

RI PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear fellow Rotarians,

Mohandas Gandhi once said, "If we are to teach real peace in this world, and if we are to carry on a real war against war, we shall have to begin with the children."

What Gandhi understood so well was simply this: that anger and hatred, arguments and differences, rivalries and quarrels are not inherited or innate. They are learned. Children who see hate, learn hate. But children who see sharing and love, learn sharing and love.

The way things have always been is not necessarily the way they will always be. For better or for worse, almost any status quo can eventually change. When there is a new threat to be faced, people can be divided by it and fight each other, or they can come together and work together and find a solution to their problems together. Every new challenge has the power to divide – and the power to unite.

In a world of change, Rotary must be the constant. And in a world of increasing needs, Rotary must keep pace by making sure that we have the strength and the numbers to do what needs to be done.

In this Rotary year, I have asked Rotarians everywhere to focus on sharing Rotary through membership. It is time to evaluate where we are in this task. Have we all invited a potential new member to a meeting? If we've succeeded in bringing in a qualified new member, are we helping that member to grow and succeed in Rotary?

Rotary can only continue to serve if it continues to grow. Simply maintaining our membership at current levels will not be enough. As the world's population and its needs continue to rise, we too must rise to the challenge they present.

We must show the world that Service Above Self is more than just a motto, and Rotary Shares more than just a theme. These words are our truth – a truth that defines us, and all of Rotary.

Many decades ago now, Gandhi – who I think would have made a very good Rotarian – said something else that resonates with us as Rotarians: "Man becomes great exactly in the degree in which he works for the welfare of his fellow men."

Each of us has the opportunity to become great through our Rotary service. Let us all be sure that this is an opportunity that we seize.

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The Four Way Flasher

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March is Literacy Month



INVOCATION

Mar. 4	Ken Paterson	Mar. 11	Dot Ralston
Mar. 18	Dave Rempel	April 1	Gord Robson

TODAY'S PROGRAM: Dean Barbour, Exec. Director of Chamber of Commerce

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM: John Meier – Antique & Rare Books Expert

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
March 25	6:00 pm	Fireside Meeting	Lawn Bowling Club on 232 nd
April 1	noon	New Member Drive Meeting	La Trattoria
April 12		District Assembly	Kwantlen University College, Surrey, BC
May 15		2008 District 50/50 Conference	Holiday Inn, Pine Street, Everett, WA
June 15 -18		Rotary International Conference	Los Angeles

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$667.50 + 1/2 of today's sales, 26 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

March 4: Jim Coulter

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Our Guest today was our President's wife, Irena Shantz.

Mary presented Pat with a cheque for \$1,200 for another ShelterBox. Total funds raised for the ShelterBox event are in excess of \$16,000.

Anil announced that he has had to step down as President Elect due to his mother's illness with cancer.

Marco, who is the current Vice President, was unable to assume the role, as he cannot attend PETS this year. Robert Campbell, who is next year's Vice President offered to step in. The vote was unanimous that Robert Campbell takes over the role of President Elect. Congratulations Robert!

Heidi Johnson, our GSE student, left for the Philippines on February 22nd. To follow her journey, please go to her blog at <http://www.gseteamphilippines2008.blogspot.com/>

Our Guest Speaker was Derrick Keist, who spoke about the Speed Watch Program.



The Speed Watch mission statement is "to reduce speeding in neighbourhoods, through an awareness program operated by neighbours, for neighbours".

Derrick advised that his been working on getting funding for a Radar Sentry Display Unit, which is a mobile vehicle speed display trailer designed to promote highway safety and reduce speed related accidents. The approximate cost is \$15,000. This will enable secure unattended operation with data logging capabilities. It is quick and easy to set up.

The volunteers' role is to note problem license plates so that a warning letter can be sent. A letter advising the owner of the speed the vehicle was being driven when clocked and how much the fine would have been if a ticket was issued, is sent to the owner encouraging them to slow down.

Derrick also spoke on Crime Free Multi-Housing, which is a program to encourage property owners to properly check out their tenants prior to signing the rental agreement. By being designated as part of the program, there is cost savings of up to 75% of the Business License fee. This can equate to as much as a \$2,000 savings for the property owner. He advised that he had completed a CPTED analysis on a problem apartment complex (Northumberland Strata on Fraser Street) that shows it negatively effects the surrounding properties for a one-mile radius. This is the type of property that needs to be involved in the Crime Free Multi-Housing program.

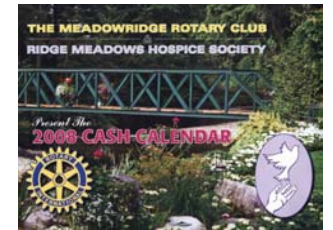
Submitted by Lynda Lawrence

Speed Watch



Speed Watch is a community-based volunteer program designed to help reduce speed-related crashes by making drivers more aware of the actual speeds they are traveling. Volunteers, trained by the police, use portable radar equipment and an electronic digital board to monitor speeds in neighbourhoods where local residents have reported incidents of unsafe speed to the police. Often these are school and playground zones. Drivers get instant feedback, as their speed is displayed on the reader board as they pass by. The volunteers keep records and return these to the police to help with enforcement planning.

FOLLOWING ARE THE MARCH WINNERS FOR THE HOSPICE 2008 CASH CALENDAR:



1	\$20	Gerald & Shawna Peake	Maple Ridge	16	\$20	Glenda Williams	Maple Ridge
2	\$20	Ken & Laura Fix	Maple Ridge	17	\$20	Jennifer Sauve	Maple Ridge
3	\$20	Ian Chaulk	Williams Lake	18	\$20	Nancy Young	Pitt Meadows
4	\$20	Hannah Brighbriu	Maple Ridge	19	\$20	Scott Burgess	Maple Ridge
5	\$20	Hen Unrau	Vancouver	20	\$20	Sharon Thomas	Osoyoos
6	\$20	Yvonne Bourgue	Abbotsford	21	\$20	Bill Aubert	Maple Ridge
7	\$20	Tom Tardi	Maple Ridge	22	\$20	John Gardner	Maple Ridge
8	\$20	Mary Landersoy		23	\$20	Tadd Daniels	Roseville, California
9	\$20	Glenda Apostol	Pitt Meadows	24	\$20	Ann Gallinger	Abbotsford
10	\$20	Leanne Nielsen	Maple Ridge	25	\$20	Steve Kovacs	Mission
11	\$20	Sheila Chappell	Mission	26	\$20	Gregg Carpentier	Maple Ridge
12	\$20	Tom Prinster	Maple Ridge	27	\$20	Jon Shantz	
13	\$20	Carl Shearer	Maple Ridge	28	\$20	Judi Hart	Maple Ridge
14	\$20	Heidi Bonner	Maple Ridge	29	\$20	Peter Davies	Maple Ridge
15	\$20	Freda Paulsen	Maple Ridge	30	\$20	Penny Jansen	Maple Ridge
				31	\$250	George Lyons	Port Coquitlam