

RI PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear fellow Rotarians,

August is the Rotary month of membership and extension, an area of great importance to our organization.

The United States leads the way in total number of Rotarians, with 388,170 members. The second largest country is Japan with approximately 103,700 members, followed by India with about 90,000 Rotarians. A couple of interesting observations are that these three countries alone account for 50 percent of the Rotary population and they are all around the Pacific, where 60 percent of the world population is located.

As to the percentage of a country's population who are Rotarians, the picture is quite different. Iceland is the number-one country, followed by Sweden, Norway, New Zealand, Finland, Denmark, and Australia. It's fascinating to note that all seven top nations come from the Nordic part of Europe and Down Under. More interesting, however, is the general trend of Rotary membership worldwide. The Far East has a general upward trend. Africa has a trend of small gains like Europe, a steady but small annual positive development. All other areas, unfortunately, show another picture – a downward one.

In the past, we have had several years dedicated to a special and intensive focus on membership. These have been very successful during the time they were implemented, but due to the lack of continuity, the gains have often been lost during the following year.

I think it is wise to work towards goals. However, goals must be easy to understand and reachable. For 2005-06, I have set a goal of a net increase of one member per club. I believe this goal is reachable and understandable. Unfortunately, we have a loss of members each year in the area of 10 percent. This may make the goal more difficult to reach, which is why retention is so critical. If the drop-off rate can be reduced, the goal will be much easier to achieve.

It is therefore of greatest importance that we a) make our clubs interesting through dynamic programs and meaningful projects, b) take care of club members so they feel that their membership is relevant to both them and their clubs, and c) put an emphasis on fellowship and friendship, two of the cornerstones on which Rotary was built.

We need to be strong in membership so that through *Service Above Self* we can continue to show the world the great leadership of Rotary International.

Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar
President, Rotary International

Next week Wednesday there is a joint meeting with the Haney Rotary Club in honour of our guests from Novosibirsk.

There will be a regular meeting on Tuesday!



The Four Way Flasher

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AUGUST IS THE ROTARY MONTH OF MEMBERSHIP AND EXTENSION

INVOCATION

Aug. 2	Kevin Nosworthy	Aug. 9	Mina Park
Aug. 16	Ken Paterson	Aug. 30	Debi Pearce



SERVICE Above Self

BINGO SCHEDULE

	6:15-8:15	8:00-10:00
August 11	Ken Paterson	Matt de Bruyn
Sep. 08	Diane Kirkland	Walter Volpatti

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

TODAY'S PROGRAM: Megan Fisher – RYLA Report

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM: New Members Meeting

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
August 10	6:30pm	Joint meeting Haney Rotary	Meadow Gardens Golf Club
August 12	12:30	District 5050 GolFun 2005	Homestead Golf & Country Club, Lynden
August 23	7:00pm	Honey Barbecue at Vladimir's Farm	129 th Ave. Pitt Meadows
Sept. 6	noon	Visit of DG Harvey Jubie	
Sept. 17	7-10pm	Harvest Wine Festival	ACT

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

August 2: Carol Bartolomie August 4: Liz Attarmigirian
August 5: Janet Hendy August 7: Eng Hock Tan

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$275+ 1/2 of today's sales, 46 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

LAST WEEKS MEETING



This week we had the official presentation of the proceeds from the Calendar project to the Hospice Society to Neta Spittel in the amount of \$26,078.77. She was very pleased and looks forward to our ongoing support. Next years calendar promises to be even better with the support of the whole club.

On August 10th (next Wednesday) we will be participating in a joint meeting with the Haney Club at MGGC and will have Dimitri of the Rotary Club of Novosibirsk, Russia speaking on the topic “Democracy in Russia, Fact or Fiction” Please sign up at the reception desk today if you want to attend.

Cheryl also updated the club on this years Harvest Wine Fest (10th Annual). We will be holding the event this year at the ACT on Saturday Sept 17th from 7 – 10 pm. Tickets are \$35 each and it is hoped that each club member will sell a minimum of 6 tickets each to help make this a huge success. We already have 10 wineries on board and some new restaurants are expressing

interests as well. Promises to be a great event. Also we expect each member to donate two bottles of wine or spirits with a minimum value of \$15 to our Bottle Raffle, to help raise funds.

Our new member luncheon will be held on Tues August 9th at the regular lunch meeting at the Gourmet Hideaway. Please fill out the appropriate form if you have a candidate and send it to Gord Robson.

Our Guest Speaker was Alan Lomax from the Ladysmith Club and he introduced us to a very exciting opportunity to possibly incorporate into our “international services portfolio”. It is called Shelterbox Canada and its mission is to provide Survival boxes to people affected by a natural disaster such as the recent tsunamis. Each box contains a tent for 10 people, 10 sleeping bags, water



container, water purification tablets, shovel, torch, rope and plastic bags. These boxes have already been shipped to Indonesia, India, North Uganda and the Sudan. Over 12,500 boxes were sent to Asia to assist over 140,000 survivors of the tsunami. We have also helped set up a tent camp in Northern Uganda to assist 2,000 people suffering



because of the wars in their country. The aim is to provide, shelter, comfort and most importantly dignity and hope to people struggling against enormous odds. Rotary clubs in England, USA and Australia are already participating and Alan is the Canadian representative for this project. Each box costs \$1,150. A few members asked questions and expressed an interest in this project. Each box that is shipped has a certificate indicating

who has paid for the box and has Rotary emblems attached along with the Canadian flag. Sounds like a great project to me. What do you think, let your international chair know your feelings re this.

Submitted by Debi Pearce

THANK YOU

Mary and Gordy,

Thank you for inviting me to give my ShelterBox presentation to the Meadow Ridge Club. I much appreciated the opportunity to increase awareness of the ShelterBox project.

I found the visit very enjoyable and my wife Audrey commented on the friendly atmosphere in your Club.

Yours in Rotary,

Alan Lomax

HOSTS REQUIRED FOR 2 ROTARIANS FROM NOVOSIBIRSK

We are looking for hosts for 2 Rotarians from Novosibirsk for 4 days, Edward Shornik and Dimiri Kondratiev. Dimitri will be the guest speaker at the August 10 meeting.

Dates for hosting one or both of our Rotary guests:

August 10 – 14. They fly home to Russia on August 15.

If you can assist in hosting one or both for one day (night) or all, please let me know as soon as possible. Call me on my cell phone 604-307-2477.

Dave Rempel

HOSPICE CASH CALENDAR WINNERS

Following are the Hospice Cash Calendar August winners:

1	\$20	Jennifer McCallum	Maple Ridge	16	\$20	Tom Baker	Maple Ridge
2	\$20	Scott Kyle	Pitt Meadows	17	\$20	John Vevers	Maple Ridge
3	\$20	Glenda Dressler	Maple Ridge	18	\$20	Stephen & Kore Nightingale	Maple Ridge
4	\$20	Amanda Wick & Zac Church	North Vancouver	19	\$20	Heidi Riggins	Maple Ridge
5	\$20	Shelagh Conroy	Port Coquitlam	20	\$20	Debi Pearce	Maple Ridge
6	\$20	Joyce Scott	Maple Ridge	21	\$20	Debbie Quon	Maple Ridge
7	\$20	Vanda Balsip	Vancouver	22	\$20	Geri Gosse	Chilliwack
8	\$20	David Brass	Maple Ridge	23	\$20	Fred Tuck	Parksville
9	\$20	Sadako Miyahara	Kamloops	24	\$20	Adrienne Hansen	Maple Ridge
10	\$20	Jamie Noulty	Maple Ridge	25	\$20	David Drake	Pitt Meadows
11	\$20	Barb Dales	Port Coquitlam	26	\$20	Blair Magnell	Mission
12	\$20	Heather Brown	Vancouver	27	\$20	Jim Hamilton	Pitt Meadows
13	\$20	Courtney Boisvert	Chilliwack	28	\$20	Rod Hughes	
14	\$20	John Jones	Penticton	29	\$20	Caralee Rondquist	Mission
15	\$250	Rosemarie Sontowski	Maple Ridge	30	\$20	Norme Wiebe	Maple Ridge
				31	\$250	Steven Bryant	Surrey