

North American Rotarians celebrate vocational service

More than 350 Rotarians from North America met at the Delta Vancouver Airport Hotel in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, to discuss the importance of vocational service in Rotary, as well as ways to help improve job skills and job training.

The first of 15 RI [presidential celebrations](#) planned for 2003-04, the 19 July conference was also aimed at sharing information so that successful vocational service projects can be replicated in other communities in Canada and the United States.

RI President Jonathan Majiyagbe reminded participants that vocational service is a key element of Rotary's identity. "There has never been a better time for us to serve as role models and to renew our commitment to vocational service," he said in a keynote address. "This includes adhering to — and promoting — the highest ethical standards."

The future of the Group Study Exchange program, the significance of The Four-Way Test, extension of vocational service to youth, and the importance of vocational service to the future of Rotary, were among the topics discussed at plenary and breakaway sessions.

Past RI President Cliff Dochterman set the tone for discussion with a presentation about Rotary's early years, explaining how significant vocational service was to the flourishing of the organization. "Vocational service is what makes Rotary different from other service clubs," he said.

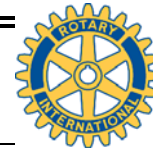
Outstanding vocational service projects, such as adventures in aviation, youth mentoring, and an integrity awards dinner, were highlighted alongside the following efforts.

The Rotary Club of Prince George Yellowhead demonstrated how members offer mock job interviews to high school students. The program enlisted high school students to create their own resumes and go through the interview process with a Rotary club member.

The Rotary Club of Vancouver Chinatown presented their "Pulling Together" cultural awareness program. The project took 25 Native Canadians and 25 Vancouver-area police officers on a weeklong canoe trip down the Fraser River, staying on reservations throughout the journey to learn and understand more about the native Canadian community.

President Majiyagbe presented vocational service awards to Peter Luongo of the Rotary Club of Langley (D5050) for his work with a youth orchestra, and to Gordon Coburn of the Rotary Club of Vancouver Chinatown (D5040) for his work with First Nation (native Canadian) youth through canoeing. He also installed 130 club presidents and 13 district governors as leaders of their clubs and districts at a pre-celebration banquet.

Past District Governor Chris Offer, chair of the Vancouver Presidential Celebration, said that the short concentrated program and active Rotarian participation helped to enliven the one-day event. "The highlight of the day was the group discussion session," he said. "The buzz and level of debate at the tables was incredible, and the number of creative new ideas of how to implement vocational projects in clubs was impressive."



The Four Way Flasher

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INVOCATION July 29: Stan Wade August 5: Gord Robson

BINGO SCHEDULE

	6:15-8:15	8:00-10:00
August 14		Laurie Anderson
Sept. 11	Brian Bekar	Lindsay Hendy

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

TODAY'S PROGRAM: Jeff Haveman who did a presentation to us July 9 last year on the Canada Youth Exchange program. At that point, he was about to leave for Cuba on the exchange program. He has now returned and will give us an update on his experiences.

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM: tba

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Aug. 6	6:30pm	Community Service Meeting	Meadow Gardens Golf Club
Aug. 21	noon	Golf Tournament Meeting	Meadow Gardens Golf Club
Aug. 26	noon	District Governor's visit	Library
Sept. 3	6:30pm	Community Service Meeting	Meadow Gardens Golf Club
Sept. 16	6pm	Meeting / Family Social	Vladimir's Bee Farm, Kennedy Rd. PM
Sept. 21		Golf Tournament	Meadow Gardens Golf Club

☞ We will NOT have a regular meeting on Sept. 16 ☜

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$574 + 1/2 of today's sales, 27 cards, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!



Lend a Hand

LAST WEEKS MEETING

Last week we intended to increase our role call by one more person. The new Rotarian who will be inducted into our club this week, is Linda Worby and it is important that we all make her feel welcome.

August is Membership & Retention month and Mary, who ran her first meeting today, requested that the membership always have potential Rotarians in mind and do not forget to *ask them* if they would be interested. Chances are the only reason they have not already joined is because no one asked them. Ineke also pointed out that in last weeks Times newspaper the Rotary page was very informative about Rotary's goals and objectives and would make a very good introduction to Rotary for any potential new members. So get out their and find us some good quality new members.

Also in the paper in the past week was a picture and article about the cheque presentation to the Maple Ridge Arenas Society for \$25,000 from our Sports Banquet funds. This will be recognized by the Society by having the Rotary emblem at centre ice.

The calendar fundraiser is ticking along just fine, but still needs about 14 more advertisers before our upcoming deadline. Kevin will be sending out a mass email to the membership to give each of us a letter useful in soliciting those advertisers. He also hopes to have a list of everyone who has been approached so we do not "double up" on our requests. Look for that in your email and try to think of someone who has not yet been offered this opportunity. Anyone who advertises in this years calendar will be given first chance in following years calendar. The proceeds will be used to benefit the Hospice Society in their goal to build a free standing Palliative Care unit.

The Sports Banquet chair, Mary, announced that she is already in conversation with the Canucks in regards to setting a date for the Sports Banquet this year. Be advised that once that date is set they will begin the committee work and will be expecting 100% assistance from the club membership as usual. It's through this participation that these events are so successful, so be prepared to say Yes, how can I help.

Our guest speaker this week was Dave Reekie who spoke about an organization that he feels is worthy of our possible assistance. The Earth Watch Society is a non-profit organization working on environmental causes globally and locally, through research field projects. They have been active in this since 1971 and have recruited over 69,000 volunteers worldwide in that time.

The Volunteers come from a wide variety of social circumstances and educational background and are supervised by the scientists in their project. Last years budget was \$15 million of which 86% went directly to the field projects. Some examples of these projects are:

- 1) In South Africa in the Kilimanjaro Desert a study of desert mammals
- 2) In the Australian Outback a study of underground marsupial moles
- 3) Archaeological studies of Bison in the USA and a Roman fort in England
- 4) Forestry research projects in Canada
- 5) Fresh water otters in the high mountains regions in Chile
- 6) Carnivores in Argentina
- 7) Orchids and butterflies in Spain

Their main goal is awareness and contribution to the environment in a research, not protest format. If you are interested in more information about this group you can go to earthwatch.com.

Submitted by Debi Pearce

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

July 30: Brian Bekar August 2: Carol Bartolomie August 4: Liz Attarmigirian

'BEE' THERE AT OUR 'FAMILY END OF SUMMER BARBECUE'

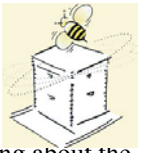
All MeadowRidge Rotary members and family are invited to the 'Family End Of Summer Barbecue' at Vladimir & Zenka's home.

This will also be an informative social, you will be able to experience and find out everything there is to know about a "working honey bee farm" Bring your partner, your spouse, your friend, your children or grand-children, for a great barbecue and maybe learn something too!

Location: Kennedy Road, Pitt Meadows (across from Rod and Gun Club)

There is no cost to this event, and even wine and desert will be provided by our host. Vladimir and Zenka are very excited about this, they would like to tell and show us everything about the honey bee. So please try to attend.

A list will be circulated where you can indicate with how many people you will be there.



MeadowRidge Rotary Annual Golf Tournament Sept. 21, 2003 Meadow Gardens Golf Course



Here is your opportunity to sponsor a hole for only \$100!
All net proceeds to Polio Eradication.

BOTTLE DRAW

If you are participating in our annual golf tournament or not, we need a donation towards the **BOTTLE DRAW FROM EVERY MEMBER!**

We are looking for a minimum of 2 BOTTLES from everybody. One of these bottles needs to be of a "SERIOUS" nature, with a minimum value of \$ 5.00. Something like: wine, whiskey, rum, champagne or any other "spirit" you can think of and someone would be interested in! The other bottle, can be ANYTHING in a bottle: perfume, a bottle of candy, bottle of ketchup, a ship in a bottle. Come up with something original!

We will be attaching a #ticket to these bottles and sell the other half of the ticket for \$5.00, the purchaser of the ticket will match the ticket to a bottle and win that bottle. It is always a very successful part of the event and also lots of fun!!