

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear fellow Rotarians,

In this my final month as RI president, I hardly know how to begin to thank all of you for your support and encouragement throughout the 2003-04 Rotary year.

I will begin with a tip of my Chicago baseball cap, a gesture that also honors Rotary's birthplace, where we will celebrate our centennial in 2005.



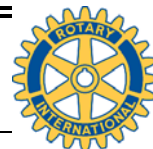
One of my main emphases this year has been the family of Rotary, but I could not have anticipated how I myself would benefit from this initiative at the outset of my term. When my dear wife, Ade, passed away a year ago, the outpouring of love and condolences from Rotarians worldwide demonstrated beyond a doubt that Rotary is, indeed, one giant family. On behalf of my own family, I would also like to thank everyone for their generous support of Ade's Hope Fund for the Education of Women and Children. Through this special fund within The Rotary Foundation, Ade's memory will live on as more and more women and children receive the education they need to become productive, independent citizens of the world.

I have also been gratified to observe that this year's RI theme, *Lend a Hand*, has resonated so deeply with so many Rotarians. It refers to a simple gesture of kindness that cuts across every national border and cultural barrier to capture the essence of Rotary. The timeless nature of this phrase has caused it to appear repeatedly over the generations in discussions of humanitarianism and service to others. For example, a fellow Rotarian recently informed me that Edward Everett Hale, a well-known U.S. author and clergyman who was Senate chaplain in the early 1900s, once wrote: "Look up and not down; look forward and not back; look out and not in; lend a hand." Similarly, no less than Rotary's founder, Paul P. Harris, wrote in this very magazine in September 1912: "It is fair to assume that we shall not be indifferent to the welfare of the communities in which we exist, nor unwilling to lend a hand to the doing of those things in the interest of the public." No wonder that today's Rotarians have embraced the sentiment with such vigor and enthusiasm!

It is also appropriate that the final month of the Rotary year is dedicated to Rotary Fellowships, international groups that provide opportunities for Rotarians who share common pastimes, vocations, and interests to practice the first concept of the Object of Rotary: acquaintance as an opportunity for service. I urge districts and clubs to encourage their members to participate in fellowships, which enhance the Rotary experience and collectively comprise a strong membership recruitment and retention tool.

It is time, fellow Rotarians, for me to end my final monthly missive on these pages. It has been an honor to serve you this year, and I will remain forever humble and grateful for the opportunity. Another successful RI Convention is behind us, and as we move forward into our historic centennial year, let us never hesitate to *Lend a Hand* to those in need. Thank you so very much.

Jonathan Majiyagbe
President, Rotary International



The Four Way Flasher

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**During my absence, while I was enjoying haring with Dutch gin, Debi Pearce made sure, you still received your Four Way Flasher.
A big 'Thank You' to Debi.**

Peter

INVOCATION

June 15	Alex Kempenaar	June 22	
June 29	Diane Kirkland	July 6	Ken Knutilla

BINGO SCHEDULE

	6:15-8:15	8:00-10:00
June 17	Tim Lowes	Marco Terwiel
July 15	Craig Vernon	Lindsay Hendy

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TODAY'S PROGRAM: Business Meeting

NEXT WEEK: Executive 2004/2005 Installation

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
June 17	6:00pm	Ladies Night – Haney Club - \$100. ⁰⁰	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 Rotary Club Installation	Gourmet Hideaway



Lend a Hand

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$262.⁵⁰ + 1/2 of today's sales, 44 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

June 21 Mary Robson

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Last week our guest speaker was Evan Sheffield. Evan was our candidate who attended RYLA this year. He also just happens to be Marco's grandson. Evan expressed his gratitude to the club for sending him on this wonderful assembly, which boasted a record 68 participants and 16 facilitators. Mary indicated that District 5050 is well known for their quality speakers at this event and Evan concurred. He said he did not really know what to expect but was overall pleased with the decision to attend.

The 60 participants were divided into groups of 5 –6 whom they worked and shared meals with for the four days. Evan felt that one of his "lessons" turned out to be that we are all full of misconceptions and should take the time to explore and validate them or make adjustments. He enjoyed the fellowship and plans to stay in touch with his fellow RYLA members. There were 5 guest speakers, all relating their life experiences and lessons for the benefit of the young participants. Overall Evan would describe the weekend as a very positive event that definitely has helped him change some of his routines and misconceptions.

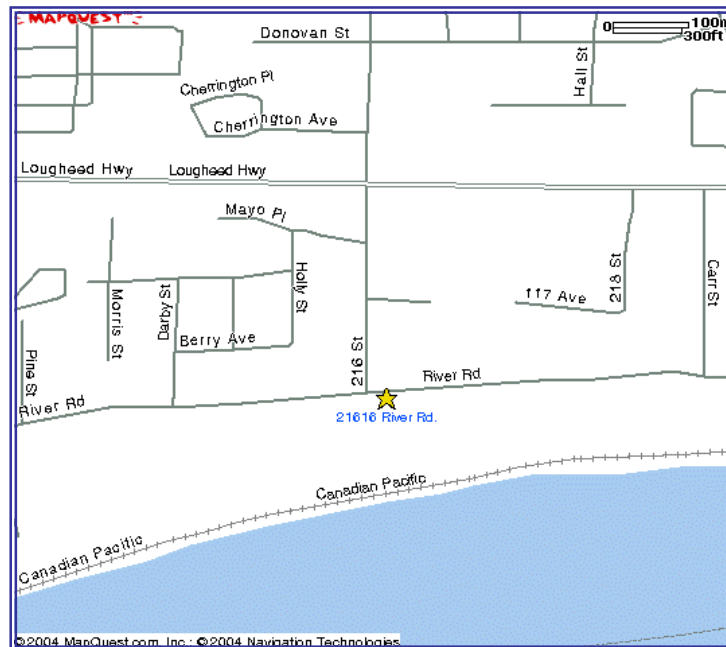
Submitted by Debi Pearce

FAMILY BARBECUE

Coming Sunday we will have our Family Barbecue at Marco and Lila Jane Terwiel's home at 21616 River Road.

This event starts at 1:00pm.

Here is the map to make sure, you won't get lost!



District Governor Elect Gary Hollick and Nita



Gary Hollick was born in Kimberley, B.C., where he met his wife and high school sweetheart, Nita. They've been together for 22 years and have two boys; Denny aged 15 and Corey, age 13.

After finishing high school in Kimberley, Gary and Nita started a number of new businesses in the community, including a successful pawnshop, which they sold to start a restaurant. After enjoying success with the restaurant, they sold that to purchase a grocery store.

At the age of 24, Gary was asked by his hometown Rotary Club to attend "RYLA". This was a turning point in Gary's life; he was overwhelmed by his experience and discovered a new passion called Rotary. At the age of 26 Gary received an invitation to become a member of the Rotary Club of Kimberley, B.C. In his first few years as a new Rotarian he sat on the District Conference Organizing Committee, Youth Exchange Selection Committee and hosted his first exchange student. At that time, Gary was the youngest member to be inducted in the club's 50-year history. Gary and Nita's successful start in Kimberley spurred them on to explore new ideas and try different careers.

After selling their businesses in Kimberley, Gary and Nita moved to Calgary, Alberta, in 1990 where Gary worked as a real estate agent. During this time he ranked in the top 50 of agents for all of Alberta. Within the first few months of living in Calgary, the Rotary Club of Calgary North adopted Gary. Over the next 5 years Gary and Nita hosted two exchange students, sat as a Director Vice President and President. Bill Gant, past RI Director was the DG that year. Before Gary's term as President had finished his employer transferred him out of the province.

In Calgary Gary got his start in the newspaper industry working with the Calgary Mirrors. He was transferred to Kelowna This Week as a Publisher and then to Prince George to start a new newspaper. By 1995 he had moved to the Lower Mainland to work as the Director of Advertising for a local newspaper chain. He has been with Van-Net Newspapers for the last eight years. Gary has been an active member in each community he has lived in. While in the Lower Mainland he served as a Scout Leader for seven years and sat on a local health board. He has also served as a chair for numerous business associations and organizations in the area and won the 2002 Business Person of the Year Award for Surrey and Delta areas from the Scott Road Business Association.

Gary, Nita and their sons, Denny and Corey have been a Rotary family for 17 years now. Even though Nita and the two boys have never been inducted into a Rotary Club their efforts and involvement have far exceeded the expectations of any Rotarian. Gary is currently a member of the North Delta Rotary Club; he has served as a Director on all the avenues of service as well as Club President 1999/2000. In 1996 he received a District award for Public Relations and also served as the District Chair for RYLA. The past two years, Gary has served as Assistant Governor and will now go on to serve as District Governor 2004/2005 in District 5050.