

Rotarians all over the world have responded spontaneously and generously to the [tsunami disaster](#) in South Asia. At the [Presidential Celebration in Osnabrück](#), Rotary Magazin editor Gerald Deckart asked RI President Glenn E. Estess Sr. about his ideas for Rotary involvement.

**Deckart: Will Rotary International launch its own program to help flood victims in South Asia?**

**Estess:** No. Rotary would never have the capabilities to respond to this catastrophe, which is beyond imagination, at the same comprehensive level that governments or global relief organizations can provide. As with other disasters, we rely on the proven initiative of clubs and districts, which have already shown excellent results.

**How do you think Rotary and its clubs should take action?**

First of all, help needs to be sustained. Currently, there are a lot of relief organizations on location. Rotary should have a long-term perspective. We should concentrate on those needs that will remain in half a year or a year from now — to rebuild infrastructure, schools, hospitals, and affordable homes.

**How can The Rotary Foundation help?**

A gift to the [South Asia Solidarity Fund](#) will be used to support recovery projects in Sri Lanka, Indonesia, India, and Thailand. There are other Foundation programs that can offer support. The easiest is [Matching Grants](#). Any club that wants to help can check the [various forms of assistance](#) listed on the RI Web site. I would like to thank all Rotarians who have already responded for their great services.

The following is a short excerpt from what Rotary Clubs are planning to do for long-term relief assistance. More information can be found at <http://www.rotary.org/programs/wcs/disaster/reliefforts.html>

**District 2980** is planning long-term assistance to victims of the tsunami disaster. The affected people rely on fishing as their livelihood and the district will be providing long-term assistance through the provision of fishnets and funds for repairing boats and Catamarans.

**District 3000** plans to adopt a small village or two in the affected area and is collecting funds to provide total reconstruction and rehabilitation.

**District 3020** was affected by the tsunami disaster. A committee of Rotarians is surveying the area and will be posting a report on the damages caused on their Web site: [www.rotarydist3020.org](http://www.rotarydist3020.org). The district is collecting funds to provide long-term, low-cost housing for victims, provide nets and other tools, and provide immediate assistance to all orphaned children.

The **Rotary Club of Indore Uptown** in District 3040 is collecting funds to build low cost shelters that will each house five families. Each shelter will cost US\$800 to build. The club established relief camps immediately following the disaster and has spent \$25,000 to build temporary shelters for displaced families and orphaned children.

**District 3150** is planning long-term livelihood assistance projects to support fishermen and their families by providing small boats to support single families each (US\$250), large boats to support two families each (US\$400), mechanical boats to support 5 families each (US\$5,000), and nets (US\$300). The district is seeking international partners to apply for a Matching Grant through The Rotary Foundation.

**District 3210** plans to provide long-term assistance through an "adopt a village" program that will provide low-cost shelters (US\$2,000 each) to those who lost their homes. Land has been obtained for this purpose and beneficiaries are being identified. The district will also distribute fishing nets, boats, and engines.

The **Rotary Club of Bali Ubud (Indonesia)** is planning to provide long-term assistance and is planning a sponsorship program for orphans, an "adopt a community" program to provide reconstruction and repair to schools and wells, and a micro-credit program that will enable survivors to rebuild their businesses.



# The Four Way Flasher

## Rotary Club of MeadowRidge Newsletter

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**INVOCATION**

<b>Feb. 15</b>	Don Boyce	<b>Feb. 22</b>	Vladimir Cukor
<b>March 1</b>	Murray Davelaar	<b>March 8</b>	Mike Davies



**BINGO SCHEDULE**

	<b>6:15-8:15</b>	<b>8:00-10:00</b>
<b>Feb. 24</b>	Mina Park	Peter Boekhorst
<b>March 24</b>	Mina Park	Sharon Kyle

Call Peter at 604-465-3392 for assistance or email [mrrotary@telus.net](mailto:mrrotary@telus.net)

**TODAY'S PROGRAM:** Jim Kelly - Alouette Home Start Society

**NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM:** Who's Who – Janice Armstrong / Sandy Wakeling

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

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Feb. 23	7:00pm	Charter of Port Coquitlam Centennial	Michael's on Wilson Rest., Pt Coq
March 16	6:00pm	Centennial Dinner (Dinner @ 6:30)	Meadow Gardens Golf & Country Club
March 22		Fireside	Kevin Nosworthy
April 9	8:00am	District Assembly	Kwantlen University College, Surrey
May 10		Golf Tournament	Swan-e-Set Golf Club
May 12		District 5050 Centennial Conference	Victoria, BC
May 28		WineZest 2005	ACT, Maple Ridge
June 18-22		RI Centennial Convention	Chicago

**Cash Calendar:** The list of the February winners is posted on our website [www3.telus.net/MeadowRidge\\_Rotary](http://www3.telus.net/MeadowRidge_Rotary) and will be updated regularly.

**50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$957+ 1/2 of today's sales, 20 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!**

## LAST WEEKS MEETING

The meeting began with Leo, our German Exchange Student, giving a brief report on her trip to Rogers Pass for the District 5060 Rotary Weekend in the Mountains which she attended with about 70 other students this past weekend.

Walter then introduced the visiting Rotarians, Gene Vickers and Dan Gallant, guests from the Coquitlam Rotary Club. Gene is involved in organizing the provisional Centennial Rotary Club of Port Coquitlam. He invited our members to come and celebrate the start of this new club at a dinner being held at Michaels on Wilson on February 23. Tickets are \$40. each.

Robert announced that our Centennial Celebration Dinner will be held on Wednesday March 16<sup>th</sup> at Meadow Gardens Golf & Country Club.

Mary advised that the District Assembly is being held Saturday April 9<sup>th</sup> at Kwantlen College in Surrey

It was announced that the proceeds from Wine Zest 2004 are going back to the Arts Centre to fund an audio system.

Gord Robson, our Membership Chairman, then presented the video "What is Rotary?" for our guests who were attending today's new members meeting.

After the film presentation, Gordy explained the various projects our club participates in. He mentioned the Sports Banquet which has contributed to over 8 different projects including the new all weather field, the Hometown Heroes program, the hospital fundraisers which have raised funds for the new cat scan machine and the hospital expansion plan, Wine Zest which contributes to Arts in our community, Hospice, Youth Diversion and Polio eradication.

Gene Vickers then spoke about Mary's goal to charter a Morning Club. He said there are many things that we cannot do alone, but with the power of Rotary in partnership with others we can accomplish great things. He said that the new Coquitlam Centennial Club is the third club he's started. Chartering a new club brings new opportunities and being a charter member is something special. He said he will help in any way he can if we decide to move ahead with the start up of a Morning Club. He advised that we need a minimum of 20 – 25 members to charter a new club.

**Submitted by Lynda Lawrence**

## CENTENNIAL DINNER

There will be a Centennial Dinner Celebration with the Haney Rotary Club on Wednesday March 16, 2005. The details are as follows:

DATE: Wednesday March 16, 2005  
LOCATION: Meadow Gardens Golf & Country Club  
COST: \$25. per person  
TIME: Cocktails @ 6 pm, Dinner @ 6:30 pm & Awards @ 7 pm.

Come and celebrate Rotary's 100th Anniversary!

**Note: our regular meeting on March 15<sup>th</sup> has been cancelled!**

## A Century of Service: The Story of Rotary International

**\$25.00USD**

Commissioned by RI for the Rotary Centennial, this inspirational book vividly documents Rotary's history, the development of its programs, and the difference that Rotarians have made around the world; includes a wealth of fascinating facts, untold stories, and never-before-published photographs.

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**Note:** This special offer ends 28 February 2005.

## LONG TERM TSUNAMI RELIEF EFFORT IN THAILAND

Dear PDG Martin,

Thank you so much for your concern about the Rotary project to relief the victim.

At this moment, the emergency aids have been sent to the people in the effected areas consisting of drinking water-cloths-food and some other necessary supply. These aids and funding are coming from many organization, local Thais, and fellow rotarians around the world. Housing projects are also under going handle by central government, and some other companies.

4 Rotary districts in Thailand (3330-3340-3350 and 3360) are working together in the project 'Operation Rotary Care' which is leading by Past RI President Phichai Rattakul and all DGs-PDGs. The latest news I got is that the Rotary recived the land from the government for building the " Rotary Community " . The house will build in this land for more than 100 units and these houses will be the permanent house for the victims.

On my opinion, the project which D5050 and D3330 can work together in humanitarian project for long term and sustainable development is a Matching grant project.

Thanks again for your concern ,all your and your district supported are much appreciated.

Best regards,  
PP. Chaisak Koaysomboon  
DRFC D3330 (2005-06)

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Feb. 18: Jacqueline Davelaar