

## Pakistan honors Rotary's quake relief efforts

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The government of Pakistan has announced an award to recognize Rotary's swift response to the plight of survivors of a 7.6-magnitude earthquake, the worst in the country's history.

More than 75,000 people were killed and 3.5 million left homeless by the devastating quake that ripped through the North-West Frontier province and Pakistani-administered Kashmir in October 2005.

As soon as news of the disaster broke, local and international Rotary clubs rushed emergency relief to hundreds of thousands of affected people. District 3270 (Afghanistan; Pakistan) set up a disaster relief account to accept donations from concerned Rotarians and friends. Food, blankets, medicine, and tents were among the donated items that Rotarians sent and helped distribute to survivors.

RI President Bill Boyd, who was president-elect at the time, traveled to Pakistan in December to comfort survivors and convey the sympathies of the world's Rotarians to the Pakistani people and government. He also aimed to find out firsthand how Rotarians could help with long-term rebuilding efforts.

The Rotary world has contributed more than US\$5 million in cash and in-kind donations to assist survivors. More than \$200,000 was directly donated into subaccounts The Rotary Foundation established in early 2006 to support earthquake disaster recovery efforts in Pakistan, the worst-hit country, and affected parts of India.

"Rotarians in Pakistan feel tremendous pride in receiving this award because this is the first time that the efforts of Rotary in Pakistan have been properly recognized," says Muhammad Faiz Kidwai, immediate past governor of District 3270, who coordinated the relief efforts. "This will positively contribute in improving the image of Rotary in Pakistan."

Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf will present the award, officially called Sitara-e-Eisar (the Star Award for Courage and Sacrifices), to Rotary International in February.



## HOSPICE CASH CALENDAR NOVEMBER WINNERS

1	\$20	Pat Smith	Maple Ridge	16	\$20	Sara L Caverly	Maple Ridge
2	\$20	Randy Isaac	Mission	17	\$20	Timo Juurakko	Maple Ridge
3	\$20	Joanne Storteboom	Maple Ridge	18	\$20	C.Macleod Thorsen	W Vancouver
4	\$20	Allison Stewart	Maple Ridge	19	\$20	Anna Kelley	Maple Ridge
5	\$20	Glen Crawford	Maple Ridge	20	\$20	Sharon Kyle	Port Coquitlam
6	\$20	Jana Banning	Maple Ridge	21	\$20	B Nelligan	Maple Ridge
7	\$20	Chad McDermott	Maple Ridge	22	\$20	Carollee Kirby	Port Coquitlam
8	\$20	Doris Krisko	Pitt Meadows	23	\$20	Charles Craig	Maple Ridge
9	\$20	Gary House	London, Ont	24	\$20	Barry Norton	Maple Ridge
10	\$20	Michelle Muirhead	Abbotsford	25	\$20	Maurice M. Graydon	Maple Ridge
11	\$20	V & M Giesbrecht	Gibsons	26	\$20	Erin Winchur	Maple Ridge
12	\$20	G & A Knuttila	Maple Ridge	27	\$20	Danielle Baril	Maple Ridge
13	\$20	Bob Jones	Maple Ridge	28	\$20	Jennifer McKenzie	Maple Ridge
14	\$20	Robert MacDonald	Maple Ridge	29	\$20	Iris Dyck	Surrey
15	\$20	Linda Ravenor	Maple Ridge	30	\$250	Lambert & Hilda Schmid	Surrey



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### OCTOBER IS VOCATIONAL SERVICES MONTH

#### INVOCATION

Oct. 31	Robert Campbell	Nov. 14	Vladimir Cukor
Nov. 21	Mike Davies	Nov. 28	Matt DeBruyn

#### BINGO SCHEDULE

	6:15 - 8:15	8:00 - 10:00
Nov. 02	Bob Shantz	Dave Rempel
Nov. 30	Marco Terwiel	Anil Bharwani



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### NEXT WEEK NO REGULAR MEETING, BECAUSE OF THE SPORTS BANQUET

TODAY'S PROGRAM: Suzette Fram - Garibaldi Art Club

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM:

#### CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Nov. 7	6pm	Sports Banquet	Meadow Gardens Golf Course
Nov 17	5:45pm	D5050 Foundation Dinner - \$55.00 USD	The Skagit Hotel Resort
Jan. 20		Zone Regional Rotary Foundation Seminar	Delta Vancouver Airport Hotel

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$61.00+ 1/2 of today's sales, 49 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

## LAST WEEKS MEETING

Our guests were Ineke's brother Han from Holland, Doris' husband Ted, our District Governor Rod Thompson and his wife Cathy, and ADG Fred Reynolds.

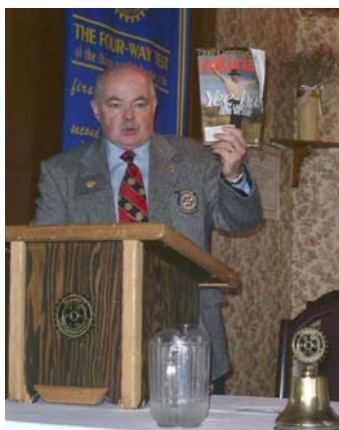
Some stories that were shared were:

Marco spoke briefly of his latest trip north, and advised that the narwhal that he got last year has now been carved. It is a work of art, and the carver advised Marco that his is nicer than the one that was carved for the Queen.

Ineke advised that one of her boys was married this weekend. Her brother Han was over from Holland for the wedding and has decided that he wants to immigrate to Canada.

Vladimir told a story about the healing powers of honey. He said that one of the local vets was having a problem healing a dog and gave Vladimir a call as nothing was working. They tried honey on the wound and the dog has recovered!

Sharon announced that the Rotary Foundation Dinner will be held at the Skagit Hotel Resort in Washington on November 17, and encouraged attendance for this event.



ADG Fred Reynolds

Fred introduced Rod Thompson who was our Guest Speaker. Rod has had a very challenging start to his term as District Governor. The newspaper that he works for recently had an eleven week strike. Rod said that his visits with the Rotary Clubs in our District proved very therapeutic for him during this high stress period.

Rod spoke of the importance of Rotary and the goals for each club:

1. Membership - Rod congratulated our Club for being able to grow and sustain our membership. We have inducted seven new Rotarians this year.
2. Funding of Service Projects – he named some of the projects that our club has funded such as the local sports facilities, water wells, the Guatemalan Literacy campaign, etc. He reminded us that bingo funds can be used to provide scholarships for the education of our future leaders.

3. Support of International Projects – Rod advised that our club has exceeded its' goal for raising funds this year. As well Dave Rempel is working on a matching grant for a project in Russia.

4. Leadership – He spoke highly of Marco's leadership in the GSE exchange this year. Rod spoke of the Youth Exchange programs and welcomed our exchange student, Anna. He spoke of the power of leadership, the ability to initiate change, motivate others and lead by example. The challenge is to identify real needs within our community and focus on solving those issues.

Rod spoke of how the new generation communicates differently and how as a result the Service Clubs have declined in the last few years. Rotary is unique in that we have a selection of meeting venues including breakfast clubs, after work social clubs, and e-clubs. There are 1.2 million Rotarians worldwide, who enjoy

fellowship and conduct business. International is looking at some new membership and attendance methods including a family membership where the attendance can be shared.

The profit to our members derived from membership in Rotary is the ability to help others. Membership brings a unique gift that you cannot purchase – gratitude.

Rod told a story on humanitarian work in Zambia, and a boy named Johnny Banda who had lost his family to aids. He was considered a "throw away child". Rotary took him in and placed him with a safe foster family that could look after him. The doctors checked him over, and although he should have been scared to be examined, he recognized the "Rotary wheel" and felt that he could trust the Rotarians helping him as he had seen the wheel before when they were doing the polio vaccinations a couple of years earlier.

Rod reminded us of the importance of our annual contribution to the Rotary Foundation. For only \$250 you can save a life today, thanks in part to the dedication of Rotarians working together.

There are a couple of new programs being introduced this year based on Bill Boyd's "Lead the Way". They are:

1. Rotary College – will be an on-line program teaching leadership.
2. Adventures in Leadership – will be a high school program for Grade 10 – 12 students starting next Spring or Fall. Gary Hollick is involved, and the course will teach young leaders the leadership skills required to be effective in life.

Rod reminded us of two upcoming events – the District 50/50 conference to be held at Harrison Hot Springs May 31 – June 2, 2007. This is a golfing event. The second event is the annual Rotary International Convention, which is being held in Salt Lake City, Utah on June 17 – 20, 2007.

Submitted by Lynda Lawrence



## NOVEMBER 3 ROTARY-UN DAY

Rotary International's representatives to the United Nations in New York have announced 4 November as the date for the 2006 Rotary-UN Day.

The annual event at UN headquarters in New York City helps educate Rotarians, their friends, and their families about the complementary roles the UN and Rotary play in supporting humanitarian initiatives and promoting international understanding and peace.

This year, presentations and panel discussions will address humanitarian issues such as hunger, water, health, and literacy based on the theme "The Unfinished Business of Rotary." RI leaders, UN officials, representatives from UN-affiliated nongovernmental organizations, and other invited guests will be among featured speakers at the event.