



The Rotary Club of Steveston

12111 - 3rd Avenue, Richmond, BC V7E 3K1
Club Bulletin for November 2007



President Sally Houston 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.

November 6 Guests: Bill Jaffee, and others with the dental trip

Meeting Notes: (Speaker: Dr. Doug Nielsen - Guatemala Dental Trip)

- Dr. Doug gave a presentation outlining how a dozen people including Dr. Doug & Susan Nielsen, and Dr. Jack & Aliza Hutchinson, and members of Sunrise & Steveston Rotary went to Guatemala on a dental mission in early September. They treated over 500, and were partially funded by a Rotary Volunteer Service Grant and a donation from this club. More details www.StevestonRotary.org.
- A Public Relations discussion occurred regarding banners and other promotional materials.
- The Dream Auction Nov. 24 was discussed. A Rotary Foundation Dinner Nov. 23 was discussed.

November 13 Guests: Donna Sargent, Larry Priddy of Ladner Rotary

Meeting Notes: (Speaker: Donna Sargent, School District 38 trustee)

- Richmond School Trustee Sargent spoke about funding for schools, frequent government legislation changes. Decreasing enrollment, and immigration provides challenges. Health issues in young people and the drive for healthy food and exercise were also discussed.
- Doug advised that the Christmas meal has a \$1000 district grant. 150 were expected. Members need to cook various side dishes. A signup was circulated. Ticket registration begins Nov. 19.
- Bill M advised volunteers were needed for traffic control on the Santa Claus Parade route and for the food collection van. He poster will be out in early Nov. Food will be distributed Dec. 24.

November 20 Guests: Lee Malleau, Joan Haws, Syd Himmelman

Meeting Notes: (Speaker: Lee Malleau, City of Richmond, Economic Development)

- Lee advised that Richmond has the 3rd most tech firms in BC, now including Microsoft. The airport is the largest employer and a major part of the region. The City has a new City Centre Area Plan, live/work is the target, and the Oval is attracting many tour requests. Business retention, expansion, attraction are key, since more business taxes means less residential.
- Syd spoke about issuing a Rotary sponsored dictionary to grade 3's.
- Board nominations opened. Nomination committee P.Presidents. Club & Society elections on Dec. 11.

November 27 Guests:

Meeting Notes: (Club Business Meeting)

- Sally thanked the club for Dream Auction support. Sally reminded club social is Sunday 4-7 PM.
- We provide traffic control for the Spectacle of Lights next Friday. Doug received the tents ordered.
- Bill Gates offered Rotary Foundation \$100M polio matching. Chinatown & Richmond dinners Dec. 19.
- Peter contacted Richmond youth reps re: PlayOn tournament. Richmond was voted most livable city in our class.

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: Stv. Rotary Club Social, Dec. 2, 4-7 PM; Spectacle of Lights Dec. 7, 6 PM, Steveston Park Stv. Rotary, Directors Election, Dec. 11; Stv. Rotary Board Meeting, Dec. 13, 7 AM Steveston Rotary Seniors Christmas Social Dec. 15, Steveston Community Centre Rmd. Rotary Christmas Dinner, Dec. 19, Marriott; Stv. Rotary Santa Claus Parade, Dec. 23	BIRTHDAYS: Noel
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