



The Rotary Club of Steveston

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

May 5

Guests: None

Speaker: None

Meeting Notes:

- Don
 - The Wine Festival was a success. The restaurants were very professional, the food was outstanding and the wine selections were very good.
 - **EVERYONE, PLEASE RESPOND TO DON WITH ANY COMMENTS, SUGGESTIONS OR FEEDBACK REGARDING THIS YEARS WINE FESTIVAL SO WE CAN REVIEW AND IMPROVE AS NECESSARY FOR NEXT YEAR**
- Peter / Jim
 - There is a meeting on Thursday May 7 4PM @ Steveston Harbor Authority Boardroom for the Jimmy Ng Tournament. We still need volunteers for the 3 days. Set up (around 7AM) and take down (around 5PM) each day. Also need volunteers for the Concession.
 - Still need small gifts and prizes as well as a feature prize.
 - We have approximately 22 teams registered.
- Bob J.
 - Bob received a Letter of Thanks from the former Richmond RCMP Chief for the Teddy bears. Bob was able to arrange for the surplus bears given to the Food Bank at Christmas to be sent for distribution by the Steveston RCMP Station.
- Bill Mc.
 - The Sister City Committee has asked Rotary for a \$1,000 donation to support a Philharmonic group attend an event at the River Rock. The motion was presented to the floor and passed.
 - There is a meeting on May 19, @ City Hall regarding Steveston Heritage and development. Rotary is an active member of a group of six non profit organizations in the Steveston area that contribute towards promoting Steveston as an active tourism location.
 - Seniors Games Torch Run - Everything is organized, we will be hosting the reception between 3PM and 5PM on June 7.
- Sally
 - **Remember the McMath Interact Pizza Party is this Thursday at 5PM at McMath School.**
 - Bring your form for the Seniors Games back to Sally, all volunteers must have them filled out and registered.
 - Neville is recovering well and thanks everyone for their concern and kind words.
- Bob B.
 - **Bob gave us a display of the clothing that is available to us and the costs of each item. We have a choice of T shirts, Golf shirts, Windbreakers, Ladies vests and hats. All attire will be available in Navy and the ladies vest is available in light blue. We should endeavor to purchase clothing so when we are at public functions, we are readily visible to the public.**

- **Doug**

- We are approaching Graduation time and as the Steveston Rotary has made available bursaries to the 3 local High Schools, we need to have Rotary Representatives available at the graduation ceremonies to make the presentation to the students receiving the bursaries. Anyone that can be available for one or more of the ceremonies, please contact Doug.
 - Steveston / London High School June 5, 2009 War Memorial Gymnasium UBC
 - Hugh Boyd High School May 29, 2009 Chan Center UBC
 - McMath High School June 26, 2009 Chan Center UBC

May 12

Guests: Wilbur Walrond – Richmond Rotary Club

Speaker:

Meeting Notes:

- Doug / Jim / Peter

- **Jimmy Ng Tournament - May 29, 30 and 31 at the Steveston Comm. Ctr. Lacrosse Box**
 - **M&M Meats** (Gilbert & Francis) will donate meat for the concession. Their banner will be made visible throughout the weekend.
 - **Cobb's Bread and Bakery** will donate bread
 - **A&W** (Seafair) will donate muffins and wieners
 - Concession menu list is being prepared, there is still some food items needed.
 - Start time is 6PM on Friday, (there will be no concession Friday night)
 - We still need volunteers to sign up for the various work parties.
 - Referees are available and we have 22 teams signed up and still need 2 B teams to complete the roster.

- **Bill Mc**

- **Steveston Rotary Senior's Relay Torch Run**
 - Starts at 9AM at **The Oval** and ends at the Seniors Plaza with an "**Appreciation Party**". All **Steveston Rotarians** are requested to be in attendance.
 - Need help with traffic control as some intersections and other activities. A sign up sheet will be sent around at the next meeting. So please volunteer. Also, all volunteers need to have the Registration Forms completed (see **Sally** for forms)
 - Richmond News will have a photographer assigned to the relay.

- **Peter**

- **Steveston Heritage Conservation Study**
 - There will be a Public Meeting tonight. There are about 90 buildings in the Steveston area that are deemed significant and of those, 18 are identified as critical. As of now, there are no more demolition permits being granted.
 - Council has been approached, requesting that a 30 day extension be granted to allow better review of the study that was just released prior to further inputs by concerned groups.

- **Wilbur**

- Just a general note regarding Matching Grants. Because of the cutbacks, any submissions for matching grants for next years budget, should be done immediately at the beginning of the next term to ensure any chance of approval.
- Doug
 - Steveston Rotary Club Social
 - **“The Prime Time Social”** is under planning. It will be held at the Steveston Buck and Ear in the south area of the Pub. It will a Prime Rib diner and the cost will be \$25. per person with \$10 going toward Polio eradication. The area can handle approx. 80 people. We will be arranging for the night to be on a Thursday in June and will begin around 6:30PM and finish around 8:00PM. More Information to follow.
- Don
 - Britannia Shipyards expansion. The fences are now down and the addition to the shipyards is open to visit. As a note, there is an area in this addition that can handle banquets for approx. 100 people. The building has a kitchen facility.
 - **Steveston Wine and Seafood Festival.** We have received good feedback and will be reviewing these suggestions for next year. Our final action item for this year is to send out the Thank You Certificates.
- Neville & Corrine
 - A big thank you from the both of them for all the wonderful cards, flowers and warm greetings.

NEXT WEEKS SPEAKER WILL BE SEAN CONNACHER (McMATH INTERACT)

He will be reporting back to us regarding his trip to Ottawa.

May 19

Guests:

Wilbur Walrond – Richmond Rotary Club

Sean Connacher – McMath Interact

Alice Wong – Member of Parliament - Richmond

John Cummins – Member of Parliament - Delta and Richmond East

Henry – Vancouver Chinatown Rotary Club

Speaker:

John Cummins – Spoke on the topics of STV and Proper Representation by Elected Officials.

Sean Connacher – Spoke on his “Adventures in Citizenship” trip to Ottawa

Meeting Notes:

- Jim
 - We have 24 teams for the **Jimmy Ng Tournament** signed up. There are 18 to 24 prizes already received. We need help with volunteers for the concession and the prize desk. Please sign up to help with the concession and prize desk.
- Bill Mc
 - **Steveston Rotary Seniors Relay Torch Run.** Need help with the Hospitality Room and Traffic control at intersections on June 7. There will be a photo op at 8:30am at the Oval and also at the Reception afterwards. All Rotary are asked to participate in the photo sessions.
- Doug

- **Cocktail Party June 25.** Just a reminder that there are application forms that can be filled out for the “Friends of Rotary”. Please complete and forward to Sean by month end for anyone you feel have been of significant ongoing assistance to Steveston Rotary.
- **Wilbur**
 - Matching Grants. Wilbur is wanting to organize 5 or so clubs to help raise \$5K to help towards the purchase of an operating table. He needs a few more clubs to assist with this project.

May 26

Guests: None

Speaker: None

Meeting Notes:

- **Jim**
 - **Jimmy Ng tournament update.** The work assignments are distributed but still need help with registration booth. Friday Night starts at 5PM. We need to set up the registration booth and tent. There will be an 8 page insert in the Richmond News covering this event.
 - Issues
 - Need to find a coffee supplier for the event, **Lee** will look after this.
 - Need small water bottles for sale. The large jugs are for team players only.
 - Need tents, tables and chairs
 - Need to pick up the food for Saturday. The meat is ready on Friday and **Ron** will drop it off early on Saturday morning. **Mike** will pick up the food from A&W on Friday as well as the buns from Cobbs Bakery on Saturday and Sunday morning.
- **Peter**
 - **Heritage Study update.** The group of 7 in Steveston will get together next week. Please review the study information and email Peter any comments so they can be forwarded appropriately.
- **Doug**
 - **Induction Reception Night June 25.** It will be free to members and Friends of Rotary. We will have certificates to present to our friends.
 - Society Application. While in Victoria on the weekend, we have finalized all the necessary paperwork and have forwarded them back east for processing.
 - **District Conference in Victoria.** We received 2 awards. Membership growth in a club and Highest per capita Foundation donation by a club. The guest speakers and presentations were well done and the finale “Voices of Nature” was a real hit. **Doug** has a DVD that he will share with the club.
 - **Prime Time Night at the Buck and Ear.** June 11 is the night for a Rotary social. Please try and attend and socialize with other members of the club. Guests are welcome. The tickets are \$25 with \$10 going to Polio +. The dinner starts at 6PM and goes to about 8PM. We are planning on only selling 60 tickets to ensure that we are not crowded in the area reserved for us.
- **Bill Mc**
 - **2009 Seniors Games Torch Relay update.** The run is organized, the hospitality room coordination will be done by Verna. CTV, Shaw and Richmond News will be reporting on the event. We have a photo opportunity planned for 8:30am at the Oval. All Steveston Rotarians

are requested to be there to promote our club. Remember to bring your Rotary garb to help display our club.

- Issues
 - Need banners to be present for the photo sessions.
 - [Mike](#) will update web page to include further information on the relay.

UPCOMING EVENTS and REMINDERS

<p>REGULAR MONTHLY: St. Alban's Meal: 2nd Tues at 4:30 pm Gilmore Meal: 4th Thurs at 5:00 pm <i>The meeting handout and our website provide a more detailed event listing.</i></p>	<p>UPCOMING EVENTS: Rotary Leadership Institute, Rotary 5040 District Conference, May 21-24 Jimmy Ng Street Hockey Tournament - May 29-31 – Steveston Lacrosse 2009 Seniors Games Torch Run – June 7 at the Oval Steveston Club Officer Induction June 25, Salmonfest Parade Float, Moncton Road, July 1 Rotary Youth Exchange, Richmond visit, July 11-12 Steveston Seniors Summer Social, July 25.</p>	<p>BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES: Bob J, Doug, Don P, Rick D</p>
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