



**A Message from
RI President
Jonathan Majiyagbe**

Dear fellow Rotarians,

For Vocational Service Month, I am dressed in the kurta pajama typically worn by Indian men on formal occasions. Of course, the clothes themselves do not make me Indian. Rotary is rich in its cultural diversity, and it is useful for Rotarians to be aware of cultural differences in order to conduct business, as well as carry out the ideal of service. For example, in some countries, including India, shaking one's head from side to side may mean yes. To many Westerners, the same gesture signifies disagreement.

In whatever way Rotarians carry out their business, what is uppermost in their minds is not so much the business transaction itself, but making sure the needs and circumstances of all involved are fairly considered. This

month, I urge all Rotarians to contribute to society through their businesses and professions. You can do so by providing job opportunities for young people, especially the disadvantaged and the disabled. Consider sponsoring a career information conference as part of that effort.

Another way is to organize a district-level event to recognize Rotarians who have contributed to their communities through their jobs and encourage others to do the same. For example, a restaurant proprietor who was recognized by his club for giving food to the poor inspired his district to set up a food bank.



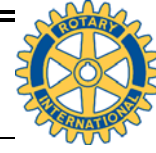
You can also focus on vocational service by encouraging Rotarians to join Rotary Fellowships, many of which are based on occupations; promoting membership growth in open classifications; and launching a vocational information series in which club members start each meeting with a five-minute talk about their jobs.

But however creative or innovative you are about vocational service, it is equally important to share with your local business community our venerable Four-Way Test. I know of Rotarians in Africa who have even circulated copies of The Four-Way Test among members of their national parliament. Likewise, a framed copy of the Declaration for Rotarians in Businesses and Professions on your office wall can help inform the public of the high ethical business standards practiced and promoted by Rotarians.

And let us not forget the Rotary Volunteers program, which provides additional opportunities for Rotarians to use their expertise in medicine, agriculture, technology, and other professions to help individuals and families around the world.

So as we prepare to celebrate our centennial, let us use vocational service to *Lend a Hand* to all communities in need, at home and abroad. As the German poet Goethe tells us: "Treat people as if they are what they ought to be, and you will help them to become what they are capable of being."

Jonathan Majiyagbe
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The Four Way Flasher

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INVOCATION Oct. 14: Andrea Vevers Oct. 21: Craig Vernon

BINGO SCHEDULE

	6:15-8:15	8:00-10:00
Nov. 6	Mary Robson	Gordy Robson
Dec. 4	Cheryl Johnson	Diane Kirkland

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Lend a Hand

TODAY'S PROGRAM: Foundation presentation/business meeting

NEXT WEEK: Fred Armstrong - Interesting headlines - comic relief

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Nov. 18		Fireside	
Dec. 9		Road trip to Mission Rotary Club	

☞ **November 11: Remembrance Day,** ☞
☞ **There will be NO regular meeting** ☞

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$735 + 1/2 of today's sales, 19 cards, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

13th Annual Sports Banquet raises another estimated \$30,000

On August 13 the date to hold this year's banquet, Tuesday, October 7th, was picked as the best date, which would allow the professional sports organizations to participate and as one which would not be in conflict with other community events. With only seven weeks to organize the banquet and with some concern, we firmed up the date and by following the blue print from the past several years we booked our emcee John McKeachie, confirmed the venue Meadow Gardens Golf Club, firmed up the date with our entertainer - "That Canadian Guy" - Glen Foster, picked our Home Town Heroes - Graig Merritt and Travis Gillespie, began seeking donations and sponsors, and started selling tables. The committees of the Sports Banquet which involved most of the club members, felt strongly they could do it in that time frame and so they did!!



Kudos to everyone who helped with the organization and running of the banquet. It was again a huge success for our club. We sold out the 200 seats (201 I think when the final count is in) and raised the most money ever, over \$2,000, in our 50/50 draw with the help of the Westview Basketball Team and Paul Rose donating back his winnings. Our live auction raised almost \$8,000 because of the generous donation of a life membership from Meadow Gardens Golf Club who has become a valued partner of the banquet. A final accounting will be presented to the club as soon as Ken Paterson returns from his vacation.

It also proved to be a momentous evening, one that probably won't happen at our banquet again and maybe not at any other function in the Lower Mainland. As an endorsement of our sports banquet, three of the general managers of three of the professional sports organizations attended: Brian Burke of the Vancouver Canucks, Bob Ackles of the BC Lions and Bob Lenarduzzi of the Vancouver Whitecaps.



All three gentlemen commented that our banquet is the best one they attend throughout the year and I believe that to be true.

It is a privilege to be able to work with such notables as John McKeachie and the aforementioned celebrities, but more so, it is an honour to be part of an organization such as ours where individuals come together and work to improve life in our communities. With our efforts, the MeadowRidge Rotary Club will continue to have an effect on the quality of life for the youth of our communities. Thank you all for your participation, dedication and hard work in making the 13th Annual Sports Banquet a success.



Yours in Rotary
Mary Robson, Chairperson

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Oct. 9: Kevin Nosworthy Oct. 11: Lance Harris Oct. 12: Gordon Kirkland
Oct. 16: Cheryl Johnson

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Oct. 10: Ken & Jo-Ann Knuttila

OCTOBER VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH

Vocational project shelters 1,700 Indian students

During Vocational Service Month in October, Rotary club members around the world are focusing their efforts on sharing professional skills and expertise with the community. This week's *Rotary News Basket* profiles a recent vocational service project adopted by the Rotary Club of Chikmagalur, Karnataka, India. More than 1,700 children from poor rural families have benefited from the initiative since its inception in 1992

