

UN panel cites polio eradication as outstanding model for partnerships

The [global polio eradication initiative \(GPEI\)](#) led by Rotary International, World Health Organization, UNICEF, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention was singled out as an outstanding model for effective partnerships during a high-level panel discussion at the United Nations Headquarters in New York on 27 October.

Organized by the UN Department for Economic and Social Affairs, the four-member panel discussion on partnerships featured presentations that explored the central role of partnerships in implementing initiatives aimed at assisting the developing world. Some 500 participants attended the discussion, which is part of a series of public events hosted by the Second Committee of the 58th Session of the UN General Assembly.

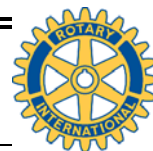
Noting that Rotary International's extensive partnerships for polio immunization have made it possible to reach the "last mile" in the worldwide fight against the disease, Amir Dossal, executive director of the United Nations Fund for International Partnerships (UNFIP), said such joint efforts were essential in the delivery of services to those who most need them. He told participants that 75 percent of his agency's programs and projects involved more than one partner.

Tracing the origins of the global polio eradication initiative to a successful Rotary health project in the Philippines, Robert Coultas, RI Representative to the UN, said that Rotary values local and international partnerships in carrying out its humanitarian initiatives.

"Rotary, the UN, and the international community together support the mission of [promoting] peace and development, which are imperative for a stable world," said Coultas. "No one organization can do this on its own; it takes collaboration, cooperation, and an established network of communication and resources. Working together provides an endless amount of opportunity to increase international peace and understanding."

An AIDS care center in Johannesburg, South Africa, soil conservation and irrigation projects near Port-au-Prince, Haiti, and literacy efforts in El Salvador and Thailand were among the initiatives Coultas cited to showcase the strength of Rotarians across the world working together among themselves and with other organizations.

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A warm welcome to our Russian guests from Novosibirsk

BINGO SCHEDULE

	6:15-8:15	8:00-10:00
Dec. 4	Cheryl Johnson	Diane Kirkland
Jan. 1	Liz Attarmigirian	Peter Boekhorst

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: New member installation.



Lend a Hand

**Welcome to our D.G. Rob Martin
and A.D.G. Mike McKone**

NEXT WEEK: Election of 2004/2005 Executive

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
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	7:30pm	Christmas Party	Robson's Home

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Nov. 29: Stan Wade

LAST WEEKS MEETING

Last Week we conducted a Fireside meeting at Thomas Haney School. Thanks to the chef's program of the school, we enjoyed a wonderful meal.

The official part of the Fireside started with the introduction of our Russian guests from Novosibirsk, by fellow Rotarian Dave Rempel. Through the help of one of our guests as an interpreter, we found out a little bit about our Russian Friends and what their interests are, while visiting our Country. Dave Rempel thanked our Club's host-families (the Robsons, Bekars and the TerWiels) for their hospitality.

And explained in short, what projects already have been organized for visits by our guests. Some of the upcoming visits include trips to Whistler, Victoria, Home Depot, Costco. All our guests are in some way shape or form involved in the building/construction/contracting trades and are most anxious to see as much as possible in that field. Some of our members have strong contacts in these fields and in the process of organizing additional "field trips" After this, our guests went to their "host-homes" and we continued our Fireside Meeting.

Laurie distributed a package with aims and goals for this Rotary Year, and we dealt with several different aspects as circulated.

Gord Robson proposed a motion, second Ineke Boekhorst: To raise US\$100.= per member for our Rotary International Foundation / Club donation. Initially individual donations by members, to be supplemented upto US\$100.= per member by "Club Funds" (suggested 50/50 draw) If needed, additional fundraising(auction or such) to complete pledge. ALL IN FAVOUR.

Some discussion on subject of the Scan Machine, we donated funds towards previously. Machine is not being used at this time, no funding available to staff. Questionable situation! Our Club should express our concern about this situation.

Discussion about our meeting location, Catering and set-up situation.

Quality of food was questioned and set up of tables to be reviewed. Dot Ralston volunteered chairing committee to review and report back.

Christmas Party this year will be held at the Robson residence, Tuesday night December 16th, dinner at 7:30. Partners are invited, cost is \$20.= per person, to be donated to, presently, un-determined cause We will have a name draw early December, so each member will be asked to purchase a gift for the person drawn, max. \$20.= If partner attending, please provide gift for this person also.

Elections for 2004-2005 Rotary Year will be held December 2 lunch meeting. Fireside Meeting adjourned 9pm.

Submitted by Ineke

NEW MEMBERS

Today we welcome several people that will be installed in our MeadowRidge Rotary family. They are:

Walter Volpatti	Chartered Accountant Walter is Ken Paterson's partner
Tim Lowes	Banking – Commercial He is Manager of Commercial Banking with Canada Western Bank and was a Rotarian with Abbotsford.
Brenda Exner	Real Estate Agent She is with Remax.
Nancy Olson-Beaulieu	Coaching – Equestrian Presently working in the Olympic discipline known as "dressage" She is administrator, coach, judge, etc.
Lee Weber	Self Employed Bookkeeping and Consulting Service

Rotary at a glance

Rotarians: 1,227,545; clubs: 31,561; districts: 529; countries: 166.

Rotaractors: 173,696; clubs: 7,552; countries: 156.

Interactors: 210,772; clubs: 9,164; countries: 114.

Rotary Community Corps: 120,819; corps: 5,253; countries: 72.

The above figures are based on official membership data, including semi-annual reports for the period 1 January-30 June 2003 and quarterly reports for the period 1 April-30 June 2003.