

YOUTH PROGRAMS ARE A SPRINGBOARD TO ROTARY FOR FORMER RYLARIANS

By Maureen Vaught - Rotary International News



Lawrence Chew leads the crowd in a rousing cheer at the 2006 International RYLA in Helsingborg, Sweden.

Sweden.

Both men agree that RYLA also helps build awareness of Rotary. By inviting young people to RYLA events, especially those without a connection to the organization, Rotarians are promoting Rotary's good works to the next generation.

"The next time they see the Rotary logo or hear Rotary mentioned, they're likely to think, 'Hey, I went to a program run by that organization.' So, even if they don't join Rotary, they have a good opinion of Rotary and what it does," Chew says.

Lawrence Chew and Bern Igoche are so passionate about the [Rotary Youth Leadership Awards \(RYLA\)](#) program that after participating in the 2006 International RYLA in Helsingborg, Sweden, they decided to return to the event this year — as Rotarians.

"Last year's program had 124 participants from 25 countries," says Chew, 27, a member of the Rotary Club of Richmond Sunrise, British Columbia, Canada. "That blew my mind."

Each year, Rotary clubs and districts nominate local RYLA alumni to attend the [International RYLA](#). Chew and Igoche served as counsellors at the 2007 event, which was held in June in Salt Lake City, Utah, USA, before the RI Convention. Longtime members of the family of Rotary, the two Rotarians have been Interactors and Rotaractors, as well as district-level RYLA participants and counsellors.

"I am proud of my involvement with Rotary and the chance to continue contributing as a RYLA counsellor," says Igoche, 30, who believes the RYLA experience benefits not only participants but also the people they encounter throughout their lives.

"They return to their countries intent on cooperating with their district Rotary clubs to carry out service projects for their communities, country, and even the world," says Igoche, of the Rotary Club of Makurdi, Benue State, Nigeria.

Polio Eradication: August 21st, 2007 update

In the four "endemic" countries the numbers are down from 931 to 341. Particularly gratifying are the numbers in Nigeria - down from 687 at the 21st of August 2006 to 159 at the 21st of August 2007.

Importations into non-endemic areas are in six countries. (Ten countries in the same period last year.) Up to August 21st, 2007 there have been 404 new cases of Polio worldwide (ten countries), down significantly from 1017 cases (fourteen countries) at the same time last year.

The latest confirmed case, worldwide, was diagnosed in Afghanistan on August 1st, 2007. In 2007, for the first time ever, there are fewer type 1 polio cases than type 3 cases in key endemic areas. This suggests that the strategy of wide-scale use of monovalent oral polio vaccine type 1 (mOPV1) - which protects children twice as fast against type 1 polio than the traditionally-used trivalent OPV - is working.

National immunization days will be held in September in DRC, Nigeria, Djibouti, Somalia, Nepal and X-border in Afghanistan/Pakistan in response to recent cases.



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September is New Generations Month

INVOCATION

Sept. 11	Jim Coulter	Sept. 18	Vladimir Cukor
Sept. 25	Jan Dale	Oct. 2	Mike Davies

BINGO SCHEDULE

	6:15 - 8:15	8:00 - 10:00
Oct. 04	Wendy Lindvik	Walter Volpatti
Nov. 01	Brian Bekar	Wende Dawes



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

TODAY'S PROGRAM: Installation of new member: Marina Marrocco.
Marnie Killingsworth, R.M. Hospital Project Cor-ordinator for Emergency Expansion.

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM: Judith Ray – Mission Rotary

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Sept. 15	7:00pm	Harvest Wine Festival	Thomas Haney Centre
Oct. 16	6-11pm	Sports Banquet	Meadow Gardens Golf Course
Nov. 9	6-10pm	District 5050 Foundation Dinner \$60 CAD	Coast Hotel Langley City 20393 Fraser Highway, Langley BC

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$270.50 + 1/2 of today's sales, 41 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

The joint Fireside meeting with the Haney Rotary Club that was to be held next Wednesday at Loon Lake has been re-scheduled to October 10th. More details to follow.

Mike Davies brought forth the request for funding of \$5,000. for the Spirit Banner Program. The banners will be designed by local elementary school students under the supervision of artists. Each banner will be different. The budget is \$30,000 for the program. Several other service clubs will be involved. The banners are part of the 2010 Winter Olympics Spirit Program. All members present were in favour of this expenditure.



Our Guest Speakers today were Sandra Rankin and Tony Knowles of the Ridge Meadows Hospital Foundation. Bob Shantz presented two cheques totaling \$4,800 from the Italian Serata Dinner to Sandra and Tony, with thanks to Valerie Spurrell for her work on this fundraiser.

Sandra presented a power point presentation which on the history of the hospital which was constructed 50 years ago and named the Maple Ridge Hospital. As the hospital serves both Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows, the name was eventually changed to the Ridge Meadows Hospital.

Emergency & Ambulatory Care expansion underway to build an Ambulatory Care Services facility which will handle day patient services including chemotherapy, IV therapy, respiratory therapy, and cataract surgery. She provided photos of the construction. Ambulatory care will be located in the basement of the new structure.

The CareLife Maple Ridge facility houses the Baille House and includes a number of care facilities named after areas of town such as Websters Corners, Albion Flats, Millers Pond, and Haney Lane.

Sandra advised that there is an ongoing need for new equipment. Their funding priority is to raising \$500,000. to fund equipment purchases such as a gastroscope \$40,000., Go Beds (3) @\$7,500 each, Cardiopulmonary Exercise Testing equipment \$65,000, Bladder Scanner \$17,300, Colonoscope (2) @ \$41,000 each, Mobile X-Ray Machine \$70,000, Infant Warmer Resuscitator \$26,000, an Isolette \$26,000, Fetal Monitor \$25,000, medication carts 2 @ \$6,000 as well as a Defibrillator Monitor.

Other equipment to be purchased includes an Echocardiogram Stretcher \$15,000, Orthopedic Drill \$17,300, Pneumatic Tourniquet, etc. By purchasing this equipment, it will allow more patients to be treated locally rather than having to travel to Surrey, New Westminster and Vancouver for the services.

They thanked us for our continued support, and advised that construction updates may be viewed at www.rmhfoundation.com.

Submitted by Lynda Lawrence

RUN FOR THE CURE

Only 4 weeks to go! I am running 3kms almost everyday in about 20 - 25 minutes, so my goal of finishing the 5km run within half an hour is looking pretty good.

I wanted to remind you that any donation is welcome and it is not too late to either donate online (I left the link at the bottom of this email and it is secure again) or if you would prefer to donate by cheque or cash, I take any form of money 😊. I even pick up!!

Link to donate: <https://www.cibcrunfortheure.com/html/p.asp?l=1&t=2085794>

Thank you so much!! I promise to take some pictures this year and send them out so you can all have a good laugh at me at the end (I'll be the red one 😎).

🌹 *Livia Mior*

PLEASE SUPPORT ME THIS FALL!



I am participating in the **Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation CIBC Run for the Cure**, on **Sunday, September 30th** and I am asking for your support for a cause that is very important to me.

Help create a future without breast cancer by making a donation today. Donating online is quick, easy and secure. Your donation will be added to the critical funds raised by the Run, and will be directed towards research, education and awareness programs.

Thank you. I appreciate your support!

Livia Mior

Urgent: we need coolers for the Wine Festival!

We realize that this is a late request, but if you have a cooler that we can use for the Wine Festival coming Saturday, could you please drop it off at Ineke's office.

'Downtown Maple Ridge Business Improvement Association' is located in the Haney Place Mall, next to the Country Cobbler (shoe maker) and across from the Administration Office. My office is open Monday - Friday from 10:30 - 5:30 (closed for lunch from 12:30 - 1:30).

You also can give Peter a call at 604-465-3392, and I will pick up your cooler.

Thank you for your help,
Ineke