

## ROTARY-UN TIES CELEBRATED AT NEW YORK EVENT

More than 800 Rotarians from across the United States and 15 other countries flocked to United Nations Headquarters in New York City on November 5<sup>th</sup> to celebrate the many ties between their organization and the UN.

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An annual event, Rotary-UN Day helps focus attention on the ideal of world peace shared by Rotary and the UN and on the collaborative humanitarian initiatives carried out by the entities of both organizations. One such joint effort is the [Global Polio Eradication Initiative](#), in which Rotary International and UN agencies World Health Organization and UNICEF are partners.

Organized by the RI representatives to the United Nations in New York, the 2005 Rotary-UN Day featured more than 20 speakers who addressed development issues focusing on health, hunger, literacy, and water.

Jeffrey Sachs, economics professor and a special adviser to UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan, said during the opening session that Rotary is one of his favourite examples of an organization whose values and members enable it to get things done.

Sachs, who also is the director of Columbia University's Earth Institute, made a presentation on the ways in which Rotary's initiatives can help achieve the UN Millennium Development Goals, which are aimed at reducing extreme poverty, disease, and hunger throughout the world by the year 2015.

"I appeal to Rotary to lead the efforts to implement the Millennium Development Goals," said Sachs, after explaining that [Rotary's polio eradication effort](#) through its network of more than a million volunteers in 170 countries presents a great model for action. "I believe the peace of the planet depends on it. Because the Millennium Development Goals are achievable, it compels us to reach [those] goals. We cannot bear to see them not achieved."

Outstanding Rotary club- and district-sponsored efforts featured at the sessions include the Temple Solar Project of Rotary District 6450, which has distributed 45 environmentally friendly sun ovens in more than 20 countries; HungerPlus, which collaborates with Rotary clubs to meet food needs in more than 10 countries, including the United States; BioSand Water Filter Project, which provides clean water in the Caribbean, Central America, and South Asia; and the Malawi Children's Village, which takes care of HIV/AIDS orphans in Malawi.

Other similar undertakings highlighted were the Balashikha Project, which provides health care to children and mothers in Russia; a bi-national case management and referral system set up by federal health care agencies in the United States and Mexico to monitor and treat tuberculosis patients in both countries; the Guatemala Literacy Project, which distributes locally published textbooks in Guatemalan schools; and educational initiatives using the concentrated language encounter method that are addressing illiteracy in more than a dozen countries.

The missions of both Rotary and the UN are intertwined, according to several speakers, partly because of their shared histories. When the UN Charter was adopted in 1945, the official delegations of 29 countries included 49 Rotarians.

RI President Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar, Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair Frank J. Devlyn, and RI President-elect William B. Boyd were among attendees and speakers at the event.

## NOV. 1<sup>ST</sup> MEETING

Marco mentioned that there is a GSE group incoming from New Zealand on Nov. 15. Next year there is a group incoming from Thailand and that they're looking for hosts for five people for five days. Marco asked if anyone would coordinate the Thai group as he'll be in Thailand with the outbound group at that time. Ken Paterson agreed to do the planning with the assistance of Brian Bekar, Ken Knuttila and Bob Shantz.

Dave Rempel was our speaker on the Student Exchange Program. He asked Doris to provide information on hosting incoming students. Doris advised that four confirmed host families are needed, preferably with a teenager at home for family interaction. She said that the host families should meet and compare notes. The curfew for exchange students is 10 pm weeknights and 1 am weekends. There's no dating, drinking, drugs or driving allowed. Internet and telephone usage needs to be limited, and watched.



# The Four Way Flasher

## Rotary Club of MeadowRidge Newsletter

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## NOVEMBER IS ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH

### INVOCATION

Nov. 15	Marco Terwiel	Nov. 22	Walter Volpatti
Nov. 29	Stan Wade	Dec. 06	Sandy Wakeling

### BINGO SCHEDULE

	6:15-8:15	8:00-10:00
Dec. 01	Lynda Lawrence	Marco Terwiel
Dec. 29	Mina Park	Liz Attarmigirian

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TODAY'S PROGRAM: Marco Terwiel - GSE

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM: Foundation Meeting - Rob Martin

### CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Nov. 16	6:00pm	Haney Rotary Club Mens' Night	
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 \$543+ 1/2 of today's sales, 34 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!



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### FIRE SIDE AT BRIAN BEKAR'S HOME

Last week Tuesday a total of 23 members, including assistant District Governor Fred Reynolds, "found" their way to President Brian's Home, as we gathered for our 1st Fireside this year. We all enjoyed a beautiful meal prepared by Sharon, after which we started our very pleasant and relaxed actual "meeting part" of the evening.

Ineke circulated 2 reports published in the Peace Arch Journal (District 5050 Newsletter), they were in turn taken from our own "4 Way Flasher", one reporting about our Harvest Wine Fest and one on the subject of Communicable Diseases. The 2nd report was written by Lynda Lawrence, Oct 11 2005, when Dr. Richard Mathias, Professor of Public Health at UBC, was our Guest Speaker.



Lynda Lawrence presented the final report of this year's Sports Banquet. Final proceeds for 2005, a fantastic approx. \$37,000.00(before admin fee) Thanks to the whole Sports' Banquet Team under the dedicated leadership of the "2005 Chair" Lynda Lawrence....Great job everybody!!

Doris read out a letter from our 2004 Outbound Exchange Student to France, Eric Wright. Eric will do a presentation to our Club on Dec.13th, during our luncheon.

First major point on the agenda: Fundraising..... member burn-out?

Rotary has to be fun! Are we doing something wrong, too much? Should we drop one of our fundraising projects? And if so....which one? General feeling: Golf Tourney was intended to be a "Social event" Now turned into a major fundraiser.....should go back to social.

Vote to change Golf Tourney back to "social".....ALL IN FAVOUR

At an earlier mtg. with Brian, Lynda, Ineke and Gord, Gord Robson offered his new 9 hole golf course, free of charge to Club members (up to total of max. 50) To be used for Social Golf Tourney. We decided to accept Gordy's generous offer for next year (maybe May or June 2006?) Kevin noted, that Haney Club will likely continue with the Golf Tournament as a fundraiser and they will expect to see golfers from our Club, to participate in support. That would be up to any individual member.

We definitely need more members to get involved with our fundraising projects, it seems same people are doing all the work....we need to spread the work more equally between ALL MEMBERS.

Raised funds from Golf Tourney in previous years, were used to support pledge of \$25,000 (over 3 years) to Hospital Foundation. So far approx. \$ 13,500 has been raised, between La Trattoria dinners and 2 golf Tourneys. With approx. \$6,000 being raised annually at the Trattoria dinner, we can fulfill our obligation to Hospital Foundation over next 2 years, by cutting the golf tourney, no problem.

Question: why was Wine Fest moved to Fall? Answer: better fit for Fall Season for wineries and the Act. In special mtg. with sports' banquet committee, Gord agreed to have next year's Sports' Banquet between Oct 15(earliest!) and November 15, to accommodate Wine Fest(too close together, hard on donors and members!)

**CLUB SERVICE** (Debbie MacRae) Questionnaire showed, that all members would like to see more socials, committee working on "wine & cheese" in the Spring. Christmas Party confirmed (at Gord & Mary) Proposed to Club Service by Wine Fest Committee to suggest member-support of "Theatre Angels Project" to replace "gift exchange" at Christmas Party.

Theatre Angels is a project at the Act, that gives people, who would otherwise be unable to attend a theatre performance, the opportunity to do so. Each individual member would donate maybe \$10 or \$20, we make

paper angels with name of family on (the Bekar family, Boekhorst family etc.) and hang in Christmas Tree (donated already), with on top a MeadowRidge Rotary logo. Present tree (display in the Act) + cheque for total amount to Theatre Angels project. Member vote: Project accepted.

Lynda is looking for volunteers to help with Santa Claus Parade and Christmas Train (like last year), will distribute sign-up list.

**INTERNATIONAL SERVICE** (Dave) Questionnaire result...several people interested in Russia trip next Spring. First orientation meeting for Outbound Exchange students took place under leadership of Ken Kn.(14 students and parents attending) Dave is in contact with 4 different Rotary Clubs(including ours) to collect about \$1500 each Club(+ get hopefully also \$6000 matching grants, for total of 12,000) for several Russian projects. Guatemala mobile library ongoing. One Shelter box payment has been completed. Still working on "water project" . Working on project in Rwanda(Vladimir)

**COMMUNITY SERVICE** (Stan): Applications are coming in, very slow. \$2700 in funding donated this year. Looking for more eligible applications. Stan will report to general membership on guidelines for funding applications. Brian's mandate, to have an environmental Community project. Stan working with Ken P. to see, if budget for bingo proceeds could be increased to \$40,000(from 30,000) in next year's application to BCLC

**VOCATIONAL SERVICE** (Diane) Would like to see more members for Committee(only 3 at present time) Committee would like to see "4 Way Test Program" in schools(talk to Mission Club!) Working on "CAPS" program in High Schools again this year. Working on Ambassadorial Scholarship in Spring 2006.

### Open Q & A:

Jan 3rd 2006, Gourmet Hideaway is unavailable, instead a "joined mtg" with the Mission Club at 12 Noon.

**Question to President Brian:** what still to achieve in this Rotary year? Answer: we need to increase membership, have lost quite a few members and Brian's goal was to reach a membership of 50 by the end of his year(we are at 41) Assistant DG Fred suggestion: wear your Rotary pin always and introduce as many people as you can to Rotary.

**FYI from Bob Shantz:** Hospice Calendars will be delivered by November 15th, that doesn't leave a lot of time to sell all before end of December!!! EVERYBODY needs to sell-sell-sell! Can you volunteer to sell in the Mall for a few hours?

**Lynda:** Youth Diversion Legacy Fund...if our Club could raise \$ 15,000. an anonymous donor would match, this would be enough to keep program going on an annual basis.

Sharon Bekar donated all proceeds from Fireside back Club for Rotary Foundation.

**THANK YOU VERY MUCH SHARON.**

Next Fireside will be Tuesday March 28, 2006...location to be announced.

Being no further business, meeting was adjourned 9:20 pm.

**THIS WAS A WONDERFUL FIRESIDE MEETING. TO BRIAN AND SHARON AGAIN....  
A GREAT BIG THANKS FOR YOUR HOSPITALITY AND THE ABSOLUTELY DELICIOUS DINNER!**

submitted by Ineke Boekhorst

