

**MAJIYAGBE BECOMES FIRST RI PRESIDENT TO ADDRESS NATIONAL PRESS CLUB**

RI President Jonathan Majiyagbe addressed the National Press Club in Washington, DC, USA, on 10 May at the weekly luncheon broadcast to millions on public affairs television C-SPAN and National Public Radio and their affiliate stations across the United States. The RI president also drew a live audience of Press Club members, diplomats, journalists, Rotarians, and business executives.

“Today for the first time in Press Club history, we welcome to our podium a president of Rotary International, one of the world’s oldest and largest humanitarian service organizations,” said National Press Club President Sheila Cherry, while introducing the RI president. “Like the National Press Club, Rotary elects a new president every year, but unlike the National Press Club, Rotary expects its president to be on the road for most of the year, visiting Rotary clubs' projects and conferences throughout the world.”

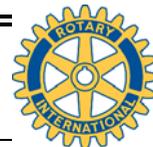
President Majiyagbe updated attendees on Rotary’s mission and key humanitarian initiatives and gave a preview of the forthcoming RI Convention in Osaka, Japan, and the Rotary centennial anniversary in 2005. Rotary’s efforts in health, peace, and poverty alleviation, especially, contribute immensely to improving the quality of life for millions across the world, he said.

“We [Rotarians] come together with diverse and sometimes antagonistic views on issues,” said the RI president. “Through volunteer projects, we learn to get along better with each other and concentrate more on the things we have in common than on things that drive us apart, which of course is what we’re all striving for.”

President Majiyagbe was joined at the head table by Bob Adams, a freelance journalist; Chris Berry, president of 630 WMAL radio; Werner Fornos, president of the Population Institute; Gus Gallagher, president of Gallagher International; Dr. Hamid Jafari, director of Global Immunization at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC); Jose Katigbak, Washington bureau chief of the Philippine Star; Rotary Foundation Trustee Chairman James Lacy; Doris Margolis, president of Editorial Associates; Bill McCarren, president of U.S. Newswire; Yoichi Nishimura, Washington bureau chief of Asahi Shimbun; Olakunle Soyombo, acting ambassador to the United States from Nigeria; and Rob Warren, a former diplomat and past president of the Korea Economic Institute.

**SOME POLIOPLUS TIMELINES**

<p><b>1954</b> First inactivated polio vaccine announced by Dr. Jonas Salk.</p> <p><b>1961</b> Dr. Albert Sabin’s oral polio vaccine approved for use.</p> <p><b>1974</b> W.H.O. begins Expanded Programme on Immunization to combat measles, diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, tuberculosis, and polio.</p> <p><b>1979</b> RI and the government of the Philippines join forces to immunize Philippine children against polio. World certified free of smallpox. Eradication has saved the world US\$1 billion annually.</p>	<p><b>1985</b> RI launches PolioPlus program.</p> <p><b>1986</b> RI adopts a resolution, endorsing a goal of immunizing the world’s children against polio and authorizes a fundraising campaign. The goal was set at US\$120 million.</p> <p><b>1988</b> RI exceeds its PolioPlus fundraising campaign goal, achieving a total of US\$247 million. The World Health Assy. resolves to eradicate polio.</p> <p><b>1990</b> World achieves full immunization for 80 percent of all children.</p> <p><b>1994</b> Western Hemisphere declared polio-free.</p>	<p><b>1995</b> China and India immunize 165 million children in a single week.</p> <p><b>1996</b> 150 nations are polio-free. Reported incidence of polio is 85 percent less than in 1988. Kick Polio Out of Africa initiative launched to immunize 120 million children in sub-Saharan African countries.</p> <p><b>2000</b> Western Pacific region declared polio-free.</p> <p><b>2002</b> European region declared polio-free.</p> <p><b>2003</b> Polio eradication fundraising campaign to raise US\$80 million concludes successfully.</p>
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**INVOCATION**

<b>May 18</b>	Doris Gagel	<b>May 25</b>	Alan Graveson
<b>June 1</b>	Hendy Lindsay	<b>June 8</b>	Cheryl Johnson

**BINGO SCHEDULE**

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

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**Lend a Hand**

**TODAY’S PROGRAM:** Steve Morach, Rotary International Foundation

**NEXT WEEK:** Who’s Who – Debbie MacRae

**CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:**

Date	Time	Event	Venue
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 20	1:00pm ?	Family Barbecue	Marco’s place - 21616 River Rd.
June 22		MeadowRidge Rot. Club Installation	Gourmet Hideaway

**50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$109 + 1/2 of today’s sales, 47 cards left, Jackpot on “Queen of Hearts” only!**

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

May 22: Ineke Boekhorst

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

May 20: Don & Iola Boyce

### LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Mary chaired the meeting this week as our illustrious leader is away. We had several happy dollars, the most impressive being that the Rotary assisted the Youth Diversion Society raise \$14,370 at the dinner on May 10<sup>th</sup>. Paul of the Gourmet Hideaway generously donated the cost of the dinner to the cause as well and Marco, the winner of the 50/50 draw donated his winnings too. The 5 course dinner was enjoyed by 100 patrons who believe in this worthwhile charity. Kudos to the committee.



We had two Esteem Team members visiting us again this week. Ray played Volleyball on the National Team and has been working with the Esteem Team for almost 2 years. Her companion Mitch was a snowboarder on the national team and has been working with the Esteem team for 4 years.

The Hospice committee announced that it now has commitments from 35 people to date, with 15 who have paid. We are still looking for more and Bob urges each Rotarian to try to find just one patron and this will make it all come together. The cost to the donator is \$400, and for more details as to

what that includes please speak to Bob or another committee member.

Our Guest Speaker was Dale Nelson from the Chamber of Commerce in Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows. He proudly stated that the membership sits at 600 and that it is one of the only Chambers that is completely self-funded, ie no government funding, hence making it far easier to lobby for change or specific actions from various government levels on behalf of the businesses in our community. He states that the chamber is in the Leadership Building Business and offers their assistance to any business owners seeking it.



REMINDERS WERE ALSO PUT OUT FOR THE ANNUAL BBQ AT MARCO'S WHICH WILL BE HELD ON JUNE 20<sup>TH</sup>. MORE INFO TO FOLLOW.

MARY IS ALSO LOOKING FOR COMMITMENTS REGARDING THE ATTENDANCE TO THE INSTALLATION DINNER, WHICH WILL BE HELD ON 22 JUNE.

If you have not signed up yet with a yes or a no, please do so ASAP. Thank You.

Submitted by Debi Pearce

### MEADOWRIDGE ROTARY ESTEEM TEAM

This will be the last duo from The Esteem Team.

The visitation is scheduled as follows:

May 18 – 10:30am	Maple Ridge Secondary	21911 122 <sup>nd</sup> Ave., MR	Nick Ugoalah
May 18 – 10:30am	Golden Ears Elementary	23124 118 <sup>th</sup> Ave., PM	Heather Smith
May 18 – 1:15pm	Maple Ridge Elementary	20820 River Rd., MR	Nick Ugoalah
May 18 – 1:30pm	Mount Crescent Elementary	21821 122 <sup>nd</sup> Ave., MR	Heather Smith



Heather Smith

Heather Smith is in the middle of an amazing soccer career. Her defensive play as a member of the UBC Women's soccer team has helped the team win back-to-back Canadian University Championships. In 2001, Heather was named Rookie of the Year for Western Canada and a year later, she was a 1<sup>st</sup> team all star. Her most exciting accomplishment so far though, was being a member of the 2002 Canadian Women's Under 19 team that finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the world, losing in overtime to the United States in the final game at Commonwealth Stadium in Edmonton. This game was played in front of 47,000 and more than 1,000,000 watching on TV and is credited with pushing soccer to the forefront of women's sports in Canada.

Heather plans to compete for Canada's Senior team in the future, but in the meantime, is working on a degree in Geology at UBC.



Nick Ugoalah

Competing at the recent Commonwealth Games in Manchester, Nick dominated his division and took the Gold Medal. "I have worked so hard for this. My coaches have been pushing me and that hard work has paid off," said Nick. He is a 3-time CIAU (Canadian Interuniversity Athletic Union) National Champion wrestler, attending Brock University where he earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Biology. He is the current National champion and was the Olympic trials champion at the 76kg weight class.

Nick grew up in Nigeria, and moved to British Columbia when he was ten.

He first started competing in wrestling when he was in Grade 12. Nick is a proven world-class wrestler by his consistent placings at some of the major grand prix circuit tournaments: the German Grand Prix, Cerro Pelado, Canada Cup and Egyptian Cup.

### ROTARY FAMILY BARBECUE

Our Annual family barbecue will take place as usual at Marco and Lila Jane Terwiel's home at 21616 River Road in Maple Ridge. Date will be Sunday June 20 (time tba, possibly early afternoon). Everybody is invited to bring partner, spouse, children, grandchildren etc.



Every family is asked to bring a salad or dessert.

(a list will be sent around shortly!) Hamburgers/hot dogs/buns etc. supplied by our Club!

This is always a wonderful event and gives everybody a chance to meet our "Family of Rotary" in a more "relaxed" atmosphere! Hope that all of you will be attending!

**SO PLEASE KEEP SUNDAY JUNE 20TH FREE FOR OUR BARBECUE!!**