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From left, City of Coquitlam committee volunteer Frank Gruen, Spirit of B.C. committee chair Bill Melville, former Coquitlam councillor Louella Hollington and committee volunteer Edgar Hildebrandt at the city's annual volunteer recognition dinner.

Warm glow comes with every thank you

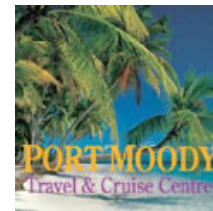
The Good Life - by Barb Stegemann

One of the greatest things a person can do is to sincerely acknowledge others for their contributions and talents. When someone moves you by their acts of kindness or shows a talent, taking the time to let them know how important that is can have a lasting, positive impact.

Residents of Coquitlam were applauded at the city's annual volunteer recognition dinner, held at the Red Robinson Show Theatre. Volunteers from the city's committees and organizations joined the mayor and council for an evening of local entertainment and a big thank-you from the City of Coquitlam for their significant contributions.

These volunteers take time every month to contribute their knowledge and expertise in all kinds of areas, from heritage and Gateway to Spirit of B.C. Every month, these citizens come to City Hall or the public library or another meeting place after they've worked all day. They get involved in the city and help shape the future. For that they were applauded and thanked, and a video was created in their honour.

Speaking of talent that should be applauded, when Theatrix



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Youth Theatre Society members came out on stage, you could feel a certain sense of destiny about these incredibly talented local performers. From solo acts to a full-costume performance of CATS!, it was agreed by all in attendance that we were in the presence of talent that will one day grace the stages off Broadway or even on Broadway.



Entertainment history was also made that same week, on that same very stage at the Red Robinson Show Theatre. The jazz torch was passed right here in Coquitlam.

Many years ago, Frank Sinatra called Tony Bennett the "best singer in the business." And we had the great fortune to see Bennett live in Coquitlam and he truly lived up to Sinatra's statement.

What makes Bennett the best singer in the business goes beyond his incredible talent. Bennett is a gentleman and, at the age of 80, he has an aura of dignity and thankfulness that takes you back to a time when there was caffeine in your coffee and folks had manners.

I had the chance to talk with his piano player afterwards and asked about this amazing graciousness that Bennett gives off. His piano player told me Bennett was raised and taught music during the time when manners and class were expected of everyone. He was surrounded by it and lives it to this day.

Bennett did the most amazing act of recognition for a young entertainer. He called B.C.'s very own Michael Bubl, onto the stage to sing the duet "Just in Time," which they perform on Bennett's new Duets CD. They were both having so much fun together. Then, when Bennett thanked Bubl, he passed on that great honour that was given to him by Frank Sinatra so many years ago. Bennett announced that, "Michael Bubl, is the greatest contemporary singer today."

And the beat goes on. The Red Robinson Show Theatre was impressively decorated again for the Treasures of Christmas annual fundraiser for the Crossroads Hospice Society. The entertainment for the glamorous event was by Deb Hope and her Over the Moon Quartet, the silent auction had something for everyone, from Canucks memorabilia to momentos from baseball great Roger Clemens. The live auction sold eight decked-out holiday trees and overnight getaways throughout B.C.

One glamorous attendee got the trip for two anywhere in North America and there was even an electric guitar signed by legendary Guess Who band members Burton Cummings and Randy Bachman.

Crossroads Hospice Society honorary chair Tony Parsons of Global TV shared the stage with Red Robinson himself. Auctioneers Tracy McLaren and Bob McNary were on hand to get everyone in the mood to raise funds.

Now that everyone is getting ready for holiday cheer, we are reminded that the greatest gift you can give or receive costs nothing. The simple act of recognition can truly be the greatest gift this holiday season.

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