

BILL GATES SR. TO SPEAK AT ROTARY CONVENTION

(SALT LAKE CITY) – William H. Gates Sr., co-chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, will discuss the vital role played by The Rotary Foundation and other charitable foundations in addressing the world’s most pressing humanitarian needs on June 19 at the Salt Palace Convention Center.

He is expected to cite the success of Rotary’s leadership in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, a public/private partnership spearheaded by Rotary, the World Health Organization, UNICEF and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Since 2000, The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation has invested \$150 million in the polio initiative. Most recently, the Gates Foundation contributed \$40 million to stem a serious polio outbreak in Nigeria and surrounding countries. The foundation also invested \$10 million in the development of more effective oral polio vaccines that have bolstered efforts in the remaining four polio-endemic countries.

Gates guides the vision and strategic direction of the foundation, which was established in 2000 through the merger of the William H. Gates Foundation and the Gates Learning Foundation. The foundation seeks to reduce inequities and improve lives around the world. Co-chairs are William H. Gates III, founder and chairman of Microsoft Corp., and his wife, Melinda French Gates.

Gates’ talk at the Rotary International convention concludes a plenary session devoted to the Rotary Foundation. The mission of The Rotary Foundation is to enable Rotary members to advance world understanding, goodwill and peace by addressing the roots causes of violence and strife, such as hunger, thirst, disease, poverty and illiteracy. The Rotary Foundation is supported solely by voluntary contributions from Rotary members and friends. Since 1947, the Rotary Foundation has awarded more than \$1.1 billion in humanitarian and educational grants, all administered by local Rotary clubs.



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INVOCATION

June 19	Marco Terwiel	July 3	Nizar Virani
July 10	Walter Volpatti	July 17	Stan Wade

BINGO SCHEDULE

	6:15 - 8:15	8:00 - 10:00
July 12	Jan Dale	Wende Dawes
August 9		

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TODAY’S PROGRAM: Mr. George Klassen – Amazon Evangelism Society
(Projects in Third World Countries)

NEXT WEEK’S PROGRAM: Installation Dinner at Meadow Gardens

Next week NO regular meeting!

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
June 17-20		RI Conference	Salt Lake City
June 26	6:00pm	Installation Dinner	Meadow Gardens Golf Course
August 18	3:00pm	Vladimir’s Honey BBQ	The Bee Farm - 129 th Ave., Pitt Meadows

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$17.50 + 1/2 of today’s sales, 51 cards left, Jackpot on “Queen of Hearts” only!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

June 21: Mary Robson

LAST WEEKS MEETING

After enjoying a lovely dinner prepared by Irena, Donna (Irena's sister), and Ana, Sharon welcomed everyone and presented a potted Garden Lily plant to Bob and Irena thanking them for their generous hospitality in their beautiful home.

As my term of President is coming to a close in two weeks time, there are a couple of pressing items I would like to follow up on and finalize.

As you are all aware the Wine Festival was a huge success in 2006 raising a net amount of \$12,725.67. As a partner of the Festival the Garibaldi Arts Council received a cheque for \$5000.00 to assist in purchasing new display boards for their art works. The committee has now come forward with a recommendation to give \$2300.00 to the Youth and Awareness Communications Chair to assist in the production of a film called the "King of Anger Mountain". This film will be shown in conjunction with the Crystal Meth Program and it is booked in the ACT for June 22/07. Your executive has approved this spending and I seek a vote from the Membership to give them a cheque for \$2300.00. As there were no questions this spending was approved unanimously.

Vocational school bursaries....There were only 4 of the 7 schools that made application for the \$2000.00 bursaries available to be awarded this year. In addition to the schools, there is a bursary given to a graduating Junior Firefighter from the M.R. Firehall #1. After training for one year these students write an exam and receive a diploma upon completion of this course. In light of some spare funds available this year I wish to increase the \$250.00 bursary to \$1000.00 for 2007. I have spoken to the Firehall #1 Timo Juurakko, their training officer and his recommendation is a young graduating student going on to Post Secondary Education by the name of Craig Ballantyne. Craig has passed his course with flying colours and has a long-term goal of becoming a Fireman with the M.R. Firehall. As there were no questions this motion was passed unanimously.

Sharon then made an announcement regarding the Presidential Membership Conference being held in Richmond August 10th/11th, 2007 and encouraged everyone to attend.

President elect Bob Shantz gave an update on the calendar production and is confident we will have it in our hands in July to start sales.

Ana gave an acknowledgement to the membership for the opportunity to have attended RYLA at the Zajac Ranch and told us about her experiences there. Many friendships were made and lots of fun was had.

Reminder to sign up with Maureen regarding the Installation Dinner on June 26th at Meadow Gardens Golf Course. Tickets are \$45.00 pp.

Submitted By Sharon Kyle

ROTARY PROJECTS IN THE NEWS

Rotary International supported micro-lending projects have helped break the cycle of poverty in many communities in developing countries. One such project in the Philippines, provides loans as small as \$50 to help women become self-sufficient business owners. So far, some 50,000 women around the globe have received loans, training, and support.

Rotary clubs in Georgia, USA, helped develop a special baseball complex, called the Miracle League, for children with physical and mental disabilities. Like many successful Rotary projects, the Miracle League has become a model for other clubs in cities everywhere. Today, some 100 such facilities have opened in communities across the United States.