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ROTARY CLUB OF PARKSVILLE DISTRICT 5020

Meets at the Quality Inn Oceanside Monday - 12 Noon. 240 Dogwood Street, Parksville

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## SHELTER BOXES



In times of disaster, many thousands of people are often left homeless and without basic shelter and survival equipment. Shelterbox Canada stands at the ready to provide aid to those in need anywhere in the world. Each Shelter Box provides a dry shelter, warm bed, light and heat, clean water, cooking aids and tools for 10 people.

Cost for each box is only \$1,200.00 Canadian and is Tax Deductible.

The Shelter Box Trust was established by the Rotary Club of Helston-Lizard, England. Boxes are pre-packed and warehoused in the UK ready for shipping.

The Shelterbox Canada project is administered by volunteer members of the Rotary Club of Ladysmith, British Columbia.

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## Looking Forward! Dates to remember

**Feb 23 - 24**

District Assembly, Victoria

## ROTARY ABUSE PREVENTION TRAINING

The District is arranging an abuse prevention training session in Parksville. This training session is compulsory for all host families, persons working with the student, youth exchange team, as well as anyone who might be transporting the student to Rotary functions.

Please let me know if you are interested in attending.

**This training session has now been postponed until late February or early March**

**May 29 - June 1, 2008**

District Conference 2008

"Share the Celebration"

Parksville-Qualicum Beach

British Columbia

Oceanside Place

Register on the District Website

Look for related tours & events

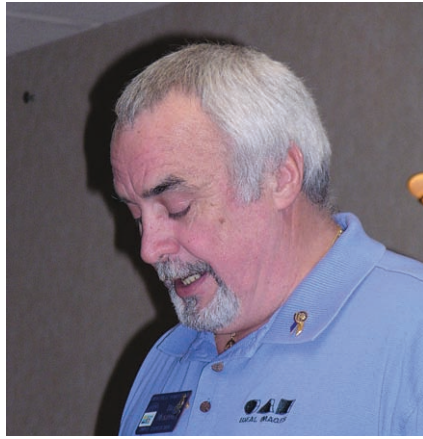
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**June 15 - 18**

RI International Convention Los Angeles, California



"Focus on Youth"



**O'Canada:** Russel Morrison

**Grace:** Fred Collins

**Guests:** Penny McClung, Trevor Sheek,

Past President Bob:

**Announcements**

Garage Sale is on April 26 at the Quality Resort Bayside, items can be dropped off on the Friday Mosaic at Knox United Church is looking for young talent for the show, please let Bill Mc know if you anyone who would like to perform. They are also looking for auction items and for people to help the evening of the performance.

Rotary wheel will be at Angela's House. Each guest is asked to donate \$10.00 a person towards Foundation. The guests who will be having dinner at Angela's are Christine Jiggins, Leslie Toombs, Bill Burgoyne, and York Langerfeld.

**Nickels & Dimes collection:** Our club collected \$241.00, the morning club collected \$600.00 – of course, not all the donations were nickels and dimes!

**Fred Collins:** Fred would like to thank all the people who have come forward to help with the British Rotary Friendship Exchange, all the accommodations have now been filled. Fred would like to have the June 2 lunch meeting a dinner meeting instead so they can attend.

**50/50 Draw:** Bill Mc has been in contract with BC Gaming, we are not in compliance with the law, if we are going to continue with 50/50 we must do the draw on a weekly basis, we are not allowed to carry it forward. The discussion today was to whether we should play out the remaining marbles or do a draw today for the money which is already in the account (\$136.00) with the winner to give the money back to foundation in their name, Bill made a motion to

change immediately, it was seconded by ?, everyone was in favour except for Ron!! The first winner this week was Don Cameron, the second winner was Matt; he donated his winnings (\$23.00) back to foundation too!

District Leadership Training Seminar is in Victoria at the Empress on February 23/24. If you would like to go, see Bill Mc for more details.

**Stan Harry:** Stan would like to make sure that everyone who has moved from an out-of-town club makes sure their address is changed with RI, this is actually done by the club secretary and should have been changed when Al moved to Parksville 4 years ago!

**Bingo:** Ted Taylor has volunteered to do bingo next week.

**Guest Speakers:**

Trevor Sheek – Community Safety Net

Tyrone Heigh – Assistant Chief, Parksville Fire Department

Trevor and Tyrone came to speak to us today on the importance of teaching our children fire safety. A new book called "Fire Safety – Smart Choices for Life" has been published that has now been given to approximately 600 children in the Parksville/Qualicum/Nanoose area; this is an interactive book with lots of fun activities, all to do with fire safety.

Funding for this program actually comes from business people, the cost to run this program is \$31,000 per year, the fire department is very grateful for the work Rotary does in buying life-saving equipment.

Thank you Trevor and Tyrone for this very informative talk.

## Rotarians take a (healthy) bite out of hunger

David Bobanick is executive director of District 5030's First Harvest project, which is bringing fresh produce to Washington State's hungry. Photos by Alyce Henson/Rotary Images

Waste Not, Want Not could be the motto of District 5030's First Harvest project. The statewide program collects farmers' surplus produce and makes it available to food banks throughout Washington, USA. Since 1982, more than

120 million pounds of fruits and vegetables have been contributed. With a staff of three and an annual budget of less than \$300,000, First Harvest Executive Director David Bobanick works with food donors, trucking companies, and food bank distribution warehouses to bring nutritious produce to Washington's hungry.

"We have to be opportunistic," says the member of the Rotary Club of Mercer Island. "Food donations typically drive the process, but sometimes we hear of a truck that's available, and our challenge becomes to find food to fill the truck."

Food banks often cannot obtain or store fruits and vegetables, which are perishable and typically expensive. By rescuing produce that would otherwise go to waste, First Harvest allows the facilities to offer food that promotes health and helps prevent disease.

Rotary club involvement has been key to the program's success, adds Bobanick. All 55 clubs in District 5030 provide financial support and have members on First Harvest's board. Rotarian farmers, truckers, and food bank staff also donate their services to the project.

"I would like to see Rotarians around the country get involved in eliminating hunger," Bobanick says. To that end, First Harvest has created a CD-ROM for Rotarians interested in starting similar efforts.

Clubs in Florida and Oregon already have launched First Harvest projects, and the participating Rotarians there are no less enthusiastic.

"Hunger should not exist!" says Sharon Parks, a member of the Rotary Club of Klamath County, Oregon, and board president of the District 5110 (California; Oregon) First Harvest project. "I believe that through Rotary, hunger can be conquered."



## Area Make-up Possibilities

### Monday:

Rotary Club of Qualicum Beach 18:15  
Rotary House, Qualicum Beach

### Tuesday:

Rotary Club of Qualicum Sunrise 07:00  
Glengarry Golf Links, Qualicum Beach  
Rotary Club of Arrowsmith Sunrise 07:15  
Coast Hospitality Inn, Port Alberni  
Rotary Club of Courtenay 12:00  
Coast Westerly, Courtenay  
Rotary Club of Nanaimo North 18:00  
Nanaimo Golf & Country Club

### Wednesday:

Rotary Club of Parksville AM 07:00  
Bayside Oceanfront Inn  
Rotary Club of Nanaimo Day Break 07:00  
Swiss Chalet  
Rotary Club of Strathcona Sunrise 07:00  
Crown Isle, Courtenay  
Rotary Club of Nanaimo Oceanside 16:00  
Nanaimo Golf & country club

### Thursday:

Rotary Club of Lantzville 07:00  
ABC Restaurant, Nanaimo  
Rotary Club of Port Alberni 12.15  
Best Western Barclay Inn, Port Alberni

### Friday:

Rotary Club of Nanaimo 12:15  
Howard Johnson Island Inn

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