

## The Rotary Foundation's Educational Programs

Promoting Rotary's goal of world peace, goodwill, and understanding, The Rotary Foundation's Educational Programs include Ambassadorial Scholarships, Grants for University Teachers, Group Study Exchange, and Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution. Learn more how these programs foster peace by building understanding through person-to-person contact, friendship, study, and cross-cultural exchange.

The Rotary Foundation's oldest and best-known program is **Ambassadorial Scholarships**. Since 1947 more than 30,000 men and women from 100 nations have studied abroad under its auspices. Today it is the world's largest privately funded international scholarships program. More than 1,100 scholarships were awarded for study in 2002-03. Through grants totaling approximately US\$26 million, recipients from some 69 countries studied in more than 64 nations.

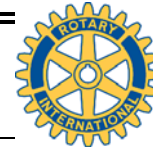
The purpose of the Ambassadorial Scholarships program is to further international understanding and friendly relations among people of different countries. The program sponsors several types of scholarships for undergraduate and graduate students as well as for qualified professionals pursuing vocational studies. While abroad, scholars serve as ambassadors of goodwill to the people of the host country and give presentations about their homelands to Rotary clubs and other groups. Upon returning home, scholars share with Rotarians and others the experiences that led to greater understanding of their host countries.

Generous contributions from Rotarians worldwide represent continued faith that the students who are Ambassadorial Scholars today will be tomorrow's community and world leaders.

The Rotary Foundation has partnered with eight leading universities around the world to establish the **Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution**. Each year, Rotary will select up to 70 scholars to study at one of the seven Rotary Centers worldwide. The selected Rotary World Peace Scholars will begin two-year master's-level degree programs in conflict resolution, peace studies, and international relations. Each Rotary district may nominate one candidate for the [selection process](#). The inaugural class of Rotary World Peace Scholars will graduate in 2004.

The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International has established the Rotary Centers for International Studies:

- to advance research, teaching, publication, and knowledge of issues of peace and goodwill, causes of conflict, and world understanding;
- to provide advanced educational opportunities for a group of Rotary World Peace Scholars chosen from various countries and cultures in order to advance knowledge and world understanding among potential future leaders of government, business, education, media, and other professions;
- to establish a program through which The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International and the member clubs of Rotary International may become increasingly effective in promoting greater tolerance and cooperation among peoples, leading to world peace and understanding.



# The Four Way Flasher

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### INVOCATION

<b>Nov. 9</b>	Bob Shantz	<b>Nov. 16</b>	Eng Tan
<b>Nov. 23</b>	Marco Terwiel	<b>Nov. 30</b>	Andrea Vevers



CELEBRATE  
R O T A R Y  
100 Years

### BINGO SCHEDULE

	<b>6:15-8:15</b>	<b>8:00-10:00</b>
<b>Dec. 02</b>	Lynda Lawrence	Bob Shantz
<b>Dec. 30</b>	Brian Bekar	Mina Park

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### TODAY'S PROGRAM:

**NEXT WEEK:** Who's Who – Murray Davelaar & Mina Park

### CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Nov. 10	5:30pm	Vocational Services Meeting	Edward Jones 102-19237 122A Ave. PM
Nov. 15	12:00pm	WineZest Meeting	Laurie's Office 22311-119 <sup>th</sup> Ave. M.R.
Nov. 20	9:00am	Foundation & Membership Seminar	Delta Town and Country Inn, Delta BC
May 28		WineZest 2005	
June 18-22		RI Centennial Convention	Chicago

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY:** Nov. 13 - Andrea Vevers Nov. 9 - Lila Jane Terwiel

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY:** Nov. 11 - Tim & Lynn Lowes

**50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$618+ 1/2 of today's sales, 30 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!**

## Last Weeks Meeting

Bob Shantz happily distributed the Hospice Calendar to interested parties and wants everyone to get out and SELL! All the contributing photographers are from Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows and the pictures are all of our area. Of course you know that the proceeds are going to the Hospice Society towards their goal of building a Palliative Care Centre in Maple Ridge. A good cause we all need to get behind!

Our guest speaker today was Susan Cudahy & Rick from the Maple Ridge Economic Development Team. Susan moved here recently from Ontario and looks very much forward to helping Maple Ridge define its “brand” to the world and therefore attract more commercial and industrial citizens. One of the primary goals of the Council is to broaden the existing tax base to include more commercial and industrial companies to alleviate the burden that currently has 93% of our taxes coming from Residential sources. She also indicated that Maple Ridge is prime and ready for this as we now have 65% of our citizens commuting out of Maple Ridge to work and consequently spending their money outside of Maple Ridge as well. A lot of them are “sick and tired” of the commute and ready to consider perhaps a slightly smaller pay rate for the benefit of not having to commute. With this we are very attractive to investors and this is whom Susan intends to bring in to our town.



One major step that will need to be addressed however is the availability of land zoned for commercial and industrial. We need to attain a balance of agricultural/residential and commercial & industrial land use. Also in order to be successful the community needs to be able to “cope with change and cannot stay internally focused”.

The upcoming changes to the transportation is a very big obstacle being removed and will definitely effect change in our town. The job of the Economic Development team is to “implement the vision of what Maple Ridge wants to be when it grows up.” They are a very proactive marketing team and Maple Ridge is the product they are selling. Get ready folks, Maple Ridge is growing and there are likely lots of opportunities to “catch the wave”.

Submitted by Debi Pearce

## About The Rotary Foundation

The Rotary Foundation is a not-for-profit corporation that supports the efforts of Rotary International to achieve world understanding and peace through international humanitarian, educational, and cultural exchange programs. It is supported solely by voluntary contributions from Rotarians and friends of the Foundation who share its vision of a better world.

The Foundation was created in 1917 by Rotary International's sixth president, Arch C. Klumph, as an endowment fund for Rotary "to do good in the world." It has grown from an initial contribution of US\$26.50 to more than US\$55 million contributed in 2002-03. Its event-filled history is a story of Rotarians learning the value of service to humanity.

The Foundation's Humanitarian Programs fund international Rotary club and district projects to improve the quality of life, providing health care, clean water, food, education, and other essential needs primarily in the developing world. One of the major Humanitarian Programs is PolioPlus, which seeks to eradicate the polio virus worldwide. Through its Educational Programs, the Foundation provides funding for some 1,200 students

to study abroad each year. Grants are also awarded to university teachers to teach in developing countries and for exchanges of business and professional people.

Here is a sampling of what some Rotarians, Foundation alumni, and others who have worked with the Foundation have said about the international work of The Rotary Foundation:

*"Rotary set me on a course that I am still continuing. If I had not gone to the United States as an Ambassadorial Scholar, I don't think I would have pursued the study of International Relations."*

**Sadako Ogata**

Former United Nations High Commissioner of Refugees Foundation Scholar, 1951-52

*"Rotary International's masterpiece is The Rotary Foundation. It transforms our dreams into splendid realities . . . it is the most generous expression of Rotarian generosity — a generosity that not only brings benefits but also brings help and cooperation to solve the problems that affect mankind. The Rotary Foundation achieves the best that mankind can possibly achieve."*

**Paulo V.C. Costa**

President, Rotary International, 1990-91

*"We always wanted to do something through Rotary. Our decision was based on six years' involvement with Matching Grant projects in Haiti, Mexico, India, and South Africa. We were extremely impressed with the way the program reaches and touches people with much less administrative problems and costs than any other international humanitarian organization."*

**Frank and Mildred Branscombe**

Rotary Club of Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada

*"From Seattle to Santiago, from Bogota to Bombay, and everywhere in between, the children of the world are waiting. They are the hope of the future, and you are their hope that the future will be bright. I thank you, Rotary, for alleviating the suffering of children."*

**Audrey Hepburn**

discussing the PolioPlus program on behalf of UNICEF

*"In Warsaw, Wojciech Sierpinski, a Rotary club president, took me on a tour I will never forget. We visited his parent's house — where they lived during World War II. There in the kitchen, under a dusty stack of crates was a secret wooden panel in the floor. Wojciech removed the panel to reveal a tiny room underneath the kitchen floor where his parents hid their neighbours — a Jewish family — during the war. As I stood speechless, listening to Wojciech describe how they evaded the Nazis, I realized the full value of the Group Study Exchange program."*

**Ian Oxman**

Group Study Exchange team member from California, USA

*"The Rotary Foundation's programs are all the more important because we live in a world of sharp contrasts: fear and hope, illness and good health, poverty and wealth. Worse, we live in a world in which inequalities of income, unemployment — and presumably exclusion from well-being — have sensibly increased in the last fifteen years, not so much between countries, but within countries, developed and developing alike. In such a situation, the role of The Rotary Foundation is of the utmost importance."*

**Bertrand Rene Munier**

Professor of Economics, Ecole Normal Superieure, Cachan, France  
Ambassadorial Scholar 1967-68