

From the District Governor's Desk

Greetings Fellow Rotarians:

I have had the pleasure of visiting several clubs this month. Each of them had a renewed energy with the beginning of the New Year. Somehow, no matter how much snow and cold we get or how much rain pours down on us, the beginning of the year feels like a time of renewal. We look forward to new beginnings and new challenges and our outlook is full of hope and promise. I hope that is the way you feel as we begin 2004.



I want to suggest some important checkpoints as we move further into the year. I would encourage every club to take stock in how they are doing in relation to the goals that were established at the beginning of the Rotary year. Let's look at a few areas.

Membership: Is your club gaining, losing or staying the same so far as membership is concerned? If you are staying the same or losing members, do you know why that is the case?

Member Education: Does your Rotary Club participate in programs designed to increase the knowledge of your members? Knowledgeable members make the club stronger and help it in many ways.

Fundraising: How are your clubs fundraising efforts going? Are you able to do more, less or about the same as last year? If the club isn't where you want it to be, what can you do about it?

Public Relations: Has your club been in the local paper? Have you sent in articles with pictures?

Financial Commitments: How is your Rotary Club doing so far as your Polio Eradication Pledge is concerned? How about your Clubs Rotary Foundation Goal for the 2003-04 year? How about your commitments to your community projects? Are you on track?

Programs and Inspiration: What is the quality of your club programs? Do they provide information and inspiration to your membership?

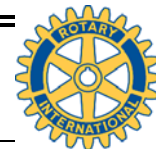
Family of Rotary: Do you have a program to recognize spouses and family members?

Fun Quotient: Are your meetings fun? Do you get renewed energy from attending your meetings? These are a few areas that are good to measure during the year and this is a good time. The new Rotary year will begin soon and with the excitement of 2800 Rotarians from District 5050!

Rob

D5050 Assembly on April 3

After meeting many years in Bellingham, this year we will be gathering at Sullivan High School, 6248 144th St., Surrey, B.C. This is an important program for the club secretaries, treasurers, committee members and other Rotarians to attend. While we enjoy a day of fellowship, the seminars will provide guidance on increasing our clubs' effectiveness.



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 Knuttilla

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

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Jan. 22: Gord & Mary Robson

A Perspective on Being Poor

One day a father of a wealthy family took his son on a trip to the country with the purpose of showing his son how poor people live. They spent 3 days on the farm of what would be considered a very poor family.

On their return home from their trip, the father asked his son, "How was the trip?"

"It was great dad," the son responded.

"Did you see how poor people live?" the father asked.

"Oh yeah," said the son.

"So, what did you learn from the trip?" asked the father.

The son answered: "I say that we have one dog and they had four. We have a pool that reaches to the middle of our garden and they have a creek that has no end. We have imported lanterns in our garden and they have the stars at night. Our patio reaches to the front yard and they have the whole horizon. We have a small piece of land to live on and they have fields that go beyond our sight. We have servants who serve us, but they serve others. We buy our food, but they grow theirs. We have walls around our property to protect us, but they have friends to protect them."

The boy's father was speechless.

Then the son added, "Thanks dad for showing me how poor we are."

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$1027 + 1/2 of today's sales, 10 cards, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

MAPLE RIDGE/PITT MEADOWS BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE



Presentation of a cheque to Russ Carmichael, Corporation of the District of Maple Ridge at a Maple Ridge/ Pitt Meadows Tourism Network night held in the new Terminal at the Pitt Meadows Airport .

This cheque amount of \$2500.00 was matched by the Haney Rotary have marker signs and posts along a pre-established route for the convenience of cyclists, joggers, walkers and other users around the Airport in Pitt Meadows. These posts will also have the Rotary Symbol on them in recognition of our contribution.

This route will be know as the Rotary Route along with two other routes-- the Blue Heron Route and the Osprey Route.

Ms. Sharon Kyle
Director of Community Services

EXECUTIVE FOR 2004/2005

Last week we had the election for the new executive for the period 2004/2005. It was not much of a election, as all the post were filled by exactly one candidate with no submissions from the flour.

These are the persons elected:

President:	Mary Robson	Directors:	Peter Boekhorst
President Elect:	Brian Bekar		Diane Kirkland
Vice-President:	Sharon Kyle		Sharon Kyle
Secretary:	Carol Bartolomie		Dot Ralston
Treasurer:	Lindsay Hendy		

Ineke and Peter have to share with you that they are the proud grandparents of their 4th grandchild.

Marjolein and Sean Lloyd, Westbank Rotarians, welcome their second son Jordan Daniel into this world.

Jordan Daniel Lloyd was born at 8:29am on Thursday January 8th. He weighed 7lbs and 1oz and measured 51cm long.

Marjolein shares that Jordan has a head full of hair, with the slightest red tinge, a very defined chin, and long piano playing fingers.

Marjolein adds, "In fact, ironically enough, Jordan was born to the music of Billy Joel's "The Piano Man" playing in the background in the operating room.

Marjolein points out that "big brother Nicholas is very proud, and though the novelty has worn off for him, he does manage to sneak Jordan (baby Jordan, as Nicholas calls him) a couple of kisses every now and then."

With the exception of the obvious sleep deprivation, Sean and Marjolein are both doing well.



HOSPICE ... a resting place on a journey

RIDGE MEADOWS HOSPICE SOCIETY

Fellow Rotarians:

January 14, 2004

Ridge Meadows Hospice Society is having a dinner/dance on February 7, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. at the Pitt Meadows Golf Course hosted by the Eta Nu Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi.

All proceeds to Hospice. Tickets are \$50.00/person.

It will be a fun-filled evening with live auction and great music by Marty Kendall, Disc Jockey.

Please support Hospice! I will have tickets on Tuesday, January 27, 2004 or you can telephone my office at 604-463-8890.

Yours truly,

ROBERT D. SHANTZ

President, Ridge Meadows Hospice Society



VALENTINE'S DANCE

The Haney Rotary Club will have a Valentine's Dance to be held at Meadow Gardens Golf Course on Saturday, February 14, 2004.

Cocktails 6:30 P.M.

Dinner 7:15 P.M.

Dance to the live Orchestra: Mal-Practice

Tickets: Couple \$150.00

Single: \$75.00

Door Prize: Weekend for 2 at Hills Health Ranch