

ROTARY FOUNDATION CHAIR'S MESSAGE



Dear family of Rotary,

In 2004, The Rotary Foundation embarked on a new venture to boost its ability to do good in the world. The goal was to encourage every Rotarian to support Foundation programs by giving at least US\$100 to the Annual Programs Fund every year.

We've come a long way since the Every Rotarian, Every Year (EREY) effort began. Contributions to the Annual Programs Fund have nearly doubled – from \$55.8 million in 2002-03 to a record \$102.5 million in 2006-07.

But reaching the 2007-08 Annual Programs Fund goal of \$120 million is not merely about every Rotarian donating \$100. It's about each of us generously giving to the best of our ability. For some Rotarians, that amount might be \$100, for others \$1,000, for still others \$10,000.

By raising the bar for support of our Foundation, we can guarantee that its educational and humanitarian programs will be available to more people than ever before. More students will become Ambassadorial Scholars, and many more young professionals will take part in a Group Study Exchange. Increased donations will give greater access to safe drinking water, food supplies, and health care. Imagine once-malnourished children becoming doctors, newly literate people becoming teachers, and those in conflict areas becoming peacemakers.

Learn how Rotarians are turning EREY into high-energy fuel for the Foundation's programs by subscribing to the free *Every Rotarian, Every Year* newsletter. Let's open this promising pipeline of help even further to a hurting world, bringing with it greater hope for understanding and peace.

Robert S. Scott - Trustee Chair, The Rotary Foundation, 2007-08

ROTARY FOUNDATION SELECTS FOURTH GROUP FOR PEACE PROGRAM

The Rotary Foundation has selected its fourth group of professionals to study peace-building and conflict resolution in its three-month program in Thailand. Participants are chosen twice a year in a global competition based on their professional and academic achievements.

Started in 2006, the [Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok](#) is aimed at mid- and upper-level professionals who work in academic institutions, governments, nongovernmental organizations, media outlets, private corporations, and other settings that require a working knowledge of conflict resolution and mediation.



The 23 newly selected participants hail from 14 countries and will begin the program in January. They include a logistics operations assistant for the United Nations peace-keeping mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, a manager of a nongovernmental organization in Australia, and a journalist working in Kashmir. Upon graduation, they'll earn certificates in peace and conflict studies from the university. Participants, who receive financial aid from the Foundation, often find that their new skills help them advance in their careers.



The Four Way Flasher

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November is Rotary Foundation Month

INVOCATION

Nov. 20	Maureen Goodrick	Nov. 27	Diane Kirkland
Dec. 4	Ken Knuttila	Dec. 11	Sharon Kyle

BINGO SCHEDULE

	6:15 - 8:15	8:00 - 10:00
Nov. 29	Lynda Lawrence	Wende Dawes
Dec. 27	Marco Terwiel	Dave Rempel



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TODAY'S PROGRAM: Ian Wright – Last year's Exchange Student to Belgium

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM: Timo Jurrakko, Maple Ridge Fire Department

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Dec. 11	noon	A.G.M.	Gourmet Hideaway

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$428.50 + 1/2 of today's sales, 36 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Our Guests today were Patrick O'Brien and Kelly Fry who were at the meeting to be installed as new members of our Club. Ken Paterson and Mike Davies performed the induction ceremony.

Kelly Fry was born in Quebec, and moved to BC 15 yrs ago. She is a Chartered Accountant by trade. Kelly has also operated her own clothing company, and now runs her own real estate investment firm. She has two children, a six year old daughter and a one year old son. She moved to Maple Ridge six years ago. Her husband runs his own sports related business. Kelly is on the Board of Directors for MeadowRidge School, and is part of the Board of Governance for the School.

Patrick is a horse veterinarian and an investment advisor. Has traveled extensively to Asia Australia and Europe. In 1992 he started a farming practice on Vancouver Island, which he operated until 2005. At 41 he met and married another veterinarian whom he met at a conference. He gave up his farm practice in 2005 and moved to Maple Ridge. He is very interested in being involved with Community Service projects.



Sharon announced that Rotary International will provide \$10,000 towards matching District 5050's purchase of some Shelter Boxes. This was a project proposed as a joint fundraiser with the Haney Club.

Other announcements –

There will be an Executive Meeting on Wednesday November 21st.

There will be a Hospice Calendar meeting on November 20th at Bob's Office.

Ineke requested food donations for the Friends in Need Foodbank.

Submitted by Lynda Lawrence

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Nov. 22: Laurie Anderson

Nov. 23: Lynda Lawrence

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Nov. 26: Matt & Lynda deBruyn

FRIENDS IN NEED FOODBANK

In the spirit of Christmas, we ask all our members to please make a food or cash donation towards the Friends in Need Foodbank (as we did in previous years). Your donation will help the less fortunate families right here in Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows.

PLEASE bring your donation of 2 pieces (or more!) of non-perishable food items to our Tuesday meeting ASAP and deposit in "Friends in Need Christmas box" Or leave cash donation in cash tin, if you prefer.

Most needed items are: SOUPS, CANNED FISH / MEAT, COFFEE / TEA, CANNED VEGETABLES / FRUIT, MACARONI & CHEESE

Some of our "Hands-On Community Projects" are taking place within the next couple of weeks, so we are looking for help with the following events:

Santa Claus Parade - Dec. 1st starts at 6 pm, meet at 5:30 @ "parade set up" 223rd...look for decorated school bus. We'll need approx. 12-14 volunteers to push buggies and accept food donations from the public (mostly in paper bags from the News), collect cash in provided cash-tins and help load food donations into the bus.

Christmas Train - Dec. 18th, 7:45 @ the Wharf / Billy Miner Pub...be there at about 7pm. We can use as many as possible volunteers (please enter name on sign-up sheet), to collect food and cash donations from the public attending this annual event.

Friends in Need Foodbank will provide "Santa Hats" for everyone and volunteer badges. It would be nice if all volunteers could wear something red for the occasion (but that's up to you!)

