

## RI PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear fellow Rotarians,

Soon after I was nominated to serve as president of Rotary International, I began planning a series of membership conferences in North America. Earlier this Rotary year, we held seven such conferences, each drawing between 200 and 600 participants. I chose North America as the setting because of the region's recent alarming decline in membership as well as its large pool of qualified prospective members, many of whom are just waiting for an invitation to join.

Each conference generated a high level of energy and a shared understanding of why membership is such an urgent matter. We talked about the challenges Rotary faces in this arena as the need for its service continues to grow. And we determined that the organization can't grow, or even maintain its status quo, unless more Rotarians take on the responsibility of bringing in new members.

Right now, only about 18 percent of Rotarians ever bring a new member into their club. The great majority of our membership growth reflects the work of just a few individuals who take their responsibility very seriously. But that responsibility belongs to all of us, not just to those few. This is the premise of the "member get member" initiative I've been promoting this year. "Member get member" is not a campaign or contest. It is, very simply, the way we need to approach the whole question of membership for Rotary to survive and grow – the understanding that it is the responsibility of each one of us to bring in at least one new member every year.

Our North American conferences produced some encouraging results: In the first half of this Rotary year, every zone in the region showed a positive change in membership. Next year, President-elect Dong Kurn Lee plans to hold the events in 10 countries, building on the momentum we've developed and spreading the enthusiasm to other parts of the world.

As this Rotary year draws to a close, consider the benefits of fulfilling your individual responsibility of bringing one new member into your club. Think about having one more pair of hands to do Rotary's work and strengthen your club's service. One more person to embrace Rotary's core values and bring help and hope where they're needed. One more person who will not only show the world that *Rotary Shares* but also allow Rotary to *Make Dreams Real*.

Wilf Wilkinson, President Rotary International

### ESTEEM TEAM

<b>May 13, 2008</b>	Sarah Hopkins			
	10:30	Maple Ridge Elementary,	Grades 4 - 7,	200 students
	1:15	Golden Ears Elementary,	Grades 4 - 7,	200 students
	Derek Winterman – Snowboarder			
	10:30	Harry Hooge Elementary,	Grades 4 - 7,	200 students
	1:15	Mount Crescent Elementary,	Grades 4 - 7,	100 students
<b>May 20, 2008</b>	Derek Winterman – Snowboarder			
	10:30	Whonnock Elementry,	Grades 4 - 7,	150 students
	1:15	Yennadon Elementary,	Grades 4 - 7,	200 students
	Amber Zirnelt			
	10:30	Riverside Elementary,	Grades 4 - 7,	175 students
	1:15	Glenwood Elementary,	Grades 4 - 7,	125 students



# The Four Way Flasher

## Rotary Club of MeadowRidge Newsletter

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## May is Rotary History Month

### INVOCATION

<b>May 13</b>	Nizar Virani	<b>May 20</b>	Walter Volpatti
<b>May 27</b>	Stan Wade	<b>June 3</b>	Laurie Anderson



### BINGO SCHEDULE

	<b>6:15 - 8:15</b>	<b>8:00 - 10:00</b>
<b>May 15</b>	Kelly Fry	Patrick O'Brien
<b>June 19</b>	Mina Park	Ken Paterson

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**TODAY'S PROGRAM:** Pete Fry – "Finding A Way to Live your Passion"

**NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM:** Mr. Bowden – Better Care at Home:  
New Tools to Help Ourselves

### CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
<b>May 15</b>		2008 District 50/50 Conference	Holiday Inn, Pine Street, Everett, WA
<b>May 21</b>	<b>6pm</b>	Haney Rotary Ladies Night - \$110	Swan-e-Set
<b>June 15 -18</b>		Rotary International Conference	Los Angeles

**50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$897.50 + 1/2 of today's sales, 18 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!**

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

May 13: Jan Dale

## SHELTERBOXES FOR BURMA

Here is another follow up on our Burma response to date. Contrary to the news - we are on the ground in Burma and providing much needed aid, shelter and assistance. We are not a government affiliated aid group and thus they trust us to help their people.

Don Ohlgren - Director Programs and Promotions  
ShelterBox Canada

***We are on the ground and making a difference.***

### May 9th - Myanmar:

ShelterBox can confirm we have successfully delivered over £300,000 worth of survival aid - however much more is needed. ShelterBox plans to charter an airplane to get a further 1000 boxes to the desperate people of Burma in the worst hit areas and much more as the donations come in. As one of the first Aid Organisations into the country who also obtained visas and a clear and helpful path from the Embassy, ShelterBox is in an ideal position help.

### May 8th - Myanmar:

ShelterBox team of four response members are safely on the ground, the boxes have been located at the airport and at first light the SRT's will be assessing the much needed distribution.

### May 7th - Myanmar:

Cyclone Nargis in the Irrawaddy Delta on Saturday is now reported to have killed close to 22,500 and left 41,000 missing. ShelterBox today responds by continuing to pack a further 200 boxes bringing the total number of tents to 1044 - the team of four ShelterBox Response Team members are on their way.

### May 6th - Myanmar (Burma):

ShelterBox responds immediately to the devastating cyclone to hit Myanmar. 22,000 lives are reported to have been lost and 95% of houses are destroyed as the cyclone swept in-land after several days at sea. 224 boxes left from the pre-positioned site in Dubai over the weekend, 220 boxes have left from Melbourne, Australia and a further 200 boxes with two tents each were packed this morning at the ShelterBox HQ in Helston, Cornwall. A team of four SRT members are making arrangements to assist with the difficult distribution of vital aid.



A boy stands next to the remains of his family's house in Dedaye, some 48 kilometers south of Yangon on May 7, 2008.

## INTERNATIONAL SERVICE REPORT

### A. Matching Grants

1. Our MGA 63605 was approved December 20, 2007 Project: To provide for interactive and regular classroom wallboards and classroom furniture for the T.M. Tikhiye Boys School in Ussurisk, Russia. Host Club: Vladivostok Echo Rotary Club Total Funding approved: \$15,250. Since its approval the recipients for the funding have requested the original designation be changed to the purchase of computers etc. This decision is the reason for the delay. In the next few days we expect to receive the final list of what is to be purchased and from whom. Once that is done it should not take long for TRF to give its final approval and the funds to be sent to Ussurisk..
2. Matching Grant Application in Thailand  
Host Club: Ban Poew Rotary Club, District 3330 in Amphoe Ban Phaeo, Thailand  
Funds requested: \$ 23,000.00 to install filtering systems etc. to existing wells.  
The application was submitted but for some reason was not forwarded from our District to headquarters. The application will therefore be resubmitted July 1, 2008

### B. International Student Exchange Program

1. Outgoing Student  
Ken Knutilla guided the process, which started in September 2007, resulting in early December in the selection of Shannon Wright as our candidate. Since then the District approved her candidacy and Shannon is heading for Paris in late summer
2. Incoming Student.  
The committee has received the documentation for our incoming student, Nicolas Thomas from Lucon, France. With our club sending an outgoing student comes the responsibility and commitment to host an incoming student. Failure to do so can (will) be costly for our club.

THIS IS WHERE YOU, THE MEMBERS OF OUR CLUB, NEED TO GET INVOLVED. **WE NEED HOST FAMILIES!**

Nicolas's stay with us will be from the end of August 2008 to the end of June (early July) 2009. The length of his stay with one family will depend on the number of hosting families. We need a minimum of three hosting families.

Please let Doris Gagel or me know a.s.a.p. as to your willingness and commitment to host.

Before the end of June a meeting will be scheduled with hosting families to:

- a) Work out the schedule for hosting and other details of the program
- b) Examine the hosting manual - make changes and additions if necessary
- c) Build a community of families for Nicolas.

**WE NEED TO HEAR FROM YOU.**

### C. GSE Program

After Tuesday's luncheon (May 6th), our GSE guests from the Philippines departed for the Aldegrove Rotary Club. The days the GSE team spent with us were filled with great tours, fellowship, fun and relaxation. This was achieved due to the hard work and commitment of the following volunteers:

- a) Planning Committee - Marco Terwiel, Ken Paterson, Brett Paskar, Kevin Nosworthy, Dave Rempel, Stan Wade
- b) Hosting families: Bob Shantz, Kevin Nosworthy, Robert Campbell, Laurie Anderson, Brian Bekar. Congratulations and a big THANK YOU to all the members and their families for their support in the GSE program.

Submitted by Dave Rempel