

RI PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

All of us in Rotary know that we're a part of something larger than ourselves. We know that Rotary is an organization that transcends the boundaries of religion, language, and culture. We know that it is a force for peace, goodwill, and fellowship, and we know that it is a force 1.2 million strong. But most Rotarians' involvement in Rotary is made up primarily of club meetings, community projects, and international work through partnerships with other clubs. Because of practical reasons, most Rotarians don't travel to distant countries when they're part of a service project abroad.

What this means, though, is that for most of us, the internationality of Rotary can seem distant, and it can be difficult to fully understand. As a new member of the Rotary Club of Trenton, Ont., Canada, I was very happy being part of an organization that I saw doing so much good work locally. I might have stayed focused on that local work for years had there not been an international convention scheduled in Toronto shortly after I joined. That first convention was what really opened my eyes to Rotary. It brought the world of Rotary, the world that stretches far beyond my own club, all together in one place. I saw how truly international an organization Rotary was, and I understood, for the first time, just what I had become a part of – and just how much there was to do, to contribute, and to become.

At a convention, you start to see your own club in context, as part of a network of 32,000 clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas. You're inspired by the work that so many of these clubs are doing, and you bring new knowledge and ideas home to your own club. Most important, perhaps, are the personal connections made at a convention: the friendship and fellowship that will link your club to others for many years to come.

The 2008 RI Convention will be held in Los Angeles, a multicultural city that is a fitting site for such an event. If you've already been to a convention, perhaps you need no convincing to register for this one. Los Angeles is a city of stars, and when you come, you will see the Rotary stars, the Hollywood stars, and the stars twinkling in the sky over the Hollywood Bowl. If you've never been to a convention, then I urge you to join Joan and our whole family for a wonderful few days of fellowship and inspiration. I believe this event will change your life, as it did for Joan and me in 1964.

Wilfrid J. (Wilf) Wilkinson
President, Rotary International

Happy Birthday

Sept. 19: Mina Park Sept. 22: Wendy Lindvik

Happy Anniversary

Sept. 18: Nizar & Shalma Virani



The Four Way Flasher

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September is New Generations Month

INVOCATION

Sept. 18	Vladimir Cukor	Sept. 25	Jan Dale
Oct. 2	Mike Davies	Oct. 9	Wende Dawes

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: Judith Ray – Mission Rotary

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM:

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
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

Announcements - District 5050 looking for a Team Leader for upcoming Group Study Exchange programs.

Ineke requested help with the upcoming Harvest Wine Festival. Assistance with ticket sales is required as there are not yet 200 tickets sold. Still seeking Silent Auction donations, wine for the Wine Cellars, coolers and volunteers. Please contact Ineke if you can help.

Mary gave a brief update on the upcoming Rotary Sports Banquet which is to be held Tuesday October 16th at Meadow Gardens Golf Club. There are currently 18 tables sold. The entertainment has been chosen. Sports celebrities are confirming their attendance and the two new Home Town Heroes have been chosen to be inducted this year. Once the Harvest Wine Fest has been held, Mary will be seeking volunteers to help with the Sports Banquet.

Today's program included the installation of our newest member, Marina Marrocco.

Born in Italy, Marina is the branch manager for the Royal Bank and has been in banking for 28 years. She is the mother of 2 boys - one in high school and one in University. Marina looks forward to being involved with upcoming Club fundraisers.

Our guests today were Kim of InnerVisions & Hannah House, Caitlin Green, Tana Woods, Jean Lawrence, Ryan & Randy Fowle.

Our Guest Speaker was Marnie Killingsworth, RM Hospital Project Coordinator for the expansion of the Emergency facilities at the hospital.

Marnie provided a power point presentation on the expansion which includes improvements for safety and patient flow. Ambulatory care will bring together outpatient day services such as chemotherapy, IV therapy, respiratory therapy, and cataract surgery.



Pictures of the construction site showed preparation of the site which began last year, walls started going up in February of this year. They have constructed an energy centre with new generators. Project timelines – the new Emergency Care facility will open sometime during the fall of 2007 (November), with the new Ambulatory Care facility targeted for completion by March 2008. Rotary members are invited to tour the construction site any Friday at 3pm by contacting Laura Butler (604) 463-1822. Please wear proper footwear, construction hard hats will be provided.

Submitted by Lynda Lawrence

Harvest Wine Festival 2007



New venue, different lay-out, some new restaurants, other wineries, great Rotary (and non Rotary) Team.....FANTASTIC EVENT! If you were there, you already experienced the wonderful "new Wine Festival", if you weren't there, you missed a superb evening.

The Committee choose to hold the event in the Thomas Haney Centre this year and that turned out to be a very good decision. Much more space to "move around", much easier to get to the food and wine tables. The "Starbucks Lounge" also proved a very successful addition, that we will definitely re-consider for next year. The auction items in the middle of the room worked also very well.....lots of bidding and people enjoyed hanging around all the very attractive items.



Of course we were very lucky to have Helen Ferris do all the decorating for us! She did a fabulous job and we heard many positive comments on how nice the room looked.

Thomas Haney principal and staff including, custodial staff were so accommodating it was just phenomenal. Ron, the custodian, even donated his time (a saving to our club of approx. \$200.=) Everybody tried to do anything to help us in any way they could and made us feel very very welcome. On top of that, this venue is so perfect for the event: convenient parking, use of kitchen, fridges, dishwasher, tables, chairs and benches readily available etc. and all of that free of charge.....Meadow Ridge Rotary Club

owes the School District and everybody at Thomas Haney a great big THANK YOU! And I hope, that we can do it next year again...

The results of the event are not completely finalized, with many bills still to come in. We had approx. 330 people in the door: 251 paid tickets, 48 "comp." tickets and about 30 volunteers.

When all is said and done, I think the net proceeds will be somewhere between 12 and 13,000.=. Taking in consideration we had a much smaller "crowd" than last year, that's not a bad result at all. Everybody was very happy and looking forward to next year!

Thanks to a wonderful Wine Festival Team.....this was definitely a job well done, everybody can be very proud.....a fantastic "recovery" after an almost "fatal" (over-crowding) mistake last year. A great big Thank You also to Debi Pearce, Vivian Hatiras and Cheryl Johnson, non-Rotarians, who worked just as hard as the Rotarians on the 2007 Committee.



Submitted by Ineke Boekhorst