

**District Governor
Robert Martin
and Joan**



Rob grew up in North Seattle, Washington, where his father was a civil engineer for the City. Rob serves as the executive director for Chinook Enterprises, a non-profit organization he founded in 1980, that develops, or directly provides jobs for disadvantaged and disabled adults in Northwest Washington State. He also serves as a surveyor for CARF, an international accreditation association for rehabilitation organizations in North America. Rob is especially interested in quality improvement techniques for small business, and has been active in researching and developing methods to improve quality and efficiency in vocational rehabilitation services. Rob also is an adjunct faculty member of Skagit Valley College where he has taught for several years. In 1969, Rob met his wife Joan and they were married in 1973. Two months after they were

married they moved to Samish Island, Washington where they continue to reside. Both Rob and Joan are Paul Harris Fellows, and members of the Bequest Society of the Rotary Foundation.

Rob joined the Rotary Club of Burlington in 1982 and served as president in 1995-96. Prior to serving as President, he held several committee positions, including Foundation Chair, Newsletter Editor and Club Service Chair. Rob has proudly served as an Assistant Governor for the seven clubs in Area F of District 5050 and as a presenter for the District Assembly, and P.E.R.L.s programs.

Joan serves as executive director for SPARC, an early learning and therapy program for young children and families. She is a member and Past President for the Rotary Club of Mount Vernon and served as District 5050 Secretary in 2000-01. Rob and Joan are very proud of their two grown sons Chris and Bob, as well as Bob's lovely wife, Kimi.

Gary Hollick was born in Kimberley, B.C., where he met his wife and high school sweetheart, Nita. They've been together for 22 years and have two boys; Denny aged 15 and Corey, age 13. After finishing high school in Kimberley, Gary and Nita started a number of new businesses in the community. At the age of 24, Gary was asked by his hometown Rotary Club to attend "RYLA". This was a turning point in Gary's life; he was overwhelmed by his experience and discovered a new passion called Rotary. At the age of 26 Gary received an invitation to become a member of the Rotary Club of Kimberley, B.C. In his first few years as a new Rotarian he sat on the District Conference Organizing Committee, Youth Exchange Selection Committee and hosted his first exchange student. At that time, Gary was the youngest member to be inducted in the clubs 50-year history. Gary and Nita's successful start in Kimberley spurred them on to explore new ideas and try different careers. After selling their businesses in Kimberley, Gary and Nita moved to Calgary, Alberta, in 1990 where Gary worked as a real estate agent. During this time he ranked in the top 50 of agents for all of Alberta. Within the first few months of living in Calgary, the Rotary Club of Calgary North adopted Gary. Over the next 5 years Gary and Nita hosted two exchange students, sat as a Director Vice President and President. Bill Gant, past RI Director was the DG that year. Before Gary's term as President had finished his employer transferred him out of the province.

In Calgary Gary got his start in the newspaper industry working with the Calgary Mirrors. He was transferred to Kelowna This Week as a Publisher and then to Prince George to start a new newspaper. By 1995 he had moved to the Lower Mainland to work as the Director of Advertising for a local newspaper chain. He has been with Van-Net Newspapers for the last eight years. Gary has been an active member in each community he has lived in. While in the Lower Mainland he served as a Scout Leader for seven years and sat on a local health board. He has also served as a chair for numerous business associations and organizations in the area and won the 2002 Business Person of the Year Award for Surrey and Delta areas from the Scott Road Business Association. Gary, Nita and their sons, Denny and Corey have been a Rotary family for 17 years now. Even though Nita and the two boys have never been inducted into a Rotary Club their efforts and involvement have far exceeded the expectations of any Rotarian. Gary is currently a member of the North Delta Rotary Club; he has served as a Director on all the avenues of service as well as Club President 1999/2000. In 1996 he received a District award for Public Relations and also served as the District Chair for RYLA. The past two years, Gary has served as Assistant Governor and will now go on to serve as District Governor 2004/2005

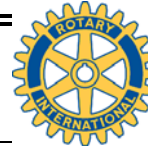
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INVOCATION July 15: Dave Rempel July 22: Dave Reekie

BINGO SCHEDULE

	6:15-8:15	8:00-10:00
July 17	Ken Paterson	Al Graveson
August 14		Laurie Anderson

Call Peter at 604-465-3392 for assistance or e-mail pboekhorst@telus.net

TODAY'S PROGRAM: Business meeting

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM: tba



Lend a Hand

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
July 11	6:30pm	Family Barbecue	Marco's home: 21616 River Road
July 19	8am	Presidential Celebration	Delta Airport Hotel
Aug. 26	noon	District Governor's visit	Library
Sept. 21		Golf Tournee	Meadow Gardens Golf Club

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$516 + 1/2 of today's sales, 29 cards, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

LAST WEEKS MEETING



Last week Caresse Selk was here as a representative from the Alouette River Management Society, to receive a cheque of \$1000. We are happy to support a organisation that keeps our community liveable.



Reg Landles, a firefighter, was our guest speaker as replacement for Assistant Fire Chief Timo Juurakko, who was unable to attend.

Reg's main topic was the fundamentals of fire safety awareness. Many kids learn at school what to do in case of fire through fire drills, but put in the home enviroment, they don't know what to do, or they even don't recognize the sound of fire alarms. Having fire drills at home is very important, as most fires happen in homes. And of course we should have working fire alarms – the more the better!

POLIOPLUS PARTNERS PROGRAM IS RE-LAUNCHED

The PolioPlus Partners program, deferred during the past year to allow Rotarians to focus exclusively on the polio eradication fundraising campaign (PEFC), was re-launched at the start of the 2003-04 Rotary year on 1 July.

Founded in 1995 to give Rotarians the opportunity to support supplemental needs of immunization campaigns and poliovirus surveillance, PolioPlus Partners returns with expanded responsibilities that include:

Providing or locating speakers to update clubs on the status of the global Polio Eradication Initiative
PolioPlus Partners program is re-launched

- Helping clubs and districts educate their members, communities, local media, and political representatives on Rotary's involvement in the initiative and the need for their support.
- Providing resources to Rotarians in polio-endemic and high-risk countries. (Please note that these opportunities are not yet available. They will be announced at a later date).

Before its suspension in 2002-03, the program raised US\$33 million in contributions from Rotary clubs, [Rotary Foundation](#) matching funds, and club members in polio-free countries to support the polio-eradication efforts of Rotarians in nations where the crippling disease still strikes.

The contributions mainly helped to pay for publicity and social mobilization items such as T-shirts, posters, banners, megaphones, and media ads during National or Sub-National Immunization Days. In addition, the program supported efforts to facilitate the safe storage and delivery of the oral polio vaccine to immunization sites through the purchase of vaccine carriers, bicycles, and refrigerators.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

July 19: Iola Boyce

HAPPY ANIVERSARY

July 17: Kevin & Debora Nosworthy

IT WAS A ROTARY FAMILY AFFAIR BARBECUE

On Friday we had our yearly family barbecue in Marco's and Lila-Jane's garden. It was a really relaxing event with great food; I've never seen so many salads and deserts.



Even the cook ate his own food!



Did we elect him for president?

The kids and grandkids also had a wonderful time.

