

Dear fellow Rotarians,

I wish that every Rotarian could have the opportunities to see Rotary in action that Joan and I have enjoyed over the past months. From India to France, Hong Kong to Brazil, the Philippines to Turkey, we witnessed Rotarians demonstrating, with great compassion and ingenuity, just how much *Rotary Shares*.

We saw incredible disaster relief efforts in Pakistan and had the chance to inaugurate one of seven schools being built there with contributions by Rotarians. In India, we surveyed the impressive results of Rotarian tsunami recovery projects. In Brazil, we visited a school supported by the Foundation of São Paulo Rotarians that offers academic and vocational education as well as a program for the hearing impaired. And we felt very proud when we saw what Houston Rotarians have done in establishing a four-star hotel for patients and families visiting the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center.

Another of the year's highlights was our North American membership conferences. These seven meetings drew many Rotarians eager to reverse the region's downward trend in membership. They shared ideas and left energized to strengthen their clubs' membership.

Peace conferences provided another source of great inspiration for Rotarians, who met in Bulgaria, India, Kenya, and Turkey to discuss the obstacles to peace in each of these regions and consider how Rotary clubs can offer practical solutions. In Canada and France, Rotarians organized conferences around the theme Peace Is Possible, drawing participants from neighboring countries to offer a valuable international perspective.

This month, we'll come together in Los Angeles for another important Rotary meeting – our 2008 RI Convention. I hope that many of you will take advantage of this opportunity to experience a little of the international fellowship that I've been so privileged to enjoy as RI president.

Throughout my travels this year, I met many people who congratulated me on Rotary's work to eradicate polio and to improve the quality of life in some of the world's poorest regions. I was especially struck by the words of Olafur Grimsson, the president of Iceland, who said to me: "Rotary has the right answer. Your organization includes men and women on an equal basis, and you have members from many countries who represent every race, color, and creed. So what the world must do is have more Rotarians."

I couldn't agree more.

Thank you all for your great work. Joan and I will never forget the 2007-08 Rotary year.

Wilfrid J. (Wilf) Wilkinson
President, Rotary International



The Four Way Flasher

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INVOCATION

June 10	Laurie Anderson	June 17	Liz Attarmigirian
June 24	Terry Becker	July 1	Brian Bekar

BINGO SCHEDULE

	6:15 - 8:15	8:00 - 10:00
June 19	Mina Park	Ken Paterson
July 17	Wendy Lindvik	Matt deBruyn



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TODAY'S PROGRAM: Fireside

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM: Dr. Ken MacQuisten – Trumpeter Swans & Lead Poisoning

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
June 3	5pm	Fireside at Shantz Residence	22696 - 132nd Ave., M.R.
June 15 -18		Rotary International Conference	Los Angeles
June 24	6pm	Installation of 2008/09 Executive	Meadow Gardens Golf Course
Aug. 9	3pm	Bee BBQ – Vlad's Apiary	The Bee Farm – 129 th Ave., Pitt Meadows
Sept. 13		WineFest	Thomas Haney Centre

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$59.50 + 1/2 of today's sales, 50 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

June 5: Lynda deBruyn June 6: Zulekha Bharwani

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

June 4: Brian & Sharon Bekar

LAST WEEK’S MEETING

Our Guests today were visiting Rotarian Don Schultz, and Debbie, Sam and Marlena Nosworthy.

Announcements:

Nick Smith and Megan Lawson will be attending RYLA this year.

Our next meeting will be a Fireside at the Shantz’s home at 6 pm, Tuesday June 3rd.

Winefest will be held on September 13th at the Thomas Haney Rotunda. Ineke requested that members donate a bottle of wine valued at \$30. or cash to buy a bottle for the wine cellar auctions.

The Installation Dinner will be held June 24th at Meadow Gardens starting with a no host bar at 6 pm. Dinner and the Installation of the new Board will begin at 7 pm.

Ken Paterson advised that he recently attended the Ridge Meadows Bingo Operators' Meeting where they announced that there is a \$600,000. Building Fund that was previously established that will now be disbursed between the charities. We will be receiving a cheque for \$12,000.



Our Guest Speaker was Anne Sashikata of Junior Achievement of BC. Anne advised that Junior Achievement is an international non-profit organization dedicated to educating and inspiring young people about business and economics. The JA experience helps young people discover leadership, entrepreneurial and workforce readiness skills so they can achieve their highest potential and future successes as citizens in the global community. Students taking these programs have more confidence and self-esteem, and are more likely to attend college.

Junior Achievement fundraises to cover program costs, and seeks volunteers from the community to teach these business education programs in the local schools. Junior Achievement

has been established in BC for over 50 years. Locally the programs began at the Pitt Meadows and Garibaldi Secondary Schools, and then 3-4 years ago they began offering elementary school programs. They need 20 – 30 more volunteers, and would like to have someone from our local Rotary Clubs to liaison with Junior Achievement to help get volunteers. The volunteers choose the programs and ages they would like to work with and JA develops the course content. Programs currently offered by Junior Achievement include:

Secondary Schools:

Company Program – addresses the risks and rewards of starting a business venture.

Middle Schools:

Dollars with Sense – provides junior high school students with personal money management skills and challenges them to apply these concepts in their own life.

Elementary Schools:

Business Basics Series - designed to give our youth a head start, the series of four programs introduces students to the fundamental concepts of business in a community and global context. Each program is unique & can be delivered independently or as a series to match the learning needs & abilities of elementary school students Grades 3 - 6.

Anne spoke of one of the local elementary schools Grades 6 & 7 students who held a fundraiser. They raised \$834.42 net after expenses, of which \$450. was donated to FTC Kenya to feed 1,500 hungry children and the balance was used to purchase disposable cameras for grad and cover some photo finishing costs. The students learned about planning, problem solving and record keeping through running this fundraiser.

Junior Achievement is part of the solution to bridging Canada’s talent and leadership gap. Volunteers’ participation is what makes these programs possible. If you wish to volunteer, please contact Anne at (604) 688-3887, Ext. #224 or anne.sashikata@jabc.org.

Submitted by Lynda Lawrence

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



1	\$20	Bonnie Telep	Maple Ridge	16	\$20	Linda Lewin	Port Moody
2	\$20	Kelly and Helen Yuen	Port Coquitlam	17	\$20	Ken Burns	Maple Ridge
3	\$20	Milagros N Hernandez	Vancouver	18	\$20	Monica Dreier	Coquitlam
4	\$20	Don and Lynn Nyhus	Maple Ridge	19	\$20	Debbie Ledgerwood	Maple Ridge
5	\$20	Monica Baker	Maple Ridge	20	\$20	Aerock Siddaway	Pitt Meadows
6	\$20	Joan Hull	Maple Ridge	21	\$20	Marten & Lynne Varnel	Delta BC
7	\$20	Bill Leech	Maple Ridge	22	\$20	Jim & Jane Senay	Burnaby
8	\$20	Marilyn Friesen	Maple Ridge	23	\$20	B Cartright	Surrey
9	\$20	Jim Stoyeff	Pitt Meadows	24	\$20	Britteny Greene	Maple Ridge
10	\$20	Karen Derosia	Maple Ridge	25	\$20	Sandy Wright	Maple Ridge
11	\$20	Phil and Eva Tamminga	Kelowna	26	\$20	Michele Lockhart	Maple Ridge
12	\$20	Kelvin & Lynda Kerr	Heriot Bay	27	\$20	Tim and Andria Sheffield	Mission
13	\$20	Peter Markovitch	Maple Ridge	28	\$20	RMWomens Centre Lynn Peters	Pitt Meadows
14	\$20	Jacqueline Hampton	Pitt Meadows	29	\$20	Ruby Fraser	Victoria
15	\$250	Dino Visentin	Port Coquitlam	30	\$250	Ms. Monika Habart	Surrey