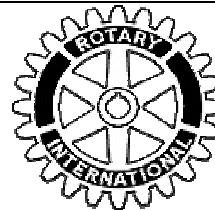


The Sunriser



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Rotary Club of Tsawwassen

"Service through fellowship"

Chartered June 26, 1992

District 5040

Meets every Thursday at the Beach Grove Golf Course

7:15 am

WEBSITE address:

www.versys.net/rotary

AS THE WHEEL TURNS

~ It was a beautiful setting for our meeting on Feb. 8; the wide open windows of the Beach Grove Golf Club looking out on the fairways, through the falling fluffy white snowflakes.

~ **Steve Cutt** started the "wheel" stuff early – (*is that just so we know you were on time Steve?*) by putting in a happy dollar cause he is pleased to have his Ball Hockey team heading into the playoffs.

~ **Nancy Wells** was happy to have Laura's luggage back safely

~ **Murray Lott** took **Laura** to the Monster Truck show (a cultural MUST)

~ **Guenther Schreiber** was in Germany and Spain

~ **Garry Shearer** was in Chicago etc over the past three weeks

~ **Bill Kushnir** complained of the reflection off **Bill Learmont's** "forehead" as he sat at the head table. Bill K also questioned the possibility of attendance over 100% as reported in the bulletin.

~ **Eleanor McWhannel** was applauded for all of her work on the conference.

~ **Roger Pryke** had a report from Anne-Marie Hansen (exchange student) in Thailand

~ **Natalie Zigarlick** was in Phoenix

~ **Roger Pryke** reported to be happy that his son is in Ireland – he was in Kilkenny, a city of 20,000 much like here, but it has 96 Pubs!!!!!! Roger's son had hit 5 of them the first day??

~ **Joan Hansen** was happy about the snow – hopes it is gone for a big conference starting Valentine's day

Birthdays: Nancy Macey

Anniversaries: Gail Hussman and Bruce Tuttle - Paul Arcand also reminded everyone that Valentine's day was approaching

Members Present : 44 of our **72** members were at last week's meeting (61%).

The 4 Way Test of the things we think, say, or do

- 1 Is it the **TRUTH**?
- 2 Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
- 3 Will it build **GOODWILL & BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**
- 4 Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

Rotary theme:

SERVICE ABOVE SELF

This side down Editor: Joan Hansen - 943-7767 The Sunriser

Visiting Rotarians - Barry Irvine, Roy Hardie & Natalie Zigarlick (Ladner); **Wayne Connorton** (Vancouver)

Guests (Member) - Zahir Dossa (Bill Montgomery); **Mario Monson** (Blair Hagkull)

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Feb 15 – Jay Triano - Grizzlies

Feb 22 – Fred Schiffner – TFN

March 1 – Vicky Huntington – Treaty

STUFF

Website has registration info and forms - www.rotary5040.org for the conference in Penticton. Eleanor says the committee is working hard and it is coming together well. She had thanx to TD Bank & Canada Trust for \$\$ for the bags.

Graham Mallet had thank yous for all of the Rotarians who helped pack books for the Mexican library – you know who you are. Some of us work Saturdays... **Bill Learmont** claims he thought about helping?? Mexican Airlines is taking the books down free.

ACC committee had a meeting and decided to offer a prize for sales of packages. All who have sold a package will have their names entered to win golf and a weekend at Semiahmoo. We are now at \$17,000 and **Frank Donis** has sold 32 packages.

There will be a Director's meeting Monday the 19th at 7pm

ROTARY CORNER

Rotarians rally to the aid of earthquake victims in India

In the wake of the massive earthquake that struck India's Gujarat State on 26 January, Rotarians from clubs in Gujarat and around the world are responding by delivering medical attention and aid packages to the needy.

The earthquake, which may have claimed at least 30,000 lives, also left 150,000 injured and a million homeless, largely due to poorly or cheaply constructed buildings. The Rotary Club of Rajkot Midtown, India, visited the severely damaged town of Morvi, where 600 buildings were reduced to rubble.

"We decided that the most urgent and immediate need was to erect temporary shelters for the homeless," said Vikram Sanghani, President-elect of the Rotary Club of Rajkot Midtown and coordinator of the aid team. Rotarians worked with affected residents to clean up and bulldoze a new refuge area. So far, the campaign has set up 600 tents, with an additional 1,000 scheduled for delivery.

PROGRAM

Dana Carrol and Gord Jessop spoke about the new Thrifty's opening end of May. Dana told us how he and Gord "hatched" this idea in the pub (*as so many ideas are born*). They then started the search for a company to serve the community as competition for Safeway. They spoke to several including Stong's, but it was Thrifty Foods who showed great enthusiasm for opening their first mainland store here in Tsawwassen. After much further research looking out at the parking lot outside the pub, they approached Century Holdings and the rest, as they say, is history. Many hurdles had to be overcome, but Mayor Jackson was very helpful in getting the necessary approvals in place. 40 people are moving here from the Island to form the core of this store, and an additional 130 locals will be hired at a job fair at the end of Feb. Opening is slated for late "May-ish".

Gord relayed how Thrifty's is one of the top 10 companies to work for and how very involved they become in the community. They presently have 18 stores and 350 – 400 million in sales, and they treat their employees very well. Thrifty's carries more items per store than Safeway, and they are committed to buying much produce locally.

SERGEANT-at-ARMS

S@A Greg Hoover fined **President Dave** for not having a certificate for the speakers.

Late – **Blair Ledingham**. Not signed in – **Bill Montgomery, Graeme Peck, Guenther Schreiber, Roger Pryke**.

Greg had a comment for the lawyers - "why don't snakes bite lawyers - professional courtesy". **Jackie Sterling**, our newest member with a classification of alcoholic beverage importer, was given a rum running fine. **Doug Hooper** had on an SPCA shirt, **Steve Cutt** had no name tag, **Garry Shearer** tried to come in the back door. **Garry Shearer** was also fined for not being here to accept his "perfect attendance for 2001" badge which **Greg Hoover** went to great lengths to produce.

Red File – **Nancy Macey** got money from the NDP; **Nancy Wells; Pres Dave** re: irresponsible advertising for Valentine's Day - ads were cited for carpet cleaning, European wieners from Hollandia Deli, cooking utensils from Cobblestone Cottage, and the worst of all – "snuggle up with a Sony" from Jack's TV. **S@A Greg** missed fining **Joan Hansen** for her appearance for a second time on VTV breakfast. She confessed and paid the fine.

SOCIAL CALENDAR

Friday's - Wheeler's club at the Lounge at Beaches - 5 pm

Feb 17 – 6:45 fun bowling at "Zone Bowling" at Silver City In Richmond \$15 –bring a wrapped gag gift - \$5

April 2001 – GSE team will be here from England

May 24-27 – 5040 District Conference in Penticton

QUOTE of the WEEK...

"If the SPCA would just leave them alone, I'm sure all of the cats and dogs would go back home"

Greg Hoover commenting on a story in the paper about a cat that was missing for 4 years, and was found and returned to its owner recently.

TAKE ACTION: Register for the Conference in Penticton