

Dear fellow Rotarians,

When I speak before a Rotarian audience, I often find myself quoting the words of others. And although the quotations I use rarely come from Rotary sources, they speak to the universal lessons of Rotary and to our tasks as Rotarians. Khalil Gibran wasn't thinking of Rotary when he wrote: "You give but little when you give of your possessions. It is when you give of yourself that you truly give." Yet these are perfect words to apply to the pleasure we experience in giving to our Rotary Foundation and doing our humanitarian work as Rotarians. I frequently come across a quotation from Eleanor Roosevelt, who said, "The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams." That surely is so, for the world needs people of vision, people who are capable of dreaming dreams. We see in Rotary day after day how these dreams influence the things we do, for it is not enough just to dream: You must put your dreams into action.



Last year in Copenhagen, Denmark, I began a speech by quoting from the sundial that stands outside Union Station by Alameda Street in Los Angeles, a historic part of that city. The inscription on the sundial reads, Vision to see, faith to believe, courage to do. That line struck me as a perfect representation of what is required of us to be successful in Rotary. We must see the needs around us, believe we can make a difference, and step forward to act.

Over and over throughout this year, Lorna and I have seen Rotarians who have done all of this. They have had the vision to see – to look at their community and to look even more broadly at the global village. But that vision alone is not enough. It is essential that we as Rotarians have the faith to believe we can make a difference. We see so many statistics that horrify us: how many are hungry, how many are illiterate, how many are denied access to clean water and sanitation. It would be so easy to say these problems are too great for us to attempt to solve.

But as Rotarians, we do not walk away from these tremendous challenges. Not only do we have that faith to believe we can make a difference, we have the courage to do. That courage is the difference between dreaming great dreams and putting them into action.

In all our travels this year, Lorna and I have seen projects that, one by one, are changing the world. They are succeeding because Rotarians everywhere are acting on their courage to do. I have always been proud to be a Rotarian, but as I see more and more of what Rotary can accomplish, I am ever more honoured to be a member of the first and the greatest service club in the world.

W.B. (Bill) Boyd
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INVOCATION

May 1	Mary Robson	May 8	Gordy Robson
May 15	Bob Shantz	May 22	

BINGO SCHEDULE

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

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TODAY'S PROGRAM: Vivian Smith (Haney Rotary) – Mexico Trip

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM: Business Meeting

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 th Ave., Pitt Meadows

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$425.50+ 1/2 of today's sales, 33 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

May 5: Don Pearce

May 7: Ted Gagel

LAST WEEKS MEETING

Mike Davies made two cheque presentations on behalf of the Community Services Committee. Norm Casler of the Jazz & Blues Festival was presented a cheque in the amount of \$500. The festival will be held on August 11th at the Memorial Peace Park.

Mike then presented a cheque for \$500. to Ineke Boekhorst for the Caribbean Festival which will be held on July 15th on 224th Street. Last year's event was well attended with approximately 20,000 people out for the festival.

Our guests today were Zdenka Cukor, Ana our exchange student and her friend from Mexico, Daniie who is also here on an exchange program, and Tom Staarup a guest of Anil's. Dave Rempel introduced Derek Winterman and Sarah Watkins, members of the Esteem Team.

Ineke announced that the Downtown Maple Ridge Business Improvement office will officially open on Tuesday May 1st. The opening will be held between Noon and 4 pm.

Mike Davies said that we should keep an eye on the newspaper in regards to updates on the flood plan. He suggested that we have an emergency plan for evacuation if necessary and ensure that we also have a plan for our pets.

Bob Shantz advised that there are eight advertising spots left to fill for the 2008 Hospice Calendar, and requested the assistance of the club to fill those spots.

The Italian Serata will be held on May 28th at the La Trattoria Restaurant. There will be 60 seats available. The tickets are \$125. each, and the funds raised will go to the Hospital Foundation for the purchase of a piece of equipment.

Our Guest Speaker was Jen Dawkins, a firefighter who is on the GSE Team headed to Italy next week. Her team includes a border guard, a professional photographer, a recreational programmer, and a Baskin Robbins franchise owner.

Jen shared with us the presentation that she will be showing to other Rotary Clubs on her trip. Jen showed us the promotional materials that her team has prepared for the trip. In preparation, Jen has taken some language training at the Italian Cultural Centre in Vancouver to help her as some of the presentation will be done in Italian.

The team will depart for Seattle next Tuesday and return on June 11th.

Jen shared her bio with us. She is a firefighter in Vancouver, who is a resident of Maple Ridge. She bought a new home last year where she lives with her dog. She showed pictures of the firehall and the equipment that she is trained



to use. She is a volunteer with the Maple Ridge Fire hall. Jen is also an outdoor enthusiast, and has participated in some endurance events such as the Ironman Challenge.

Submitted by Lynda Lawrence

ESTEEM TEAM

The Esteem Team will be in town. For May 1st and May 8th we have the following schedule:

May 1st:

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

May 8th:

Snowboarder - Derek Winterman

11:00am	Garibaldi Secondary	Grades 8,9, 150 Students
1:15pm	Blue Mountain Elementary	Grades 4-7, 100 Students

Track and Field - Nathan Vadeboncoeur

10:45am	Albion Elementary	Grades 4-7, 250 Students
1:15pm	Eric Langton Elementary	Grades 4-7, 200 Students



Last weeks Esteem Team members
Derek Winterman and Sara Hopkins

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