

**WILKINSON APPOINTED TO CANADA'S HIGHEST CIVILIAN HONOR**

By Vanessa N. Glavinskas, Rotary International News

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RI President Wilfrid J. Wilkinson was appointed to Canada's highest civilian honour on 3 May.

The governor general of Canada, Michaëlle Jean, appointed RI President Wilfrid J. Wilkinson a Member to the [Order of Canada](#) for outstanding dedication to the community and service to the nation, on 3 May. It is Canada's highest civilian honour.

He was nominated by several organizations, including the [Rotary Club of Trenton, Ontario](#), and the Quinte Ballet School, where he served as executive director.

"I am honoured to receive this award," Wilkinson said. "I feel it is really a recognition, to a very large extent, of Rotary International and its polio eradication efforts, as opposed to me. I will accept it on behalf of all of the people with whom I have worked over the years."

Among his many volunteer activities, Wilkinson led a fundraising effort that convinced the Canadian government to donate US\$180 million to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative.

Wilkinson has received many Rotary honours, including The Rotary Foundation's [Citation for Meritorious Service](#), [International Service Award for a Polio-free World](#), and [Distinguished Service Award](#), and the [RI Service Above Self Award](#). He has also been recognized for his humanitarian service by the Knights of Columbus and the Province of Ontario. An acceptance ceremony for Wilkinson is being planned.

**HARVEST WINE FESTIVAL 2007**

September 15, 2007 at Thomas Haney Centre:

Every single member is asked to donate a "good" BOTTLE OF WINE with a minimum value of \$30.00 (Absolutely NO home-made wines!). If you are unable to do so, we would ask you to just donate \$30.00 and a Committee member will buy the bottle for you (discount available to our Club!).



We will then put together 2 exquisite "wine cellars"(one "Canadian" and one "International") to be auctioned off at the event! As you can see, we really need **every** member to participate in this, otherwise we will not have enough bottles to make this exciting "wine cellar-auction" successful.

Please bring your bottle to the lunch meeting ASAP, or to any Club member, who can deliver it to the meeting for you. (hand to Brian Fox or Ineke, if cheque: make payable to MeadowRidge Rotary)  
Thanks for your help and Please don't forget to sell lots of tickets, they are now available (\$35.00 each from Rotary member or \$39.00 from the ACT) our success depends on EVERYBODY'S participation!



# The Four Way Flasher

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## August is Membership & Extension Month

### INVOCATION

<b>Aug. 7</b>	Liz Attarmigirian	<b>Aug. 14</b>	Terry Becker
<b>Aug. 21</b>	Anil Bharwani	<b>Aug. 28</b>	Ineke Boekhorst

### BINGO SCHEDULE

	<b>6:15 - 8:15</b>	<b>8:00 - 10:00</b>
<b>Aug. 9</b>	Jim Coulter	Matt DeBruyn
<b>Sep. 06</b>	Mina Park	Vladimir Cukor



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**TODAY'S PROGRAM:** RI Foundation

**NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM:** RI Foundation

### CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
August 10, 11		Pres. Membership Conference	Vancouver – <b>SOLD OUT</b>
August 18	3:00pm	Vladimir's Honey BBQ	The Bee Farm - 129 <sup>th</sup> Ave., Pitt Meadows
August 28	noon	DG John Bosch's visit	The Gourmet Hideaway Restaurant
Sept. 15	7:00pm	Harvest Wine Festival	Thomas Haney Centre
Oct. 16	6-11pm	Sports Banquet	Meadow Gardens Golf Course

**50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$129.50 + 1/2 of today's sales, 46 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!**

## LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Our guests today: Zdenka Cukor (Vlad's spouse), Nels Hagenson (Rotarian from the British Virgin Islands), Brett Paskar (to be installed today) and Denis Boyd (our new Assistant District Governor)

Fine Master: Dave Rempel – he fined just about EVERYBODY! He asked questions from the July 2007 Rotarian Magazine (I guess it pays to actually read the Rotarian!) Some interesting questions: did you know that:

RI President for 2007 – 2008 is Wilf Wilkinson Wilkinson from Ontario, his home club is in Trenton, Ontario. His wife's name is Joan.

Did you also know that Wilf contributed significantly to the eradication of the Measles? And through his connections collected a total of 180 million for Polio eradication as well!

And another little known fact: his classification is: Accountant.

Today we installed Brett Paskar from the Royal Bank(Commercial Division) Brett was a member of our Club a number of years ago, but was moved to another branch and had to resign our club.

We are very happy to welcome Brett back and encourage him to get involved in one or two committees..

President Bob announced that he will pay special attention to the Rotary Foundation the next four weeks, since August is Rotary Foundation month. Every week some interesting facts about the Foundation, especially good for all new members.



Our special guest today: Denis Boyd, our assistant District Governor. He really enjoyed his visit at our Installation Dinner. Is very impressed with the number of 100% attendance members in our club and the amount of money we raise for the size of our club.

He informed the club, that he attended the District Grants Seminar (and found it quite boring!) He did find out, that the District Grants have doubled this year in our District. If you need information contact Rob Martin.

He reported on the main speaker of the Seminar, someone who drills wells at a cost of only \$2500.= US Has done many great projects, but did come across many wells in perfect shape, but the pumps are no longer working and nobody knows how to repair them! A very good suggestion to all clubs, when doing a "well project" make sure there is somebody local, that knows how to do general maintenance, or knows how to contact someone who can fix well/pump problems!

Denis also reminded our members, that D.G. John Bosch will visit our club on

August 26. Please make sure to attend that meeting.

President Bob informed the club, that the Calendars are "print ready" and a proof will be at his office next week, to make sure all ads are correct. They should be ready for sale before the Harvest Wine Festival, which is great. Hopefully we can sell quite a few there, that would be a good start.

Submitted by Ineke Boekhorst

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY, GORDY.....29!.....AGAIN?

A big THANK YOU to all volunteers helping out "flipping burgers", looking after crowd control etc.

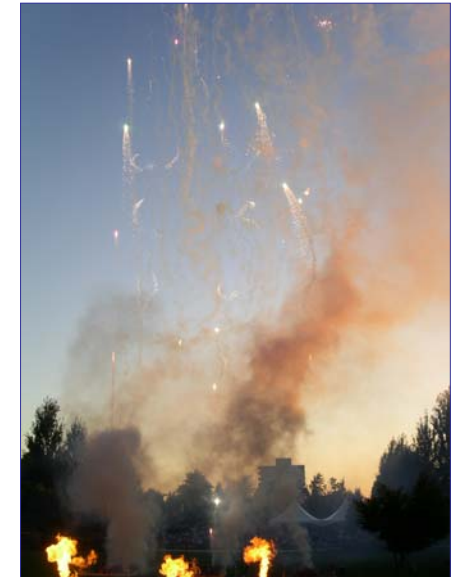
And after that: what a party that was again!

Many Rotarians in attendance.

Below are some of the pictures taken Saturday August 4th:



L to R: Peter, Ineke, Al Hogarth, Sharon flipping burgers.



Lighting up the Maple Ridge night sky.

## 'BEE' THERE AT THE 5TH ANNUAL FAMILY OF ROTARY BARBECUE

**SATURDAY August 18, 3:00 PM at Vladimir & Zdenka's Honey Bee Farm**

**This is a "By Donation" event: all donations to Rotary Foundation**

**LOCATION:** Vlad's Apiary  
129<sup>th</sup> Ave. Pitt Meadows

At Pitt River bridge turn left onto Kennedy Rd.  
Over railroad, follow bend in road right, left.  
Left onto Barnes Rd. (sign for Gun Club)  
At the end, left onto 129<sup>th</sup> Ave.

Vladimir and Zdenka, will be hosting once again this wonderful Family Barbecue + informative social. You'll be able to experience and find out everything there is to know about a "working honey bee farm" Again this year featuring a "Live Auction" with all proceeds going DIRECTLY to the Rotary Foundation,

Vladimir's award winning Honey will be for sale (part proceeds to Foundation) + a FABULOUS barbecue!

