

## MEETING MAKE-UP

One of the many benefits of Rotary Club membership is the luxury of being able to travel the world and never miss a weekly meeting. Club members are welcome and encouraged to [visit clubs](#) while traveling to make-up the meeting missed back home.

But Rotarians often ask what options exist if there is not a club in the area of travel, or if the member is home but an emergency causes them to miss a meeting. Well, the answer is as close as your home computer. Rotary International has approved the request of 27 clubs to form with virtual or electronic locations. A visit to one of these e-clubs may satisfy a club member's make-up requirement.

Go to [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)

Go to the **Membership** tab on the top-left hand side of the screen. Then hit the **Continuing Member Education** tab. Scroll down to the **Meeting Make-Up tab**.

When you hit his tab you will be given a list of Rotary E-Clubs. Click on any of these tabs to do an on-line makeup A makeup takes approximately 30 – 45 minutes.

<http://www.rotaryclubone.org>

<http://www.rotaryclubny1.com>

<http://www.rotaryclubsouthwest.org>

<http://www.rotaryclub7890.org>

<http://www.rotaryclub3310.org>

## THE 4-WAY TEST



From the earliest days of the organization, Rotarians were concerned with promoting high ethical standards in their professional lives. One of the world's most widely printed and quoted statements of business ethics is The 4-Way Test, which was created in 1932 by Rotarian Herbert J. Taylor (who later served as RI president) when he was asked to take charge of a company that was facing bankruptcy.

This 24-word code of ethics for employees to follow in their business and professional lives became the guide for sales, production, advertising, and all relations with dealers and customers, and the survival of the company is credited to this simple philosophy. Adopted

by Rotary in 1943, The 4-Way Test has been translated into more than a hundred languages and published in thousands of ways. It asks the following four questions:

Of the things we think, say or do:

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?"



# The Four Way Flasher

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### INVOCATION

Nov. 30	Andrea Vevers	Dec. 7	Walter Volpatti
Dec. 14	Stan Wade	Jan. 4	Laurie Anderson



### BINGO SCHEDULE

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



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**TODAY'S PROGRAM:** Jim Rule – State of the Municipality

**NEXT WEEK:** Business Meeting

### CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Dec. 14	noon	AGM & Election of Officers	Regular Meeting
Dec. 21		Christmas Party	Robson's house
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. 30 – John Lee Park

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$710+ 1/2 of today's sales, 27 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

## LAST WEEKS MEETING

There were a number of guests at this week's meeting.

Dianne Kirkland brought Ahseaa Ahmed who is applying for the Ambassadorial Scholarship. She is a 23 year old Maple Ridge resident, who is studying for her M.A. She has worked in Morocco and Palestine. She is taking a two month cruise program that focuses on Conflict Resolution. Her plans include hands on humanitarian projects and studying Arabic.

Also in attendance was Stan from the Coquitlam Sunrise Club who stopped by to tell us about an upcoming fundraiser.

Gord then introduced our newest member for installation, Anil Bharwani. Anil was born in Tanzania, is married to Zulekha and has two children, Imran and Misha. He is the owner operator of the Husky Station at 216<sup>th</sup> Street. Laurie performed Anil's installation ceremony.



Our guest speaker was Donna Bartel, Manager Security & Emergency Planning for Fraser Port (Fraser River Port Authority). She was Fraser Port's Environment Manager for 2 ½ years and is now Security Management. Their mandate is to facilitate trade and waterborne commerce on the lower Fraser River. In 2003 there was 36 million tonnes of cargo handled through the ports. There are five sites that they manage – the Fraser Surrey Docks, Annacis Properties, Surrey Properties, Richmond Properties, and the Delta Properties. Fraser Port is working on short seas shipping which is easier on the infrastructure.

The Port Operations include environmental assessments & audit programs, dredging to keep the shipping channels open, annual channel maintenance, habitat compensation (1.5M), annual funding of \$25,000. for the debris trap.

Security has been stepped up since 9/11 and there are new regulations which deal with International vessels. They must now be compliant with international codes for security.

**Submitted by Lynda Lawrence**

## TEXTBOOK PROJECT WORKS TO ERASE ILLITERACY

One of the greatest tragedies of the 36-year civil war that ravaged Guatemala was the damage inflicted on the Central American nation's educational infrastructure. Today, this country of 14 million suffers one of the Western Hemisphere's highest illiteracy rates, and only one in four rural adults has basic reading skills. But since 1997, Rotarians from more than 200 clubs in Canada, Guatemala, and the United States have been chipping away at the problem through a self-sustaining initiative that has delivered more than 100,000 textbooks to about 20,000 secondary-school students in 122 impoverished communities.

"It is a brilliant and beautiful project," says Enrique Gándara, 2001-02 governor of District 4250. Gándara, who has been involved with the project since its outset, was one of the first Rotarians in Guatemala to work with Joe

and Jeff Berninger, American brothers who traded in high-octane corporate careers to create Cooperative for Education, a nonprofit organization with headquarters in Cincinnati and Guatemala City. Cooperative for Education is designed to deliver textbooks — and, on a smaller scale, computer labs and libraries — to many of the dispossessed in this battered yet breathtaking land. Through a relationship with more than 200 Rotary clubs, the organization operates the Guatemala Literacy Project. By giving students textbooks, studies show that their grades improve by 30 percent and the overall quality of the education increases by 70 percent, Gándara says.

"The biggest hook for me and members of the other clubs is that this is not just an exercise in writing a check," says Dick Anderson, a member of the Rotary Club of Paramount, Calif., USA, who has made four trips to Guatemala with the literacy project. "It's an opportunity to participate in the delivery of these books, actually meet the students and their parents, and know that you are providing the seed money for a program that will continue as long as the schools maintain its precepts."

The precepts are simple. Rotary clubs pay for textbooks that are delivered to poor secondary schools, where students and their families are then assessed a small annual rental fee. Over the course of a few years, the fee will replenish the textbook supply for future students. Donations, which typically range from US\$500 to \$5,000 per club, go exclusively for book purchases. Cooperative for Education funds the administrative side of the operation via partnerships with schools, churches, and other groups in the United States. After identifying several schools in Guatemala that are willing to commit to the program, delegations from North America travel each February to the Central American nation to deliver the books.

Recently, the Guatemala Literacy Project has started to fund computer lab projects for a few communities in a partnership that includes Rotary clubs, Cooperative for Education, Microsoft, and Fondo Unido — Guatemala's United Way. But so far, the emphasis remains the textbook program.

Glenn Chamberlain, a member of the Rotary Club of Ephrata, Wash., who serves as national coordinator for Rotary clubs involved in the Guatemala Literacy Project, has traveled to Guatemala with the literacy project five times. He recalls fondly the exchanges with parents at one remote mountain school where residents spoke only Mam, one of 22 Mayan languages spoken in the farthest reaches of Guatemala. "We were all deeply touched by one parent," Chamberlain recounts. "He explained the importance of the program to his family and his village, where without education, the children would be relegated to lives of poverty. It's a life that has no safety nets. If you don't raise enough corn, you don't eat. The opportunity for an education is the only way out for most."

Rotarians who have traveled to Guatemala to deliver textbooks have discovered opportunities to help communities in other ways, including one project in a village called Esperanza Chilatz, says Jeff Taylor, a member of the Rotary Club of North Raleigh, N.C.

"There was a school that really stood out from all the others that we had visited," says Taylor, who frequently travels to Guatemala with the literacy project. "It was basically a shack. It had dirt floors, no windows or doors. There was no electricity or plumbing. Our first year there, [the local Rotarians] decided that we would try to do something to help this school and community." Rotarians helped purchase a 500-gallon cistern for the community, were instrumental in the construction of a six-room classroom, and ultimately helped the community establish a mini-computer lab with three laptop computers powered by solar energy.

"We made a difference there," Taylor says. "That's why we're doing this."