

RI WORLD HEADQUARTERS CEREMONY BRINGS CENTENNIAL HOME

For a moment it appeared as if the gentle tugs at the ropes dangling from the lamppost were too feeble to do the trick. But undeterred by the wintry chill, more than 200 guests, local Rotarians, and Rotary International staff looked on patiently as RI President-elect Glenn E. Estess, Jr., Rotary Foundation Trustee Chairman James Lacy, and Evanston Mayor Lorraine Morton strained to accomplish the task at hand.



Then, at precisely 1:08 pm on 2 February, the white-and-blue street banner celebrating 100 years of Rotary was unveiled to clapping and the ceremonial tooting of a trumpet in front of RI World Headquarters in Evanston, Illinois, USA. Similar signs will be displayed on streets throughout downtown Evanston to announce Rotary's centennial anniversary.

"It is great to be a part of this city," said RI General Secretary Edwin Futa, who was emcee at the event. "We are proud to be a part of this community."

To residents and city officials present Futa expressed Rotary's gratitude for being good neighbours and hosts. He told students from Northwestern, a world-class university in Evanston, that Rotary offers a great opportunity for those who seek to work for an organization that makes a difference in people's lives.

Praising the humanitarian work of Rotarians worldwide, Mayor Morton thanked Rotary for choosing Evanston as its home. "Raise the banner high to show Evanston's appreciation for Rotary placing its international headquarters in downtown Evanston," she said.

GOVERNMENT, UNESCO OFFICIALS LEARN ABOUT ROTARY'S HUMANITARIAN EFFORTS

More than 40 education ministry officials and UN Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) representatives across Asia returned home from a 19-23 January meeting in Bangkok, Thailand, with a richer knowledge of Rotary's literacy initiatives and other humanitarian programs.

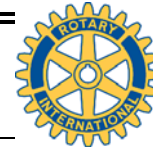
Recalling the more than 50-year-old relationship between Rotary and UNESCO, Praphan Hutasingh, RI's representative to the UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, told attendees how partnerships and collaboration among non-profit organizations, governments, and UN agencies at the grassroots level are a more effective way to solve the world's problems than going it alone.

"While individual organizations can obtain positive results independently," he said, "by working together we have the opportunity to multiply our successes."

Since signing a joint statement of understanding in 1997, Rotary and UNESCO have explored ways to collaborate at local and regional levels. In late 2003, RI President Jonathan Majiyagbe and UNESCO Director-General Koichiro Matsuura signed a joint letter to all Rotary district governors, encouraging them to cooperate in joint local initiatives with the UN agency. UNESCO sent a similar letter to its national commissions throughout the world.

"Already, many clubs are working with UNESCO and other organizations," Hutasingh said. "For example, Rotary clubs worked with UNESCO in El Salvador and their national ministry of education to organize a literacy program that reached more than 84,000 people."

The RI representative told participants that examples of such joint efforts include Rotary clubs in Haiti working with the Food and Agricultural Organization and local villagers to prevent flooding and erosion and restore a source of drinking water; Rotarians in Bangkok, Bartercard International, and Operation Smile collaborating to correct facial deformities through free cosmetic surgeries; and the Global Polio Eradication Initiative partnership.



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BINGO SCHEDULE

	6:15-8:15	8:00-10:00
Feb. 26	Liz Attarmigirian	Ken Knuttila
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



Lend a Hand

TODAY'S PROGRAM: Barb Wardrope & Kathy Chiu, Salvation Army

NEXT WEEK: Wilson Sieg, Cognitive Skiing Training

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Feb. 11	12:30	WineZest Meeting	Debi's Office @ 11933 – 224 th St.
Feb. 11	7pm	Hospice Committee meeting	Bob Shantz's home: 22696-132 nd Ave.
Feb. 14	6:30pm	Haney Rotary Valentine's Dance	Meadow Gardens Golf Course
April 3		District 5050 Assembly	Kwantlen University-College, Surrey
April 17		WineZest 2004	ACT, Maple Ridge
May 13-15		District 5050 Conference	Skagit Valley Casino Resort

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Chance of winning our 50/50 jackpot is 1:1000

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LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Well the 50/50 pot is GROWING, still no winner this week. That will bring the pot up to \$1,142 with only 8 cards left. Should go any day! Guess our attendance will be good for the next few weeks.

There will be a Hospice Committee meeting on Wednesday Feb. 11 at 7PM at Bob Shantz's home. Anyone interested is encouraged to join as they can use all the help.

The Wine Zest Committee is meeting every Wednesday at 12:30pm and keep your "Yes I can help", attitude up close as we call and ask for your assistance.

Our guest speaker was Mayor Cathy Morse. Cathy, in her life before becoming a mayor worked with the radio station KKNW as the "Eye in the Sky", reporting the traffic conditions live from a helicopter. Once she got her feet "back on the ground" she jumped into local politics and is now our hard working mayor. Before she began taking questions from the floor, she expounded upon the value of the Service clubs to our community and mentioned if it was not for our efforts with the Sports Banquet, the new fields at the Samuel Robertson High School would not have been possible in the immediate future. She also mentioned that a recent Council decision decided, that these new fields will be aptly named **ROTARY FIELDS**.



She then took several questions from the floor answering questions regarding the down town core, fire department and the connector.

A very nice "chat with the Mayor" for sure and apparently Gordie and Linda stepped up to the plate when President Laurie called out for help and we now have Guest Speakers booked through till June. Kudos to Gord & Linda.

Submitted by Debi Pearce

DISTRICT 5050 CONFERENCE SKAGIT VALLEY CASINO RESORT

THURSDAY MAY 13, FRIDAY MAY 14 & SATURDAY MAY 15, 2004

- Golfing at Avalon Golf Club
- Dancing at the Skagit Casino Resort
- Amazing Motivational Speakers
- Incredible Inspirational Speakers
- Tour of the new McIntyre Performing Arts Centre
- Wonderful Fellowship with other Rotarians
- The best Rock n' Roll Band in Skagit County

PRE PETS FEB. 7, 2004

District Governor Elect Gary Hollick and his wife Nita



On Saturday, February 7, District Governor Elect (DGE) Gary Hollick introduced himself to his Presidents Elect for the Rotary Centennial Year. Almost all of the 53 Clubs were represented and as of December 1, 2003 District 5050 had 2,879 members.

DGE Gary is an "out of the box" thinker and he warned us all that things won't be the same during his term as our Governor. He intends to question why things are done in certain ways and hopes to build better communication with all Rotarians in our District. Instead of the weekly Peace Arch Journal being posted to the District's web page, DGE Gary intends to use his newspaper background to produce a monthly newspaper which will be distributed by mail to all Rotarians in District 5050. He has asked all of his future presidents to submit copy on a regular basis informing the other clubs of special events, functions and projects.

DGE Gary also introduced the Rotary International theme under Rotary International President Elect (IPE) Glenn Estess "*Every Rotarian – Every Year*". It is the desire of IPE Estess that every Rotarian donate \$100 USD every year to the Foundation. Several ways of achieving this at club level were discussed. One is for members to donate \$10 once a month at meetings and have those contributions tracked by the Club Secretary. A more simple way, which involves less work, is for members to sign up for a direct debit from their bank to the Foundation. The third way, which a club in Eastern Canada does, is to have the donation included in the price of the meal – ie. \$15 is paid weekly - \$12 for the meal and \$3 for the Foundation. This would require more hands on bookkeeping, but it has proven to be successful. All donors to the Foundation will receive a tax receipt.

DGE Gary believes that Presidents serving in 2004/2005 will be "Century Builders". As Rotary enters into its second century, he encouraged us all to be "out of the box" thinkers, to be innovative and to participate in building Rotary by having "strong membership teams", making use of print ads available through RI, seeking members from new sources such as home based businesses and perhaps even chartering a new club. He also encouraged us to review our own club's activities and socials, and to continue to focus on the Rotary Family.

For a detailed biography on District Governor Elect Gary Hollick, visit www.district5050.org and go to President Elect.

Submitted by Mary Robson