

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.

After last week's overview of Ambassadorial Scholarships and the Rotary Centers for International Studies, we now present the Group Study Exchange and the Rotary Grants for University Teachers.

Group Study Exchange

The Group Study Exchange (GSE) program of The Rotary Foundation is a unique cultural and vocational exchange opportunity for young business and professional men and women between the ages of 25 and 40 and in the early years of their professional lives. The program provides travel grants for teams to exchange visits between paired areas in different countries. For four to six weeks, team members experience the host country's institutions and ways of life, observe their own vocations as practiced abroad, develop personal and professional relationships, and exchange ideas.

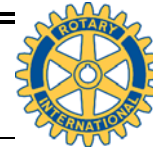
For each team member, The Rotary Foundation provides the most economical round-trip air ticket between the home and host countries. Local Rotarians in the host area provide for meals, lodging, and group travel within their district

Rotary Grants for University Teachers

Rotary Grants for University Teachers provide funds to higher education faculty to travel abroad to teach at colleges and universities in developing countries. The program is intended to build international understanding and foster development while strengthening higher education in low-income countries. The program also aims to establish ties between higher education institutions, leading to the exchange of ideas and information across the globe. The subjects taught by grant recipients must be relevant to the needs of the local population and contribute to the area's socio-economic development. For 2002-03, 38 grants were awarded.

"I open my apartment twice a month and invite all my students to visit, talk, and have a picnic on the floor. They come and are so pleased that a professor is interested enough to open his apartment and want to know what they think. They have requested that we have class on those occasions. Can you believe that — class on Sunday? This is teaching heaven!"

Dr. Mel Weissman, 1998-99 University Teachers grant recipient, on teaching in Russia



The Four Way Flasher

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INVOCATION

Nov. 16	Eng Tan	Nov. 23	Marco Terwiel
Nov. 30	Andrea Vevers	Dec. 7	Walter Volpatti



CELEBRATE
R O T A R Y
100 Years

BINGO SCHEDULE

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

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

TODAY'S PROGRAM: John Appleton & Fran Haughian – Food Bank

NEXT WEEK: Donna Bartel, – Security Manager Fraser Port Authority

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Nov. 20	9:00am	Foundation & Membership Seminar	Delta Town and Country Inn, Delta BC
April 9	8:00am	District Assembly	Kwantlen University College, Surrey
May 12		District 5050 Centennial Conference	Victoria, BC
May 28		WineZest 2005	
June 18-22		RI Centennial Convention	Chicago

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Nov. 17 - Lynn Lowes

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$643+ 1/2 of today's sales, 29 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

Last Weeks Meeting

Bob Shantz still has about 500 calendars that are undistributed, but sales are going well. We have a selling opportunity at the mall Nov 13, 2004 so this should help sales as well.

Our guest speaker was Brenda Tole, the District Director from the Alouette Correctional Center for Women at the end of 248th Street. Brenda has a long history with corrections starting in 1972 as a probation officer, which she did for 17 years after which she went into the electronic monitoring program. She served at Surrey Pretrial as a director, then at the Vancouver jail as a director. Our current government closed Alouette Correctional for Men 3 years ago where its primary purpose was holding men with drug and alcohol problems. BCCW for women was also closed and all the women were moved to the Surrey Pretrial Facility.

In April 2004 the facility at the end of 248th was reopened for women offenders with 112 beds. They opened with 4 women and now have 84 women and are feeling pretty well maxed out. The median age of the women is 32. As opposed to warehousing the offenders as they do in the US, they are developing programs that impact the needs of the women. It has been found that the punitive approach has no impact on rehabilitation. Their educational levels are assessed and they have 2 teachers and a librarian on staff. They are providing activities where the women can give back to the community and feel part of the community. They are working with ARMS (Alouette Regional Management Society) in a voluntary work program with the parks and fish hatchery doing gardening, landscaping etc. They are doing administrative jobs and such things as sorting clothes at the women's transition house.

We are encouraged to contact Brenda Tole if there is any opportunity in the community where the women could be of service, as it is highly therapeutic for them. Brenda stressed that these women were not violent or a threat to society as much as they are a threat to themselves. Her direct number is 604-476-2658

Submitted by Brenda Exner

100% Attendance Club for October 2004

The following members had a perfect attendance record for our weekly meetings or by makeups.

Laurie Anderson	Brian Bekar	Ineke Boekhorst	Peter Boekhorst	Brian Fox
Maureen Goodrick	Robert Goodrick	Alex Kempenaar	Sharon Kyle	Ron LePore
Debbie MacRae	Ken Paterson	Gordy Robson	Mary Robson	Bob Shantz
Andrea Vevers	Walter Volpatti			

All members are encouraged to attend our Tuesday weekly meetings or if they are unable to attend, to get a makeup by visiting an other club or by participating in a Club activity.

Wouldn't it be great, to have your name in this list next month?

Kenyan VP to dedicate homes for AIDS orphans

(Nairobi, KENYA — 14 August 2004)

Kenya's Vice President Hon. Moody Awori will officiate on 14 August 2004 at the dedication of 15 homes designed to house 150 orphans whose parents have died of AIDS.

Located in Cura Village, Kiambu District, near Nairobi, the homes were built after extensive consultation with members of the community who overwhelmingly supported a project that addresses one of the greatest problems of the AIDS crisis - the care of children orphaned by the disease.

In addition to helping raise the Sh5 million (more than US\$62,000) needed for the project, Rotary clubs in Nairobi will help to educate the AIDS orphans. Area church leaders will manage Cura homes with the participation of local Rotary club members.

The homes are one of the largest community-based and privately funded HIV/AIDS orphan care initiatives in Kenya. They will serve as a model for Rotary club projects aimed at addressing similar needs in impoverished communities across Africa.

Ten Rotary clubs in Nairobi, their counterparts throughout Africa, and The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International paid for the cost of construction. The level of cooperation from across the continent makes Cura Homes the largest pan-African project of its kind in the world of Rotary.

Rotary and UNICEF Celebrate Groundbreaking Partnership For Children

(Evanston, IL — USA: 1 November 2004)

Glenn Estess, President of Rotary International, and Carol Bellamy, Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), said today that their groundbreaking partnership, which has brought polio to the brink of eradication, proves that the public and private sectors can unite to deliver incredible results for children.

The two organization heads were meeting today at Rotary International Headquarters, in Evanston, Illinois. Rotary and UNICEF, along with the World Health Organization and US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, are the spearheading partners of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative. The Initiative is the world's largest ever public health endeavour, and has slashed polio cases by more than 99 per cent since its launch in 1988. With only six countries yet to stop the virus, polio is tantalizingly close to becoming the first disease of the 21st century to be eradicated.

Through Rotary International, the fight against polio has been largely driven by volunteers, over 20 million of them, mostly in developing countries. Rotarians around the world have also donated over \$500 million to polio eradication and advocated with governments to give more. Never before have individuals and the influence of the private sector played such a core role in a global public health effort.

"Rotary's contribution to the polio campaign over the last fifteen years sets a new global benchmark for dedication to children," said Carol Bellamy. "The success of our partnership proves that the private sector can, and should, work with public sector organizations in global projects, to mobilize resources, hold down costs and achieve the best results on the ground."

As well as mobilizing half a billion dollars, Rotary's network of volunteers have worked hand in hand with UNICEF teams in many of the world's poorest countries to guide strategy and bring the polio vaccine to the poorest children who could otherwise slip beyond help.

Reaching poor and marginalized children with basic tools to help them survive and thrive is UNICEF's highest priority. According to Bellamy, the value of community-based networks like Rotary in helping UNICEF achieve this goal is "incalculable".

"With so much at stake, we cannot come this close to ending polio and not finish successfully," said Estess. "Thanks to the strength of our unique partnerships with UN agencies like UNICEF, I am confident that we can overcome these current challenges, and ultimately lead the way for other private-public collaborations to achieve major health objectives in the future."

Bellamy also congratulated Rotary International on their upcoming Centenary in 2005, saying it marked "a century of leadership for children".