#### **RI President's Message**

January 2007 The Rotarian

Dear fellow Rotarians,

When we are asked, what is Rotary? it can sometimes be difficult to give a quick and easy answer. Rotary is about so many things: friendship and fellowship, international understanding and cooperation, vocational ethics and community leadership. All these values brought us to Rotary, and all are reasons why we stay.

But first and foremost, Rotary is about service and putting Service Above Self. Rotary was founded for fellowship, but it quickly grew into an organization where people who wanted to serve others came together to do it – better, more effectively, and more enjoyably than they could have alone. We're members of our clubs so we can work through them to help others. That is why we're Rotarians. That is why we're here.

The four Avenues of Service are, and always will be, central to Rotary's work. They help us find balance in our choice of projects and aid us in achieving the Object of Rotary. Through Club Service, Vocational Service, Community Service, and International Service, we strive to uphold this ideal. Every project we carry out – every playground we refurbish, every well we help dig, every adult we teach to read, every child we immunize against polio — makes the world we all live in a bit better, a bit healthier, a bit happier. And it demonstrates to others that in the long term, we do not succeed professionally *despite* our commitment to doing what is right — we succeed *because* of it.

Everything we do in Rotary supports the Object of Rotary. When we work to strengthen The Rotary Foundation, we're building greater resources to support our service. When we work to increase membership, we're doing it so we'll have more hands to carry out our projects. Although some things in Rotary, like the Object of Rotary and the four Avenues of Service, do not change, our organization has evolved over the decades to find better and more efficient ways of meeting our goals. The Club Leadership Plan is one such tool. In it, we have an effective road map for organizing our clubs and allowing each one to work to its full potential, in every one of the four Avenues of Service.

By simplifying our club leadership structure, we free more of our time, energy, and resources for the real business of Rotary, which is, and always will be, service. By upholding our commitment to our four Avenues of Service, we honor the generations of Rotarians who followed them in the past — and *Lead the Way* for generations to come.

William B. Boyd, RI President 2006/2007



## Rotary Club of MeadowRidge Newsletter

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Web-site: www3.telus.net/MeadowRidge\_Rotary

Meetings: Tuesday 12pm, Gourmet Hideaway Restaurant

## January is Rotary Awareness Month

#### INVOCATION

	Jan. 9	Maureen Goodrick	Jan. 16	Bobbi Gottschalk
	Jan. 23	Vivian Hatiras	Jan. 30	Diane Kirkland

#### **BINGO SCHEDULE**

	6:15 - 8:15	8:00 - 10:00
Jan. 25	Maureen Goodrick	Valerie Spurrell
Feb. 22	Laurie Anderson	Brian Bekar

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

TODAY'S PROGRAM: Fraser Sta

Fraser Stamp – Who's Who

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM: Rowena Anderson – UBC Loon Lake

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

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Jan. 19	6:00pm	Regional PolioPlus Dinner - \$80.00	Delta Vancouver Airport Hotel
Jan. 20	8:30pm	Regional Rotary Foundation Seminar - \$40.00	Delta Vancouver Airport Hotel
Apr. 14	8:00am	District Assembly	Kwantlen University College, Sry
May 31		District Conference	Harrison Hot Springs Resort
June 17-20		RI Conference	Salt Lake City

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$145.50+ 1/2 of today's sales, 45 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jan. 11: Marco Terwiel

#### **ANA'S REPORT**

Dear Meadow Ridge Club,

This is Ana, the exchange student from Mexico. I already have 4 months here and I haven't written anything, so here I go.

I arrived to Canada on August 28th. Doris and Ted Gagel picked me up at the Vancouver airport. They where waiting for a little while because I had to wait in customs for 2 hours. I stayed with them for a week. During that first week Peter and Ineke Boekhorst (my second and actual host family) invite me to Stanley Park, I had a nice time with them. Will Robson, his friend Mollie and me went to the PNE, it was really fun!

The week was over and Irena and Bob Shantz (my first host family) picked me up from the Gagel's.

It's really hard to adapt to a new house and a new family that you doesn't even know, but the Shantz really made me feel at home. It

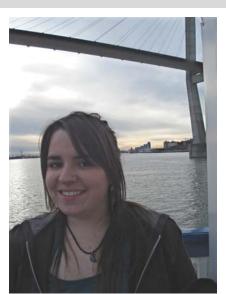
was hard with Fred because he's not a really talkative person, but he's nice and it was good to have him around. I was never alone there, even when Irena and Bob where working, Ripley (the dog) was really helpful, he always kept me company. I miss them all! Thanks for everything!

During my time at the Shantz I went with them to Gas Town. I played with horses in their friends' house, and with the neighbour's sheep. I saw deer in their back yard! That probably don't surprise you at all, but for me was a new experience!! I've never seen deer outside a zoo! I also went trick or treating for the first time! It was a lot of fun!!! And my first snowing was there too.

After those great first 3 months I moved a month ago with Peter and Ineke. On December 23 was my birthday, I went to Manning park with a Rotarian family from Chilliwack, they have 3 kids, D'Arcy, the oldest one, Robbie and Ian, they are 16 years old and they are twins, I know this family because I'm Ian's host sister! He was in my house in Oaxaca his first 3 months, they now know host an exchange student from Belgium. It was a lot of fun!! I went snowboarding.

I spent Christmas with the Boekhorst, it was a little bit different of what I'm used to do, but I liked it!! After Christmas we went to Kelowna to visit their daughter Marjolein. It's a nice place, full of snow! we spend





New Year there, we went bowling, that's is totally different of what we do in Mexico for that day, but it was fun!

A day before New Year I got arrested by Marjolein's husband! It wasn't real though, but it was fun! Now I'm back in Pitt Meadows after that fun week in Kelowna!

Now that you know a little bit of what I've been doing I'll tell you about the school.I'm in grade 11 in Maple Ridge Secondary School. I'm takingMarketing 11Biology 11Biology 11Introduction to GermanComparative civilizations 12Math10Tourism 11ESLEnglish 11I'm very happy with all my classes. The teachers are great people, they're funny and they really try to help if Ihave a language question.I know people in all my classes. And a good thing, I met Mexican people in the school, and they've been veryhelpful.

I've been absolutely lucky with my host families. I already know my next 2 and I'm sure I'll have a great time with them too! And I'm also lucky to be in such a beautiful place with nice and friendly people. Thank you very much!!

Ana Castillo.

# What Paul Harris said . . .

"We are here on earth and we are here to stay during our respectively allotted periods. How much of happiness and how much of misery shall be our share remains with us almost entirely to determine. If we possess a modicum of reason, it will be apparent to us that it is the part of wisdom to cheerfully make the best of the situation and to harmonize our own lives with nature's inexorable laws. We are entitled to the maximum of happiness; and may we be sane enough to observe that the route to a life full of happiness does not lie in intemperate indulgence.

We need and the world needs an optimistic, rational philosophy of life."

### "The Distance Self"

by Paul P Harris - The Rotarian, February 1914

As we move into the next year of our lives, it is always a time of reflection with the past and excitement for the future. In today's uncertain world, let your own lives be full of happiness for 2007 and based on our simple but straightforward Rotary way of life.