

## President's Message

Dear fellow Rotarians,

As the Rotary year winds down, I look forward to seeing many of you at the RI Convention in Osaka, Japan, later this month (23-26 May). All indications suggest we can expect near-record attendance for the convention, the third hosted by Japan, following the 1961 and 1978 events in Tokyo. The members of the 2004 Osaka Convention Committee, the 2004 Osaka Convention Promotion Committee, and the Host Organizing Committee have done a tremendous job to ensure that this year's festivities will be a huge success.

This year also marks the 10th anniversary of another very successful RI Convention in Asia, the 1994 meeting in Taipei, Taiwan, not coincidentally the origin of my traditional costume this month. To the Rotarians of Taiwan: Happy anniversary!

Whenever we hold our convention in this part of the world, we look forward to a strong turnout from all of the Rotary countries of Asia. And in the not-so-distant future, those numbers may well increase, thanks to the careful groundwork being laid by RI's Extension to Non-Rotary Countries Committee and its subcommittees on China and South and Southeast Asia. Imagine the increase in humanitarian assistance Rotarians will be able to provide for needy families in those regions once clubs are allowed to operate freely and openly, a requirement for extension.

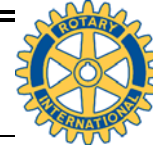
Introducing new countries to the time-tested principles of Rotary is an exciting and important component of our mission to make the world a better place for all of humanity. And it is especially gratifying to observe Rotarians from new Rotary countries as they attend their first RI Convention and grasp the true breadth and scope of the organization. This is where Rotary fellowship in its purest form occurs. National boundaries and cultural barriers melt away in the aptly named House of Friendship as Rotarians, united by the motto of *Service Above Self*, share their successes and dreams and forge friendships that will last a lifetime.

This also is how Rotary's goal of achieving world peace and understanding meshes with its commitment to help families in need, wherever they live. As we improve people's lives in our own communities and in communities worldwide through volunteer service, we help alleviate the stresses, pressures, and frustrations that boil over into despair and anger and lead to violence.

As we approach the final month of another Rotary year, let us use the positive energy generated by the annual convention to reinvigorate ourselves, so that we enter Rotary's historic 100th year with an even stronger resolve to *Lend a Hand* to those in need. As former German Chancellor Conrad Adenauer once observed, "We all live under the same sky, but we don't all have the same horizon." So if you attend the convention, plan to harness its energy and bring it back to your club. In doing so, you will brighten and broaden someone else's horizon, and you will be amazed at the positive results.

**Jonathan Majiyagbe**

President, Rotary International



# The Four Way Flasher

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WELCOME BACK TO THE GOURMET HIDEAWAY

### INVOCATION

May 4	Brenda Exner	May 11	Brian Fox
May 18	Doris Gagel	May 25	Alan Graveson

### BINGO SCHEDULE

	6:15-8:15	8:00-10:00
May 20	Alex Kempenaar	Peter Boekhorst
June 17	Tim Lowes	Marco Terwiel

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:** Carmen Zajac Foundation

**NEXT WEEK:** Dale Nelson, Chamber of Commerce

### CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
May 13-15		District 5050 Conference	Skagit Valley Casino Resort
May 23-26		The RI Convention	Osaka, Japan
June 17	6:00pm	Ladies Night – Haney Club - \$100. <sup>00</sup>	Swan-E-Set
June 19		Haney Rotary Club Installation	Pitt Meadows Golf Course
June 22		MeadowRidge Rot. Club Installation	Gourmet Hideaway

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$56 + 1/2 of today's sales, 49 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

May 8: Chad Reed                      May 9: Walter Volpatti  
 May 7: Ted Gagel                      May 5: Don Pearce

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

May 8: Ted & Doris Gagel

### LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Well, that was our last meeting at the Library. It has been four years and we are now going to be enjoying the ambiance and service of Paul Prokop and family at the Gourmet Hideaway once again. There was a motion put on the floor as follows and it was carried by a majority:

MOTION: MOVE THAT EFFECTIVE 1 MAY, 2004 WE WILL BE HOLDING OUR MEETINGS AT THE GOURMET HIDEAWAY.

CARRIED

The Vocational Services committee is looking for volunteers for their "Interview Sessions" with the Grade 10 students at WSSS on 19<sup>th</sup> May. If you can help, please call Andrea.



Our guest speaker this week was Hugh Burke, Headmaster of the Meadowridge Independent School. The school currently has 440 students enrolled and is looking in the future to expanding to around 540. They have classes from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 12 and the Junior Kindergarten boast a 1/14 ration of teachers/students, making those first very important years very effective.

They have recently started sharing their facilities with the SD 42 for sporting events at N/C in the spirit of cooperation.

Recently they were approached by the Golden Ears Soccer Club and from those conversations are now looking for partners to create an all weather lit sports

field. They will be providing the land and money towards this project and suggested the Rotary Club may be interested in building the "Rotary Field House" for change rooms, storage lockers for equipment, concession areas etc.

Pending more information the Sports Committee may consider this project in the future.

Submitted by Debi Pearce

### MEADOWRIDGE ROTARY ESTEEM TEAM

#### Visitation Schedule

The Esteem Team's visitation is scheduled for Tuesday, May 4 and May 11, 2004 with the following itinerary:

May 4 – 10:30am	Webster 's Corner Elementary 2554 Dewdney Trunk Rd., MR	Megan Gordon Parker
May 4 – 10:30am	Davie Jones Elementary 12030 Blakely Rd., PM	Justin Abdou
May 4 – 1:15pm	Eric Langton Elementary 12138 Edge St., MR	Megan Gordon Parker
May 4 – 1:30pm	Laity View Elementary 21023 123 <sup>rd</sup> Ave., MR	Justin Abdou
May 11 – 10:30am	Blue Mountain Elementary 12153 248 <sup>th</sup> St., MR	Rae-Anne Mitchell
May 11 – 10:30am	Highland Park Elementary 18961 Advent Rd., PM	Mitch Baker
May 11 – 1:15pm	Hammond Elementary 11520 203 <sup>rd</sup> St., MR	Rae-Anne Mitchell
May 11 – 1:15pm	Glenwood Elementary 21410 Glenwood Ave., MR	Mitch Baker

Rotarians are welcome to accompany these athletes for the presentations. Please contact Kevin Nosworthy, if you can assist.



Megan Gordon Parker

Diving into her athletic career at the age of eight, Megan spent seventeen years as a National team springboard and platform diver. Megan and her younger sister Paige were affectionately known around town as "The Gordon Sisters" and Vancouver's "Diving Duo". Megan's career highlights include being ranked the number one Canadian on the FINA World Grand Prix, attending three World University Games, the Pan American Games, placing fifth at the 1994 Goodwill Games, and chosen as an alternate for the 1992 Olympic Team. Megan is a UBC Commerce graduate and currently advises Global clients on their Internet Marketing and Brand Strategies. She has served on the board of many sport organizations over the years. During her spare time she enjoys traveling, yoga, ultimate frisbee, snowboarding, golf, rock climbing, theatre and coaching all levels of diving.



Justin Abdou

As a young wrestler growing up in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, Justin would go down to the National Training Centre in Regina to watch the Olympic wrestling team train, dreaming of one day being a part of the national wrestling team himself. Justin achieved that goal and was a member of Canada's National Wrestling Team for thirteen years. He is an accomplished wrestler, representing Canada at numerous World Championships and such events as the Pan American Games, the Goodwill Games, the Commonwealth Games, and most recently the 2000 Olympic Games. His career highlights include being a nine time Canadian Senior Champion, winning a Gold medal at the 1994 Commonwealth Games, earning a business degree from Simon Fraser University in 1995 and placing eleventh at the Sydney Olympics.

Justin coached the 2002 World Cup Wrestling team and is currently the coach for the Canadian Junior Wrestling Team and the SFU Wrestling Team.



Rae-Anne Mitchell

Rae-Anne, also known as Rae, has been a member of Canada's Senior Volleyball team since 1997. She is a three-time All-Canadian for the University of Winnipeg. From 1994 to 1997, she played with the Junior National Team and went to the World Student games in 1995 and 1997. It was at the '97 World Student Games where Team Canada finished 4th, the highest ever ranking at a world competition for Team Canada. Rae has also had a successful professional career overseas. She played one year in Belgium and two years in France.

Rae-Anne has a Bachelor of Arts Degree from the University of Winnipeg. She continues her training in Winnipeg and looks forward to continued success in volleyball and in other areas of life.



Mitch Baker

As a member of the Canadian National Snowboard team for 6 years, Mitch has provided Canada with several top 15 finishes in World Cup Giant Slalom and Bordercross. Some of his highlights include a silver medal in Giant slalom at the World University Games held in Slovakia, 3rd place in Giant slalom at the Canadian Nationals, and 4th place in the World Cup Bordercross in Switzerland.

Mitch is currently a member of the Vancouver Fire and Rescue Services and continues to pursue his passion for snowboarding.