

MEMBERSHIP MEETING - Feb.14, regular place and time

Please bring any prospective members or people interested in finding out more about "Rotary Membership". The Club will pay for "guest lunches" (one per member!), Feb. 14th only.

Ken Paterson and Murray Davelaar are in charge of organizing this meeting. Contact either one of them, if you have any suggestions etc. Please help us to make this a successful "Membership Drive" and let's see everybody bring one guest to this meeting!

1 Feb. 2006 WITH EGYPT AND NIGER OFF LIST, FOUR POLIO-ENDEMIC COUNTRIES REMAIN



The Global Polio Eradication Initiative announced today that Egypt and Niger are no longer polio endemic since the indigenous form of the virus that causes the disease has not circulated in either country for over 12 months.

This is the first time in three years that the number of polio-endemic countries has fallen, leaving Afghanistan, India, Nigeria, and Pakistan as the only countries that have never stopped indigenous polio transmission. The initiative's spearheading partners — Rotary International, the World Health Organization, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and UNICEF — also announced that this year, the monovalent form of the oral polio vaccine will be the vaccine of choice in all polio-affected areas.

Aimed at individual virus strains, the monovalent vaccine will be used to eradicate poliovirus types 1 and 3 during this new phase of immunizations.

"Polio has been endemic in our country for all of recorded history," said Egyptian Health Minister Dr. Hatem Mostafa El-Gabaly. "The best tools of our age finally defeated this enemy who has been with us from Pharaonic times." The monovalent vaccine was used to target type-1 poliovirus circulating in Egypt during vaccination campaigns there in May 2005.

Unlike Egypt, where the challenge to eradication was polio transmission in crowded cities, Niger faced a problem of sparse population, some of it nomadic, scattered over a vast country sharing a heavily traveled border with Nigeria, the world's largest reservoir of the poliovirus. Multiple immunization campaigns were carried out in Niger to ensure children were being vaccinated even in the remotest areas. In 2005, the nine polio cases reported in Niger were all imported from Nigeria.

The success in Egypt and Niger is the result of intense efforts in 2004-05 to halt Africa's polio epidemic and fast-track the introduction of monovalent polio vaccines into selected areas. The number of cases of polio in India and Pakistan in the last quarter of 2005 also fell by more than half compared with the previous year, due to more effective immunization strategies and the use of monovalent vaccine.

"To fully exploit these new tools, government commitment in Nigeria must remain high at all levels to ensure that all children are vaccinated," said Past RI President Jonathan Majiyagbe, of Kano, Nigeria. Ninety percent of Nigeria's polio cases are concentrated in just 8 of the country's 37 states.

This year, in addition to mass immunizations in the four remaining polio-endemic countries, large-scale campaigns with the monovalent vaccine will need to take place in eight countries with reported cases of imported polioviruses.



The Four Way Flasher

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February is World Understanding Month

INVOCATION

Feb. 7	Ineke Boekhorst	Feb. 14	Peter Boekhorst
Feb. 21	Robert Campbell	Feb. 28	

BINGO SCHEDULE

	6:15-8:15	8:00-10:00
Feb. 23	Maureen Goodrick	Janice Armstrong
March 23	Ron LePore	Stan Wade

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

TODAY'S PROGRAM: Bob Thompson - RM Association for Community Living

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM: Membership Meeting

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Feb. 14	noon	Membership Meeting	Gourmet Hideaway Restaurant
Apr. 8	8:00 – 2:00	District 5050 Assembly	Kwantlen Univ. College, Surrey, B.C.
May 19-21		District 5040/5050 Conference	Whistler, B.C.
June 11-14		RI Convention 2006	Malmö and Copenhagen

Please see back page for Membership Meeting details.

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$786+ 1/2 of today's sales, 22 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!



SERVICE Above Self

LAST WEEKS MEETING

President Brian read out a letter from Dick Drew, reporting on the RI Foundation.

Highlights were:

- There were over 100 district and club foundation chairs
- Over 600 MM USD was raised for the eradication of polio through the world.
- Clubs encouraged to continue to support
- 50% of all donations go to the districts. Clubs must apply.
- 'Every Rotarian Every Year' campaign was very strong, going well. We are encouraged to continue.

Dave Remple: Who's Who

Dave Remple is a member of our club since 1997. He entertained us with his interesting story of his life, starting in Russia. Dave is a Mennonite, and during his youth there was much unrest. World War II, the Russian oppressors and chaos forced the family to move westward. Dave fondly remembers his mother Anna Remple who struggled to maintain the family.

Dave and his family moved west and reached West-Falia. They continued moving West, until they crossed water and arrived in Halifax Canada. They continued west to land in Mission BC, and settled in Clearwater, BC just east of Mission.

Dave started his life in Canada by enrolling in school. He quickly caught up to the other children and even skipped several grades. He completed Grade 13 and continued his formal education in University where he studied his passion to become an educator.

Dave has a distinguished career as an educator. Dave moved to the Sunshine Coast where he lived for several years. He moved back in 1976. In the meantime his first principal ship was in Elementary school in 1973. Dave went to the University of Oregon where he obtained his Master's Degree in Education. Dave completed his PhD in Education in 1984, having studied in Claremont and Sand Diego Universities.

Dave took his mother back to Russia to see her family in 1998. This started Dave's passion for student exchange when he met 3 school directors in Russia and discussed this. The first exchange took place in March 1989 when Dave took 16 students and 3 parents to various cities in Russia. There have been trips to Russia in 1992 1994 1996 and last year.

Dave is married to Sharon, a kindergarten teacher. The Remples' adopted Jacqueline in 1992. Jacqueline is an accomplished skater and dancer and Dave is very proud of her.

Due to his involvement with adoption, Dave took early retirement in 1995 and focused on his family. In 1996 Dave was elected to School Board trustee where he remained as representative till today, having recently been re-elected.

Dave joined Rotary in 1997 and has been a vibrant member ever since. It is a natural fit that Dave is very involved in RYLA and the youth exchanges programs at Rotary.

Who is Dave Remple?

He is a man of faith
He is an educator at heart
He has a strong commitment to family and community
A large part who he is through his mother Anna's influence.
He loves children, He loves birds and he is dedicated to serving his community.

It was a very interesting who's who, and was especially nice to hear from other Rotarians of how their children fondly remember Dr. Remple, their excellent principal. We are all delighted to hear from Dave Remple!

Submitted by Vivian Hatiras

The Rotary Club of White Rock Millennium needs your support to help build Euphorbia 2006 into one of Southern BC's most popular art shows.

Since Julius Caesar's time, it has been said that *where there is life there is euphorbia*.

Building on our 2004 art show, which celebrated life and well-being, we are pleased to introduce...

- **THE JURIED ART SHOW** featuring over 125 works from Southern BC — double the number from 2004. Established and emerging artists are encouraged to submit. Prizes awarded for best of show, and new and emerging artists.
- **THE SEMI-SALMON.** Vancouver has its orcas and bears; Surrey has its semi- salmon. Twenty artists are putting their unique signatures on the salmon sculptures. These will be showcased throughout the community from Feb 1. Final auction is at the opening gala March 31.
- **ART IN BLOOM.** Floristry students from Kwantlen University College will push Euphorbia to a new limit with their artistic floral creations.
- **GALA EVENING.** Featuring Chef Fred Edrissi of Bistro Aubergine, music and of course — art!



ART SHOW

March 31 - April 2, 2006 at the Tree House — Semiahmoo House, just east of 152nd on 24th

SEMI-SALMON

Showcased throughout South Surrey beginning early February with the final auction at the Opening Night Gala

OPENING NIGHT GALA

Friday, March 31, 2006

Opening Night Gala Tickets: \$75/per person (\$25 tax receipt)

\$25 donated to the Rotary Club of White Rock - Millennium Charitable Society.