

## CHILDREN AT RISK

For decades, and especially in recent years, Rotarians have been focusing their attention and resources on vulnerable and troubled children. From "adopting" homeless children to serving meals to schoolchildren from low-income families, Rotary clubs worldwide are working to provide education, housing, and a safe, secure environment for needy children. The plight of children at risk merits every effort.

According to United Nations agencies, an astounding number of children worldwide are living under extremely difficult conditions:

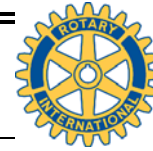


- Some 40 million children ages 14 and younger suffer abuse and neglect.
- An estimated 250 million children ages 5-14 are working.
- More than 100 million children live on the streets, vulnerable to exploitation, drugs, and crime.
- Nearly 12 million children under age five die every year from preventable childhood diseases and malnutrition.
- Some 130 million children of primary school age, mostly girls, do not attend school, contributing to shorter life spans and greater susceptibility to poverty and illness.

### Project Ideas

Demonstrate your commitment to children at risk by developing a project in your community. Below you'll find several ideas for community and international projects your club may want to consider.

- Host an immunization clinic or distribute immunization history cards to new mothers in order to prevent childhood diseases.
- Support a school-based meal program to improve students' nutrition.
- Conduct a literacy program focusing on girls.
- Establish an awareness campaign about child labor issues or provide alternatives for child workers and their families, such as scholarships for school.
- Volunteer at a home for former street children or support programs to feed, educate, and provide health services and mentoring to street children.
- Offer vocational guidance and training to increase a young person's opportunities for employment and break the cycle of poverty.
- Host a community-based workshop focused on raising awareness of children's issues.
- Promote a local program that assists victims of child abuse.



# The Four Way Flasher

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### INVOCATION

<b>Mar. 30</b>	Ineke Boekhorst	<b>Apr. 6</b>	Rick Carruthers
<b>Apr. 13</b>	Vladimir Cukor	<b>Apr. 20</b>	Murray Davelaar

### BINGO SCHEDULE

	6:15-8:15	8:00-10:00
<b>April 22</b>	Laurie Anderson	Alan Graveson
<b>May 20</b>	Alex Kempenaar	Peter Boekhorst

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:** Inspector Fraser MacRae, Meadow Ridge RCMP

**NEXT WEEK:** Lariss Horne, Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship Committee

### CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
March 31	12:30	WineZest Meeting	Vernon & Thompson (Laurie's office)
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

**50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$0 + 1/2 of today's sales,  
52 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!**

## LAST WEEK'S MEETING

It was a lucky day for Brian Bekar last week as he finally pulled the Queen of Hearts, ( had a 50/50 chance!) and was the winner of \$1,900+ dollars. CONGRATULATIONS! So I guess we'll see how our attendance goes now.

For the past few weeks we have been enjoying the food provided by Crumbs Bakery & Deli, along with the nice table settings and set ups by them. If you have any comments positive or otherwise I am sure the committee chair Dot Ralston will be please to hear from you.

The Wine Zest is looming on the horizon and we, as usual, are looking for your Silent Auction donations. Please don't leave it to the last minute. You can contact Brenda Exner, Ineke or Peter, or our new assistant Anna Lam at Cheryl's office if you need something picked up. Other wise everything is going great for the event. Ineke has the tickets for us to sell, if you haven't seen her yet re yours please do. We would really like to see the number in attendance hit 400. The more people there, the more money we can raise. Also we are looking for volunteers to sell raffle tickets on the floor for one hour shifts. Please see Diane Kirkland or Cheryl if you would like to help out there.

Just a reminder from Mary the District Assembly is on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Mike McCone our Assistant District Governor, who attended our meeting last week, was pleased to hear we already have 8 people attending. But there's room for more if you would like to go contact Mary Robson

Submitted by Debi Pearce



## DISTRICT 5050 ASSEMBLY

April 3, 2004: 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.  
Kwantlen University College, Surrey Campus  
12666—72nd Ave., Surrey, B.C.  
Cost: \$30 US/CDN

**Keynote Speaker:** Fred Taucher, "A Child Survivor of the Holocaust"

### Schedule:

Registration:	8:00 - 8:30 a.m.
Welcome Plenary:	8:30 - 9:30 a.m.
Breakout Sessions:	
A	9:40 - 10:30 a.m.
B	10:40 - 11:30 a.m.
C	11:40 - 12:30 p.m.
Lunch (barbecue):	12:30 - 1:00 p.m.
Keynote speaker:	1:00 - 2:15 p.m.
Wrap-up:	2:15 - 2:30 p.m.



**Kwantlen University  
courtyard**

### Topics for the Breakout Sessions:

President-elect, President-nominee, Secretary, Treasurer, Sergeant-at-Arms, Club Service, Community Service and World Community Service.

Fundraising, Member Development & Recruitment, Public Relations, Rotary Fellowship, Rotary Protocol and Website.

Centennial Projects, Rotary Foundation Grants, Ambassadorial Scholarships, Group Study Exchange, Youth Exchange and Rotaract.

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## District Assembly Keynote Speaker: Fred Taucher

Mr. Taucher was born in Berlin, Germany in 1933, the same year Hitler came to power. His father had a tailor shop in the major business area of Berlin. In November 1938, during the Kristallnacht, the tailor's shop was destroyed by the Nazis. His sewing machines, inventory and other business tools were taken away, and he was forced into slave labor until his arrest in 1943, when he was deported to Auschwitz and murdered.

Mr. Taucher, his mother and brother (who is a year older than he is) went into hiding. They were helped by the midwife of his birth. This midwife was a very high ranking member of the Nazi Party, a personal friend of Hitler and had pictures of Hitler throughout her apartment in Berlin. She also had a summer home in the outskirts of Berlin where only high ranking Nazi members could hold ownership. She provided false identification and ration cards for Mr. Taucher, his mother and his brother.

They lived in hiding with this woman for approximately six months. However, to avoid being discovered, they had to move often and live in many different places throughout Berlin. Near the end of the war, Mr. Taucher and his brother were caught in a Berlin street car during an identification check. Since they did not have the proper Hitler Youth ID card (all boys 10 year and older had to be in the Hitler Youth), they were arrested. After being interrogated for two days, they were shipped to Dachau on April 17, 1945. Because of an air raid, they, together with many Russian soldier prisoners, were able to escape on April 19 or 20. They returned to Berlin just before the U.S. Armed Forces liberated Dachau on April 29, 1945. Because the Tauchers always planned a meeting place in case any of them ever were separated, when they arrived in Berlin, they were able to reunite with their mother.

Mr. Taucher's mother was killed during the final days of the fighting in Berlin trying to get water from a fire hydrant outside of a subway station sometime in May 1945.

The Taucher brothers left Germany for the U.S. in 1946. After graduating from high school, Mr. Taucher enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1951 and was sent to Korea in 1952, where one of his duties was to use IBM equipment to keep track of casualties.