

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear fellow Rotarians,

In 1912, Rotary founder Paul Harris wrote: "It is the Rotarian idea that a man's business is the best and truest expression of the man. The character of the membership of Rotary clubs must be kept high because from the membership of Rotary clubs come your friends and mine."

Those words are just as pertinent today as they were when written nearly 100 years ago. Vocational service is a hallmark of our organization that sets it apart from all other service groups. From the beginning, Rotarians have advocated fair business practices and high ethical standards. As business owners, they wanted to earn the public's trust and offer the best products and services that were available. They had pride in what they did and in their employees.

As we commemorate Vocational Service Month in October, I encourage Rotarians to contribute to their communities through their businesses or professions. One of the greatest assets of Rotary is its diverse membership. Rotarians can use their vocational expertise in medicine, technology, education, agriculture, and other professions to help people locally or abroad. Club members can serve as mentors to youth, promote functional literacy in the workplace, sponsor micro-enterprise projects, and provide jobs to young people and those with disabilities.

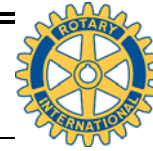
The Rotary Foundation of RI sponsors hundreds of projects that help develop vocational skills so that people can learn a trade and become self-sufficient. You can also put your talents to work as a Rotary Volunteer or have some fun by joining a Rotary Fellowship that focuses on a particular occupation.

During an era of corporate scandals and questionable business practices, it is essential that Rotarians maintain high ethical standards. When I visit a commercial establishment, I am always pleased when I see a Four-Way Test plaque on the wall. It tells me that the manager or owner is a Rotarian who cares about his customers. I feel a sense of trust that the job will get done – and get done well.

The centennial year is an ideal time to recognize business leaders who act with integrity and social responsibility. This year, we have established the Rotary Centennial Service Award for Professional Excellence to recognize non-Rotarians for exceptional professional achievement consistent with the ideals of Rotary. We are looking to recognize those community leaders who have demonstrated high ethical standards, achieved professional distinction and trained or mentored others in their field.

As we enter a new century of service, let us *Celebrate Rotary* through vocational service. As past RI President Raymond Havens observed in 1922: "As a harbinger of business ethics, Rotary sends its message around the world that true service means personal responsibility for 'peace on earth and goodwill toward men.'" It's a message that's still relevant today.

Glenn E. Estess Sr.
President, Rotary International



The Four Way Flasher

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INVOCATION

Oct. 12	Chad Reed	Oct. 19	Dave Rempel
Oct. 26	Gordy Robson	Nov. 2	Mary Robson



BINGO SCHEDULE

	6:15-8:15	8:00-10:00
Nov. 04	Murray Davelaar	Chad Reed
Dec. 02	Lynda Lawrence	Bob Shantz



Call Peter at 604-465-3392 for assistance or e-mail peter.boekhorst@telus.net

TODAY'S PROGRAM: Ken Stewart – Sandy Wakely

NEXT WEEK: Cathy Chiu – Salvation Army

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Oct. 12	1:15pm	Sports Banquet Wrap-up Meeting	Following lunch meeting
Oct. 13	12:00pm	Executive Meeting	Robson & Associates' office
Oct. 15	12:00pm	Golf Tournament wrap up meeting	Meadow Gardens Golf Course
Nov. 6	5:30pm	Rotary Foundation Dinner	Bellwether Hotel in Bellingham

Happy Birthday

Oct. 9: Kevin Nosworthy Oct. 13: Shane James Oct. 16: Cheryl Johnson

Happy Anniversary

Oct. 12: Gordon & Diane Kirkland Oct. 13: Jim & Lee Weber

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$544 + 1/2 of today's sales, 33 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

A LETTER FROM OUR EXCHANGE STUDENT ERIC WRIGHT

Bonjour!!

Sorry that I haven't emailed before, but things are very busy and internet is hard to get at. So everything is going awesome here. No problems at all. School is hard and academic but everyone there is very accepting and wants to talk etc etc. The language is coming very quick, and I understand mostly everything. My house is absolutely gorgeous in the mountains in the Alps. My family is so great; the mom and I talk and talk and talk, it's an excellent situation. I'm involved in sports at school and I'm making friends as the language comes. At the end of the year I fear that I won't be able to talk English anymore. It's that insane my mom says, I have an accent already when I talk on the phone! My weekends are good, I meet up with other students and I will have the opportunity to ski this winter. Hope Leo is going well, say hi for me. I'm going to send pictures soon.

Eric

RI PRESIDENT ELECT 2006-07

The 2004-05 Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International in 2006-07, having functioned in accordance with the bylaws of Rotary International, has indicated that it unanimously nominated: WILLIAM B. BOYD of the Rotary Club of PAKURANGA, AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND for the office of President of Rotary International for the year 2006-07.



A former member and past president of the Rotary Club of Wellington South, New Zealand, Boyd has served RI as district governor, director, treasurer, member and chair of regional and international committees, group discussion leader and moderator at the International Assembly, and RI presidential representative to local and international conferences. As a Rotary leader, he has conducted training seminars in New Zealand, as well as Cook Islands, Fiji, and Western Samoa.

Devoting much of his time to supporting Rotary's PolioPlus program, Boyd has served as a member of the PolioPlus Task Force, coordinator in the PolioPlus Partners program, and consultant to the International PolioPlus Committee. He also chairs the management committee of *Rotary Down Under*, a Rotary regional magazine. He is a recipient of The Rotary Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service and Distinguished Service Award.

Before his retirement in 1995, Boyd was general manager of Gordon & Gotch (NZ), Ltd., New Zealand's largest magazine distributor. He is a trustee of New Zealand's Trees for Survival Trust. He was an RI representative to the National Kidney Foundation and Intellectually Handicapped Society, and is a former elder and youth leader in the Presbyterian Church and a warranted Scoutmaster. He was also a rugby referee for 31 years.

WHAT HAPPENED THE LAST 3 WEEKS

It was a long time since the last Four Way Flasher, so I have to cover 3 weeks of activity. As I'm a man of little words, I will do it with some pictures – one picture is a thousand words!

First of all we had the New Membership drive on Sept. 21, which hopefully will culminate into a batch of fresh volunteers. September 28th goes into history as our Golf Tournament and October 5th as the very successful Sports Banquet, thanks to Mary and Gord Robson.

I will post the rest of the pictures on our website very soon. I will let you know, when.

Peter



New Member Drive



A long Drive,



followed by the Putters.



The most honest player



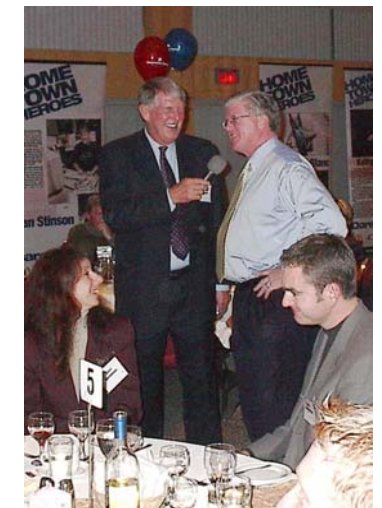
The most lucky player



Simply the Best!



Sports Banquet 2004
The Volunteer Table



Brian Burke