



President's message

Dear fellow Rotarians,
 Japanese Rotarians have a proud tradition of supporting The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International. In 2002-03, they donated more than US\$17 million, the second-highest amount from any country that year. In tribute to their generosity and willingness to *Lend a Hand*, I have chosen this month to wear a *haori*, the traditional formal attire for men attending ceremonial occasions in Japan.

November is The Rotary Foundation Month, a time for all Rotarians to consider the many ways in which they can support Foundation programs and projects around the world. The Foundation is our most effective vehicle for fighting hunger, poverty, disease, and illiteracy. People who are deprived of life's basic necessities understandably may feel fear, hopelessness, and desperation — emotions that can breed anger and intolerance and even lead to violence. Through the Foundation, we can carry out humanitarian projects that improve the standard of living worldwide. These efforts will provide a stable foundation for peace and promote international understanding.

In 2002, The Rotary Foundation embarked on a visionary program that provides advanced education and practical training in the field of international relations and diplomacy. Each year, 70 scholars study at seven Rotary Centers

for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution. Our hope is that these gifted men and women will be tomorrow's international leaders, diplomats, and peacemakers.

The Foundation offers Rotarians an opportunity to participate in humanitarian and educational projects that make a difference. They can refurbish a school, build a water well, deliver medical supplies, provide vocational training, and immunize a child. The Rotary Foundation allows Rotarians to transform their ideas into action and turn dreams into reality.

Through this year's Presidential Celebrations, we encourage Foundation-supported efforts by providing information and resources for participants. Many Rotarians have attended project fairs and forums where they have met potential partners for service. These can lead to successful applications for Foundation grants that benefit both donors and recipients.

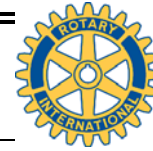
I am perhaps most proud of the Foundation's greatest effort to date: PolioPlus. Rotarians made history by launching an unprecedented public-private partnership with the World Health Organization, UNICEF, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Together, we have wiped out 99 percent of the polio cases worldwide. Rotarians have played a leading role, volunteering both time and money. Most recently, they surpassed the \$80 million fundraising goal set last year. We must continue to marshal our resources and persevere until we eradicate polio, an accomplishment that will stand as our gift to the world's children.

As we approach our centennial in 2005, we can take pride in all that we have accomplished through the Foundation. One of our goals is "Every Rotarian, Every Year." I ask that every Rotarian contribute at least US\$100 every year to the Annual Programs Fund. This will allow us to continue so many worthwhile projects that deserve funding through our grant programs. It is our personal investment in peace, in hope, and in our selves.

As Carol Bellamy, executive director of UNICEF, has said, "Rotary has won a place of respect in the global village — in fact, Rotary has helped make the world a global village."

Jonathan Majiyagbe

President, Rotary International



The Four Way Flasher

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BINGO SCHEDULE

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

A no-show will result in losing our Bingo licence (\$25,000/yr)
 Call Peter at 604-465-3392 for assistance or e-mail peter.boekhorst@telus.net

TODAY'S PROGRAM: Cythera Transition House

NEXT WEEK:

Nov. 11: Remembrance Day, there will be NO regular meeting

WEEK AFTER NEXT WEEK:

Nov. 18: Fireside at Thomas Haney Centre: NO regular meeting

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Nov. 18	6:00pm	Fireside at Thomas Haney Centre	T.H.S.S. 23000-116 th Ave. Maple Ridge
Nov. 21	6:00pm	Rotary Foundation Dinner	Newlands Golf & Country Club, Langley
Dec. 2	noon	Election of Executive 2004/2005	Library
Dec. 9	noon	Road trip to Mission-Midday Club	Bellevue Hotel 32998 1st Ave, Mission
Dec. 16	noon	Christmas Party	Library

HAPPY BIRTHDAY OR ANIVERSARY

Nov. 9: Lila Jane Terwiel Nov. 13: Andrea Vevers Nov. 15: Ken Paterson
 Nov. 9: Bob & Irena Shantz

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$821 + 1/2 of today's sales, 15 cards, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!



Lend a Hand

LAST WEEKS MEETING

President Laurie announced that we will be having a fireside meeting on Tuesday November 18th at 6PM at the Thomas Haney Centre. The regularly scheduled lunch meeting will be cancelled for that date. Please mark your calendars.

Dave Rempel is looking for a couple of more host families for the Russian exchange between Nov 16 – Dec 8. If you have room for one or two adults please advise him as soon as possible or this event may have to be cancelled.

Laurie also announced that we are going ahead with the Youth Exchange and hope to have a student here in January. We will be looking for host families for this as well. You can let Ken Knuttila know if you can possibly help re this.

The International project of supplying a tractor for the boys school is moving ahead. Brian has begun the process of applying for matching grants which involves contacting a Rotary club in Russia to partner with and contacting other clubs in Canada/US who might wish to contribute to this campaign.

Our guest speaker was Bev Asher from the PRDA. This society has been operating in our area for several years and will soon be changing their name to the North Fraser Therapeutic Riding Centre.

Therapeutic riding has been around for 30-40 years and has benefited many people with disabilities in those years. The way it works is that the horse's gait causes the person's muscles to move in a way very much like they would if they were walking. This builds up strength in muscles that otherwise would not be able to be exercised due to disabilities. In doing this, the simple chore of sitting up straight in a chair which otherwise may be insurmountable becomes possible. One of our own Rotarians has been personally touched by this through her husband. Gordon Kirkland was involved in a serious accident years ago and has had no sense of feeling in parts of his legs (Diane if this is not accurate I apologize). By riding on the therapeutic horses Gordon was happy to experience "pain in my knee" and the benefits of the riding have been greatly appreciated. The organization works with people from 4 yrs to 50+ years and is involved in Therapy riding, competitive riding and recreational riding. One of their riders is well on the way to becoming an Olympic athlete in the next summer Olympics in Athens. They are looking for help to purchase a new horse. Most of their horses are 20+ years which is coming close to the end of their working lives. They have their eyes on one 8 year old horse named Manny and would appreciate any help the community can give them.

A very worthwhile organization if anyone is looking for a charity to support financially or with time. Thank you to Bev for a very enthusiastic, heart felt presentation.

Submitted by Debi Pearce

DISTRICT 5050 FOUNDATION DINNER

All members are invited to attend the District 5050 Foundation Dinner and Silent Auction on Friday Nov. 21st

Location: Newlands Golf and Country Club, 21025 48th Avenue, Langley, B.C.

Entertainment/Program: Langley Ukulele Ensemble and Foundation Projects from District 5050

Cost: \$44.00 Canadian per person

Cocktails/Fellowship: 6:00 Pm - 7:00pm

Dinner: 7:00 PM - 8:15pm

Presentations/Entertainment: 8:15pm - 10:00pm

Dress: Semi Formal, black tie optional

Please advise president Laurie if you can attend with him and Lorna. Bring your spouse or other guest. If you have not heard the Langley Youth Ukulele Ensemble, you really need to hear it. *The place will be rockin! We guarantee it!*

PROPOSED ROTARY CYCLE ROUTE

Community Services Committee, at their monthly meeting on Wednesday Nov. 5, will be given a presentation by Russ Carmichael regarding a proposed Rotary Cycle Route. This project may be considered as a joined project with the Haney Rotary Club, if the Community Services Committee approves of the proposal.

To learn more about this project, see following article from The Times. This would be a great opportunity for us to announce Rotary's interest in the new Route.

Exciting things are happening at Pitt Meadows Airport on November 13th! Please join Tourism Maple Ridge & Pitt Meadows and airport manager, Bill Neale, and staff for a Networking Nite with a tour of the new terminal building. This is your opportunity to explore this true aviation alternative in the Lower Mainland and Fraser Valley.

Representatives from the Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows Bicycle Advisory Committee will also be present to discuss the Blue Herron, Osprey and other future bike routes. Networking begins at 5:30pm. Refreshments will be served. There is no charge to attend this event – all are welcome!

If you would like to attend please RSVP to Tourism by Nov 10 at 460-8300.

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