

RI PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear fellow Rotarians,

My wife, Lorna, and I will celebrate our 52nd wedding anniversary in March. We are fortunate to have 4 children and 11 grandchildren, the youngest of whom, Emery, we met for the first time earlier this year. Wherever we travel with Rotary, our thoughts are always with them. And no matter how much we've enjoyed our trip, our family is the reason we're always glad to return home. Family is what makes a place home. Family is what's really important in life.

That's why the family of Rotary is so important to us. I've been a Rotarian for most of the years Lorna and I have been married, and over those years, Rotary has become a part of our family. Like our own family, we can count on the family of Rotary to help when help is needed and to share life's joys and sorrows. Being part of Rotary means being part of the largest extended family in the world. Rotary is an organization of people who care — about their homes, their communities, and each other. And caring is what family is all about.

A key idea of the family of Rotary is that it encompasses the family of every Rotarian — spouses, widows and widowers, children, and parents. Rotary was never designed to take club members away from their families. Instead, it should be a force that brings them together. Through programs such as Rotaract, Interact, and Rotary Youth Exchange, we work to bring a new generation into the spirit of Rotary service. Through our emphasis on the family of Rotary, we work to ensure that no one in the organization is ever left behind.

The end of the calendar year is a time of celebration in many traditions. Lorna and I would like to take this opportunity to thank those of you who send us your greetings during this season. Unfortunately, we cannot respond to you all as we would like. Therefore, we will make a contribution to The Rotary Foundation as our expression of thanks.

Rotary's success depends on the support of every Rotarian and everyone in the family of Rotary. In a family, no one is any more or less important than anyone else. Everyone is equally valued and equally a part of the family. That is also true in the family of Rotary. All of us are working toward the same goals of better communities and a better world. And we all know that we accomplish more and enjoy ourselves far more when we're working side by side with our friends — and our families.

LEE DECLARED OFFICIAL NOMINEE FOR 2008-09 RI PRESIDENT

On 1 December 2006, RI President William B. Boyd declared Dong Kurn Lee to be the official nominee for president of Rotary International for 2008-09. Lee is a [Rotary Foundation](#) trustee and a member of the Rotary Club of Seoul Hangang, Seoul, Korea. His formal election will take place at the [2007 Salt Lake City Convention](#).

Lee is chair of the Bubang Co. Ltd. and Bubang Techron Co. Ltd. manufacturing companies in Seoul and formerly served as a trustee of the Bank of Seoul. In 2005, he was appointed an international goodwill ambassador by the president of Korea.

Lee has also served as honorary consul to the Italian consulate in Korea since 1994 and was awarded the Order of Industrial Merit by the Korean government. He and his wife, Young Ja, have two sons and two daughters. A Rotarian since 1971, Lee has served RI as a director, treasurer, district governor, training leader, regional Rotary Foundation coordinator, and membership task force coordinator in Asia. He began his tenure on the Foundation's Board of Trustees in 2003-04 and is a recipient of the Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service.



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DECEMBER IS ROTARY FAMILY MONTH

INVOCATION

Dec. 12	Doris Gagel	Jan. 9	Maureen Goodrick
Jan. 16	Bobbi Gottschalk	Jan. 23	Vivian Hatiras

BINGO SCHEDULE

	6:15 - 8:15	8:00 - 10:00
Dec. 28	Dave Rempel	Hugh MacDonald
Jan. 25	Maureen Goodrick	Valerie Spurrell



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

TODAY'S PROGRAM: Election of new Club Officers for 2007/2008

Dec. 19th no regular meeting: Christmas Party. Dec. 26th cancelled

Don't forget to bring in your two cans – or cash - for the Food Bank

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Dec. 12	Noon	Club AGM and election of 2006/2007 Officers	Regular meeting
Dec. 19	6:00pm	No regular meeting: Christmas Party	The Gourmet Hideaway
Jan. 19	6:00pm	Regional PolioPlus Dinner - \$80.00 CAD	Delta Vancouver Airport Hotel
Jan. 20	8:30pm	Regional Rotary Foundation Seminar - \$40 CAD	Delta Vancouver Airport Hotel

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$115.50+ 1/2 of today's sales, 46 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Dec. 13: Fraser MacRae

LAST WEEKS MEETING

Our guests today were Ed Chiu, Haney Rotary Club, Ana our Exchange Student, and Cheryl Ashlie, Trustee School District 42.

Mike Davies provided Ed Chiu a \$500 donation for the Salvation Army.

Lynda thanked everyone who had participated in “Christmas in Park” and the Santa Parade to help collect donations for the Friends In Need Foodbank. Due to the help of our club members we raised \$1,000 plus close to 2,000 lbs of food during the event. Robert Campbell advised that he had been at Christmas in the Park singing Christmas carols with Cailin.

Laurie has returned from his trip to India, and advised that he had attended an all women’s Rotary Club while on vacation.

Bob Shantz made a presentation to Val Spurrell for the Ridge Meadows Hospital Foundation. Two cheques were given – one for \$4,800 and one for \$432.73. Bob advised that there will be a Hospice Calendar meeting in January.

Brian Bekar advised that our next meeting will be the club’s AGM and Election of Officers. Kevin will be helping Brian with the meeting. Brian is taking nominations for the various board positions.

Our Guest Speaker was John Simpson, new Superintendent for School District 42. Dave Rempel introduced Mr. Simpson as being a leader in education in BC. He is married to Susan and they have two grown children. John received a Bachelors of Science from Guelph University in 1975, and completed his PDP at SFU the following year. In 1986 he received his Master of Education degree from SFU. His passions are mountaineering (he’s ascended many of the highest mountains in the world), and education.

John explained that he feels he’s attained the “right fit”, and is extremely happy to be in the community. He has a connection to Rotary. He met Pierre Trudeau when he was a youth through a Rotary “Adventure in Citizenship” trip.

He advised that he has a strong commitment to School District 42 to provide the best education possible. Maple Ridge is moving forward with innovations in learning and taking risks with new programs such as the “year long calendar “ at Kanaka Creek School, and “self directed learning” at Thomas Haney.

With changing demographics, by 2012 there will be more seniors in the province than there are children in school. Right now 25% of BC’s population is in school.

There is a public confidence issue in the education system with BC being listed as the worst in the country. John said that the good stories about education do not circulate as the negative stories do. Very few jurisdictions in Canada do as well as BC, which is third in PSA ratings.

John is passionate about the public school system. Public education is the key to democracy. The most important work is preparing our youth for tomorrow and providing our youth with a moral purpose in life.

The current generation has not been looking after their health. This generation will have a shorter life span than their parents due to poor eating habits and a sedentary lifestyle. The schools are now focusing on health as part of their curriculum.

Other issues public schools are focusing on are cultural intelligence, and environmental awareness concentrating on global warming.

He advised, that we need to continue assessments to guarantee accountability. Teachers want to know that they’re effective. Older teachers are proud that they’ve made a difference and “saved” a student.

He wrapped up by saying that Internationally BC Public schools are doing well. We should brag more about the achievements of the public school system in Canada, and move forward with educating tomorrow’s leaders.

Submitted by Lynda Lawrence

MEADOWRIDGE ROTARY CHRISTMAS PARTY TUESDAY DECEMBER 19th

Gourmet Hideaway Restaurant

No Host Bar 6:00 pm

Dinner 6:45 pm

Hosted by Gordy and Mary, there will be a wonderful turkey dinner awaiting us at the Gourmet Hideaway. After dinner, there will be live entertainment down by the Haney Wharf with a local choral group performing before the arrival of the CP Holiday Train.



Those wishing to help with collection of food and money for the Friends In Need Foodbank during this event are asked to please advise Ineke.

If you’ve never experienced the Holiday Train, this is the perfect time. The lights, the music and the Christmas cheer make this a special event. The train stop only lasts 30 minutes. Warm, casual business dress suggested.

Entertainers on the Canadian Holiday Train include Canadian Blues rockers Wide Mouth Mason and Lisa Brokop, one of Canada’s finest vocalists.

At each stop, people donate money and nonperishable food and Canadian Pacific Railway presents a cheque for the local food bank (Friends in Need Foodbank). Cash donations are especially appreciated because every dollar collected can distribute \$9 worth of food.

Since the Holiday Train program began in 1999, more than \$2.4 million and 1.2 million pounds of food have been collected.