

'CELEBRATE ROTARY,' PRESIDENT-ELECT ESTESS DECLARES IN NEW THEME

RI President-elect Glenn Estess Sr. unveiled the 2004-05 theme "[Celebrate Rotary](#)" at the International Assembly in Anaheim, California, USA, on 16 February. He explained to 529 incoming district governors gathered at this important training meeting that the new theme was inspired by the desire to celebrate in the Centennial year the ideals that Rotary's founders stood for and that over the years have influenced generations of Rotarians to do good throughout the world.

"We are now approaching the 100th anniversary of their action — a simple meeting between four businessmen," the RI president-elect remarked in the 20-minute address announcing the centennial year theme and program. "And when we celebrate all of the wonderful things that have happened as a result of that action, I will be asking all Rotarians to join me as we embrace our theme in 2004-05 and *Celebrate Rotary*."

In the address, President-elect Estess outlined the 2004-05 presidential emphases: water management, health concerns, literacy, and the family of Rotary. The emphases address major social or development issues facing billions of people on earth.



He also announced three major goals for the coming year: moving forward on PolioPlus; significantly increasing membership; and reaching US\$100 or more per Rotarian in giving — Every Rotarian, Every Year — to the Annual Programs Fund of the Rotary Foundation.

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"I am asking each of you to be an instrument for peace and take the Every Rotarian, Every Year message to your heart and to your Rotary clubs," said the president-elect. "Every Rotarian, Every Year is based on the idea of taking a positive action."

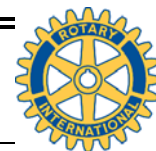


All the three goals will be enhanced by the publicity and excitement generated by the centennial activities, especially twin clubs and centennial projects carried out by Rotary clubs, he said. Later in the day, RI President Jonathan Majiyagbe elaborated on

the 2004-05 presidential emphases by enumerating some of the related initiatives that Rotarians can adopt to celebrate 100 years of outstanding service.

"Our first hundred years will stand as an inspiring record of men and women of all races, religions, nationalities and political creeds who have made significant contributions to creating a more peaceful world," he said. "It will be your privilege to lead Rotarians into our next century — a century in which we will *Lend a Hand* and *Celebrate Rotary* with even greater fellowship and countless acts of service."

During their ongoing training at the Assembly, the 2004-05 class of district governors will listen to more addresses and participate in plenary and breakout sessions designed to prepare them for the historic mission of leading Rotary into a second century of service.



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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: Wilson Sieg, Cognitive Skill Training

NEXT WEEK: Who's Who - Livia Mior

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**Feb. 19: Craig Vernon
Feb. 23: Vladimir Cukor**

**Feb. 21: Alan Graveson
Feb. 23: Johanna Reed**

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Feb. 18	12:30	WineZest Meeting	ACT Boardroom
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

**Chance of winning the 6/49 jackpot is 1:14,000,000
Chance of winning our 50/50 jackpot is 1:1050**

**50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$1,220 + 1/2 of today's sales, 7 cards,
Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!**



LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Well the 50/50 pot is STILLGROWING, still no winner this week. That will bring the pot up to over \$1,100. with only 7 cards left. Should go any day! Guess our attendance will continue to be good for February.

Welcome to all of the new inductees being installed this week: Lynda and Brian. We look forward to putting you to work.

Our guest speakers today were Barb Wardrope and Kathy Corneilson from the Salvation Army "Caring Place".

Barb reported that their good works are a joint effort between them, the RCMP, Bylaw officers and others who share the goal to get the homeless off the street. They worked with 103 people over 2003 and continue to follow up with them and offer support as they need it. The homeless assisted by the Caring Place come from all over Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows and sometimes people from other districts are given temporary overnight shelter. The shelter is full most evenings with a maximum of 30 beds.

Kathy also spoke. She and her husband were homeless and living on the street last year. They both are addicts and have since graduated from recovery programs and doing much better. Kathy went to the Salvation Army, homeless and with no money 5 months ago and pleaded for them to help her and her husband. Barb was able to do that and Kathy is now going back to school to upgrade her nursing and has already had job offers. They also have housing and they are back on their feet now. She was asked how she fell so low and she responded that there was a long history of addiction in her family and after trying to escape her problems by using drugs, found herself addicted within 3 days.

The Caring Place has 7 day beds, 30 for over night and 5 transitional suites. They have been open at this location for one year now and they serve approximately 1,000 meals a month. They offer free soup and bun to anyone or for \$2.00 you can purchase a hot meal. This offers a responsible choice for their clients to choose to spend their money on food instead of on drugs or alcohol.

Submitted by Debi Pearce



AFTER MENDING 97 HEARTS, CLUB'S EFFORT FOSTERS PEACE IN TWO NATIONS

Two Rotary-sponsored Pakistani children have undergone successful heart surgery at the Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER) Hospital in Chandigarh, India.

"The children are doing well and should be able to travel back home to Pakistan shortly," says Vijay Wadhawan, president of the Rotary Club of Chandigarh, main sponsor of pediatric patients Afzal, 11, and Rohit, 10. The surgeries bring to 97 the number of children who have benefited from the club's Gift of Life initiative.

Fortune smiled on the parents of Afzal and Rohit when District Governor Kawal Bedi, a member of the Chandigarh club, invited Dr. Ali Akhtar, his counterpart from District 3270 in Pakistan, to send five children with congenital heart problems to India for surgery. The hospital would waive all fees and the club would take care of all other costs. Also, as in past cases, Rotarians would host the patients and their parents and donate blood for surgery.

The boys are the first of five Pakistani children treated under the project. Unable to make the 31 January trip due to visa problems, the three remaining heart patients will travel to Chandigarh on 21 February.

Since the start of the project, the district and Rotary clubs from Germany, India, and Japan have contributed half of the US\$100,000 required to sponsor free heart surgeries for children from poor families. The Rotary Foundation contributed the other half.

Originally targeting Indian children, the project expanded to include six patients from Uganda and the five from Pakistan — an impressive achievement by any standards. But to the Rotarians involved with this initiative, the successful surgical procedures mean far more than the repair of the hole in Afzal's heart or unblocking of Rohit's heart valve.

The effort demonstrates that the people of India and Pakistan can carry on friendly relations despite conflicts between governments. Also, it is not an accident that the initiative is the brainchild of a Rotary club from Chandigarh, declared a peace city by RI President Jonathan Majjiyagbe in December 2003.

"Yes, this project is building a good relationship between us. The nations of Pakistan and India are the same culturally. We share a lot in common and speak the same language and eat the same food," says Dr. Muhammad Ayub, assistant governor and Gift of Life chair of District 3270. "The wars and hostilities are largely the making of politicians, not ordinary people. We Rotarians want to change this through exchange of views, projects, and friendships among Pakistanis and Indians."

Wadhawan concurs. "We did this partly to promote better understanding and goodwill," she says. "It certainly can go a long way towards building friendship and peace in the region."

According to India's *Economic Times*, the relatives and Rotarian accompanying the two Pakistani children were overwhelmed by the hospitality they encountered. "Right from the Wagah border to this place, everything is wonderful for us," Krishan Chand of the Rotary Club of Khipro, Pakistan, told the newspaper.

DISTRICT 5050 CONFERENCE

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

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