



# Rotary Club of Steveston Weekly Synopsis



Every Tuesday 7.00 a.m. at the Steveston Hotel 12111-3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue

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## Meetings of November 8, 2011

**This is World Rotaract Week and Movember Month (So grow your moustache)**

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Today's Line up: The Lone Ranger looking for his Team!

Other guests were Rtn Debbie Tablotney of the Richmond Sunrise Club (Recently saw her name on some Slate dated November 19, 2011.



Anyway she was warmly welcomed by Rtns Pat Kaspro, PP Jack Evans & Rtn Rob Nose

### ROTARY MOMENT OR TWO....

### DID YOU KNOW?

Rotary is a grassroots organization, with service efforts carried out by members of Rotary clubs. District and international leaders support Rotary clubs and help them provide service in their local communities and abroad.

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Most the rest of the gang was present – not all bright eyed – right PP Albert (*fresh off the plane from the far east where he abandoned our Premier!*)

### Today's Guest Speaker

Was former Rotarian **MLA John Yap**, turned politician to gain less respect – but not from our Club!



John spoke on some of the World's problems today and even on some local ones fleetingly touching on the recent overdose of bitter HSTamine pills surreptitiously handed out by a former MLA turned UK resident.

## DID YOU ALSO KNOW?

### Clubs

Rotarians are members of [Rotary clubs](#), (*Don't forget to 'click and follow'*) which belong to the global association Rotary International (RI). Each club elects its own officers and enjoys considerable autonomy within the framework of Rotary's constitution and bylaws.

### Taboo Topics

Two topics that do not belong in Rotary are Politics and Religion.

### Membership and Retention

What one Club in Walnut Creek, California, USA does, among other things, to recruit and keep its 26 members 90 percent of them between the ages of 25 and 40?

The club recruits new members through social media like Twitter and Facebook and it has a **mentoring program** to help with retention. All new members are assigned a mentor, who spends extra time with them outside regular meetings.

## COMMITTEE & Other REPORTS

### Report from PDG Bob Blacker: The Government Rotary Literacy Community Building Project

The Government House Rotary Literacy Community Building Project came about from a conversation between Lt. Governor Steven Point and then District Governor Elect Bob Blacker, an aide de camp to the Lt. Governor.

The conversation evolved into a groundbreaking project between Government House and Rotary to enable isolated communities throughout British Columbia to get their own books and libraries.

Providing the books and libraries was accomplished by Rotary Clubs adopting Communities and working with those communities to build, supply and provide the books.



## Sgt At Arms

Today's Chiropractor was Sgt Sean Graham who managed to extricate some serious dollars from our members.



Is he taking out or putting in?



Come on Jack – you know what he wants!



Another guy pretending he does not know what's going on!



If you don't tell a joke, I'll pay double! He told the joke anyway and it was a good – so they tell me!

## Rotary Information

Our [Rotary 5040 Foundation Dinner](#) is on November 19, 2011 at the Firefighters Hall in Burnaby.

## What does the future hold for our members?

### Pancake Breakfasts:

December 6, 2011 McKinney

December 10, 2011: Lord Byng

December 7, 2011: PP Sally's "Night with the Stars!"

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## Seniors Christmas Dinner

December 17, 2011

## THE LIGHTER SIDE OF LIFE

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## More Rotary Information

### Ever wonder why the Rotary year begins 1 July?

The international convention initially played a key role in determining the start date of our fiscal and administrative year.

Rotary's first fiscal year began the day after the first convention ended, on 18 August 1910. The 1911-12 fiscal year also related to the convention, beginning with the first day of the 1911 convention on 21 August.

At its August 1912 meeting, the Board of Directors ordered an audit of the International Association of Rotary Clubs' finances. The auditors recommended that the organization end its fiscal year on 30 June to give the secretary and treasurer time to prepare a financial statement for the convention and board, and determine the proper number of club delegates to the convention.

The executive committee concurred, and at its April 1913 meeting, designated 30 June as the end of the fiscal year. This also allowed for changes to the schedule for reporting club membership and payments. Even *The Rotarian* changed its volume numbering system to correspond to the fiscal year (beginning with vol. 5, July 1914).

Rotary continued to hold its annual conventions in July or August until 1917. Delegates to the 1916 event in Cincinnati, Ohio, USA, approved a resolution to hold future conventions in June, mainly because of the heat in cities where most of them occurred. The next one was held 17-21 June in Atlanta, Georgia.

The term "Rotary year" has been used to signify Rotary's annual administrative period since at least 1913. An article in *The Rotarian* that July noted, "The Rotary year that is rapidly drawing to a close has been signaled by several highly successful joint meetings of Clubs that are so situated as to assemble together easily and conveniently."

### Remembrance Day Open Invitation ..... November 11, 2011

**Richmond Lodge No 142 – 6730 No 3 Rd, Richmond -** will be holding an Open House right after the Remembrance Day Ceremonies at City Hall. **11.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m.**

Everyone is invited to drop in for a tour of our Lodge facilities and to find out everything you always wanted to know about FREEMASONRY but were either afraid to ask or never had the opportunity to do so.

Hot Tea and Coffee and light refreshments will be served.

Our purpose as freemasons is not that of a religion. Freemasonry lacks the basic elements of religion. Freemasonry is not a religion nor is it a substitute for religion.

- Freemasonry advocates no sectarian faith or practice.
- We seek no converts.
- We raise no money for religious purposes.
- We have no dogma or theology. Religious discussion and politics is forbidden in a Masonic lodge thereby eliminating the chance for any Masonic dogma to form.
- It offers no sacraments and does not claim to lead to salvation by works, by secret knowledge, or by any other means. The secrets of Freemasonry are concerned with the modes of recognition only and not with the means of salvation.
- By any definition of religion accepted by our critics, we cannot qualify as a religion.
- Freemasonry supports religion. Freemasonry is far from indifferent to religion. Without interfering in religious practice, it expects each member to follow his own faith.