

## RI PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear fellow Rotarians,

As Rotary's first century draws to a close, I am nearing a personal milestone as well: the end of my presidential year. It has been an incredible century for Rotary and a truly wonderful year for Mary and me.

No RI president really knows what awaits him when he accepts the presidential nomination. Even after many years of involvement at the club, district, and international levels, it's hard to comprehend the full scope of Rotary without seeing it in action around the globe. Now,

having had this experience, I can truly say that Rotary puts Service Above Self in every corner of the 168 countries where it has a presence.

Everywhere I have visited, I have been struck by one trait common to Rotarians worldwide: an overwhelming desire to be of assistance. That desire to help others is what unites Rotarians everywhere, far more than their diverse languages and cultures set them apart. Their commitment to help is what, in the end, has the most impact.

As I've visited clubs on every Rotary continent, I've seen projects involving tremendous financial input and projects involving very little. But as local Rotarians know, what's most important is choosing a project that provides a real solution to a problem in the community. To those of us in North America, a project to add a girls' bathroom onto a primary school might not seem life-changing. But in a part of the world where girls traditionally do not attend school, it can have an enormous impact. There, it epitomizes Rotary's unique understanding of the local community and its needs. Building that girls' room means welcoming girls to school – and to a lifetime of literacy.

The strength of Rotary International lies in its members. Where other humanitarian agencies must travel hundreds or thousands of miles to bring aid, Rotary, in most cases, is already there. When the tsunami of 26 December 2004 hit South Asia, Rotarians and Rotaractors were in action within a day, putting their local knowledge of needs and resources to work. Because a Rotary club is made up of community members, not only is help already there – help never leaves. It is a hallmark of Rotary service that we not only respond to emergencies but provide the long-term humanitarian assistance that allows communities to recover from disaster and move forward.

Long after the news crews have gone home and the tsunami victims have faded from the world's consciousness, Rotarians will still be there, rebuilding shattered schools, roads, and lives. As Rotarians, we have a responsibility to our fellow members, and their communities, all over the world. In the months and years ahead, I ask you to remember that the need in countries devastated by this natural disaster has not disappeared just because we no longer see it on our television screens.

As I prepare to turn the presidency over to President-elect Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar, many people have asked me what I have learned about Rotary in my time as president. I reply, without hesitation, that I have learned that the dedication of Rotarians exceeds anything I could have imagined. Together, as we begin a new century of putting Service Above Self, I ask you all to remember the words of Paul Harris at the last convention he attended: "The pioneering days of Rotary have just begun. There is as much to be done today as ever." Thank you all for a wonderful year, and for being 1.2 million reasons to *Celebrate Rotary!*

**Glenn E. Estess Sr.**

President, Rotary International



# The Four Way Flasher

## Rotary Club of MeadowRidge Newsletter

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**As we (Peter & Ineke) are on the way to Chicago for the RI Convention, this 'Four Way Flasher' is good for the rest of the month.**

### INVOCATION

June 7	Cheryl Johnson	June 14	Alex Kempenaar
June 21	Diane Kirkland	June 28	



CELEBRATE  
R O T A R Y

100 Years

### BINGO SCHEDULE

	6:15-8:15	8:00-10:00
June 16	Tim Lowes	Sharon Kyle
July 14	Brian Bekar	Lindsay Hendy

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

**TODAY'S PROGRAM:** RYLA

**NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM:** June 14 Bobby Lenarduzzi  
June 21 Business Meeting

### CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
June 8	6:00 pm	Ladies Night	Swan-E-Set
June 18-22		RI Centennial Convention	Chicago
June 28		Installation of new Executive	Meadow Gardens Golf Course
July 5	noon	Farewell speech of Leo Krekelar	
August 23		Fireside at Vladimir Cukor	
Sept. 17	7-10pm	Harvest Wine Festival	ACT

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$54+ 1/2 of today's sales, 49 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

June 14: Bob Shantz  
 June 21: Mary Robson (if I can believe the list!)

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

June 24: Alan & Cheryl Johnson  
 June 30: Stan & Debbie Wade

### LAST WEEKS MEETING

Gord reported that we raised \$6,350 for the Hospital Crash Cart at the Italian Seratta. Congrats to Marco on a job well done.

It was also reported that there has been another outbreak of Polio in Indonesia and that Rotary International is already mobilizing to get the necessary vaccinations started.

Anil Bharwani was our Who's Who guest speaker and he has been a world traveler in his time. He was born in Tanzania, sometime before 1960 and remained there through to High School. At that time the government changed to Socialism and his family decided to leave that country. Anil then went to India to study and he achieved a degree in Political Sciences and Economics. He then carried on his journey to England but because of difficulties he encountered in their immigration policies and because of Canada's policies of that time he soon joined his brother in Calgary some 30 years ago. He worked for Husky Oil and 3 years later was offered the opportunity to transfer to Vancouver where he became the District Manager for 2 years. He then decided to own his own gas station and has successfully done that for 25 years. He has been married for 26 years and has a son and a daughter. The son has achieved a degree in criminology and their daughter is pursuing one in psychology. In 1999 Anil underwent bypass surgery and has since decided to change his lifestyle to a healthier and more relaxed one. He is very happy to be a part of our club as he has been a Rotarian in the past and enjoys the laughter and fun he sees at our meetings.



Submitted by Debi Pearce

### HOSPICE CASH CALENDAR

Following are the Hospice Cash Calendar June winners:



June	1	\$20	Mike Williams	Maple Ridge
	2	\$20	Bert & Gladys McBride	Langley
	3	\$20	Malcolm Lee	Maple Ridge
	4	\$20	Phyllis Thul	Moose Jaw, Sk
	5	\$20	Linda Jones	Burnaby
	6	\$20	Grace Beck	Maple Ridge
	7	\$20	Linda Oshea	Maple Ridge
	8	\$20	Carole Stevenson	Maple Ridge
	9	\$20	Jacqueline Jones	Mission
	10	\$20	Jason & Kerri Schmidt	Maple Ridge
	11	\$20	Alice Kleaman	Maple Ridge
	12	\$250	Kal & Lynda Kerr	Herriot By-Quadra Is
	13	\$20	Ken & Jo-Ann Knutilla	Maple Ridge
	14	\$20	Maxine Clough	Maple Ridge
	15	\$20	Roy Boechler	Maple Ridge
	16	\$20	Gord & Alana Knutilla	Maple Ridge
	17	\$20	Lori Lockhart	Port Coquitlam
	18	\$20	Gunter Manke	Maple Ridge
	19	\$250	Paula Haider	Maple Ridge
	20	\$20	Alisha DeBruyn	Maple Ridge
	21	\$20	Javi & Michelle Richmond	Port Coquitlam
	22	\$20	June Mavor	Burnaby
	23	\$20	David Robinson	Abbotsford
	24	\$20	Val Brown	Maple Ridge
	25	\$20	Aaron Nikaniuk	Maple Ridge
	26	\$20	R Lorne Smith	Maple Ridge
	27	\$20	Maria Weel	Langley
	28	\$20	Jean Jansma	Oliver
	29	\$20	Dennis Gaunt	Maple Ridge
	30	\$250	Graham Gilbey	Maple Ridge