

DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE



As we enter the new-year, it is a time of renewal for many. When I considered a message for this month, I hearkened back to the reflections, which were recently expressed by Michael Josephson in his *Character Counts* newsletter. Here are his thoughts shared for you this month:

- I've learned that kindness is more important than cleverness, that it's really dumb to carry a grudge (and really hard to give one up), and that until I translate my thoughts into actions, my great ideas and good intentions are like unlit candles.
- I've learned that cynicism and enthusiasm are both contagious, but cynicism makes things worse.
- I've learned that everyone rationalizes -- including me -- and that it's easier to give advice than to take it.
- I've learned that where there's a will, there's a way, and where there's not, there's an alibi.
- I've learned that too many people are willing to move the stool when what's really needed is to move the piano, and that the things I like to do least, are often the things that need to be done most.
- I've learned that necessity is not a fact, it's an interpretation, and that too many people confuse the intensity of their feelings with the likelihood that they're right.
- I've learned that there's often a gap between the way things are and the way they ought to be, and that I can still be an idealist without illusions, committed to closing that gap.

And finally, I've learned that a person is generally as happy as he or she is willing to be, and I'm very willing to be happy. It seems to me that much of the sentiment expressed above can be found by applying the Four Way Test to life, and, that as Rotarians, we should be committed to using our influence to make others happier too!

Have a wonderful and prosperous new-year!
District Governor (2006-07) Rod Thomson

RI PRESIDENT BOYD RECEIVES ROYAL AWARD

Great Britain's Queen Elizabeth II recently bestowed Rotary International President [William B. Boyd](#) with the Companion of the Queen's Service Order Award.

The award is given to New Zealand residents who have served as a valuable volunteer to the community, whether in elected or public office. The queen appoints 30 people each year.

"While Lorna [Boyd's wife] and I are honoured for me to receive the QSO, we recognize that this is recognition of the standing of Rotary in our community," says Boyd.

The queen honoured Boyd for his work in the New Zealand community, which he's served as a Rotarian since 1971. He's also served in his community as an elder and youth leader in the Presbyterian church, scout master, secretary of several school committees, and 30 years as a rugby referee with the rugby union.

Russell Clarke, president of the Pakuranga Rotary club, New Zealand, says that members are collectively delighted that Boyd has received recognition. "The club is extremely proud of Bill and Lorna's wonderful work for Rotary. The feedback from Rotarians worldwide has been that Bill is a real leader of the Rotary movement. The club is proud that the queen has honoured Bill and Rotary with this award."

Rob Crabtree, past governor of District 9920 added, "Bill and Lorna epitomize Service Above Self."

An awards ceremony will take place later in the year, after Boyd completes his term as RI president. He will receive a citation for service to the community as well as a badge and a medal.



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January is Rotary Awareness Month

INVOCATION

Jan. 16	Bobbi Gottschalk	Jan. 23	Vivian Hatiras
Feb. 6	Diane Kirkland	Feb. 13	Sharon Kyle

BINGO SCHEDULE

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

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



**January 30 we will have a Fireside at Meadow Gardens @ 6pm,
 No regular meeting that day!**

TODAY'S PROGRAM: John Bulloch – Big Brothers & Sisters

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM: Fireside at Meadow Gardens

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
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 \$179.00+ 1/2 of today's sales, 43 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

LAST WEEKS MEETING

Our guests at today's meeting were Zdenka Cukor, Misha Bharwani, and our exchange student Ana.

Anil announced that Misha has been asked to attend the RYLA International Convention in Salt Lake City, and also to return to the RYLA camp, that will be held at Zajak Ranch, to act as a facilitator.

Sharon announced that our Outgoing Exchange Student, Ian Wright, left for Belgium. Ken Knuttila has received a couple of letters from Ian, which Sharon shared with us. Ian is very thankful for the opportunity he has been given by the Club, and now his sister is interested in applying as a Rotary exchange student.

Sharon welcomed Ken Knuttila back. It was nice to see him at lunch today.

Sharon announced that the Haney Rotary Club is doing a Valentine's Dinner and Dance, and wanted to know if our Club was interested in making this a joint event. Sharon polled the Club, but no real expression of interest was shown.

The Regional PolioPlus Dinner is being at the Delta Vancouver Airport Hotel on January 19th at 6 pm, and the Regional Rotary Foundation Seminar will be held the following morning at the same location at 8:30 am.



Our Guest Speakers were Rowena Anderson, Katrina Evans and Jenna, who are with the UBC Loon Lake Research and Education Centre re-development project. The Malcolm Knapp Research Forest, which is about 5,000 acres in size was given to the UBC Faculty of Forestry for use to promote research, education and recreation. The Loon Lake camp was constructed in 1949, to accommodate UBC Forestry students during their annual field training, and is dedicated to the UBC Faculty of Forestry forest management program.

Other educational institutions including Langara College, SFU, BCIT and the University of Washington utilize the camp. An innovative partnership with the Canadian Cancer

Society has made Loon Lake the new long-term home for Camp Goodtimes, which is a camp for children affected by cancer.

Over the past 50+ years the centre has aged, and now requires some upgrading and re-development. The UBC Board of Governors and the Faculty of Forestry have approved a \$6.9 million dollar project to upgrade the centre. With the aid of a number of charitable organizations they have been able to raise \$4.3 million to-date.

Funding the project has reached a critical point. The task now is to secure the remaining \$2.6 million funds required. There are a number of Recognition and Naming Opportunities available including an Amphitheatre, four cabins, 70 person dining hall, a Guest House that will accommodate 24 people, lounge, and a playing field but to name a few.

They are seeking funding from the various service clubs to assist with obtaining their fundraising goals. We were invited to visit their facilities, and perhaps hold one of our future luncheon meetings on-site.

Submitted by Lynda Lawrence

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jan. 27: Sharon Kyle

Jan. 28: Mike Davies

INDIA STEPS UP EFFORTS TO END POLIO

By Vukoni Lupa-Lasaga, Rotary International News

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Despite the stiff challenge posed to India's polio eradication efforts by a 2006 outbreak, the country's health minister, Anbumani Ramadoss, is optimistic that India will soon be free of the disease.

Because of the outbreak, India reported more than 600 cases of polio in 2006, a sharp increase from only 66 cases in 2005. Most of the new cases occurred in Uttar Pradesh, an impoverished northern state. From there, the virus spread to Angola, Bangladesh, Namibia, and Nepal.

In mid-December, Ramadoss said he was confident the battle for a polio-free India would be won with stepped-up immunizations. "In three years, we will do away with polio," he said. "We are at the end of the problem and will hit the final nail in the coffin."

Julie Gerberding, head of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, said the outbreak "is a warning that we can't be complacent." She also noted that the last few cases of polio are often the most difficult to deal with.

India is countering the challenges of polio eradication through intensified immunizations with monovalent oral polio vaccine. Because most of the cases reported in 2006 were from poor Muslim communities, the Global Polio Eradication Initiative is working with religious leaders to persuade more families to have their children immunized.

Partly because of the Muslim clerics' support, India reported an overall increase in the turnout of children during Subnational Immunization Days (SNIDs) in July, September, and November.

Indian Rotarians and their international counterparts are closely involved with the heightened immunizations. Robert Hall, past governor of District 6900 (Georgia, USA), led several U.S. Rotarians in the November SNIDs in Uttar Pradesh. The team was encouraged by the collaboration they witnessed among government officials, religious leaders, local Rotarians, UNICEF, and the World Health Organization.

"This trip was the experience of a lifetime for all 20 Rotarians who visited Uttar Pradesh," Hall noted. Pledging the continued support of District 6900 and Rotarians in Zone 34, which includes the Caribbean, Guyana, and Suriname, along with Florida and Georgia, USA, he said he was confident that India would soon eradicate polio.

Major Donors Jim and Donna Philips, whose recent contribution to PolioPlus Partners helped fund the SNIDs, also traveled with the group.

At least nine rounds of National Immunization Days and SNIDs are planned for India this year.