

June 9, 2008

Dear Friends of Brooke (FOB's), Vancouver Chapter,

Well, it was quite the carport sale, breaking all previous records. We sold almost everything, including the bathroom sink! As a result, \$2200 will be added to the Brooke Forbes Legacy Fund.

It was a day that Brooke would have loved because it was full of stories such as:

- * The man who bought \$900 worth of books to re-sell to remote schools in BC, who we found out later happens to live in the same Co-op as Brooke's friend from High School, Barbara Loewi
- * Barbara's friend's tree which came to the sale after he discovered it would grow 30 feet high and 20 feet wide and therefore wouldn't fit on his balcony
- * The young man who called our stuff "rad" and bought all kinds of things for his new basement suite, including a 1983 Trinitron TV, some warming trays from Monica Loewi and red-handled cutlery from Jack Christie
- * Visits from two FOB's from the Ottawa area, Marylou and Kelly. We had to loan Kelly a suitcase to transport some of her buys back to Ontario
- * Sid and Syd's Vinyl from the 60's and 70's attracted lots of boomers fondly remembering and snatching up Joni Mitchell's Miles of Aisles, Big Brother and the Holding Company and Bob Dylan to name just a few of the treasures
- * A couple of Early Birds telling us they wouldn't come back for the "official" opening because of the high price of gas
- * The many new Canadians from all over the world – South America, The Phillipines, China, Lithuania, the Balkans -- looking for what they needed
- * The treasure hunter who bought an Israeli offering plate for \$2 that he said was at least 150 years old and who offered to give it back to us after he realized what he had (The Sid's declined)



Leo and Sadie dropped by with Lisa and gave us an impromptu performance of a Dixie Chicks song.

Thanks to all those who donated and helped out including Mary Lou Bienefeld, Jack Christie, Kelly Crichton, Allen Garr, Barbara and Monica Loewi, Lisa and Fraidie Martz, Sheryl MacKay, Laura Palmer, Sheila Peacock, Syd Portner, Shelagh Rogers, and Sid Sawyer. (I hope I haven't left anyone out.)

It's hard to believe this was Year Three for the sale. It was great to see so much stuff go into the hands of people who could use it and so much money raised for the Fund.

Cheers,

Joan