



19th Annual Rotary Auction and Spring Fair
Saturday, May 2nd, 2009
SEAPARC Leisure Complex, 2168 Phillips Road, Sooke

Dear Rotary Supporter,

Make dreams real, that's the Rotary motto for this year. We, as the Rotary Club of Sooke, are working hard in order to make our and your local dreams real and we need your support in order to do that.

In years past, local individuals and businesses have been extremely generous in their support of our Annual Auction. This year, we are continuing the Spring Fair theme, with an emphasis of making our community greener and more sustainable in order to preserve our beautiful village and surroundings for future generations.

We would be grateful for your donation of auction items, services or cash for this popular, annual Sooke event. In addition, please consider reserving a booth to showcase your products and/or services. This is an ideal opportunity to encourage people to "Shop Locally" at *your* business.

The community will have lots of reasons to come to the Arena on May 2nd! The Spring Fair will feature interesting displays by businesses, non-profit groups and local government. Local artists and crafters will be offering their wares, just in time for Mothers' Day. The Silent Auction will operate from 10:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. with the Live Auction at 7:30 p.m. following a great dinner and entertainment. There is always plenty of free parking—every reason to load up the family and come for the day.

The Auction is the Rotary Club's largest fund-raising event every year. The proceeds have enabled the club to provide many services to the community, including:

- ❖ Funding for gazebo at the courtyard of the new care facility, the Ayre Manor Lodge
- ❖ Rotary Pier
- ❖ Financial participation in establishing the Sooke Youth Council, a tool to give our youth a voice
- ❖ Skateboard Park
- ❖ Climate control for the Museum archives
- ❖ Annual scholarships, bursaries, workshops and adventures for local students
- ❖ Ongoing support for the Christmas Bureau, Salvation Army, Sooke Transition House, Sooke Hospice and many other worthy organizations.

Our latest big project, in partnership with SEAPARC, was the purchase of a bus that enables local youth to take part in recreational and sports activities by transporting them to and from their neighbourhood. Over the years transportation had been frequently identified as a major challenge for youth wanting to take part in local programs. INVESTING IN OUR YOUTH IS INVESTING IN OUR FUTURE !!!

Your support for this Auction is a very important contribution to the Rotary Club's efforts to improve the community and the lives of its residents. We look forward to and gratefully appreciate your participation.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Henny de Gruijter".

Henny de Gruijter,
President Rotary Club of Sooke 2008-2009