

## RI PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear fellow Rotarians,

Welcome to a new Rotary year – the first one in the second 100 years of our Rotary history. It is time to begin writing the first chapter of the new history book of Rotary, and we shall do it through *Service Above Self*.

During 2005-06, we have two major emphases to concentrate on – literacy, along with water, health, and hunger – and an additional focus on public image. Resource groups made up of Rotarians with expertise in each of these areas are ready to assist clubs and districts in planning projects throughout the year.

The month of July is Rotary's official Literacy Month. In 1985, Eve Malmquist, a member of the Rotary Club of Båstad, Sweden, and an international authority on research and methodology in the field of teaching both children and adults to read, wrote the following:

"The ability to read is an indispensable element in a person's equipment for living. Anyone who has not been given the opportunity to learn to read and write cannot lead a full human, individual, and social life. Why? Because language is a tool of thought. One uses words to think, and the more one learns about words and how to arrange them to express ideas, the better one's thinking becomes. Mastery and understanding of a language is fundamental to education. It is thus essential for living."

How true this statement is, and how fortunate we are to be able to address this issue through *Service Above Self*. Literacy is a huge area with many needs. In order to expand our reach on the same penny, I strongly recommend cooperation with other organizations working in the same field. A small example of how this can be done is through the International Save the Children Alliance, a network involving approximately 30 countries around the world. My goal is to work with them to build 300 schools in developing countries.

Although we cannot use Rotary Foundation grants to erect buildings, we can use them to equip schools. We have met with Save the Children in Evanston, and we will work together on projects of joint interest, focusing on education. I am sure that this effort will result in not just 300 new schools but 600 or maybe even 750 new schools. If 100 children attend each school, then 75,000 more children could learn how to read, write, and count – three skills that are essential for an acceptable life.

The years 2003-2012 have been declared the "Decade of Literacy" by the United Nations. Let us participate together in making this decade a success through *Service Above Self*, thus continuing to show the world the great leadership of Rotary International.

**Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar**  
President, Rotary International



**SERVICE Above Self**



# The Four Way Flasher

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### July – RI Literacy Month

#### INVOCATION

<b>July 5</b>	Sharon Kyle	<b>July 12</b>	Lynda Lawrence
<b>July 19</b>	Ron LePore	<b>July 26</b>	Tim Lowes

#### BINGO SCHEDULE

	<b>6:15-8:15</b>	<b>8:00-10:00</b>
<b>July 14</b>	Brian Bekar	Lindsay Hendy
<b>August 11</b>	Ken Paterson	Matt de Bruyn



**SERVICE Above Self**

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

**TODAY'S PROGRAM:** Leo Krekeler (Exchange Student) & Ken Knuttila  
**NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM:** Michael Hall – The News

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

Date	Time	Event	Venue
July 23		Rotary Foundation Grants Seminar	Skagit Valley Casino, Skagit Valley, WA
August 12		District 5050 GolFun 2005	Homestead Golf & Country Club, Lynden
August 23		Fireside at Vladimir Cukor	
Sept. 6	noon	Visit of DG Harvey Jubie	
Sept. 17	7-10pm	Harvest Wine Festival	ACT

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

July 11: Debora Nosworthy

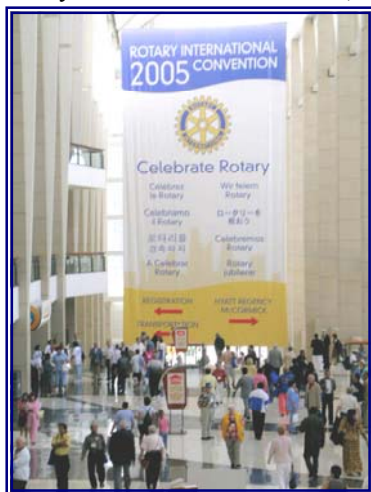
#### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

July 1: Lindsay & Janet Hendy

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

### RI CENTENNIAL CONVENTION IN CHICAGO

Just three miles from where Paul P. Harris and four colleagues began the Rotary movement a century ago, masses of Rotarians converged to prepare for the most anticipated meeting in Rotary's history — the 2005 Rotary International Convention, a celebration of the Rotary Centennial.



Throughout the convention, a steady stream of more than 41,000 registrants from 161 countries arrived for the events at Chicago's McCormick Place.

Busloads of Rotarians also made a pilgrimage to RI Headquarters through Host Organization Committee-arranged tours.

"Rotary, I want to thank you for your birth 100 years ago," Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley said. "Rotary is a great

symbol of Chicago, a symbol of really reaching out to the less fortunate."

At a Rotary Foundation alumni reunion Mayor Daley's words were echoed as participants discussed the impact the program has had on their lives and renewed their commitment to making the world a better place by connecting to others through service.

"When organizations like the Rotary Foundation can foster and harness collective change through millions and millions of relationships, wonders can happen, and wonders have happened through the Family of Rotary," said Dr. Khanh Nguyen, this year's recipient of the Global Alumni Service to Humanity Award.



**Outgoing RI President Glenn E. Estess and incoming RI President Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar**

### CHANGE OF THE GUARDS



Well, it is so far. Mary hammers out the old year with her new and improved gavel and Brian seems to take it all in stride!

The new executive for 2005-2006 is:

President	Brian Bekar
Past President	Mary Robson
President Elect	Sharon Kyle
Vice President	Bob Shantz
Secretary	Ineke Boekhorst
Treasurer	Lindsay Hendy
Club Services	Debbie MacRae
Vocational Services	Alex Kempenaar
Community Services	Stan Wade
International Services	Dave Rempel
Sergeant At Arms	Walter Volpatti



### HOSPICE CASH CALENDAR

Following are the Hospice Cash Calendar July winners:

1	\$20	Justin Strange	Maple Ridge	16	\$20	Caral Marlatt	Hope
2	\$20	Thelma Young	Whitehorse	17	\$20	Sharla Burbank	Maple Ridge
3	\$20	Raymond Hoddod	Maple Ridge	18	\$20	Doris Gagel	Maple Ridge
4	\$20	David & Julie Pedersen	Pitt Meadows	19	\$20	David Evans	Maple Ridge
5	\$20	Dennis Williams	Pitt Meadows	20	\$20	Ralph James	Saskatoon
6	\$20	Les & Andrea Herbert	Maple Ridge	21	\$20	Cindy Moss	Peachland
7	\$20	Jean Chabasso	Maple Ridge	22	\$20	Mike Murray	Maple Ridge
8	\$20	Dr. P.S.Bhatti	Maple Ridge	23	\$20	Jan Hickman	Maple Ridge
9	\$20	Donna Albrecht	Maple Ridge	24	\$20	Nolan Logue	Maple Ridge
10	\$20	Christine Digiamberordne	Maple Ridge	25	\$20	Keith DeBoer	Maple Ridge
11	\$20	Rhonda Aird	Delta	26	\$20	Margaret Oliver	Coquitlam
12	\$20	Marie & Robert Thom	Maple Ridge	27	\$20	Janice Darling	Maple Ridge
13	\$20	Jackalyn Halliday	Maple Ridge	28	\$20	Bob Goos	Maple Ridge
14	\$20	Enid Dunfee	Surrey	29	\$20	Daisy Backmeir	Maple Ridge
15	\$20	Pat Wood	Maple Ridge	30	\$20	Dan Alexov	Maple Ridge
				31	\$250	Lori Crocker	Maple Ridge

### RYLA

It's me Megan. RYLA was awesome! So much happened that I'm still in a little shock over everything, and now that I have left the group, I miss the people, the routine, and just RYLA in general.

I know that my partner-Danielle loved the experience also and I would just like to say on her behalf and mine also: thank you so much for giving us the opportunity to go and experience this wonderful group RYLA. I know I really felt loved and cared for there. RYLA was also an awesome leadership camp for every sort of leader, teaching them new things everyday. Though if I were to be honest I would have to say I learned my lesson after I got home. But again thank you so much for sending me. Megan Fisher

### THE FRENCH CONNECTION

Hi Mary and Club!

This year has gone so fast! I have had such an amazing experience here. The exchange starts off well and it just keeps on getting better up until the very end, when you become afraid to come home because you're going to literally lose the other life that you have built here. All three of my host families have been awesome; we've gotten along so well that I can honestly say that they've become my family. I'm going to miss them a lot. School ended, and I ended up taking the final exams here, just to see if I could pass them. We'll have to see, that shouldn't be bad if I ended up graduating in France! A lot of other students have already left so it's sad right now because all the contacts that I've made from all over the world are leaving. I really think that is one of the best parts about this exchange, the contacts from around the world. Another highlight of my exchange was the international animation film festival in Annecy, at which I was a volunteer. I was able to meet many of the famous animators from Disney and everything. It lasted for one week, and that was probably one of the highlights of my year. Other than that, just saying goodbyes to everyone that I know here, it's all the more difficult then leaving (who would have thought that), but I'm also looking forward to getting back and seeing everyone and coming to your club to do a presentation to show you everything I have done this year!!! I think you all will be amazed how beautiful and dynamic this region of France is. I really got lucky coming here! I'm home on the 24th of July, so anytime after that I can come to one of your meetings. I'd like about two weeks to prepare a powerpoint if that's ok. Also if you didn't know, my family is coming to visit me here and is going to take a trip to Italy and Croatia. My brother arrives on the 24 of June and the rest of my family on the second of July!! Looking forward to seeing you soon! Eric