

## RI PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear fellow Rotarians,

People join Rotary clubs as proud representatives of their businesses or professions. Hence, all club members have an obligation to represent their vocations to fellow Rotarians and exemplify the spirit of Rotary in the workplace. These twin responsibilities form the foundation of Vocational Service.

Over the years, Rotarians have struggled to give a voice to Vocational Service – Rotary's second Avenue of Service – because it can be so hard to define. In order to focus more on this important aspect of service, the RI Board established Vocational Service Month during October.

As we begin our second century of service, this avenue is more important than ever to ensure high ethical standards. From the beginning, Rotarians have discouraged deceptive business practices and restored public trust. As leaders of their communities and businesses, Rotarians have earned the respect of the public and their colleagues. Despite the recent increase of business scandals, Rotarians still offer services that the public can trust.

Ethics is so important in everything we do, particularly in business. Just look at The Four-Way Test:

- 1) Is it the truth?
- 2) Is it fair to all concerned?
- 3) Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
- 4) Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

If we read these four questions carefully, we soon realize that every element we need for success is right there!

Vocational service is also a good way to assist young people in learning about future careers. Students can learn more about specific professions through interviews or job shadowing. Rotary clubs can contact their chambers of commerce and local companies to set up employee training, literacy training, employment counselling, résumé preparation, and other services to meet vocational needs.

In many countries, we are seeing increased youth unemployment. It is very demoralizing to wake up without the prospect of a job. This may lead to poor self-image, despair, even criminal behaviour. Rotarians have the means and the ability to provide young people with jobs and an easier start in life. We can inform, we can educate, we can offer training. As community leaders, we already have what is most important – the connections needed for initiatives with other groups and organizations.

Through our many youth programs, we can take a lead in vocational service. Young people are our future, and vocational service is the key to a better foundation that will benefit all of us.

Vocational Service can help others gain a better life, a better standard, a better world. What a wonderful way to fulfill our motto of *Service Above Self*.

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



# The Four Way Flasher

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## OCTOBER IS VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH

### INVOCATION

Oct. 25	Bob Shantz	Nov. 1	Eng Hock Tan
Nov. 15	Marco Terwiel	Nov. 22	Walter Volpatti

### BINGO SCHEDULE

	6:15-8:15	8:00-10:00
Nov. 03	Laurie Anderson	Bob Shantz
Dec. 01	Lynda Lawrence	Marco Terwiel

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

**TODAY'S PROGRAM:** Michelle Hargrave - ICBC

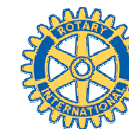
**NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM:** Dave Rempel – Student Exchange

## Nov. 8: Fire Side at Brian Bekar's; No Regular Meeting!

### CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Oct. 26	12 noon	Wine Fest Wrap-up Meeting	Laurie's office, 22311 119 Ave, M.R.
Nov. 8	7:00pm	Fire Side at Brian Bekar's Home	4311 Oliver Rd, Port Coquitlam
Nov. 12	7:00pm	District 5050 Foundation Dinner	Langley Coast Hotel 20393 Fraser Hwy, Langley
Nov. 19	8:00am	D5040 & D5050 Foundation Seminar	Delta Town and Country Inn 6005 Highway 17, Delta
Jan. 7	8am-2pm	Potential Rotary Leadership Seminar	Sunrise Banquet Centre 5640-188 St., Surrey

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$500+ 1/2 of today's sales, 36 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!



**SERVICE Above Self**

## LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Our guests were Gene Vickers from the Coquitlam Club, Keith Vernon who has been transferred to the Royal Bank on 224<sup>th</sup> to manage the branch for a year, Ed Chiu from the Haney Club and our guest speaker Mike Keenan, Principal Samuel Robertson Technical Secondary School.



Mr. Keenan gave a power point presentation to the Club. He advised that the school continues with the tradition of high academic expectations with a technology focus including wireless, in-house media and laptop initiatives. He said that it adds some options for the 80% of students that are not going directly into university.

The students can earn a dual credit towards their Dogwood Diploma and post secondary education. The school provides the skill sets to prepare for life. They have post secondary partnerships with Kwantlen (carpentry and steel fab/welding), Vancouver Community College (culinary arts and hairstyling), and BCIT (engineering).

The school has been built for 600 students and there is already a need to expand as they have 710 students in grades 8 – 11, 72 students in post-secondary programs and 42 teachers. They are currently running some of their programs out of portables.

He thanked the Club for donating towards the construction of the all weather field, and advised that Lesley MacPherson asked that he mention the out building project that they are seeking funding for.

He said the school is based on connections, community and careers.

Gene Vickers ended the meeting speaking briefly about membership classifications for Rotary Clubs. He advised that the ratio for each profession is 10% of the membership, but that Rotary International is seeking innovative classifications to allow more members of each profession.

**Submitted by Lynda Lawrence**

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

MeadowRidge Rotary Club presently has a membership of 41.

We had some resent member resignations. We regret to inform, that the following people have resigned from our Club:

Carol Bartolomie, Lee Weber, Carol O'Kennedy, Robert Goodrich and Alex Kempenaar.

We did welcome our new Member, Hugh MacDonald in the month of September.

A new and updated Roster is available from our Sergeant-at-Arms.

Submitted by Ineke Boekhorst (Club Secretary)

## FIRE SIDE AT BRIAN BEKAR'S HOME

On November 8 we will have a Fire Side at Brian & Sharon Bekar's home, **4311 Oliver Rd. Port Coquitlam.**  
Phone: 604-942-6466

That Tuesday (2 weeks from now) there will be no regular meeting!

The doors will be open at 7pm and dinner is at 7:30pm



Hope you all can find Brian's home, but that shouldn't be a problem with the following directions

	Direction	km
1	LOUGHEED HWY/PROVINCIAL ROUTE 7 W.	12.57
2	Turn RIGHT onto COAST MERIDIAN RD.	2.47
3	Turn RIGHT onto APEL DR.	0.63
4	Turn RIGHT onto VICTORIA DR.	0.96
5	Keep LEFT and stay on VICTORIA DR.	1.80
6	Over BRIDGE, then RIGHT onto GILLEYS TRAIL	0.40
7	Turn LEFT onto OLIVER RD.	0.90