

District 5050 Annual Assembly

Saturday April 4th, 2009
Kwantlen Polytechnic University
12666 - 72nd Avenue, Surrey

"World Peace through Understanding"
"One of the best Rotary Events of the Year"

Who should be there?

- Rotarians interested in learning more about Rotary and through that knowledge contribute to the strength of their individual clubs.
- Rotarians who enjoy great fellowship, relevant learning and a fabulous BBQ lunch.
- All Rotarians who will hold a club leadership position or who in the future would like to hold a club leadership position.
- Brand new Rotarians

What to expect?

Incoming club officers, committee chairs and members will be offered interactive informative training in the following areas:

- Membership
- Foundation
- Service Projects
- Administration
- Public Relations
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Youth Exchange

Also featured at the 2009 Assembly to include Social networking, Public Speaking, how to join a National Immunization Day for Polio eradication, New Generations, Sergeant At Arms, The 4 Way Test, How to start an Interact Group, Rotary Basics & more.

Each club sponsors a minimum of 5 participants. Register today with or without payment. Payment can be made by clubs or individuals at the door or you are welcome to use Paypal.

Let's make this the biggest Assembly yet by YOU registering TODAY!

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The Four Way Flasher

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MARCH IS LITERACY MONTH

INVOCATION

Mar. 31	Mary Robson	April 7	Michael Serry
April 14	Alphonse Seward	April 21	Bob Shantz



TODAY'S PROGRAM: Jennifer Dawkins – Firefighters without Borders

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM: Nico Thomas – Exchange Student

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

April 6: Robert & Maureen Goodrick

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 24-28		GSE Team from Ecuador	
May 28-31		District 5050 Conference	Heritage Park – Chilliwack

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$782.50 + 1/2 of today's sales, 24 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Our Guests today were our exchange student Niko, and Brian Koch who came with Dot Ralston. It was great to see Dot back for a visit.

The purpose of today's meeting was to do a review of the recent Visioning Session which is part of the long range Club Leadership Plan. The benefits of the plan include continuity in projects and decision making, and it provides a list of best practises which includes setting annual goals, clear communications and a simplified list of standing club committees.

At the end of the Visioning Session the action plan was to:

1. Compile the information
2. Develop an Elevator Speech (short verbal summary of what Rotary does)
3. Have a Club Assembly
4. Form the Presidents Council

The purpose of the Presidents Council formation is to present a plan to implement the Visioning results into a five year plan to achieve continuity and consistency of programming and leadership in the club.

Prior to the session a Visioning questionnaire was sent out, to which there were 20 responses. These indicated a wide range of knowledge and understanding of Rotary, and also identified the need for planning and education.

The purpose of the session was to look at our club five years from now and determine what we've achieved and how we are perceived in our community. The results of the session are as follows:

1. **What does your club stand for in your community?**
We are the pre-eminent Service Club in the Community, being known for giving time, talent and funds, and are reliable and trustworthy.
2. **Projected Club Size:** 55 - 60 members
3. **Attributes & characteristics of the Club**
All members are engaged and active, are friendly warm and welcoming, and are responsive to community needs.
4. **Club Service**
We have an effective membership committee that keeps old and new members active and involved, and have great programs and speakers.
5. **Vocational Service**
4 Way Test expanded into all schools. We should operate with other organizations and corporations. We should support the Youth Diversion Program.
6. **Community Service Projects**
The club should support the Friends in Need Foodbank and the Caring Place. Where appropriate Art is a major part of our planning, and we have developed a drug awareness program in all of our high schools.
7. **Community Service Fundraising**
The Sports Banquet will be raising \$50,000 per year. We should have a major entertainer concert

producing around \$20,000 per year. The third choice was a tie between a community talent contest and Wine Fest.

8. International Service Projects

Shelterbox Village to include Rotarians and students to fund 12 boxes per annum. A major project to be completed over the 5 year period in Thailand. The third was to host one exchange student per year and to have a waiting list of host families.

9. Foundation Success

Annual giving of Paul Harris fellows. We sponsor one candidate each year to a GSE team. All members are "Every Rotarian, Every Year" participants. \$10,000 per annum to the Rotary Foundation from members' donations and club fundraising combined.

10. Leadership Development

Every committee should have a chair, vice-chair and assistant vice-chair to guarantee continuity of leadership. The second was to have all District Training events paid by the club.

The results of the Visioning process should be used as a framework only. It can be amended to accommodate additional or different goals of the Club, and is used only as a tool.

The Visioning process supports the "three level" structure of Rotary:

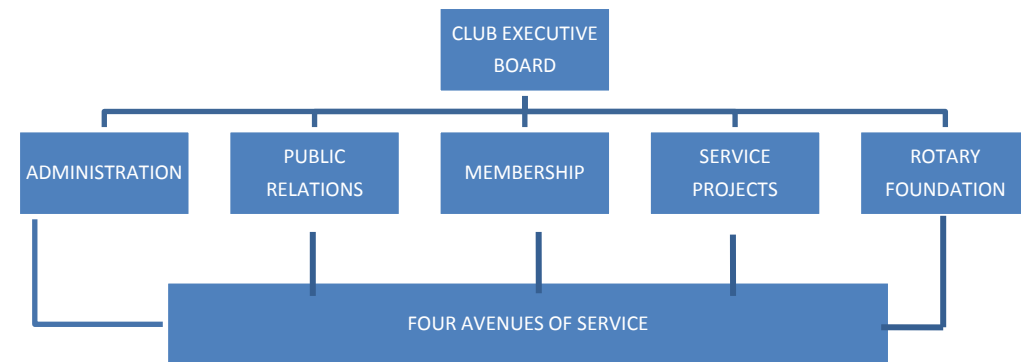
- President, President Elect, Vice President
- Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer and a backup.
- Secretary, Assistant Secretary and a backup.
- Committee Chair, Vice Chair and Assistant Chair.

This allows for easy planning for at least three years and provides continuity of leadership.

The Elevator Speech proposed is

"MeadowRidge Rotary doing good in our community and communities around the world".

There is a proposed structure change for clubs with a timeframe of January - June to put into action:



There was some concern raised over this possible structure change and the time required to implement it. It was suggested that we focus on our vision rather than specifics of the CLP. Our projects should come from an individual's passion and not be determined by the club. It was noted that we should have a Visioning session annually at a Fireside, and that the Rotary International President's vision and goals should be part of the plan.