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2010 Abbotsford/Mission Foster Parent Appreciation Night



Foster Parents socializing, getting re-acquainted, and meeting new acquaintances before announcements and the important part—dinner!!!!

Well, the annual Parent Appreciation Dinner went without a hitch this year. We were actually able to have it in the proper month! We hosted our celebration at the Abbotsford Banquet and Conference centre this year again (Blatant advertising for the above—we receive absolutely no kick back or discount for this). We had a great turn out this year— maybe one of the best (caregivers and staff). As per usual—it was an awesome dinner, give aways were great (its all about the door prizes you know!).

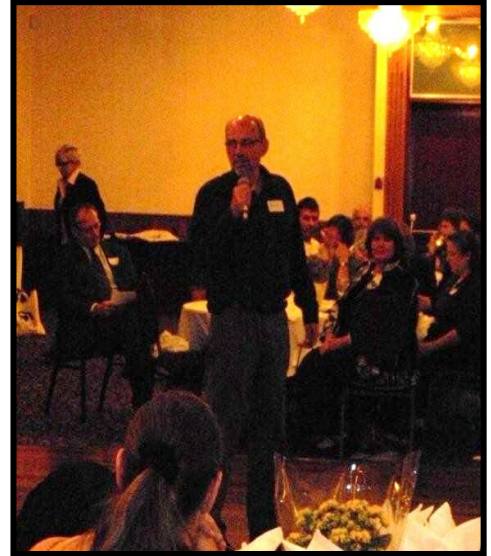
We didn't even give away crummy mugs this year —we gave nicely embossed MCFD foster parent portfolio's for our caregivers to write their monthly reports on!!!



FDB/FGF resource team members greeting caregivers:
(L to R) Edel, Bev and Danuta

Bruce working the crowd with his stand up routine.

Also, we should note that our own Bruce McNeill attended to help celebrate our event. Bruce even did a little stand up comedy (I think Bruce may have a new career after retirement). (Maybe we can invite Chad Kruger from Nickel-back next year as a dignitary and musical guest since he resides in Abbotsford)?



Our MC and host and FDB/FGF team leader Eric Van Egmond did a bang up job yet again.



So it wouldn't be a Abbotsford/Mission resource foster parent gathering without some kind of entertainment now would it? This year in order to entertain the folks we did a game show again. We did our own version of *Minute to Win It* this year and the participants were great.

Our own Practice and Operational managers—Mark Ward-Hall and John Fitzsimmons were first up (only cause the game show host didn't want to get sent to Dease Lake by calling Bruce up). They recreated the rhythmic gymnastics by playing *Paper Dragon*. The point of the game is to see who can unroll 2 rolls of party streamers within one minute (hey wow that is why the game is called Minute to win it). It was a close race but Mark one it by 2 sec-

(L to R)
Mark Ward-Hall and
John Fitzsimmons dueling it out on *Paper Dragon*.





Face the Cookie— Contestants needed to move cookie from their forehead to their mouths using nothing but their facial muscles. (L to R).
Foster parents Ron, Amanda, Youth T/L Karl, Resource T/L Eric, Foster parent Colleen and Terry



Bobblehead—how many steps can you get with a pedometer strapped to your head? ISSP workers Paulina and Jack were up to the task. You know, head banging hasn't gone out of style yet.

Junk in the Trunk—how many ping pong balls can you get out a tissue box strapped around your waist line in one minute.

(L to R)
Heather W. , Peter, and Janis (She is using a highly controversial and risky 80's break dance move to get the Ping Pongs out)



Caregivers Shirley and Leona enjoying the spectacle of social workers displaying their physical and mental skills in a contest of wits.