

## 2007 ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

If you are not going to the RI Convention this year in Salt Lake City, you will miss out on the following exciting events:



Experience the energy of thousands of fellow Rotarians from around the world at daily plenary sessions at the Salt Palace Convention Center. This year's program promises sensational entertainment, stirring speeches, and inspirational opening and closing ceremonies, including a performance by renowned New Zealand opera singer Dame **Malvina Major**.

The following speakers and guests are confirmed for the convention plenaries:

Sunday, June 17

### Donny Osmond

Singer Donny Osmond will be the featured performer during a special welcome segment showcasing Utah talent during the Opening Plenary Session.

Monday, June 18

### Jenny Horton

As an exchange student in Frederick, Oklahoma, Australian Jenny Horton was hosted by six families and had a variety of experiences. She later joined Rotary and was so inspired by PolioPlus that she became a World Health Organization consultant based in Karachi, Pakistan.

### Thomas T. Ristimaki

Through his association with the Rotary Club of Kimberley, British Columbia, Canada, Tom Ristimaki has become increasingly involved with Rotary, first as a Youth Exchange student, then in RYLA, and now as a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar.

### Francis Moloi

Francis Moloi, South African High Commissioner to India and former Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholar, will speak on the theme for the session: "Rotary In Action."

Tuesday, June 19

### William H. Gates, Sr.

Gates, co-chair of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, is the keynote speaker for this plenary session, the theme of which is "The Rotary Foundation Day."

Wednesday, June 20

### Hyrum W. Smith

Hyrum W. Smith, of the Franklin Covey consulting firm, helps individuals gain better control of their personal and professional lives through values-based time and life management. Smith combines a gift for communication with wit and enthusiasm to help his audience understand what matters most to them.



# The Four Way Flasher

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## April is Magazine Month

### INVOCATION

<b>April 24</b>	Dave Rempel	<b>May 1</b>	Gordy Robson
<b>May 8</b>	Mary Robson	<b>May 15</b>	Bob Shantz

### BINGO SCHEDULE

	<b>6:15 - 8:15</b>	<b>8:00 - 10:00</b>
<b>May 17</b>	Maureen Goodrick	Stan Wade
<b>June 14</b>	Mina Park	

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**TODAY'S PROGRAM:** Cheque presentation to Caribbean Festival.  
 Jennifer Watton – GSE Team

**NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM:** Vivian Smith (Haney Rotary) – Mexico Trip

### CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
May 28		Italian Serata	La Trattoria
May 31-June 3		District Conference	Harrison Hot Springs Resort
June 17-20		RI Conference	Salt Lake City
August 18	3:00pm	Vladimir's Honey BBQ	The Bee Farm - 129 <sup>th</sup> Ave., Pitt Meadows

**50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$398.50+ 1/2 of today's sales, 34 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!**

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

April 27: Lorna Anderson

April 28: Peter Boekhorst

## LAST WEEKS MEETING

Our guests today were Fred Reynolds ADG, Jen Dawkins of the GSE Team, Zdenka Cukor, and our exchange student Ana.



ADG Fred Reynolds

Fred Reynolds our Rotary ADG, came to thank us for the hospitality our Club has always shown whenever he's visited us during his term as ADG. He will be retiring this year as his three year term ends in June 2007. He advised that Rotary International send their regards. Fred also encouraged our members to attend an upcoming Rotary event

Dave Rempel then introduced our Guest Speaker, Don Woytowich of School District 42, who came to speak with us about funding of the public school system. Don has held many positions with various provincial government agencies as the Executive Director of Finance & Administration

Don explained that the per pupil funding is \$5,381 per year. The facilities grant of \$2.8M is to cover capital costs. There is a decline in enrolment within our District. Enrolment dropped by 1.3% over the last year. This is an issue as the enrolment drives the funding which in turn equates to a decline in the number of teachers they are able to employ.

The \$470M grant by the Ministry of Education for funding the public schools within our province covers \$450M for contracts, leaving \$20M for facilities. The government has mandated that \$913,000 per year is to be set aside for GAP.

There is approximately \$1.2M in capital reserve with the government for our District that has to be applied for and approved by the Ministry. There is also a \$100,000 local capital reserve within the District that can be used without applying to have the funds released. In addition, there is a \$1.2M capital land reserve for new schools in our District.

Valerie Spurrell advised that the Italian Serata Fundraising Dinner will be held on May 28th at the La Trattoria Restaurant to raise funds for the Ridge Meadows Hospital Foundation.

Submitted by Lynda Lawrence

## ESTEEM TEAM

The Esteem Team will be in town. For April 24<sup>th</sup> and May 1<sup>st</sup> we have the following schedule:

### April 24<sup>th</sup>:

#### Kayaker - Sara Hopkins

10:45am	Alexander Robinson Elementary	Grades 4-7, 200 students
1:15pm	Whonnock Elementary	Grades 4-7, 100 students

#### Snowboarder - Derek Winterman

10:30am	Samuel Robertson Technical	Grades 8&9, 200 students
1:00pm	Riverside Elementary	Grades 4-7, 150 students

### May 1<sup>st</sup>:

#### Snowboarder - Derek Winterman

10:30am	Webster's Corners Elementary	Grades 4-7, 75 students
1:15pm	Hammond Elementary	Grades 4-7, 150 students

#### Track and Field - Nathan Vadeboncoeur

10:30am	Yennadon Elementary	Grades 4-7, 200 students
1:15pm	Highland Park	Grades 4-7, 200 students

If you are able to accompany one of the athletes to a school, please see Kevin, who will make the arrangements.

## 2007 District Conference - "Pure Success"

### Seven great reasons to join us:

- A great program with a slate of international speakers
- Rotary highlights such as Group Study Exchange and Youth Exchange teams
- The splendour and celebration of the Governor's Ball
- Golf at the [Sandpiper Golf Club](#) in a picture book setting next to the Harrison River
- A fabulous resort with indoor and outdoor pools, a pampering spa, and more!
- The magical lakeside setting with majestic mountains
- Networking with Rotary friends - those we've met and those we will meet!

...it all adds up to a Rotary Experience that is **Pure Success!**

### Speakers include:

- **Kent Keith** - Do you know what a [Paradoxical Commandment](#) is?
- **Marion Bunch** - [Rotarians For Fighting Aids](#)
- **Penny Legate** - News anchor and reporter for [KIRO 7 Eyewitness News](#)
- **David Dotson** - Executive Director of Dolly Parton's Dollywood Foundation and its [Imagination Library](#), as our literacy speaker on Saturday
- **Kristin Eddings** - Reigning Miss Washington

**Harrison and Rotary are calling...YOU!**