#### **RI PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Dear fellow Rotarians,

The mission of The Rotary Foundation is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty. It sounds so simple, yet it means so much.

It means so much to every one of the people touched by Foundation-supported programs every year – the children too poor to go to school, the families who have lost everything in a disaster, the communities that lack sanitation, clean water, and medical care.

It means so much to the two billion children now living lives free from polio. Because of the work that the Foundation has helped support, five million cases of paralysis and more than 250,000 deaths from polio have been prevented.

Today, we are in what we hope will be the last stages of the fight against polio. All of you have helped through your support of our Foundation. Through the Foundation, we are able to be part of the day-to-day work of polio eradication by helping supply the transportation, the fliers, the advertisements, and even the lollipops to ensure we reach all children with the essential oral polio vaccine and make each round of immunization a success.

Those of you who have participated in a National Immunization Day know exactly what I'm talking about when I say there's nothing like it – nothing like knowing you're being a part of saving lives and making history. And if you can't be there yourself, then being part of the work through our Foundation is the next best thing.

Why do we have a Foundation? We have a Foundation because our Foundation lifts Rotary up. It lets every club and every district do the most it possibly can. It allows every one of us to be part of all of Rotary's work, and it brings that work to greater and greater heights.

As we celebrate Rotary Foundation Month, we should all remember that The Rotary Foundation is *our* Foundation. It's here for us and because of us; it allows us to do more, to be more, and to bring more hope to the world. The responsibility for keeping our Foundation strong lies with each of us.

Dong Kurn (D.K.) Lee President, Rotary International

#### **MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR -- CELEBRATE THE FOUNDATION THIS MONTH**

Dear family of Rotary,

November is a very special month on my personal Rotary calendar, and I hope that you share my enthusiasm. All Rotarians can take great pride in the achievements of our Foundation, from our work for polio eradication to our Rotary Centers for International Studies to projects that improve lives every day. And now, we are building on those efforts through our Future Vision Plan.

As a Nigerian, I have seen how The Rotary Foundation is making a difference in my homeland. As Rotary Foundation chair, I have the opportunity to see our Foundation in action throughout the world. I can assure you that your generous contributions to the Annual Programs Fund and Permanent Fund are doing good in myriad ways.

But our contributions to the Foundation go beyond financial support. Rotarian doctors and dentists are serving as volunteers to bring health care to remote, underserved areas. Rotarian families are welcoming Ambassadorial Scholars and Group Study Exchange teams into their homes, establishing lasting international friendships. And millions of children are receiving the precious polio vaccine during National Immunization Days that Rotarians help organize, promote, and carry out with an eye on good stewardship practices.

As you observe Rotary Foundation Month, keep in mind the many ways that you can contribute. Through our combined support, the Foundation will continue to do good in the world for decades to come.

Jonathan Majiyagbe, Foundation Trustee Chair



# Rotary Club of MeadowRidge Newsletter

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Meetings: Tuesday 12pm, Gourmet Hideaway Restaurant

### **NOVEMBER IS ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH**

#### INVOCATION

Nov. 4 Matt DeBruyn		Nov. 18	Doris Gagel
Nov. 25	Maureen Goodrick	Dec. 2	Cailin Green

#### **BINGO SCHEDULE**

	6:15 - 8:15	8:00 - 10:00
Nov. 20	Maureen Goodrick	Walter Volpatti
Dec. 11	Brian Bekar	Dave Rempel



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

**TODAY'S PROGRAM:** District Governor Larry Stinson's Visit

**NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM:** (Nov. 18) Operation Red Nose

Next week no regular meeting: Remembrance Day

#### CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Nov. 7	5:30pm	District Foundation Dinner	McIntyre Hall, Mount Vernon, WA
Dec. 9	Noon	AGM	

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$456.00 + 1/2 of today's sales, 38 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

#### NOV. 9: LILA JANE TERWIEL NOV. 15: KEN PATERSON

#### HAPPY ANIVERSARY

NOV. 9: BOB & IRENA SHANTZ

#### LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Our Guest today was Rotarian Melissa Kramer of the Coquitlam Club.

Our next meeting on October 28<sup>th</sup> will take place at the ACT. The Chamber of Commerce and Rotary are holding an All Candidates Meeting for the Mayoralty candidates. Lunch is \$20. and you must register thru the Chamber of Commerce in advance.

There was a Rotary Leadership Institute seminar held last weekend. Robert, Marco, Cailin, Brian F. and Ineke were in attendance. The next session will be held on January 24, 2009.

Robert spoke briefly on the Planning Visionary Session, which was to be held on Monday November 3. There are a team of 4 - 6 from the District 50/50 who attend to facilitate the session. It was decided hat we would postpone the session until the New Year.

Terry Becker advised that she is stepping down as the Chair of the Winefest. She is seeking committee members and a new Chair as Matt, Terry and Ineke are resigning from the Committee. The event may be moved from the Fall to the Spring to coincide with Homeshow, due to the conflict with the Sports Banquet. There was a suggestion to skip next year and hold the next event in the spring of 2010. Ineke commented that this loss of continuity would not be good for the event.

Robert advised that the Ridge Meadows Opry will be held on October 25<sup>th</sup> at the ACT with proceeds going to the Asante Centre.

Peter Tam advised that there is an October 30<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Maple Ridge Pitt Meadows Mobile Stage Committee. This group will be fundraising for the purchase of a mobile stage for Ridge Meadows. The cost of this stage ranges from \$150,000 - \$180,000.

There is a Unity & Diversity Event being held on November 8<sup>th</sup> at the ACT theatre. Doors open at 5 pm, and there is free food and entertainment on a first come, first serve basis. This event is being sponsored by the Winefest Committee and runs until 10 pm.

Several items with respect to new member orientation and involvement were discussed. It was emphasized that we need to have an experienced member as a mentor for new members so that they get involved on a committee right away and become involved with fundraising activities, etc.

Dick Drew thanked everyone for the work on the Sports Banquet event. He said it was handled very professionally and really showcased Rotary.

Marco was our creative fine master. He brought a special tape measure with him that records healthy waist measurements. Anyone in the "red zone" paid a \$2 fine (there were a lot of us!).

Marco then introduced Michael Serry who was installed into our Club by Robert Shantz with Marco's assistance. Michael grew up in Kitimat. He started working for the Royal Bank 13 years ago. He was a Rotarian with the Kelowna Club. He is married to Cindy and they have 2 children 6 and 8 years of age. Welcome Michael!

welcome Michael!

Laurie introduced David Riddell. David has been a resident of Maple Ridge for 4-5 years. He is married to Karen and they have two young children. He is an associate at Vernon & Thompson Law Group. David (in full wig and gown) presented his Who's Who. He has a



Master of Arts from Cambridge University. David was born in 1971 in the Highland Clearances area, and grew



up in Leeds. He fell in the Tarn at the age of six and nearly drowned. He attended the Rawdon Littlemoor Primary School, which was founded in 1882, from the age of 4 - 11.

He attended Pembroke College Cambridge (best wine cellar in the city), and graduated in 1992. He then attended the Inns of Court School of Law. He became a self-employed barrister (Upper Court). A group of lawyers took over and refurbished the Cobden House Chambers where they lived and worked. He resigned on his  $30^{\text{th}}$  Birthday.

10 years ago he married Karen at Rowena's Inn. On June 20, 2002 their son, Edward Harry Linton, was born. On May 12, 2004 his daughter, Charlotte Eloise Olden, was born.

Not only was this a great Who's Who, but it was also a phenomenal history lesson. Thank you David!

#### Submitted by Lynda Lawrence

### NOVEMBER WINNERS FOR THE HOSPICE 2008 CASH CALENDAR:

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