

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear fellow Rotarians,

February is World Understanding Month, an opportunity for Rotarians everywhere to reflect on the fourth point of the Object of Rotary: "The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service."

You will notice that this month I'm wearing a fez, a hat named for the Moroccan city of Fez, where it is believed to have originated. It is traditionally worn by men in Egypt, Turkey, and other Muslim countries, and my purpose is to demonstrate that the family of Rotary is made up of Rotarians from all backgrounds, cultures, religions, and regions. Despite continuing international tensions and conflicts, Rotarians will always transcend such barriers by joining in service to assist families and communities in need anywhere in the world.



It is very important to remember the connection between humanitarian service and peace. Hunger, poverty, and ignorance breed despair, anger, and fear — the emotions that too often lead to intolerance, conflict, and war. People who suffer the ravages of abject poverty feel cut off from hope for a decent future, and they are the ones most vulnerable to the rhetoric of violence.

But through the wide array of humanitarian and educational opportunities offered by Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation — from Group Study Exchange to World Community Service to Matching Grants, just to name a few — people's lives improve, and that improvement spawns hope.

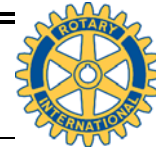
One very important Rotary program contributes directly to the goal of achieving world peace and understanding. Our seven Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution are now in their second year of training outstanding, committed scholars, men and women who will become skilled agents for peace after they complete the two-year, postgraduate program. Their potential is great, and we must do all we can to support them and recruit new candidates of the highest calibre. We can only imagine what these Rotary World Peace Scholars will accomplish in the years to come.

Indeed, the need for peace and understanding has never been greater. The world seems to have a surplus of hate and a shortage of tolerance. For many of us, it is hard to open a newspaper without becoming overwhelmed by the gravity of it all.

But remember: When we *Lend a Hand* by working together in Rotary service, we encourage each other and continue to build hope for the future, both in ourselves and in the families and communities that benefit from our efforts.

With hope, anything is possible.

**Jonathan Majiyagbe**  
President, Rotary International



# The Four Way Flasher

## Rotary Club of MeadowRidge Newsletter

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### BINGO SCHEDULE

	6:15-8:15	8:00-10:00
Feb. 26	Liz Attarmigirian	Ken Knuttilla
Mar. 25	Doris Gagel	Stan Wade

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](mailto:peter.boekhorst@telus.net)



**Lend a Hand**

**TODAY'S PROGRAM:** Mayor Kathy Morse

**NEXT WEEK:** Barb Wardrope & Kathy Chiu, Salvation Army

### NEW MEMBER PROPOSAL

The following names are being circulated as possible members our Rotary Club. If you have any reason or concern regarding any of the list below please contact Laurie Anderson or Mike Davies.

Brian Develar - HSBC branch manager - replacement for Dave Reekie - proposed by Brian Bekar

Debbie MacRae - of the CIBC - proposed by Gordon Robson

Alex Rampenaar - of the Best Western - proposed by Sharon Kyle

Lynda Lawrence - works with Robson and Associates - property manager - proposed by Mary Robson

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$1082 + 1/2 of today's sales, 9 cards,  
Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!



## LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Well the 50/50 pot is GROWING, still no winner this week. Rick had some luck in having his ticket pulled but that was it. The 5 Hearts was not quite a big enough card to take the money. That will bring the pot up to \$1,082 with only 9 cards left. Should go any day! Guess our attendance will be good for February too.

Our outgoing exchange student has been selected and apparently really impressed the committee members. His name is Eric Wright and he will be leaving for France next fall. He has now received final district approval and is very excited.

Gord proudly announced that he received a phone call from a floor hockey rep and this years registration is up from 40 to 160, primarily due to the efforts we and other organizations put into the extra concrete in the Rinks. Nice to get positive feedback for our efforts.

Willa Potter, the Head Coach for the Maple Ridge Knights Football Club Cheerleaders was one of our guest speakers. She is looking for assistance to get the cheerleaders to the National competition in Toronto this May. The cheerleaders are a totally self-supporting non-profit organization and recently won the right to attend the Nationals in a competition this past summer. The team consists of 26 young people between 14-18 years of age. They have been very successful at recent competitions and hope to continue with that success in Toronto. Anyone who can assist them with this endeavour will earn their eternal gratitude. Supporting positive activities for youth is certainly one of Rotary's objectives.

Brenda Exner, another of our newest members also did a short bio for us. She was born in Duncan BC and shortly thereafter moved to Coquitlam. After graduation she worked at the Bay in the "record" department (is she dating herself with that term?) and saved up enough cash to spend a year traveling and working around Europe. One of the highlights of the trip was working in the world famous "Harrods Department Store" in London. Upon returning she got back to work at London Records and later was a traveling sales rep for Smiles & Chuckles and Laura Secord. So she spent 5 years in the sought after sales area of Prince Rupert, Terrace and Kitamat. She married and had two children by 1985 and moved into our little village in 1980. She came armed with a Real Estate license and began her career with Service Realty where another prominent member, Ken Knutilla, was working and establishing a reputation as the best Santa in town. Her girls were absolutely thrilled when Santa Ken came to their door those many years ago. Brenda married Harvey Exner 8 years ago and they still consider themselves "newlyweds".

Brenda has since been involved with the Hospital Gala Ball and chaired it one year. She is looking forward to her Rotary career and sinking her teeth into the Wine Zest Silent Auction will be one of her first tasks along with Carol Bartolomie. So everyone get out there and get those donations. Lets make these two ladies work EASY!

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

**Submitted by Debi Pearce**

## SALVATION ARMY

People sleep in doorways, under bridges, in abandoned houses, in tents on private property in the bitter cold and rain. It is a scene repeated in towns and cities throughout this country. It has become a major urban issue. Maple Ridge is no exception. Locally the solution to this problem lies largely in the hands of the Salvation Army emergency shelter at the corner of the Lougheed Highway and the Haney Bypass. Rotarian and Captain Ed Chiu and his wife, Captain Kathy Chin, the manager of the shelter have had to overcome several growing pains during the past year in an effort to get the old pink building up and running as the Salvation Army's Mountainview Community Church and The Caring Place Ministries. Under these auspices, they provide beds, counselling, addiction services and as many as 3500 meals a month to shelter clients.

Among the obstacles they have had to surmount - which include neighbourhood concerns about stealing, the sale of drugs, the mess of shopping carts, the squatters - the availability of funds is probably their most pressing need. Fortunately, the provincial government has provided year round funding for the shelter and more importantly local organizations such as Rotary have partnered with the Salvation army to provide the money to meet their obligations to the homeless and unfortunate. As a result of these combined efforts demand for cold-wet-weather beds is down by half.

Another good news story of Rotarians helping people help themselves.

## CENTENNIAL BOOK TO DEBUT AT INTERNATIONAL ASSEMBLY

District governors-elect will be among the first Rotarians to buy their copy of A Century of Service: *The Story of Rotary International*, when the specially commissioned book of Rotary's first 100 years is released at the International Assembly in Anaheim, California, USA, 15-22 February 2004. The book will be available in English at the assembly and in Japanese at the Osaka convention. Editions in French, Korean, Portuguese, and Spanish are scheduled to be available 1 July 2004.

Full of facts, figures, and colourful characters, the 400-page book also features never-before-published photographs illustrating Rotary's fascinating history. Those who pre-order the book by 31 March 2004 will receive a bonus CD version for free. The book may be ordered for US\$25 online via the Shop area at [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org) or from RI Publications Order Services at telephone: (847) 866-4600; fax: (847) 866-3276; or e-mail: [pbos@rotaryintl.org](mailto:pbos@rotaryintl.org).

