



ROTARY CLUB OF OAK BAY

District 5020 Victoria

British Columbia CANADA



2008-2009 Rotary International Theme: **Make Dreams Real**

District 5020 Governor 08-09: **Brian Beagle** Assistant District Governor: David Stocks

Join us at Noon on Tuesdays at the Oak Bay Recreation Centre ([MAP](#))

Program for October 7, 2008, reported by **Don O'Coffey** [CLICK HERE](#) for Print Version



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President Neil began by reminding us that October is Vocational Month. His quote was from Niccola Machiavelli (1469-1527), a political theorist of Florence who gave us the word Machiavellian, meaning suggestive of expediency, deceit and cunning. Here is the quote: "Entrepreneurs are simply those who understand that there is little difference between obstacle and opportunity and are able to turn both to advantage." President Neil asked, "Where would we be today if everyone retreated as soon as they came upon an obstacle? How badly do you want to succeed?"

O Canada was sung a cappella and **Jerry McLean** said Grace.

Banner Presentations: **Perry** presented a banner from his old club in **Kingston**. **Tricia** presented a banner from the **Cebu** Rotary Club.

Tav Macpherson made an appeal for more Foundation benefactors. **Lynn Murray Joan Firkins** and **Joan Peggs** were honored for their continuing commitment of \$1000.00 per year to the Foundation as members of the Paul Harris Society. Hmmm. All women! Come on guys!

Induction of New Member: Ron Beyer



Jack Petrie introduced his friend **Ron Beyer**, whom he also sponsored. Ron runs his own mortgage broker company and is a resident, with his wife, of Oak Bay. The Club gave Ron a warm welcome, and we look forward to his contribution to our activities.

Guest Speaker

Perry introduced our speaker, **Pat Griffin**, of the Victoria Youth Empowerment Society. **Y.E.S.** has a \$2.5m budget and it's mandate is to help the younger street people aged 14 to 19. Y.E.S. is out there having a very positive effect on this age group. Y.E.S. gets kids back on track and into life skills programs, education and work training programs. They have an outreach team on the street which tries to intercept kids before they get hooked on drugs and into prostitution and if they are hooked, they have the means to help turn them around. So we at times think that there is nothing happening to solve the street people problem but here is a low profile program that seems to be having great success. Thank you **Pat Griffin** and **Y.E.S.**, our sentiments being expressed to you by **Lynne Murray** (below).



Visiting Rotarians & Guests

Introduced by **Nels Granewall:**

Gerry Thompson was the guest of **Joan Peggs**; **Ron Beyer** and **Elaine Barbeau** were the guests of **Jack Petrie**; **Pat Griffin**, speaker, was the guest of the Club; **Nels** gave a special welcome to a former member of the Club, **Bert Whan Tong**, who was the guest of **Mark Bedford**. **Tricia Timmermans** was given a big welcome back from her **Rotoplast** trip to Cebu. We are anticipating hearing more about it in the near future.

Sergeant at Arms

Brian Lamb stepped up to the plate to fill in for **Wendy**. He seemed to have lost a bit of his old viciousness as Sergeant; members got off easier than in days gone by. Thank goodness. However, there were a few fines for those who forgot their Rotary pins, for Investment Dealers and for those who failed to greet our former member, **Bert What Tong**.

Happy and Sad \$ were many and served to swell our coffers: **Nels** was happy for the 36th anniversary for the pace maker, invented in his country of origin. **John Snively** was happy about a new study that

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