



RYLA 2005

Date: Jun 16, 2005 (for 4 days)

Location: Camp Squeah, just past the city of Hope, BC

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA), Rotary's training program for young leaders, emphasizes leadership, citizenship, and personal growth.

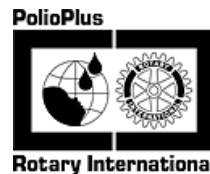
More than merely awards, the program is an opportunity for youth, ages 18 - 25, to hear from professional speakers, to participate in a four day program with like-minded individuals, to have fun with group activities, to form lasting friendships and to develop and grow as a person and as a leader. For more details, click on "About RYLA" and "Joining Instructions".

You can download our "Application" and/or visit our website at www.ryla5050.org where we have an on-line application.

ROTARY'S BIG BOOTS

By Tina Rosenberg

Next month Rotary International turns 100. Rotary clubs, a staple of small-town life, are celebrating the construction of innumerable parks, the holding of myriad blood drives, the awarding of countless college scholarships - and the imminent global eradication of polio.



Twenty years ago, there were a thousand new cases of polio every day. Now polio strikes only about a thousand children a year. By next year, that number should be zero. People who think of Rotary as a congregation of service-minded dentists and funeral directors may not have noticed, but the dentists and funeral directors have created the largest, most successful private health initiative ever.

When Rotary celebrated its 75th birthday, its leaders decided to find a project that all its clubs - now in 168 countries - could work on together. A Rotarian ophthalmologist in the Philippines, where polio was rampant, asked Rotary to vaccinate Filipino children. It vaccinated six million, then made similar efforts in five other nations. In 1985, Rotary decided to wipe out polio completely.

By the time polio is eradicated, Rotary clubs will have directly contributed at least \$600 million, more than any other organization except the United States government. And they offer more than cash. "We realized the task of getting vaccines to children, persuading mothers and fathers of the value of immunization, was a problem of distribution, logistics and social mobilization," said Herb Pigman, an American who was one of the campaign's early leaders. "And here's an organization with boots on the ground in hundreds of thousands of communities."

Big boots, too. "Every polio meeting you go to, you see them," said Rima Salah, deputy executive director of Unicef. "They have commitment, credibility and influence with leaders." This is crucial, as the challenge today is political. In August 2003, Muslim clerics from the northern Nigerian state of Kano charged that America had laced the polio vaccine with drugs to render African girls infertile. Kano stopped vaccinating. Kano's cases doubled, and Nigerian strains of polio have spread to 16 other nations that had beaten the virus. Coincidentally, the president of Rotary International that year, Jonathan Majiyagbe, was from Kano. He helped broker a compromise: Kano would use vaccine made in Indonesia, a Muslim country. In August 2004, Kano's governor publicly vaccinated his infant daughter.

Although the countries Kano infected will have to spend millions on emergency vaccination campaigns, they will probably be successful. The real challenge is to eliminate polio at its epicentre, Nigeria. If Kano does not bolt again, this will probably happen in a year. "We would not be here without Rotary International," Dr. Salah said. "Rotary is the heart and soul of polio eradication."

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INVOCATION

May 24	Shane James	May 31	Cheryl Johnson
June 7	Alex Kempenaar	June 14	Diane Kirkland



BINGO SCHEDULE

	6:15-8:15	8:00-10:00
June 16	Tim Lowes	Sharon Kyle
July 14		



Call Peter at 604-465-3392 for assistance or email mrrotary@telus.net

A Bingo Volunteer list for the next Rotary year (starting July 2005) will be circulated during this meeting. There are 26 slots, so with 40+ members it should be no problem to fill all the open spaces. It only takes 2 hours from your valuable time during one year. We raise about \$30,000 per year from Bingo: that is \$575.00 per volunteer hour!

TODAY'S PROGRAM: Rick Laferriere – Economic Development Office

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM: Zajac Ranch

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
May 30		Italian Serata – Hospital ER	La Trattoria
June 18-22		RI Centennial Convention	Chicago
June 28		Installation of new Executive	Meadow Gardens Golf Course
Sept. 17	7-10pm	Harvest Wine Festival	ACT

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$15.50+ 1/2 of today's sales, 51 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

May 28: Murray Davelaar
May 29: Catherine Tan

May 28: Tim Lowes
May 30: Diane Kirkland

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

May 27: Hilton & Lillian Haider

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Election day, but still a well attended meeting this week.

Robert and Maureen Goodrich were scheduled to do their joint who's who, however Maureen was unable to attend and entrusted Robert to speak on her behalf, as long as the was "ambiguous" around certain details. **Don't worry Maureen, he was good to his word!**

Robert expressed that both he and Maureen are first and foremost very honoured to be in our club and thanked their friend Walter V for the opportunity. They see themselves participating on the "foot soldier" level and are willing to help in any way they can.

Maureen was born in Burnaby and grew up in North Vancouver. In her youth, her first choice as a career was to become a nun as she has a lot of compassion, caring and desire to help "lost causes" as Robert stated. However instead she ended up working at 3M and then General Electric where she met Robert. Robert claims it was love at first sight for him but he had some work to do and it took 3 years to convince Maureen he wasn't just being a nuisance.

Robert was born in England and immigrated to Canada in his early years. He relates that the other choice his father was considering was somewhere in Africa, and that he is forever grateful that Canada won the day. They had some struggles to settle into their new life but with assistance from a caring organization they were supported until they were able to establish themselves and prosper.

After meeting Maureen and convincing her he was the right one, they ventured out to establish their own business that covers a very profitable niche market. They started that business in Coquitlam in 1987 but in 1999 relocated it to Pitt Meadows. The business is in the repair, maintenance and building of steam turbines and has proven to be very successful. Their mutual pride & joy is their 15 year old daughter. Life is good and we at MeadowRidge Rotary are very lucky to have this enthusiastic couple in our club and as friends. Welcome Maureen and Robert.

Submitted by Debi Pearce

PLANNING 10 INTERVIEW DAY

On Wednesday May 18th, another Interview Day took place at Westview Secondary School. A total of 135 students were interviewed, with 22 Interviewers volunteering their time. All students stated the session was "very worthwhile and that they had received some extremely useful "tips" in the process! It certainly gave them lots of "food for thought".

Our Rotary Club sponsored part of this event in 2 different ways. We had some Rotarians giving their time by actually doing the interviews (Dave Rempel, Marco Terwiel, Ineke Boekhorst) We also gave our financial support, by sponsoring the cost of refreshments and lunch provided for all participating interviewers. We received a BIG Thank you from Westview Students and staff for again sponsoring the "Planning 10 Interview Day".

As a participating interviewer, I would like to state, that I very much enjoyed the involvement. The students were very well prepared, in most cases. They showed a good interest in the "tips" I was able to provide them with. A very positive and direct way of giving something of yourself, to a captive and thankful "audience". I would like to suggest: Every Rotarian....consider participating, if you are able, in this VERY worthwhile project next time!!!

Rotarians, who would like to participate, please contact Andrea Vevers.

Ineke Boekhorst

ROTARY-UN DAY 5 NOVEMBER 2005



Rotarians played a key role during the charter conference of the United Nations in 1945.

The RI representatives to the United Nations in New York have announced 5 November 2005 as the date for the next Rotary-UN Day.

The annual event at UN headquarters helps educate Rotarians, their friends, and their families about the complementary roles the UN and Rotary play in supporting humanitarian initiatives and promoting international understanding and peace.

Last year, much of the day was devoted to panel discussions on health concerns, literacy, polio eradication, the [Rotary Centers for International Studies](#) in peace and conflict resolution, and water resources. Although the 2005 program is still being planned, the RI representatives encourage Rotarians to mark the event on their calendar.

Any questions may be directed to [Brad Jenkins](#) bradjenkins@worldnet.att.net, RI alternate representative to the UN in New York.