



Rotary Club of Steveston Weekly Synopsis

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

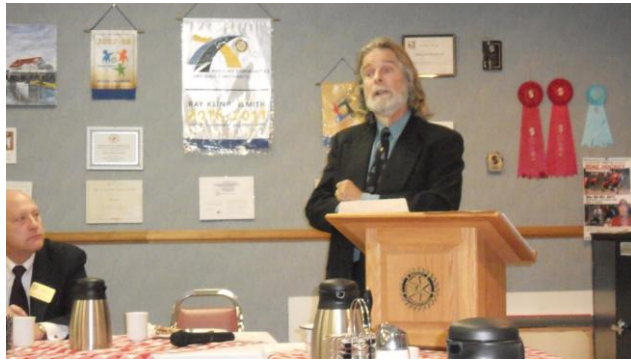
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Meetings of May 24-31, 2011



May 24, 2011:

President Peter was up before the crack of noon to get the meeting started on time and to welcome our visiting guests Patrick and Debra Hunt (**See photo right**) from the Rotary Club of Victoria, who were passing through to begin the summer sailing vacations. Contrary to what others may have thought might have been said, they do not belong to any Rotary Flying Club.



Also welcomed was our Guest Speaker Gem Munro Director of the Amarok Society, (**See photo left**) whose philosophy is to teach uneducated mothers how to read and write, and then **teach the mothers to be neighborhood teachers** - educating their own and their neighbors' children every day in their homes. Yes, it seemed like a terrific idea to them, too, and they were

right.

There are over 70,000,000 children in the world who are too poor to go to school. Thinking people will recognize this as a *world* problem, not a *third world* problem. Conventional approaches are not working for these 'bottom hundred million children' - new approaches are needed. We *harness the power of mothers* to effect lasting improvement in some of the poorest slums in the world.

<http://www.amaroksociety.org/about/about-amarok-society>

Meanwhile back at the Ranch....

Our own RTN Scott Stewart is busy on his own pet project raising funds to help make the world a better place.

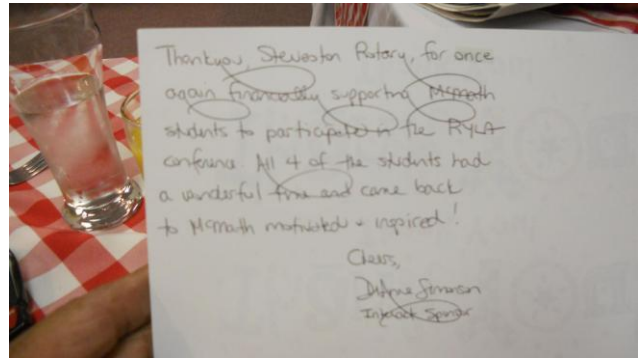
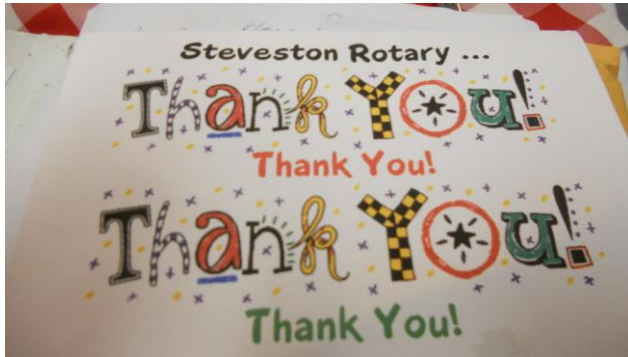


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And we are all invited to the Gateway Cocktail party on June 23, 2011.

Scenes from the May 24, 2011 meeting

Thank you notes were received from the **McMath Interact Club** for our support toward the annual RYLA in our District.



Tsunami Fund still Rising



We also received a Cheque from the **Richmond Community Foundation** in the amount of \$1,300 to go toward the Japanese Tsunami Fundraiser. **Funds now stand at \$126,000.**

Sgt at Arms PP Albert Wong tries to beat the hagglers: To pay or not to pay!

Penguins

Did you ever wonder why there are no dead penguins on the ice in Antarctica - where do they go? Wonder no more!!!



It is a known fact that the penguin is a very ritualistic bird which lives an extremely ordered and complex life.

The penguin is very committed to its family and will mate for life, as well as maintaining a form of compassionate contact with its offspring throughout its life.

If a penguin is found dead on the ice surface, other members of the family and social circle have been known to dig holes in the ice, using their vestigial wings and beaks, until the hole is deep enough for the dead bird to be rolled into and buried. The male penguins then gather in a circle around the fresh grave and sing:

"Freeze a jolly good fellow" "Freeze a jolly good fellow." "Then they kick him in the ice hole."



You really didn't believe that I know anything about penguins, did you?

Now for May 31, 2011 Meeting! No more meetings this month – Aren't you glad!



The Leaders were out in full force to day – and ALL on time too!

This was one of the easiest meetings to write up. I forgot my twin appendages in the bathroom where I place them every night so that I won't forget them in the morning.

Then our peripatetic micro phone went missing only to show up near the end of the meeting when it was used once by the President to let everyone know that it had been retrieved, then it was promptly laid to rest on the table where it usually sits whether or not it is even in the

room. Figure that one out!

So here is what happened today.

Right after the meeting started I saw hands being brought together then moved apart, so I assumed that people were clapping and if they were clapping then it meant that they were happy about something or other.

After a while there was silence, so I presumed that

someone was speaking. Then I noticed that Rtn Jack Evans's lips were moving and he had a piece of paper in his hand, so I presumed that he was either speaking or learning to read.



Well apparently I was right on both counts because right after that the paper was being passed around the room so that everyone could check to see if what Jack read was correct. Here is what was on that piece of paper.

Congratulations Sean- Well Done!

Paul Harris Award

Congratulations are also in order for recent marathon runner Rtn Dale Jackaman who was presented with his Paul Harris plus 1 pin for his ongoing contributions to the Rotary Foundation.



Sorry the picture did not turn out too well Dale but I had trouble trying to crop out PP B. McN!



The Big Event this weekend was of course the **Jimmy Ng Annual Street Hockey Fund Raiser** under the capable hands of Rtn Sgt Kate, Sgt Preston and Jr. Cst. Sarah.



What'd he do? Get stopped for being grounded!



Some of the workers!



Rtn Barbara & Chris Ng



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That's All Folks!