



## RI President's Message

Dear fellow Rotarians,

September is New Generations Month. We could just as well call September “the month of our future” because investing in our youth is our future. We can take pride in the fact that we have youth programs for just about every age group with Rotarians serving as active, caring sponsors.

One of our first contacts with youth begins with Interact, a program for students ages 14-18. Interact clubs can be based in the community or in schools. The school does not “take over” entirely, but works closely with the sponsoring Rotary club to implement meetings and projects. Interact clubs support many of the same causes that Rotary clubs do. For example, Interactors have helped raise funds for tsunami victims, organize outings for poor children, and renovate homes in developing countries.

Interact serves as a natural lead-in to Rotaract, a service club for students ages 18-30. Like Interact, Rotaractors can meet either at a community establishment or at a school, usually a college or university. Rotaract clubs are able to take on more ambitious projects and work more independently. In addition to their service agenda, Rotaract clubs also focus on professional development, public speaking, and career development. One concern is that there can be a “drop off” point after members turn 30. If a club has primarily older members, the sponsor Rotary club should encourage the invitation of younger members to maintain the club’s vitality and flow. Rotaractors are a connecting bridge to Rotary because they understand Rotary values and often help participate in joint projects.

While Interact and Rotaract help to develop leadership skills, there is another program devoted exclusively to this purpose: Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (better known as RYLA). This training seminar is the third flower in our bouquet of youth programs. RYLA usually operates as a camp and is sponsored by multiple districts. This allows Rotarians and young people from all over the region to meet and exchange ideas. Rotarians run the seminars and incorporate recreational and cultural activities.

Perhaps the most popular program of all is Youth Exchange, which allows students ages 15-19 to experience another way of life by living abroad with a host family. He or she is often immersed in a new language, new religion, new political system, new currency, and new traditions. But most important, he or she will find friends in the host country and create a friendship that will last forever. Youth Exchange students will learn to resolve differences peaceably, not through war. You could not build a better foundation for understanding and peace, because it begins at someone’s home.

Interact, Rotaract, Youth Exchange, and RYLA all build upon the goals of personal growth and leadership of youth *by* youth. In short, these programs build character. They also represent a wonderful source of future Rotarians, already acquainted with the ideals of Rotary International.

The old Rotary slogan “Every Rotarian an Example to Youth” is as relevant today as it was more than a half-century ago. Rotarians can help young people reach their full potential. We can instill our motto of Service Above Self at a young age – and let it continue to guide Rotary through the next century.

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



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## SEPTEMBER IS NEW GENERATIONS MONTH

### INVOCATION

<b>Sept. 6</b>	Debi Pearce	<b>Sept. 13</b>	Dot Ralston
<b>Sept. 20</b>	Chad Reed	<b>Sept. 27</b>	Dave Rempel



## SERVICE Above Self

### BINGO SCHEDULE

	<b>6:15-8:15</b>	<b>8:00-10:00</b>
<b>Sept. 08</b>	Diane Kirkland	Walter Volpatti
<b>Oct. 06</b>	Gordy Robson	Mary Robson

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### TODAY'S PROGRAM:

**WELCOME TO DG HARV JUBIE AND HIS WIFE JAN AND ADG FRED REYNOLDS**

**NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM:** Business Meeting – Community Service

### CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Sept. 17	7-10pm	Harvest Wine Festival	ACT
Oct. 4		Sports Banquet	Meadow Gardens
Oct. 15	8:00am	5040 and 5050 Membership Seminar	Sunrise Banquet Centre, Surrey

**50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$332+ 1/2 of today's sales, 42 cards left, Jackpot on “Queen of Hearts” only!**

## Happy Anniversary

September 2: Fraser & Debbie MacRae  
September 6: Jack & Liz Attarmigirian

## Last Weeks Meeting

Good news on the Rotary International front, we have already contributed \$4,400 of our \$6,000 commitment with the help of Vladimir's BBQ where we raised \$1,700.

Bob Shantz also had good news with the announcement that we have sold all of the subscriptions to next years Hospice Calendar and 2/3 of those have already paid.

President Brian also informed us that Alex is finding it too difficult to meet his Vocational director commitments this year as he spends most of his time in Vancouver these days. Happily Diane Kirkland has jumped up and volunteered to take over his duties for the rest of the year. Thanks Diane!!



Our guest speakers today were Mike Murray of Maple Ridge Parks and Rec and Dale Nelson of the Chamber of Commerce. Mike thanked the club for all of our past contributions to the District through Fields for Kids, many sports courts and the newest Artificial Turf at Samuel Robertson school. The official opening of the new Artificial Turf is scheduled for September 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:00AM and all Rotarians are invited to attend. There are other upcoming projects that the District could use some help with, one of which is another artificial turf field at another local school and/or a new Lacrosse box at MRSS. This one would be a total cost of \$180,000 with the Lacrosse group contributing \$35,000 and the city \$100,000. Another upcoming event to work towards if we wish is the Disabled Games coming to Maple Ridge in 2008.

Dale Nelson gave an entertaining speech and updated us on what's new at the Chamber of Commerce. The monthly meetings will resume on Sept 21<sup>st</sup> and will be held in the Genstar Room at the ACT. The first speaker of the year will be Gail Holbrun-Rezac, author of the book *The Frog and the Prince*, a book outlining the secrets of positive networking.

Submitted by Debi Pearce



## KATRINA RELIEF EFFORT

The relief efforts below are being undertaken by individual Rotary clubs and districts. To contribute to these relief initiatives, please contact the Rotarian Disaster Relief Coordinator listed for the appropriate relief effort. Please contact the Rotarian coordinating relief efforts for guidance on sending contributions from your country. When organizing club or district relief efforts, it is important to work closely with an experienced disaster relief organization such as the International Federation of the Red Cross.

What makes RI so unique is that we have established a network of over 32,000 clubs worldwide and implementing successful, long-term projects is what we do best. An immediate emergency response is necessary, but we encourage individuals, clubs, and districts to start thinking of how they can provide long-term assistance.

In late August 2005, Hurricane Katrina caused severe damage to several cities along the Gulf Coast. The most affected cities to date are Mobile, Alabama; Biloxi, Mississippi; Gulfport, Mississippi; Empire, Louisiana; and New Orleans, Louisiana. Rotarians are mobilizing in response to the disaster and relief efforts will be posted at <http://www.rotary.org/programs/wcs/disaster/reliefefforts.html> as they are reported.

**Rotary zones 29 and 30** have established the Katrina Relief Fund, a donor advised fund (DAF) with The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International, to help streamline the flow of contributions from Rotarians looking to assist victims of the hurricane disaster in the southern United States.

Checks should be earmarked for "Katrina Relief Fund" (in the MEMO line) and made payable to "TRF DAF". All checks should be addressed and mailed to:

Mr. Clint McGowan, TRF DAF  
The Ayco Company  
855 Route 146, Suite 120  
Clifton Park, NY 12065.



Police rescue stranded residents of St. Berard Parish in New Orleans on 29 August.  
AP Photograph/Eric Gray

## HARVEST WINE FEST DONATIONS

All Club members are asked to donate 2 bottles of wine or spirits, with a minimum value of \$15.00 each. (Absolutely NO home-made wines!) If you are unable to do so, we would ask you to just donate \$30.00 and a Committee member will buy the bottles for you.

These bottles will be used for our "Wine bottle Raffle" at the Harvest Wine Fest, September 17th. A really "fun raffle", and major part of the overall fundraising event. We really need **every** member to participate in this, otherwise we will not have enough bottles to make the "bottle raffle" successful.

Please bring your bottles ASAP to the lunch mtg. or to any Club member, who can deliver it to the meeting for you. (hand to Walter or Ineke, if cheque: make payable to MeadowRidge Rotary)

Thanks for your help and Please don't forget to sell lots of tickets (\$35.00 each) for the Harvest Wine Fest, our success depends on EVERYBODY'S participation!!

