

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear fellow Rotarians,

January is Rotary Awareness Month. Awareness is an important part of the Rotary work that can be divided into two parts.

It is imperative that members are well aware of Rotary's goals – that Rotary is an organization that works for peace and better understanding between people. It is also important to know our annual emphases. This year, we are working extensively with

literacy, water management, hunger, and health; and finally, with public image. We have three resource groups in place to support governors, districts and clubs within these three areas.

We must also be aware of Rotary's extensive youth programs. Interact is for young people ages 14-18 and Rotaract is for young adults ages 18-30. We have a very popular youth exchange program for high school students and several programs offering university scholarships. Rotarians can also offer a Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) program and a Group Study Exchange for young people.

In our work, it is important that we all know that there are 1.2 million Rotarians in 168 countries. We have a head office in Evanston, Ill., USA, and seven other regional offices for Brazil, Europe and Africa, Japan, Korea, South Asia, Southern South America, and the South Pacific and the Philippines – all there to serve Rotarians. Rotary International is led by the 17 members of the Rotary International Board of Directors and chaired by the RI president.

Rotary International's finances are totally separate from those of The Rotary Foundation (TRF) – through which most of our project money is channelled. The Foundation has its own board of trustees and its own chairman.

The other part of Rotary awareness is the sharing of information outside of our organization. Rotary is a group of leaders with a superb network. It is time for us to let the world know about all the good things that we have accomplished over so many years. Rotarians have the opportunity to – and must – create awareness among the public sector as well as the private sector regarding world problems and how they can be solved through cooperation and continuity. We must help in creating awareness in society of the United Nations' Millennium Development goals and targets related to education and drinking water and sanitation:

- To ensure that by 2015 children everywhere, boys and girls alike, will be able to complete a full course of primary education
- To eliminate gender disparity in primary and secondary education, preferably by 2005 and at all levels by 2015
- To reduce by half the proportion of people without sustainable access to drinking water by 2015
- To reduce by half the proportion of people without access to adequate sanitation by 2015

Through *Service Above Self* we can all create awareness both internally and externally, thus showing the world the great leadership of Rotary International.

Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar
President, Rotary International



The Four Way Flasher

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SERVICE Above Self

INVOCATION

Jan. 10	Janice Armstrong	Jan. 17	Liz Attarmigirian
Jan. 24	Brian Bekar	Jan. 31	Anil Bharwani

BINGO SCHEDULE

	6:15-8:15	8:00-10:00
Jan. 26	Peter Boekhorst	Vivian Hatiras
Feb. 23		

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

Please try to volunteer for Bingo and fill those empty slots!

TODAY'S PROGRAM: Vocational Meeting - Diane Kirkland

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM: Mr. Billy Weselowski of Innervisions Recovery

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Dec. 27		Regular Meeting Cancelled!	
Jan. 3	noon	Visit to Mission Mid-day Rotary	Bellevue Hotel, 32998 1st Ave, Mission
Jan. 7	8am-2pm	Potential Rotary Leadership Seminar	Sunrise Banquet Centre 5640-188 St., Surrey
Jan. 21	8:30am	Regional Rotary Foundation Seminar	Rotary Fieldhouse, 14600-20 Ave. Surrey
Jan. 28	6:30pm	60 Year of Mission Rotary, Dinner Dance, \$50/pp, Anne Norder @ 604-826-1241	Best Western Hotel, Mission

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$686+ 1/2 of today's sales, 29 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

OUR VISIT TO THE MISSION MID-DAY CLUB



Last week we visited the Mission Mid-Day Club as our Paul from the Gourmet was on a well-deserved holiday.

We didn't outnumber our hosts, but with about 15 MeadowRidge Rotarians, we were quite a group. The comradeship and the food were very good.

We didn't get the chance to highjack their bell, as President Pat Vale had his hands on it all the time.

For the new members in our club, I have to mention, that 2 years ago, under presidency of Laurie we also visited the Mission Club and as a 'Thank You' we swiped their bell. This had some major legal ramifications, but luckily we had a good lawyer in our midst.

This was the letter sent to Mission to settle out of court:

Louise,

I have some good news and some bad news. The good news is that we enjoyed our visitation to your club today.

The bad news is that an (as yet) un-named person removed your Rotary bell from your meeting hall today. (This person must either (a) have been mixed up and thought he or she was at a Lions Club meeting, or (b) have found the challenge of performing the deed in front of at least three cops and a retired judge too tempting to pass up). I am told that a past president may have had something to do with this, but I am not sure.

After learning of this nefarious deed and chastising the member severely, I of course took exhibit #1 into my possession for safe-keeping (after accepting a legal retainer from the bell snatcher, and thus binding myself to solicitor-client privilege, not to mention protecting myself from being an accessory after the fact).

I am instructed by my client or clients to make the following proposal of settlement:

- (1) Your club will drop all charges;*
- (2) You promise not to make this an "eye for an eye" situation (or is that a ding for a dong?). Although this deed is not something I would have condoned for a minute, I must confess that your Rotary bell did have a certain attraction for me. I noticed that when it was gently struck, your members immediately came to silent attention. There must be something wrong with our old bell, as I cannot get it to work like that at our meetings. Our bell is certainly not worth stealing.*
- (3) We will return the evidence (which, by the way, has now been wiped clean of finger-prints). Is it possible for someone from your club to make a visitation and collect the goods?*

*Best Regards,
Laurie (Pres, and L.L.B)*

FUTURE VISION SURVEY

This email came from Rob Martin. The survey he is talking about, can be found on the R.I. website at <http://www.rotary.org> and then click on 'The Rotary Foundation' and '[Take a survey on Rotary's future](#)'. This survey will be available online till Jan. 18th and I urge you to fill it out.

Greetings Fellow Rotarians,

This survey was forwarded to me from David Bender, Major Gifts Officer at the Rotary Foundation. I hope you will take a few moments to fill it out. It concerns the long-term vision of the Rotary Foundation. Some of you may remember when Candace Embling was here last July, she indicated that the Trustees were undergoing a year long strategic visioning process. It is important for Rotarians to respond to this inquire I think so our opinions and thoughts can be reflected in that new document.

Rob Martin

REGIONAL ROTARY FOUNDATION SEMINAR

Date: Saturday, January 21, 2006 At 08:30 till about 4:30

Fee: \$30.00

Location: Rotary Fieldhouse, 14600-20 Ave. Surrey

This is a regional seminar for 9 districts in Western Canada and Northern US. It will be in our District, at the Rotary Fieldhouse in White Rock.

If you want the very latest information about the Foundation, you won't want to miss this seminar!

The Keynote Speaker is Penny LeGate, Anchor & Reporter for KIRO News Seattle. Penny has served as a Rotary Volunteer on a number of Polio NIDs most recently in Ethiopia. She has reported her experiences for CBS-TV.

For more information, call PDG Leigh Higinbotham (604) 263-0033 or email him at leigh_higinbotham@telus.net

Make Checks Payable to: Leigh Higinbotham. **Register at this site, but please pay at the door.**

HOSPICE CASH CALENDAR JANUARY WINNERS

1	\$3,000	Barb Holgersen	Maple Ridge	16	\$20	Anna-Marie Pollok	Port Coquitlam
2	\$20	Amandeep Kaur	Surrey	17	\$20	PM Airport Admin.	Pitt Meadows
3	\$20	Alexia Stroud	Mission	18	\$20	Mary Connelly	Maple Ridge
4	\$20	Gloria & Lyle Fraser	Maple Ridge	19	\$20	Tom Tourand	Maple Ridge
5	\$20	Rochelle Cervo	Maple Ridge	20	\$20	David Fuller	Maple Ridge
6	\$20	Jamie Noulty	Maple Ridge	21	\$20	Linda Bennell	Maple Ridge
7	\$20	Jamie Yu	Burnaby	22	\$20	Katlin Kerr	Maple Ridge
8	\$20	Chris Fairfax	Maple Ridge	23	\$20	Ben Yokoyama	Maple Ridge
9	\$20	Tim & Andrew Sheffield	Mission	24	\$20	Elaine Cook	Maple Ridge
10	\$20	Gerry Scheske	Mission	25	\$20	Janice Waddell	Maple Ridge
11	\$20	Linda & Gary Stribney	Maple Ridge	26	\$20	Brad Jennings	Maple Ridge
12	\$20	Laura Birchfield	Maple Ridge	27	\$20	Charlene Meadows	Maple Ridge
13	\$20	Arden Folerf	Coquitlam	28	\$20	Jim Coluia	Maple Ridge
14	\$20	Alana Severinski	Maple Ridge	29	\$20	Kathy Fung	Richmond
15	\$20	Dana & Paul Prokop	Maple Ridge	30	\$20	Linda de Bruyn	Mission
				31	\$250	Jason Palmeter	Port Coquitlam