

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

May 22: Ineke Boekhorst, Brian Fox

May 27: Alfred Gottschalk

RI PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE :

Dear fellow Rotarians,

Nearly a year ago, I wrote on this page that, as Rotarians, "we are not content to let matters stay the way they have always been, in our clubs or in our communities. We are the ones who ask, Why not us?"

In the last year, I have been privileged to meet thousands of Rotarians who have asked themselves that very question and risen to its challenge. I have seen projects that have astounded me with their creativity and their ambition, and projects that came to fruition through an incredible degree of thought, planning, and insight. I have seen clubs overcome all sorts of barriers to deal with the true problems facing their communities. And I have seen all of this done with warmth, grace, and the skill born of local knowledge – and, often, with the support of our Rotary Foundation.

Every project I have seen has impressed me in its own way. The projects that have impressed me the most, however, have been those addressing a need that no one has been able to meet before, whether because of a lack of resources, a lack of ability, or simply a lack of awareness. Sometimes the problem was obvious and acknowledged, such as an ill-equipped clinic or a polluted water source. Sometimes the problem was never openly mentioned, such as the dilemma faced every month by girls attending schools without bathrooms. What I have seen this year is that whether the need is for water filters, blood banks, HIV treatment, toilet stalls, or literacy, Rotarians are finding what needs to be done – and doing it.

The projects that stand out in my mind the most are those that are meeting real needs and quietly changing lives. I will always remember the Rotary club project that's bringing simple, yet effective, low-cost prosthetic hands to amputees, returning to them employability and self-sufficiency; the Rotary club-supported library in Hsinchu, Taiwan, that gives so many more children access to books; the Rotary club-sponsored classroom that's educating children living in the tuberculosis ward of an African hospital; and the Rotary club-built school for autistic children, for whom there had been no services in the area.

These are just a few of the projects that have truly made a difference. There is no need for exaggeration or hyperbole here: These projects have very literally moved the courses of lives by giving people education, improved health, and a real chance at a better future. In some cases, Rotarians invested tremendous resources of time, energy, and their own funds. In others, all that was needed was a knowledgeable and caring person to step in, look around, and do what needed to be done.

It has been a great joy this year to see how Rotarians all over the world are choosing to Lead the Way. I look forward to continuing with you in this great task for many more years to come. Lorna and I thank you for your many kindnesses to us. This year has changed our lives.

W.B. (Bill) Boyd
President, Rotary International



The Four Way Flasher

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INVOCATION

May 22	Valerie Spurrell	May 29	Fraser Stamp-Vincent
June 5	Eng Tan	June 12	

BINGO SCHEDULE

	6:15 - 8:15	8:00 - 10:00
June 14	Mina Park	
July 12		

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



TODAY'S PROGRAM: Cailin Green – Marketing (What has Changed & What Hasn't)

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM: Ana Ló Castillo Núñez – our Exchange Student

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 \$507.50+ 1/2 of today's sales, 30 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

LAST WEEKS MEETING

Our guests today were Colby, a guest of Jan & Wende's, Derek Winterman of the Esteem Team, Ana our Exchange Student and visiting Rotarian Ian Waters of the Sunshine Coast Rotary Club.

Mr. Waters invited our Club to a literacy fundraiser at the Powerhouse Stave Falls on May 26th for the Mission Foundation, which supports the bookmobile in Guatemala.

Val Spurrell announced that 35 of the 60 tickets have been sold for the Italian Serata Dinner on May 28th at the La Trattoria Restaurant, and encouraged Club members to turn out for this very enjoyable event.



Our Guest Speakers were Rhonda Lochhead and Amada Balcke of the Alouette River Management Society. Their presentation was on the Pesticide Community Awareness Project. Rhonda explained that this project is to determine the extent of damage to our waterways and natural habitat from pesticide use on the various berry farms within our community. Working with the Ministry of Environment, the Alouette River Management Society will be taking sediment samples in four areas of our community. There is great concern about the effect of agricultural practices on the Watershed and the fish & surrounding wildlife habitat. If the findings from the initial sampling show significant chemical levels then further testing and investigation will be done.

Working in conjunction with the Ministry of Education, part of the project focuses on education and awareness. Programs will be taught in the schools that focus on preservation of our waterways and their habitat. ARMS is also planning to build an information kiosk with assistance from the FRCC correctional institute, who will provide the labour.

They are seeking funding and have asked our Club to fund \$2,000 of the \$20,888 needed for this project. Phase One has been funded but Phase Two still requires more funding. A breakdown of where the funds will be applied is as follows:

Budget

Phase 1:	Courier of sediment samples (3*90)	\$ 270.00
	Office / utility / paper	\$ 300.00
Phase 2:	Sediment testing	\$ 475.00
	Courier (1*90)	\$ 90.00
	Timber for Kiosk	\$ 500.00
	Education Materials	\$ 365.00
	Total:	\$ 2000.00



Submitted by Lynda Lawrence

Some questions raised by our members were about the type of chemicals in use, if berry farms were the only areas of concern, and if anyone has spoken with the farmers yet. She advised that they do not know what chemicals are in use and that initially they had not planned on speaking with the farmers prior to the testing, but have now decided to communicate with them to determine what chemicals are being used and in what quantities. Berry farms are not the only area of concern, they are also looking at the chemical use of golf courses and other green spaces.



WHERE EVER, WHEN EVER

Origin of the ShelterBox!

Once upon a time, Tom Henderson attended a regular Helston-Lizard Rotary Club meeting. What he said next was to change everything. 'Hey guys, I've had an idea, which could bring shelter and beds to people who have become homeless in disasters around the world... and all in a single box'. 'Yeah, that sounds a good idea' we said, 'why don't you look into it'? Well, Tom doesn't need to be told twice. As an ex naval officer and spending his time generally doing dangerous stuff above and below the sea all over the globe, he went and found all that was needed... tents, sleeping bags, boxes, equipment - the best quality, (with some arm twist-ing) at the lowest cost. He put SHELTERBOX together; it's administered by the Helston-Lizard Club and sent worldwide through Rotary. So it's his entire fault!!!

Special points of interest:

- Empty ShelterBoxes are now being used in Kenya as a camel-back library service begun in February 2007.
- Global Distribution of over 30,000 Shelter-Boxes has effected over 450,000 people in just 6 years!