

# **The Four Way Flasher**



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#### **NOVEMBER IS ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH**

Happy Birthday	Happy Anniversary
Nov 10: Brenda Jenkins	

Upcoming Speakers:		
Nov 5: Simon Matthews KEEPS (Kanaka Salmon Hatchery)	Nov 12: Dave Duskin District Governor's Visit	Nov 19:

## RI PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



One of Rotary's greatest strengths is the ability of our members to come together to create lasting change, and The Rotary Foundation helps us transform dreams of change into reality.

From eradicating polio to building peace, much of the work we do around the world would not be possible without our continued support of our Foundation.

The cause of peace is especially important to me, and one of the most effective ways we build peace is our Rotary Peace Fellowship — a product of The Rotary Foundation. The program helps current and aspiring peace and development professionals around the world learn how to prevent and how to end conflict.

Thanks to a \$15.5 million gift from the Otto and Fran Walter Foundation, we can continue supporting peacebuilders in more regions with the next Rotary Peace Center, at Bahçeşehir University in Istanbul.

Opening yet another peace center is a monumental achievement that we will celebrate at the 2025 Rotary Presidential Peace Conference in Istanbul.

The three-day conference 20-22 February will highlight the many ways our family of Rotary advocates for peace. Keynote speakers, panel discussions, and breakout sessions will allow us to share ideas about building peace and foster meaningful conversations about promoting peace everywhere.

Registration for the Presidential Peace Conference is open. I hope to see you there, but if you can't make it, our Foundation offers so many ways to change the world for the better. November is Rotary Foundation Month, a great time to get to know your Foundation better and pursue causes that appeal to you.

Global grants support large international activities with sustainable, measurable outcomes in Rotary's areas of focus. By working together to respond to pressing community needs, clubs and districts strengthen their global partnerships.

District grants fund small-scale, short-term activities that address needs in your community and in communities abroad. Each district chooses which activities it will fund with these grants.

Our Foundation can even help you support our wonderful youth programs, including Rotary Youth Exchange, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, and Interact.

Your gifts to our Foundation also make Programs of Scale possible. These are long-term projects that seek to solve otherwise intractable problems.

To ensure these good works continue beyond our lifetimes, it is up to us to reach our ambitious Rotary Endowment goal of \$2.025 billion by 30 June 2025.

The Magic of Rotary does not appear out of nowhere. We create the magic with every new member inducted, every project completed, and every dollar donated to our Foundation.

Please join me in supporting The Rotary Foundation, and together, we will change the world for the better.

Stephanie A. Urchick President 2024-25

#### LAST WEEK'S MEETING

President-elect Alex Pope presided.

<u>Guests</u>: **Dmitri Schwartzman** (father of our guest speaker)

**Program** 

Matthew Schwartzman - Podcasts - Teen2Life Experience



Matthew introduced himself as a young entrepreneur. He decided college or university were not for him, so two years ago he started his own podcast. He has done 50 successful podcasts to date. The name of is podcast is Teen2Life where he interviews professionals on their journey - their successes and struggles in their chosen field. Teens are introduced to top professionals in different fields to potentially help them with their future careers.

He has gotten some very good feedback from other students and young entrepreneurs starting out. He and a friend have set up company that is geared to help realtors. They are creating a listing of trusted service-based companies that can help with listings. They send out email blasts to realtors that sign up — and get very good feedback from both realtors and companies.

One of his guests recently went on a peace summit, and has now invited Matthew to attend the next one in Thailand in 2025. This is something that Matthew feels he could benefit from, and he is hoping to be able to raise funds to attend. Presently his podcasts and other endeavours do generate an income. To listen to his podcasts, go to Teen2Life Experience.

Note: some of his recent podcasts include:

- Entrepreneur (Ayden Lum)
- -Movie/Video Producer (Kevin Friel)
- -Entrepreneur, Author (Daniel Friedmann)
- -Former NHL Player and CEO of Zenkai Sports (Doug Lynch)
- -The mayor of Maple Ridge BC Canada (Dan Ruimy)
- -Former Member of Parliament for Port Moody (Nellie Shin)

Did You Know: The term "podcast" is a combination of "iPod" and "broadcast." It was first coined in 2004 by journalist Ben Hammersley. Ipods' popularity has surged due to the rise of smartphones and audio streaming platforms, and are now an essential element of the digital landscape.

#### Happy and Sad Dollars included:

Walter was happy to advise that \$2,225 has been raised by member donations for Polio Eradication. Any member who want to add to this total (which will be matched 2 to 1 by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation) are asked to eTransfer the funds to Walter. Libby was also happy that these funds were raised for polio, and she encouraged more members to contribute to get the total up to \$2,700 so our club would get 2 Paul Harris equivalents.

Several members commented on the fun International Long Table / Club Thanksgiving dinner at **Adrienne and Warren Dale**'s home that was held on October 26.



(Adrienne said she and Warren happily finished off the last of Susan's potatoes from the long table dinner.)

#### **Cub Announcements**

Dec 3 — is our AGM - let any member of our Nominating
Committee (President-Elect Alex, President Laurie and
Adrienne) know if you would be willing to become a new
member of our clubs Executive Board for the 2025-2026
Rotary Year.

Dec 6 - Christmas party at Clint's.

## Alex's Quip for Halloween:

"When I went trick or treating last year I told dad jokes, but I only got a few Snickers."

[What is another example of a Halloween 'dad joke'?

"Why didn't the skeleton go to the Halloween party? Because he had no body to go with"]

### **Submitted by Debbie MacRae**