



The Rotary Club of Steveston

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Club Bulletin for September, 2009



President Bill McNulty 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.

September 22

Guests:

Speaker: Barbara – CANASSIST Program

Today's Guest Speaker Barbara gave a most enlightening overview of the CANASSIST Program which was started in 1999 by the University of Victoria.

It was designed to assist people with disabilities, regardless of the challenges they face, by providing them with adaptive devices thus giving them every opportunity to participate in, and contribute to society and by so doing, ensuring that their contributions are recognized and celebrated.

Some highlights of the Program:

- It provides customized solutions to meet individual needs
- It is not focused on specific disabilities or age groups
- Provides long term commitment
- All activities are in response to community requests
- No charge for services
- Harnesses resources at UVic and in the wider community
- Provides extraordinary experimental learning opportunities to students
- It has highly inter-disciplinary staff, faculty, students, retirees and community volunteers
- End-User is an integral part of the team.

Meeting Notes:

▪ Bill

- Past President Doug Nielsen was presented today with his Paul Harris + 3 Pin. PP Doug and his wife Susan recently returned from one of their regular trips to Guatemala City where they have been pursuing their dental mission work in San Juan la Laguna and also looking for other sites in need of their dental expertise. This year they had nine members in their dental team from Richmond/Vancouver and they were joined on site by the Guatemala City Rotary Club and Dr. Willy Contreras, a prosthodontist from Guatemala.
- Congratulations PP Doug on your latest achievement and to you and Susan Thank you for all that you do for Rotary.

Rotary Fact or Fiction?

When Rotary was formed in 1905, it had two objectives:

1. The promotion of the business interests of its members
2. The promotion of good fellowship and other desiderata ordinarily incident to social clubs.

In 1906 when patent attorney Donald M. Carter was invited to join Rotary he questioned the two objects of Rotary saying that such a club has great possibilities if it could do something of some benefit to people besides its own members. The club's response was - why don't you join and you amend the Constitution.

So he did and in 1907 he added the third objective:

3. The advancement of the best interests of Chicago and the spreading of civic pride and loyalty among its citizens.

So what was the first civic project?

1. In 1907 a preacher's horse died and since he was too poor to buy another one in order to make his rounds to his parishioners the club bought him a horse.
2. In 1909 after a 2 year battle with oppositionists the first public restroom or comfort station in Chicago was built by Rotary One.

Thought For Today!

"It is a simple task to make a subject complex, but a complex task to make it simple." -- Meyers

"The more light you allow within you, the brighter the world you live in will be." -- Shakti Gawain

"Leadership is not magnetic personality – that can just as well be a glib tongue.

It is not 'making friends and influencing people' -- that is flattery.

Leadership is lifting a person's vision to high sights, the raising of a person's performance to a higher standard, the building of a personality beyond its normal limitations." --Peter F.

Drucker

Now hold this thought!

My wife sat down on the couch next to as I was flipping the channels, and said: "What's on the TV?"

I said: "Dust!" And then the flight started!

UPCOMING EVENTS and REMINDERS

REGULAR MONTHLY:

St. Alban's Meal: 2nd Tues at 4:30 pm
Gilmore Meal: 4th Thurs at 5:00 pm
The meeting handout and our website provide a more detailed event listing.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sep 16-19 BC Seniors Games
Sep 26 Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup–Vancouver Yaletown
Sep 26 Garage Sale Fundraiser – Steveston Park
Oct 24 Rotary Leadership
Nov 14 Rotary Foundation Dinner at the RiverRock

BIRTHDAYS,

ANNIVERSARIES:
Bill Mc, Mike, Jim