

Dear fellow Rotarians,

January marks the beginning of the second half of the Rotary year. It's a time to look back on what we've accomplished so far, to assess our progress, and to renew our determination to achieve our goals in the months remaining. It's a time to discuss and evaluate the goals of our clubs as well as the goals we've set for ourselves as Rotarians.

January is also Rotary Awareness Month, a time for us to consider how our Rotary values – and our own actions – influence public perceptions of Rotary. Our strategic plan outlines five core values that define and guide us as we chart a course into our second century of service.

Service is our first value, as it should be. Our focus on service is reflected in our primary motto, Service Above Self. Through our clubs and districts, we have the potential to create better, safer, and healthier communities, one project at a time.

Fellowship is the reason Rotary was founded over 100 years ago. The friendship, the camaraderie, and the wonderful sense of doing something good together is what keeps us all looking forward to our Rotary meetings week after week.

Diversity is an aspect of Rotary that becomes more important with every passing year. We have just welcomed to Rotary the Republic of Kiribati, which joins the more than 200 countries and geographical areas already on the Rotary map. I look forward with all Rotarians to a day when there is a Rotary club in every community in the world.

Integrity is fundamental to our organization's identity. Every Rotarian is a guardian of the reputation that generations of Rotarians have worked to build. When we maintain the highest ethical standards in all of our dealings, we strengthen the trust that allows us to serve more effectively.

But it will only happen if we show *leadership*, the fifth, and final, core value. Each of us must remember, with our every action, that we are Rotarians. When we are chosen to become Rotarians, and when we choose to accept that honour, we take it upon ourselves to become representatives of the entire organization.

When we are known as Rotarians, then everything we do reflects upon us all. By living by our core values and committing to Service Above Self, we build a stronger Rotary and a better world for all.

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



The Four Way Flasher

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JANUARY IS ROTARY AWARENESS MONTH

INVOCATION

Jan. 13	Ron LePore	Jan. 20	Wendy Lindvik
Jan. 27	Debbie MacRae	Feb. 3	Kevin Nosworthy

BINGO SCHEDULE

	6:15 - 8:15	8:00 - 10:00

No Bingo duties for Jan., Feb, and March

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



TODAY'S PROGRAM: Ridge Meadows Hospital – Booster Fair

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM: **NO REGULAR MEETING!**
Long Term Planning Visioning Meeting

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Jan. 20	5-9pm	Visioning Session	Thomas Haney Secondary
Jan. 24	8am / 4pm	Rotary Leadership Institute	Richmond, BC

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$538.50 + 1/2 of today's sales, 36 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Jan. 22: Gordy & Mary Robson

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jan. 11: Marco Terwiel Jan. 13: Matt DeBruyn Jan. 16: Laara Coulter
Jan. 17: Irena Shantz Jan. 18: Ron Curan

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Our first meeting of 2009 was held at Meadow Gardens Golf Course with 18 members in attendance. Our guests were Nico Thomas and Melissa Kramer.

Announcements:

The Vision Quest Meeting is tentatively scheduled at Thomas Haney Secondary School from 5:00 - 9:00 p.m. (soup and sandwiches will be served). More information will follow.

The Rotary Leadership Institute Conference (Part 2) will be held on January 24th in Delta.

Today we had the pleasure of installing our newest member - **Melissa Kramer**. Welcome Melissa - we know you will enjoy being part of the MeadowRidge Rotary Family!



Our Guest Speaker today was Mr. Udo Erasmus (who is a member of the Arbutus Rotary Club). Udo gave a very enlightening talk on Health and Peace.

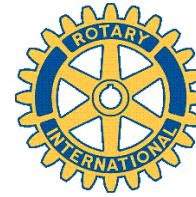
His teacher was Prem Rawat, known by the honorary title Maharaji. He has traveled the world for more than forty years, inspiring people to find peace within.

His message is simple and profound. It is independent of and compatible with any philosophy, religion, or spiritual path. At the UN Conference Centre in Bangkok, he said, "Peace needs to be in everyone's life. The peace we are looking for is within. It is in the heart, waiting to be felt. It is not the world that needs peace; it is people. When people in the world are at peace within, the world will be at peace."

If you would like more information on this interesting topic please visit the website: www.wordsofpeace.ca

Submitted by Maureen Goodrick

INTERNET AUCTION OF ROTARY MEMORABILIA



Chuck Keller, PRIP

Rotary Foundation Auction

Welcome to the Chuck Keller, PRIP Foundation Auction. Rotarians and Non-Rotarians alike can help The Rotary Foundation raise funds for the Rotary Centers for International Studies in Peace and Conflict Resolution by participating in this online auction. All of the Rotary memorabilia and gifts in this auction were presented to Mr. Chuck Keller during his year as President of Rotary International 1987-1988. After being on display for 20 years in his spacious Pennsylvania home Chuck's recent move with his wife, Carol, to a smaller home presented Chuck with a problem "What to do with all these wonderful mementos?" As always, Chuck's response was "How can my good fortunes help others". So the idea of this auction was born. So dig deep and bid high to help Chuck raise funds for the Rotary Peace Centers.



Good Luck and Good Bidding !

Editor's note:

There are only 41 days to go! Most items have only a few bids or none at all. Go to www.Rotary.org and then select Media and News / News, and then the last item 'Own a piece of Rotary history'. You also can directly go to <http://www.auctionflex.com/searchauctions.ap?co=14790>

THE ROTARIAN



From its humble beginnings as a 12-page periodical, *The Rotarian* has grown into an award-winning publication with a circulation of over 500,000, inspiring the creation of a host of Rotary regional magazines. The first issue of *The National Rotarian* appeared in January 1911. It included news items from existing clubs, announcements of new clubs, and an essay written by Paul P. Harris, in which he discussed the purpose of Rotary clubs.

As president of Rotary, Harris, along with secretary Charles R. Perry, launched the publication as a way to share information with a growing number of Rotarians. Perry was the magazine's first editor and held the position until 1928.

The formation of clubs in Canada and Great Britain and Ireland prompted the magazine to change its name to *The Rotarian* in 1912.