

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear fellow Rotarians,

Rotary has always had a great tradition of supporting youth projects and meeting the needs of children. As we celebrate Rotary's centennial, we can be proud of all that we have accomplished in the last 100 years, ranging from our earliest efforts to help youngsters with disabilities to our current effort to protect children against the ravages of polio through PolioPlus.

My wife, Mary, can tell you that my first priority is my family. We have three children and eight grandchildren. I treasure each moment that I spend with them, whether it's a formal holiday celebration or cheering them on the softball field. In the same way, our emphasis on the family of

Rotary is just as important. As we commemorate New Generations Month in September, we must continue to support Rotary programs and projects that improve the standard of living for children around the world. We are investing in our future when we invest in the world's children.

One of Rotary's oldest and most successful programs is Youth Exchange. Each year, some 8,000 students travel abroad to learn about other cultures and experience new ways of life. Youth Exchange provides a window to the world that results in international awareness and goodwill at the grassroots level. I have enjoyed getting to know many Youth Exchange students over the years who have gone on to careers in international relations, education, and humanitarian service.

It is important to remember that today's youth will be tomorrow's leaders. As we look for ways to celebrate the centennial, I encourage Rotary clubs to start an Interact club if they do not have one in their community. Interact can serve as a young person's first introduction to Rotary service and become a stepping stone to Rotaract. This natural progression of service may lead to Rotary club membership and a lifetime commitment to Rotary's ideals.

As business leaders, Rotarians are in a unique position to serve as role models and mentors to youth. They can provide vocational guidance, career opportunities, and financial support for projects that benefit at-risk youth, homeless children, abuse victims and others in need.

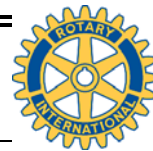
This year, Rotarians can help children by supporting four areas of emphasis: family of Rotary, health concerns, literacy, and water management. The statistics reflect a grim reality: about 6,000 children die every day because of waterborne diseases, and millions of children cannot read or write because their communities lack the resources. Rotarians can reach out to these children by providing the necessary funds and support.

The Rotary Foundation Trustees have recently created a fund within the Permanent Fund to support humanitarian projects that address the needs of children. Rotary clubs and districts will be able to apply for funding from the Children's Fund after earnings become available. This will provide another avenue for Rotarians to fund efforts that specifically benefit children.

Rotary's greatest legacy may be its PolioPlus program, which has helped immunize nearly two billion children against polio. This is an incredible feat that may stand as our greatest achievement during our first century of service. As we celebrate our centennial year, we must continue our support until polio is eradicated in every country. When we achieve this goal, it will be our greatest gift to the world's children.

During the centennial, I encourage Rotarians to embrace new challenges and dreams. As we continue to Celebrate Rotary, let us not forget the children. Let us continue this historic journey to provide hope and a better life for the next generation.

Glenn E. Estess Sr.  
President, Rotary International



# The Four Way Flasher

## Rotary Club of MeadowRidge Newsletter

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### SEPTEMBER: NEW GENERATIONS MONTH

#### INVOCATION

Sept. 7	Ken Paterson	Sept. 14	Debi Pearce
Sept. 21	Dot Ralston	Oct. 12	Chad Reed



CELEBRATE  
R O T A R Y

100 Years

#### BINGO SCHEDULE

	6:15-8:15	8:00-10:00
Sept. 09	Ron LePore	Laurie Anderson
Oct. 07	Walter Volpatti	Vladimir Cukor

Call Peter at 604-465-3392 for assistance or e-mail [peter.boekhorst@telus.net](mailto:peter.boekhorst@telus.net)

TODAY'S PROGRAM: Business Meeting - Club Service

NEXT WEEK: Who's Who: Carol Bartolomie, Brian Fox

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

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Sept. 8	noon	Executive Meeting	Robson & Assoc. office
Sept. 8	7:00pm	Vocational Services Meeting	Edward Jones 102-19237 122A Ave P.M.
Sept. 21	noon	New Members Meeting	Gourmet Hideaway Restaurant
Sept. 28	12:30pm	Golf Tournament	Meadow Gardens Golf Course
Oct. 5		Sports Banquet	Meadow Gardens Golf Course
Nov. 6	5:30pm	Rotary Foundation Dinner	Bellwether Hotel in Bellingham

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$469 + 1/2 of today's sales, 36 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

## LAST WEEK'S MEETING

This week it was announced that Marco Terwiel has recently been accepted as a candidate for the Group Study Exchange. He is an alternate for this year's exchange to New Zealand and has also been chosen as a team leader for the following year to Thailand. CONGRATULATIONS MARCO!

Peter also had good news on the International front. He applied for grants for the Water Well project in Africa and received many matching grants in that the bottom line is for every \$1 we raise we have matching grants for 250%. We will have to wait for a little while though for our grant funds to reach Zambia as they have 4 or 5 projects still underway. GOOD WORK PETER!

Our Exchange Student Leonie (aka "Leo") is residing with the Robsons now. Remember anyone can have Leo join them for an evening at the movies, family dinner, day at the Park etc. Just call Mary and Leo to set it up.

Sports Banquet reported that 160 tickets are either sold or spoken for. If anyone is considering attending the event you had better speak up soon before they are all gone.

The Hospice Calendar project is underway. We will be looking for participation in the selling of these Lottery Calendars.

Mike announced he is looking for volunteers for the public awareness campaign events on October 3<sup>rd</sup> regarding Crystal Meth. Please speak to him if you can help.

The Golf committee reported it had 70 golfers signed up already and there will be an "event" or competition at every par 3 hole. At one a hole in one will get you a car ( 3 to choose from ). Better get out to the driving range and practice that drive of yours.

Our Guest Speaker was Joost Blom who recently was the Dean of Law at UBC. Joost explained the process it takes to become a lawyer in BC.

- 1) You must complete a minimum of 3 years university – most students have a degree already.
- 2) You then must be accepted into law school and successfully complete the program (Law School Test & application)
- 3) You then "articled" at a law firm for one year
- 4) You may now apply to become a member of the Bar

The average age of law students is between 26 and 27 and there are usually around 2,000 applications for the 200 spots. Virtually everyone who completes the program will graduate. The majority of the students in recent years have been female. A lot of Lawyers after 3-5 years in private practice look for employment within other corporate business such as Banks, Large corporations etc.



**Submitted by Debi Pearce**

## ROTARY SPOTLIGHTS PROGRESS TOWARD ERADICATING POLIO IN INDIA

### Health officials warn against complacency in the face of a current polio epidemic in Africa

(Delhi, INDIA — 7 August 2004) As the Global Polio Eradication Initiative aims to stop the spread of the poliovirus worldwide by the end of 2004, over 1,000 Rotary members and health officials convene to ensure India's success during Rotary International's Polio Eradication Summit 2004 — 7, 8 August 2004, in Delhi. According to epidemiologists, India is on track to stop poliovirus transmission by end-2004, having reported only 28 cases as of 3 August, compared to 92 cases for the same period in 2003.

Despite this overwhelming success, Rotary and health officials warned against complacency, recalling the 2002 outbreak when over 1,600 children were paralyzed by polio. This occurred after major progress had been made in 2001, when only 268 cases were reported. "Thanks to all who have dedicated their time and personal resources, India is now close to becoming polio-free," said Glenn Estess, President of Rotary International. "Yet, as we stand on the brink of victory, we must remain diligent in our efforts to eradicate this crippling disease. If we stop now, the poliovirus will quickly spread as it once did."

India plans to hold massive house-to-house campaigns in August, targeting more than 50 million children in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar and other high-risk areas including Mumbai. India's nearly 89,000 Rotary members will be out in force, volunteering their time and personal resources to help ensure that every child in the area is immunized against polio.

Though great progress has been made in India, west and central Africa is on the brink of the largest polio epidemic in recent history. This is mostly due to an eleven-month suspension of polio immunization activities in Kano, Nigeria, which has resulted in the importation of the virus in 10 previously polio-free countries. (Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Sudan and Togo) Nigeria, which accounts for 90% of the total number of poliovirus cases reported globally in 2004 (483 out of 538 global cases), has resumed its polio immunization activities in Kano as of 31 July. In addition, massive, synchronized immunization campaigns will be conducted across 22 west and central African countries in October and November, aimed at reaching 74 million children.

Noting the urgent need to maintain progress in India, Dr. David Heymann of the World Health Organization said, "India is the biggest priority. Although India is on target towards its polio-free goal, it is critical that no country becomes complacent, or takes its eye off the target, particularly during the high transmission season. Strong political and grassroots support for immunization activities will be the key to interrupting transmission before the end of the year."

Rotary International is the world's first volunteer service organizations with 1.2 million members in more than 160 countries. In 1985, Rotary created PolioPlus and set one of the most ambitious goals in the history for global public health - to immunize the children of the world against polio by Rotary's 100th anniversary in 2005.

With a global investment of over US\$3 billion since 1988 for the eradication effort, Rotary has contributed more than US\$55.6 million to eradicate polio in India, and over US\$500 million worldwide. In 2003, Rotary raised an additional US\$130 million as a result of its second global fundraising drive. Over one million Rotary members have volunteered their time and personal resources to help immunize more than two billion children in 122 countries.