

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear fellow Rotarians,

January brings a new year and with it new opportunities to learn more about Rotary and the many cultures it represents.

This month, I am wearing a hat similar to those sported by vaqueros, the cowboys of Brazil's northeastern plains. Brazil is a vast country, and covering land as the vaqueros do is no small task. These rugged cattle-herders, who have long been known for their skill and bravery, have developed a culture rich in character and tradition.

Rotarians, too, have a proud history, marked by achievement and growth. In fact, so deep is our history and so much have we grown that while most of us can name major Rotary milestones and understand the basic workings of our organization, far fewer know the complete story of the many programs and opportunities Rotary offers. Fortunately, January is Rotary Awareness Month, a perfect time to refresh your knowledge of Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation.

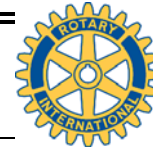
As Rotarians, we have access to a network of more than 1.2 million service-minded colleagues and a variety of well-established programs designed to foster fellowship and ethical behavior, promote world peace and understanding, and provide humanitarian service. With so many activities and options available, the task of learning about *everything* might seem daunting. But there are numerous publications, educational meetings, and, of course, fellow Rotarians who can help you learn more about specific aspects of the Rotary experience. Even if you think you've learned all there is to know about RI and The Rotary Foundation, you might be surprised at what you discover.

Rotary awareness isn't only about our organization's history. It's about our future. If Rotary clubs want to attract new members, seasoned Rotarians must be prepared to share their knowledge. Prospective members will want to know all about the opportunities for service and the resources available to them if they join a Rotary club. And whenever we welcome a new member, there are traditions to pass along and a rich heritage to share. As Past RI President Richard L. Evans once said: "A man may have a great truth, he may produce a great product, ... he may make a great discovery, but if he dies and no one benefits, it's because he did not share."

Time spent learning about Rotary is an investment in the future. Informed members can inspire other Rotarians with their knowledge and engage non-Rotarians by sharing what it means to be a member. I urge you to use this month to learn more about Rotary. When we truly understand Rotary's history and tradition of service, we're better prepared to welcome new members and *Lend a Hand* in our communities and around the world.

Jonathan Majiyagbe

President, Rotary International



The Four Way Flasher

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BINGO SCHEDULE

| | 6:15-8:15 | 8:00-10:00 |
|----------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Jan. 29 | Bob Shantz | Carol Bartolomie |
| Feb. 26 | Liz Attarmigirian | Ken Knuttila |

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



Lend a Hand

Life's Equations

1. The most destructive habit = worry.
2. The greatest joy = giving
3. The greatest loss = loss of self-respect
4. The most satisfying work = Helping others
5. The ugliest personality trait = selfishness
6. The most endangered species = dedicated leaders
7. Our greatest natural resource = our youth
8. The greatest "shot in the arm" = Encouragement
9. The greatest problem to overcome = Fear
10. The most effective sleeping pill = Peace of mind
11. The most crippling failure disease = Excuses
12. The most powerful force in life = Love
13. The most dangerous pariah = a gossip
14. The world's most incredible computer = the brain
15. The worst thing to be without = hope
16. The deadliest weapon = the tongue
17. The two most power-filled words = I can
18. The greatest asset = Faith
19. The most worthless emotion = self pity
20. The most beautiful attire = smile
21. The most prized possession = Integrity
22. The most powerful channel of communication = prayer
23. The most contagious spirit = enthusiasm

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$985 + 1/2 of today's sales, 11 cards, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Well the 50/50 pot is GROWING, still no winner this week. That will bring the pot up to \$985 with only 11 cards left. Should go any day! Guess our attendance will be good for January.

Andrea and Chad are looking for a "few good men" or women. They will be running the Vocational Speakers Bureau at Garibaldi and Westview High Schools and are looking for speakers for Career Planning, Health and Finance. They will be at Westview on Wed Jan 21 and Garibaldi on Wed Jan 28th. Please let them know ASAP if you can help.

Also there will be a Wine Zest meeting after the regular meeting next Tuesday (Jan 13th) to get the ball started there. Cheryl invites any members who are interested in joining the committee to attend or let her know.

Our outgoing exchange student has been selected and apparently really impressed the committee members. His name is Eric Wright and he will be leaving next fall. We are still waiting for final district approval but we anticipate no problems there.

Our international project is moving along with the new Russian club beginning the paperwork to apply for matching grants. Some other clubs in our district may also assist with some funds. Mission has already stepped up to the plate.

President Laurie is also asking for a committee of three to take over the Program, ie arranging guest speakers for the club. If you can help with this please let him know.

Our guest speaker today was Tim Lowes who did a Who's Who. He was born and raised in England and spent one summer of his youth traveling around Europe. He passed his bankers test and was quickly recruited by CIBC and immigrated to Canada when he was 20 years old. He moved to Toronto then on to Vancouver/Victoria. In 1989 he headed up the Corporate Centre of CIBC in Abbotsford, then later moved onto the Credit department at HSBC.

In 1996 he and his family took a 5 year hiatus back to the homeland where they purchased a Village Inn in a town of 160 people. They enjoyed this but as the two boys got older they yearned to return to Canada, so when an unsolicited offer came in to purchase the Inn the family quickly came to an agreement and back to Canada they went. They purchased their home in Maple Ridge and CIBC found Tim within a month and quickly put him back to work in the Maple Ridge branch. He currently is employed by the Canadian Western Bank in Coquitlam in the Commercial/Corporate section.

Tim married his wife Lynne in 1982 at the tender age of 35 and they had two sons born in 1984 and 1986. One son is currently attending BCIT and the other is finishing up at THSS. Tim was a Rotarian in Abbotsford for 4 years and is very pleased to have rejoined the organization with us. He looks forward to participating in a few of our many good works.

WELCOME TO OUR CLUB TIM, IT WAS NICE TO HEAR SOME OF YOUR STORY!

Submitted by Debi Pearce

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jan. 8: Jack Attarmigirian

Jan. 11: Marco Terwiel

INTERVIEW FAIRS

Westview Secondary And Garibaldi Secondary Schools are participating in a Pilot program for the Ministry of Education, Planning 10. Career Development is a central focus for these students. As part of their final exam we are planning mock career interviews. MeadowRidge Rotary is sponsoring these events at both schools.

40+ Interviewers from our club and Maple Ridge / Pitt Meadows community will be interviewing, reviewing and assisting students through the process on Jan. 21st and 28th.

Students will have 30 minutes interviews. We will interview more than 150 grade 10 students.

The Planning 10 curriculum will be implemented throughout the B.C. schools in September 2004 as part of the new Graduation Requirements.

There is much interest in sharing our work. MeadowRidge Rotary has made this event possible. The experience for students will be awesome!

Submitted by Andrea Vevers

MEADOWRIDGE ROTARY BURSARIES

Every year the MeadowRidge Rotary Club makes bursaries available to our local High Schools. The Bursary is an award, given to students who have talent in a specific area, but have limited funding available to continue with post secondary training.

We have 6 MeadowRidge Rotary Apprenticeable Bursary of \$1000, one for each secondary school and one for Community Education. This Bursary is meant for students planning to pursue training in an apprenticeable trade. In addition the student must have successfully completed a minimum of 2 secondary school courses related to the trade application.

The other bursary is the Yves Duamel Memorial Bursary – one at \$300. This bursary is for music lessons of students choice, to support life long learning in music.

Some of the common requirements for receiving a bursary are:

- The bursary applicant is required to explain their need for financial assistance.
- Evidence of active participation in volunteer activity is a requirement for these bursaries, in the "Spirit of Rotary". The object of Rotary is to foster the ideals of service as a basis of worthy enterprise.
- Good citizenship is a general requirement and applicants should include a letter of reference from the school principal.
- The student is requested to send a graduation picture of the bursary presentation.

For more information, please contact Andrea Vevers.