

ATTENDANCE & MAKE-UP GUIDELINES

General: Members should make every effort to attend the club's regular meetings. Members must be present for 60% of the meeting for it to count. The Board has the authority to rule on exceptional circumstances.

A member must attend or make-up at least 50% of the club's regular meetings (this was reduced by the 2007 Council on Legislation). 30% of the club's meetings must be attended.

14 Days Makeup: Members can make-up missed meetings 14 days before and 14 days after the regular time of the missed meeting. If traveling outside the country of residence, the time restrictions will not be imposed.

Makeup: The member must produce a standard Rotary makeup form, have an email makeup form, have his or her name recorded in minutes of a committee meeting or contained on a list of attendees of an event. (The 4-Way Test will apply.) A makeup can be made under the following circumstances:

- Another club's meeting,
- A regular meeting of a Rotaract or Interact club,
- A formal activity of a Rotaract of Interact club,
- A Rotary District Conference,
- A Rotary District Assembly,
- A meeting of a District Committee,
- An organized District information or training seminar,
- Participation in a club service project,
- A club-sponsored community event,
- A meeting of the club's Board of Directors,
- A meeting of the service committee to which a member is assigned,
- A meeting of a Rotary Fellowship,
- Participating in an interactive activity through a eClub Web site for 30 minutes.

Excused Absences: The Club's Board of Directors may excuse a member's absence for reasons considered good and sufficient such as:

- Member's years of age and membership in Rotary total 85 years or more (85 factor exempt attendance),
- Serious illness,
- Other extenuating circumstances approved by the Board.

Leave of Absence: Upon written application the Board may excuse a member from attending the meeting of the club for a specified period of time. Under these circumstances the member will be considered absent and will not be credited with attendance.



The Four Way Flasher

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MARCH IS LITERACY MONTH

INVOCATION

Mar. 24	Gord Robson	Mar. 31	Mary Robson
April 7	Michael Serry	April 14	Alphonse Seward



TODAY'S PROGRAM: Business Meeting – Visioning

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM: Jennifer Dawkins – Firefighters without Borders

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

March 30: David Riddell

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Apr. 4	8am / 2pm	District 5050 Assembly	Kwantlen University, Surrey
Apr. 27		Haney Rotary Ladies Night	Swan-E-Set
May 28-31		District 5050 Conference	Heritage Park – Chilliwack

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$756.50 + 1/2 of today's sales, 25 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Our Guests today were Zdenka Cukor, Fred Hill and Rotarian Henning AA Graf Von Platen-Hallermund.

Announcements:

Mary advised that the Haney Rotary Ladies Night is scheduled for April 27th and will be held at Swan-E-Set. Please contact Mary for tickets.

There is a Rotary Leadership Institute program being held in White Rock on Saturday April 18th from 8 am - 4 pm. All three parts of the program will be offered this day. For registration info please contact Denis Boyd, denboco@shaw.ca. The registration deadline is April 11th.

Peter Tam advised that there will be a Celebration of the Arts week with a Gala Party on April 25th featuring the performing arts. It will be a musical with a cast of 50 including local professional actors.

Robert announced that he and Cailin are performing at Fox's Reach on Sundays, and invited us to drop by.

Today's Guest Speaker was Jim Coulter, giving his Who's Who presentation. Jim was born in 1951 at the Vancouver General Hospital. His family moved to Agassiz where his father worked for Blue Ribbon Dairies. Jim has two sisters - one older and one younger. He attended school where Grades 1 - 12 were all taught in the one school. In 1969, he was part of a class of 27 kids who graduated Grade 12. As a youth, he was a recipient of Athletic and Citizenship Awards. He also played drums in a rock band.

Jim began working at Harrison Hot Springs as a waiter serving celebrities such as Bob Hope when he was in his teens. He then took a job at the Stockman's Inn in Kamloops as a waiter/bar man. At 22 years of age he began working on the railroad. This ended after an accident in which he broke his back.

In 1975 he moved to Vernon and began a vending machine business. He then returned to the hospitality industry in Vernon. In 1979 he returned to Kamloops and began selling cars, averaging the sale of 10 - 15 vehicles per month.

In 1984 he became a Sales Rep for an FM Rock radio station. In 1987 he started his career in the newspaper industry working for Thompson Newspapers at the Kamloops Sentinel which closed 4½ months later after being in business for 104 years. In 1988 Jim joined Black Press. In November 2000, Jim moved to Maple Ridge and took over as the Publisher of the Maple Ridge Pitt Meadows News. He has been active in the community serving on the Board of the Chamber Of Commerce for six years.

Jim's first marriage ended after 15 years and three children. In 1992 he met his partner Lara, and they had two more children, Patrick and Andrew. Jim's oldest son Cary will be 31 in May.

Along the way, Jim has coached soccer for 15 - 16 years, been a Scouts Canada Leader, raced cross country motorcycles, and at 38 years of age he was a racquetball championship winner. Interesting life Jim! Thanks for sharing.

The meeting ended with Marco's friend Henning, who is a court translator and interpreter, relaying a story about the difficulties of accurately translating some things from German to English.

Submitted by Lynda Lawrence

ROTARY CLUBS ALWAYS PUMPED FOR WORLD WATER DAY

By Arnold R. Grahl

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Sara Lucena, a member of the Rotary Club of Puerto Plata Isabel de Torres, Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic, helps four-year-old Eric Antonio Polanco write his name on the new bio-sand filter she just installed in his family's home in Aguas Negras. Rotary Images/Alyce Henson

On 22 March, World Water Day, Hopf plans to take his first steps down the Appalachian Trail as part of Hike4Water, a fundraiser to support clean water solutions in Guatemala and Tanzania.

Hopf, an honorary member of the Rotary Club of Oconomowoc, Wisconsin, USA, hopes to complete the entire 2,200-mile trail from Georgia to Maine in about five months, stopping along the way to raise awareness among Rotary clubs and talk to the media. Part of the proceeds will help support the Oconomowoc club's efforts to set up a center in Guatemala to build and distribute bio-sand water filters.

The 26-year-old quit his job as a fitness manager to devote time to the hike and to volunteer on projects. He got the idea for hiking the Appalachian Trail from a friend who had completed the trek.

"She said it was the most difficult but most rewarding thing she had ever done, and that really clicked with me," he says. "I knew I wanted to do something bigger than myself that would push me mentally and physically."

Though the United Nations designates 22 March as World Water Day, Rotarians worldwide are focused on the issue throughout the year, volunteering their time and resources to provide safe water and sanitation facilities to communities in need.

Charles Clemmons, general coordinator of the Water Resource Group, estimates that clubs are involved in 6,000 to 7,000 projects internationally, all aimed at addressing the lack of access to clean water and sanitation that claims more than two million lives each year, a majority of them children.

"Rotarians bring a unique set of qualifications to such projects," says F. Ron Denham, who heads the Water and Sanitation Rotarian Action Group. "Being members of the community, they understand how to get local ownership. They understand local culture, which often determines success or failure. They know the local nongovernmental organizations and which ones are good partners for their project. And they connect with a worldwide network of people with similar values and commitment."

The action group will hold its second World Water Summit 19 June in Birmingham, England, immediately before the 2009 RI Convention .