



Rotary Club of Steveston Weekly Synopsis

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

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Meeting of October 26, 2010



What a busy meeting today and another full house – just about!

President's Corner

Our head table Directors – President Peter, Secretary / VP Lee Bennett held sway today as our guest speaker, Ms. Pat Miller of the Richmond Hospice Association was introduced by none other than Laurel Bennett, the head of the Bennett household – or so I heard someone say!



Pat gave a very informative insight into the history and work on the **Richmond Hospice Association** which was founded in March 1986. Its mission is to provide emotional and social support for patients and family members coping with a life-threatening or life-limiting illness.

Their trained volunteers visit clients in a variety of settings, including home, hospital, hospice and community care facilities. Their services include personal visits, bereavement support and education to promote an understanding of death as the final stage of living. The

Richmond Hospice Association provides companions for the journey wherever needed.

The Association which is located in the Caring Place Richmond, partners with the Rotary Hospice House, a 15-year project of the Rotary Club of Richmond, (00ps! Did I say that!) and it provides a 5-6 week training program for volunteers who wish to become an integral part of the Association's great work in palliative care.

The average stay in the Rotary Hospice house is 28.5 days. The shortest being 2 hrs and the longest 367 days.

Our speaker was thanked by VP/Secretary Lee, under the watchful eye of his dear wife Laurel.



Other guests on the speaking circuit were Rtns Carlene Lewell (right) and Leslie Abramson (left) of the RC of Tsawwassen. We were reminded of the annual volunteer **Operation Red Nose** between November 26, 2010 and New Year's day 2011. Last year 500 inebriates were transported safely from and back to their homes during the festive season.

We were also informed of their forthcoming **Rotary on Ice Fundraiser** on November 19, 2010 to promote the last mile of our **Polio Plus** Project.

Rotary Moment

In tribute to our visiting Rotarian Leslie Abramson, our Rotary Moment today touches on the life of her late grandfather Colonel James (Big Jim) (Marco Polo of Rotary) Davidson who joined the Rotary Club of Calgary in 1914.

Among Rotarian legends, few figures stand as tall as James Wheeler Davidson the man Paul Harris dubbed the Marco Polo of Rotary.

Although his moniker, "Big Jim," referred to his physical stature, it also reflects Davidson's accomplishments in spreading the Rotary movement from the Mediterranean to the South Seas. While it would be hyperbole to call Davidson a mountain of a man, there is in fact a mountain in the Canadian Rockies named for him.

In August 1928, Canadian Rotarian James Wheeler Davidson set sail from Montréal, Québec, with his wife, Lillian, and teenage daughter, Marjory, on what was to be an eight-month voyage to organize Rotary clubs in the Middle East and Asia.

It turned out to be a nearly three-year odyssey during which he chartered 23 clubs in 12 countries, from Turkey to Thailand. He is admired as the man responsible for making Rotary International a worldwide organization.

Read more about [Davidson in Rotary Canada](#).

Thank you Leslie for being our guest today and sharing your historical link to Rotary with us.

Our Youth Department

Rtn Bob 'Dictionary' Jones received a beautiful hand-made 'Thank You' card from some of Richmond's Grade 4 students who were recipients of his dictionary program for our schools.

We were also pleased to welcome in our midst two of the youngest future Interactors: 4-year old Sarah Hansen Rtn Kate's daughter and Rtn Robert's 2 ½ yr old son (I would guess) Linden (hockey star to be-maybe).



Sarah Hansen, mother Kate & Laurel Bennett



Linden taking it all in – no pun intended!

Rtn Bob's Corner

A woman awakes during the night to find that her husband was not in their bed and goes downstairs to find him sitting at the kitchen table with a hot cup of coffee in front of him, deep in thought and staring at the wall.

'What's the matter dear and why are you down here at this time of night?'

The husband looks up from his coffee, 'I am just remembering when we first met 20 years ago and started dating. You were only 16. Do you remember back then?' he says solemnly.

The wife is touched to tears thinking that her husband is so caring, so sensitive. 'Yes, I do' she replies.

'Do you remember when your father caught us in the back seat of my car?'

'Yes, I remember!' said the wife, lowering herself into a chair beside him.

The husband continues. 'Do you remember when he shoved the shotgun in my face and said, 'Either you marry my daughter, or I will send you to jail for 20 years?'

'I remember that too' she replies softly.

He wipes another tear from his cheek and says...

'I would have been released today.'



Thought for Today

Ø Dolphins are so smart that within a few weeks of captivity, they can train people to stand on the very edge of the pool and throw them fish.

Ø I thought I wanted a career, turns out I just wanted pay checks.

Ø A bank is a place that will lend you money, if you can prove that you don't need it.

Ø Whenever I fill out an application, in the part that says "If an emergency, notify:" I put "DOCTOR".

Just for Laughs

Canadian postal workers ([just for laughs cast](#)) decided to have a little fun. They rigged a van so that the people on the driver's side could only see the driver....who is a dog. The real driver, who is on the passenger side, cannot be seen. Part way down the street in a residential area the van stops and a man (obviously in on the hoax) approaches the driver (the dog) and starts giving him directions, as though the dog is lost. This is cleverly done. Look at the faces of the astonished viewers!



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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	UPCOMING EVENTS: See below http://twitter.com/rotarysteveston <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Saturday November 27, 2010 Rmd 8th Annual Dream Auction Executive Airport Plaza Hotel 7311 Westminster Hwy 10.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m. 	BIRTHDAYS, ROTARY ANNIVERSARIES November No of yrs in our Club: Rob Nose Nov 9 '03: That's it!
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