA.
- Bill Mc
 - An update on our club's donations to date and the fact that our club is doing very well in comparison to other clubs in our District.
- Don P
 - **Steveston Wine & Seafood Festival** - There are 120 tickets remaining, duties will be assigned next week and high end auction items are still needed.
- Doug
 - Update on the board meeting. 4 Rotary logo tents and 16 tables have been ordered. The tables will be used at the wine festival. They will be stored at the Steveston Community Center and will be used as required.
 - \$300 has been sent to Australia for disaster relief.
 - Due to tougher economic times, funding from Rotary International grants are frozen for now. This may impact some of our projects.
 - The Rotary Club of Steveston is being honoured by the Richmond School Board with a Community Partnership Recognition award on April 6th at 7PM.
- Wilbur and Tony
 - Discussed the Rotary Foundation's funding cuts and the use of District Funds to replace some of the cuts to our projects.
- Jim
 - **Jimmy Ng Tournament** - We are working on a Safety Display for the Saturday. Including several Emergency Services Personnel. There are now 15 teams confirmed.
- Syd
 - Discussed his club's "Poor Boy" weiner and beans luncheons and the importance of club members having fun. He congratulated our club on our good works and encouraged the Interact Members.
- Sally

- The Gilmore Park Community Meal appreciation dinner is March 26 @ 5:30PM and all who have volunteered are welcome.

March 31

Guests:

- Henry Fetigan – Rotary Club of Vancouver – Chinatown
- John Madsen – Rotary Club of Richmond - Sunrise

Speaker:

- Brian Hutchinson and Randy Dubbert - Vancouver Fire Department – Firefighters without Borders
 - Their objective is to acquire fire equipment and vehicles decommissioned from the lowermainland and send them to various locations in San Salvador.
 - To date they have shipped 5 fire engines and 1 ladder truck
 - Gearbulk had donated their time and shipping facilities toward the project
 - This years project requires \$66K in funding and or donations and they are still in need of \$10K to meet the requirements of phase 3.

Meeting Notes:

- Bill Mc
 - Book sales are on Saturday at 1PM at Thompson. We will also need help with the cleanup on Sunday.
 - **The Senior Games** - The Steveston Rotary has an opportunity to be involved with the torch run. For a nominal amount, we can become the sponsor of the torch run throughout Richmond. It will start at the Oval and procession through Sea Island and onward to the other Community Centers. We will need volunteers to help with the Marshalling on the day.
- Don, Bob & Bill
 - Wine Festival update - There are approximately 40 tickets remaining and they are going fast.
 - Duty sheets will be issued today, please sign up to assist in the event. Including pick up and drop off of tables. High end auction items are still needed.
- Doug
 - The Rotary Club of Steveston is being honoured by the Richmond School Board with a Community Partnership Recognition award on April 6th at 7PM.
- Peter
 - Jimmy Ng Tournament - The posters are now ready and in all Community Centers. There are 21 teams already signed up.

UPCOMING EVENTS and REMINDERS

REGULAR MONTHLY: St. Alban's Meal: 2 nd Tues at 4:30 pm Gilmore Meal: 4 th Thurs at 5:00 pm <i>The meeting handout and our website provide a more detailed event listing.</i>	UPCOMING EVENTS: RLYA South: Indian Arm-Mar 14-17; Club Leadership Assembly: March 28; Rotary Leadership Institute: Apr 18; GSE Team Arrives: Apr 25; Steveston Seafood & Wine Festival: May 1- Gulf of Georgia Cannery; Rotary Leadership Institute - Rotary 5040 District Conference: May 15 - 18; Rotary District 5040 - District Conference - Victoria: May 21-24; Jimmy Ng Street Hockey Tournament : May 29 to 31 – Steveston Lacrosse;	BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES: Bob B, Judy, Susan
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