

RI PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear fellow Rotarians,

Rotary is uniquely privileged to be a well-established, religiously and politically neutral organization with no governmental ties or obligations. We are known and respected as a group of men and women who simply come to help – by bringing clean water and food, teaching literacy and numeracy, providing assistance after a disaster, ending polio.

When there is a need, a crisis, or an emergency, Rotary is there. We know that, as Rotarians, part of our role in any crisis is to bring people together, rather than drive them apart. It is our role and also our responsibility.

Today, we are faced globally with a new crisis: the changing environment and the changing climate. It's a frightening situation that will affect everyone but will hurt the poor and the weak far more than the wealthy and the strong. The days of wondering and considering and hoping are at an end, as it has become ever clearer that we are on a course that can be slowed but not stopped.

This past summer, the Arctic ice cap melted at a pace that exceeded even the most pessimistic expectations. The rate of melting and warming is accelerating in what seems to be a cycle of ever-increasing speed, and we cannot pretend that it will not affect us. It already has. In the American West, water is becoming more and more scarce as less snow falls every winter to refill lakes and streams. From my window in Evanston, I can see Lake Michigan, whose water level, like the other Great Lakes, is near or already at a record low. And as the supply of fresh water diminishes, the sea levels are rising, putting low-lying nations – many of them poor and developing – at increasing risk.

We know that in the years and decades to come, there will be crises, and there will be challenges. Will we let them drive us apart, or will we use them to bring us together? Will we be fragmented, or will we come together to address the universal needs of all people? Will we choose to address the desires of the rich over the needs of the poor, or will we do what is best for everyone on our planet?

The greatest challenges lie before us, now and in the years to come.

Wilfrid J. (Wilf) Wilkinson, President, Rotary International

THIS MONTH IN ROTARY HISTORY

The first Rotary club to be organized outside an English-speaking country was established in Havana, Cuba, 29 April 1916, with 22 charter members. The club was admitted to Rotary on 1 June 1916.

During 1923, the Rotary Club of Havana celebrated its seventh anniversary, in what became a very busy year. The club sponsored a carnival attended by more than 1,500 children, won a prohibition against bullfighting in Cuba, worked to get the city's water sanitized and properly purified, and obtained pavement repairs in certain areas.

By the time the RI Convention was held in Havana, 9-14 June 1940, 42 of the 48 clubs that had been chartered in Cuba were still active. Another 20 clubs would be chartered thereafter, ending with the Rotary Club of San Cristobal, on 16 October 1957.

Rotary clubs in Cuba produced four RI directors – Mario Nuñez Mesa, 1922-23; Felix Silva Fernandez, 1936-37; Manuel Galigarcia Hernández, 1942-43; and Horacio Navarrete, 1953-54.

All clubs in Cuba were terminated by 31 January 1979.



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April is Magazine Month

INVOCATION

Apr. 15	Bob Shantz	Apr. 22	Valerie Spurrell
Apr. 29	Eng Hock Tan	May 6	Marco Terwiel

BINGO SCHEDULE

	6:15 - 8:15	8:00 - 10:00
April 17	Mina Park	Debbie MacRae
May 15	Kelly Fry	Valerie Spurrell

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



TODAY'S PROGRAM: Karen & Kim Kamstra (Raptors Ridge Birds of Prey)

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM: Heidi Johnson (GSE – Philippines Trip)

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
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 \$799.50 + 1/2 of today's sales, 21 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

April 18: Anil Bharwani, Ken Knuttila

APRIL 1ST MEETING – NEW MEMBER DRIVE

Better late than never

Our guests today were Peter Tam, Alfonse Seward, David Riddell, Zdenka Cukor, Greg Andrews, Frank Asin, Rosanne Easton, Andrea Penner, Lorna Jones, Rob Graham, Renee Jeanneret, Debbie Nosworthy, Irena Shantz, Jen Dawkins, Laura Butler, and Annika Polegato.

Bob Shantz welcomed our visiting guests and explained a bit about Rotary and “Service Above Self”.

He advised that Rotary promotes service opportunities, international awareness, friendship, good citizenship and family foundations. As well it provides the opportunity for professional networking and social activities.

Rotary encourages high ethical standards in business and respect for all worthy vocations. Rotarians abide by the Four-Way Test. Bob advised that Matt is organizing some sessions to bring the Four-Way Test into some of our local schools. There will be two sessions this month aimed at Grade 6 & 7 students.

Rotary provides the opportunity for development of leadership skills including team building, fundraising, public speaking, planning, organization and communication. There is great diversity in Rotary's membership. Rotary clubs are not political, non religious and open to all cultures, races and creeds. The classification system ensures there are a variety of the community's professionals within each Club.



Robert presented a brief video explaining the history of Rotary, and the benefits of being a Rotary member.

A special presentation was made to La Trattoria's owner, Mr. Harry Chahal, for their participation and support in the Italian Serata Fundraisers that have been held to benefit the Ridge Meadows Hospital. The restaurant has provided the venue, food and staff for these events at no charge. Thank you Harry!

Submitted by Lynda Lawrence

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Our Guests today were Zdenka Cukor, Marina Turapina and Wendy Stibbard.

Bob advised that the first familiarization session for the Four Way Test School Program has been held. He took notes which he'll circulate to the membership. More Rotarians are needed for the April 23rd session. If you can help, please contact Matt.

The District Assembly will be held on April 12th at Kwantlen College in Surrey. If anyone needs a ride, please call Bob.

We have been contacted by the Ridge Meadows Hospital Foundation regarding naming opportunities in the new Emergency/Ambulatory Care wing. It was suggested that we choose one of the Ambulance Bays.

Dave Rempel reminded everyone that April 29th is the start of the Esteem Team. If anyone is available to help, please contact Dave.

The Spirit Square banners have been completed and are on display from April 19 - 26 at the Art Centre if anyone wishes to view them.

Dave Rempel introduced his guests – Marina Turapina and Wendy Stibbard. Marina is from Karaganda, Republic of Kazakhstan and is very involved in the International Adoption program. She has been instrumental in placing 400 children into homes worldwide. Wendy is a teacher from Abbotsford who teaches English in China. She is accompanying Marina during her visit. Marina thanked Dave for his help in getting an orphanage built in Kazakhstan.



Today's program was Kelly Fry's “Who's Who”.

Kelly was born in Greenfield Park, Quebec. Her mother was a teacher at her elementary school. She then attended an all girl's high school at a convent. Following high school she attended McGill University, studied accounting, and received her Bachelor of Commerce degree and became CA.

She worked for the accounting firm of Peat Marwick Thorne in Montreal but decided to make a move west during the unsettled period when Quebec was trying to separate from the rest of Canada.



She moved to BC and worked for the accounting firm of Ernst & Young. Later she decided that she wanted to work for herself, and become involved in retail sales opening a shop called “Maternal Instincts”, specializing in fashionable maternity wear. At one point she operated two stores while dabbling in investments for herself.

On May 31, 2005 she left retail sales and went into the investment market fulltime. She owns her own investment company – High Performance Investments Real Estate Solutions.

In 1999 she married her husband, who is also an entrepreneur and owns Puck Master. She had her first child 2001 and her 2nd child in 2006.

She met Fraser Stamp-Vincent at the Bank of Montreal, who invited and encouraged her to join our Rotary Club.

Submitted by Lynda Lawrence