

DRAFT PROGRAM

Thursday – May 12th/ 2005

1:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Golf - 1st Tee off at 1:00 PM

Location Olympic View Golf Course

7:00 PM to 10:00 pm

Dinner & Prizes

Location Strathcona Hotel Lounge

Friday - May 13th 2005

10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Registration

Location Fairmount Empress Upper Lobby

6:15 pm to 7:00 pm

Opening Ceremonies

RI Representative Address

Ghost of Paul Harris

Location Royal BC Museum – 3rd Floor

7:00 pm to 10:00 pm

Dinner

Location Royal BC Museum

Saturday - May 14th 2005

7:30 am to 9:00 am

Breakfast

Speaker, Chris Lewis

Location Crystal Ballroom / Palm Court

9:30 am to 10:30 am

Ryan's Well – Ryan Hreljac

Location Crystal Ballroom

10:30 am to 10:45

Coffee

10:45 am to 11:30

Breakout- GSE - Respiratory & Lung

Breakout- Haiti Project

Breakout- Sal Abbott-Rotary Youth

12:00pm to 2:00pm

Lunch A - Ukulele Band/Azim Jamal

Location Crystal Ballroom

Lunch B - Ukulele Band/Azim Jamal

Location Marriott Hotel

2:00pm to 5:00pm Activities and Tours

Places- Various - TBA

6:00 PM No Host Cocktail Hour

Location Victoria Conference Centre

7:00pm to 12:00pm

Celebration Dinner

Location Victoria Conference Centre

Keynote Speaker RI Past President "Richard King"

Dancing to "Classic Soda Band"

Sunday – May 15th, 2005

8:00am to 9:30am

Breakfast

District Business Meeting

Gary Hollick RI Representative

Location Crystal Ballroom



# The Four Way Flasher

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### INVOCATION

April 12	Murray Davelaar	April 19	Doris Gagel
April 26	Maureen Goodrick	May 3	Robert Goodrick



### BINGO SCHEDULE

	6:15-8:15	8:00-10:00
April 21	Ron LePore	Brian Bekar
May 19	Debi Pearce	Robert Campbell



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TODAY'S PROGRAM: Installation of Vivian Hatiras

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM:

### CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
April 12		Youth Diversion Dinner	The Gourmet Hideaway Restaurant
May 10	12:30pm	Golf Tournament	Swan-e-Set Golf Club
May 12		District5050 Centennial Conference	Victoria, BC
May 28		WineZest 2005	ACT, Maple Ridge
May 30		Italian Serata – Hospital ER	La Trattoria
June 18-22		RI Centennial Convention	Chicago

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

April 18: Anil Bharwani & Ken Knuttila

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$1219.<sup>50+</sup> + 1/2 of today's sales, 14 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

## LAST WEEKS MEETING

This weeks meeting we had Randy Hawes our local MLA as our guest speaker. He spoke about Education in the province and the actual results the current government have achieved. He used the 1995/96 year as a comparison to now with the following statistics:

	Approx #'s	
Number of students	1995/96 –	609,000
	2005	606,000
Number of Teachers	1995/96	33,700
	2005	33,400
Number of schools	1995/96	1,668
	2005	1,666

Teacher/student average increase of .2 students

Funding per student increased by \$800

Randy commended School District 42 on their efforts to balance the growth issues in some areas with the shrinkage in others. They now receive their funding and have more ability to decide where the funds will be applied to in their efforts to meet the standards set by the government. The Government has also made Education and “essential services” and plans to increase the number of seats in University’s by 25,000.

Also Leo’s father and brother left today to go back to Germany and wish to extend their thank you to the club. They really enjoyed their visit to Maple Ridge.

Submitted by Debi Pearce

## ROTARY AT 100

As the Rotary Centennial approaches, Rotarians around the world are encouraged to focus on three key goals for 2005: eradicating polio, increasing membership to 1.5 million members, and supporting The Rotary Foundation of RI's goal of US\$100 per member in donations to the Annual Programs Fund. Once achieved, Rotary will be more capable of spreading goodwill far into its next century of service.

### Eradicating Polio

Through Rotary's efforts and those of partner agencies, including the World Health Organization, the United Nations Children's Fund, the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and governments around the world, the world has seen a 99 percent reduction in the number of polio cases worldwide since 1985. Fewer than 10 countries still harbor the poliovirus. Rotary's polio eradication fundraising campaign asked that each club set its own goal to support the campaign. Learn more about the [fundraising campaign](#).



### Increasing Membership to 1.5 Million Members

In order for Rotary to maintain its status as the premiere service club organization, it is vital that Rotary's membership continue to grow. With just more than 1.2 million members currently, this goal provides an ambitious challenge to clubs around the world to focus their efforts on inviting new community leaders to join the ranks of Rotary service. Learn more about [recruiting members](#).

### Reaching \$100 Per Capita in Annual Giving

To support Rotary's mission, The Rotary Foundation funds world understanding and peace initiatives through local, national, and international humanitarian, education, and cultural programs. In order to continue and expand the good works of the Foundation into the next century, the organization has committed to try to reach an average of \$100 by the centennial year. Learn more about [The Rotary Foundation](#).

## ORGANIZED BY ROTARIANS, DOMINICAN WATER PROJECT NOW UNDER SCIENTIFIC STUDY

The statistics are as grim as they are startling: 1.1 billion people have inadequate access to potable water and, as a result, 35,000 children die each week. On 22 March — World Water Day at the United Nations — UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan said: "This is an urgent matter of human development and human dignity. Let us resolve to do more to provide safe, clean water to all the world's people."

Rotarians are indeed doing something. What began as a small, test project may now be on the cusp of transforming safe-water distribution in the developing world. In 2002, Jim Bodenner, a member of the Rotary Club of Rockford, Michigan, USA, received a \$400 donation from residents of the elderly-care center that he and his wife own. That modest sum purchased 10 biosand filters, which purify about one quart of water per minute, for use in the Dominican Republic. Today, Bodenner estimates that 6,000 biosand filters are now operating on the island of Hispaniola.

District 6290 (Canada and Michigan, USA) donated \$135,000 to the \$250,000 project; other contributors include Rotary clubs from the Dominican Republic and California and New York, USA. Because the filter has no mechanical parts, Bodenner says, it costs only \$50. The U.S. Peace Corps in the Dominican Republic has undertaken training and education on the use of the biosand filters, which are produced locally by microbusinesses.

According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the biosand filter is a sustainable technology, although it has only been analyzed in a lab environment. For this reason, Bodenner says, the on-site health-impact study currently being conducted by a University of North Carolina professor of microbiology is a crucial next step. In essence, the study will provide conclusive evidence about the effectiveness of the biosand filter. If the results are favorable — and both anecdotal and scientific indications are that they will be — the health-impact study will then be used to persuade governmental and nongovernmental organizations to get involved on a global scale.

The current \$250,000 project, Bodenner says, would burgeon into something many times greater. "We already have the people and ideas in place."

Though the one-year study is already underway, it faces a \$75,000 funding shortfall. For more information, e-mail Jim Bodenner at [jim@bishophills.com](mailto:jim@bishophills.com), or visit his Web site, [www.jbodenner.com](http://www.jbodenner.com).