

President's Message



Above: President Majiyagbe wears an authentic charro suit, traditionally worn by Mexico's elite horsemen. He received the ensemble as a gift from the Rotarians of Mexico.

Dear fellow Rotarians,

This month we pay respect to the people and culture of Mexico. In Mexico, as in many countries of Spanish heritage, it is customary to enjoy a siesta, or nap, after lunch. The siesta restores and rejuvenates one's energy and enhances productivity for the rest of the day. In many regions of the world, the entire month of August is also a time for rest and rejuvenation in the form of a vacation.

If this is your vacation month, I trust you will have the time to read this issue and be reminded that the Rotary calendar also designates August as Membership and Extension Month. This is an ideal time to recruit new members for your club. The continued viability of Rotary depends on successful membership development efforts at every level.

It has been said that membership development underpins both the philosophical and operational cornerstones of Rotary International. The four Avenues of Service require an active and growing membership in order to fulfill the Object of Rotary.

A strong and growing membership base allows Rotary to expand humanitarian and educational work in our communities and throughout the world, strengthening our efforts to advance peace, understanding, and goodwill. It also provides financial support for The Rotary Foundation of RI, enhances Rotary's public image, introduces fresh perspectives to our clubs, helps develop future leaders, promotes fellowship, and creates opportunities to include non-Rotarian family members in the family of Rotary.

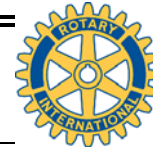
If we want this organization to be handed down to the next generation of Rotarians, we must constantly work to infuse new blood into our ranks. A 99-year-old man (the same age as Rotary) was asked on his birthday how he felt, to which he quipped, "Not bad, considering the alternative." If we do not focus on the challenges of bringing in new members and chartering new clubs, Rotary faces the same alternative.

In this Rotary year, I urge Rotarians not only to bring more men and women into Rotary, but also to instill the spirit of Rotary into these new members to help ensure that they remain Rotarians. Clubs should create a family of Rotary committee to help nurture new members and their families. When new members and their families feel "wanted," they will immediately know the difference between acquaintance and friendship. We should, of course, also work to bring in new members from underrepresented segments of our communities, including younger adults, women, and members of other ethnic and religious groups. In order to encourage grassroots membership growth, I urge clubs to conduct Rotary business in the predominant languages of their regions and communities and to translate Rotary literature into those languages.

In the last two years, we have witnessed steady membership growth the world over, thanks to the efforts of our previous leaders, and the tools for promoting further growth and retention remain available. The RI membership zone coordinators are trained and at your disposal, ready to Lend a Hand to your growth efforts. Clubs and districts should strive to win two-year retention recognition awards, an incentive program launched last year. The criteria for recognition has been mailed to clubs and districts, so join the competition.

Jonathan Majiyagbe

President, Rotary International



The Four Way Flasher

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INVOCATION August 5: Gord Robson August 12: Mary Robson

BINGO SCHEDULE

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

Bingo proceeds for the month of June were \$2,496.96

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

TODAY'S PROGRAM: tba

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM: tba



Lend a Hand

☞ **Plan to attend D.G.'s visit on August 26th** ☜

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. 25	7pm	Vocational Services Meeting	Chad's home, 12189-232B St. MR
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, 129 th Ave. PM
Sept. 21		Golf Tournament	Meadow Gardens Golf Club

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

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$587 + 1/2 of today's sales, 25 cards, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

August 5: Janet Hendy August 7: Eng Hock Tan

LAST WEEKS MEETING

Well its definitely hot summer days but even so we managed to have 20 people present at this weeks meeting. Our guest speaker was Jeff Haveman, who is the young man we sponsored last year to participate in the Canada World Youth organization. He spoke of his eight months away from home with this organization and obviously it had a profound effect as he is still trying to process the new experiences and perspectives he picked up along his journey.

Jeff spent his first four months in Miramachi, New Brunswick along with 9 other Canadian participants and 10 Cubans. While there Jeff's main project was Recreational Therapy with senior citizens and he did this four days a week, with the other two days being for Community Volunteer projects and planning. I guess they had one free day a week. They stayed with host families in the community and also were involved with the "very productive" Rotary club in Miramachi.

From there these 20 young adventurers carried on to a small community of 55,000 in Cuba where once again they were hosted by families in the community. In regards to Cuba he noticed that there was a lot of "political propaganda" about and regular meetings to discuss politics within the communities. He described it as being very organized in this area. He also noted that it is a very "culturally rich country with a lot of love" in spite of their limited resources.

Young people interested in this program can contact Jeff Haveman for more information. It is for youths between 17 and 20 and they select a group comprised of a wide socio-economic background. Each youth is responsible for fundraising \$1,500 each in order to participate.

Announcements of the day were as follows:

- 1) Registration forms are now available for the Golf Tournament and it would be appreciated if you can register early. We are also looking for hole sponsorships of \$100 each with all the net proceeds of the event going to our Polio Plus commitment.
- 2) The Hospice calendar has successfully solicited around 50 advertisers and needs another 10 before the middle of August. Get out there and bring in those advertisers or the project may not fly. Each advertiser receives 20 calendars for their \$400 spot, which they can then sell for \$20 each or use as promotional material.
- 3) Vladimir has invited everyone (family included) to his place for a end of summer picnic to see his bee farm. It will be held on Tues Sept 16th. A sign up form will be circulated at the meetings for the next couple of weeks, so please fill it out so Vladimir will know how many are coming.

Laurie announced with great pride that last year our club donated in excess of \$10,000 to Rotary Foundation and Polio Plus which is a record and very impressive. The district also hit a record with a total donation for the year of \$512,000.

Submitted by Debi Pearce

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

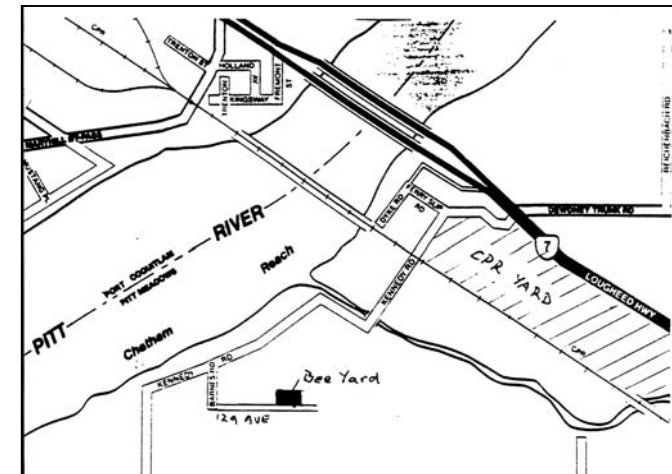
All MeadowRidge Rotary members and family are invited to the 'Family End Of Summer Barbecue' at Vladimir & Zenka's home on September 16 - 6pm.

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 grandchildren, for a great barbecue.

Location: 129th Ave., Pitt Meadows (across from Rod and Gun Club)
(Off Kennedy Rd. and Barnes Rd.)

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 honeybee. 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!!