

RI PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The magazine you receive every month from RI is one of Rotary's oldest traditions. In January of 1911, a 12-page newsletter called *The National Rotarian* was published; it contained an essay by Paul Harris, "Rational Rotarianism," along with club news and editorials. Of the new publication, Harris wrote: "The primary purpose of *The National Rotarian* is to provide a means for the exchange of ideas between Rotarians throughout the world, not to give the national officers an opportunity to express their views. These messages are not written merely to fill space; nevertheless we look forward to the day when they will be literally crowded out by surging mobs of virile Rotarian ideas struggling to be heard."

Today, with Rotary's club membership spanning more than 200 countries and geographical areas, the mandate of its publications is more complex, and more vital, than ever. The English-language flagship magazine, *The Rotarian*, is edited at RI headquarters in Evanston, Ill., USA, and has a circulation of about 500,000. Around the world, 31 more magazines are published in 24 other languages, for a total of 32 magazines published by the Rotary World Magazine Press, and a total circulation of about 1.25 million.

The RI Board of Directors has designated April of every year as Magazine Month. It is a time to recognize the role that our Rotary publications play in our Rotary lives – and the role that we should play in our publications. For the magazines to live up to Paul Harris' original vision, it takes more than just an editorial staff. It also takes the good work of Rotarians. I always feel that the best part of reading any Rotary publication is the opportunity to find out what other clubs are doing. Each issue, each article, is a chance to be informed and inspired.

In an era when electronic communication seems to be everywhere, the role of the paper-and-ink magazine is still important to our organization. Rotary magazines provide us with an overview of what's happening in different clubs and districts as well as important news and updates from RI headquarters. Even the many Rotarians who regularly visit www.rotary.org will find something new in every issue.

It is a privilege today to be writing this message as Paul Harris once wrote his, and to see his vision of this publication – a magazine filled with the great ideas and great works of Rotarians – brought to life.

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

HANEY ROTARY LADIES NIGHT

Mary has a couple of tickets left for the Ladies Night – Wednesday April 29 at Swan-e-Set – 6 pm social hour and 7 pm dinner. For those who have not been to one, it is a fun event with a reverse draw, silent auction and wonderful service by Rotarian Men. Funds raised will support the Rotary Polio campaign. Cost is \$100 before April 15 and \$110 after April 15th.

Call Mary at 604 466 3333



The Four Way Flasher

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APRIL IS MAGAZINE MONTH

INVOCATION

April 7	Michael Serry	April 14	Alphonse Seward
April 21	Bob Shantz	April 28	Peter Tam



TODAY'S PROGRAM: Who's Who - Kevin Nosworthy

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM: Ranjeet – Youth Diversion

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

April 7: Karen 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 24-28		GSE Team from Ecuador	
May 28-31		District 5050 Conference	Heritage Park – Chilliwack

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$803.00 + 1/2 of today's sales, 23 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Today's Guests were Kathleen Goodin, Irena Shantz, Brian Johnston and Caroline McConnell.

Announcements:

The District 5050 Assembly is scheduled for Saturday April 4th, 8 am – 2 pm at Kwantlen University in Surrey. Marco is driving if anyone needs a ride.

Still need two host families for the visiting GSE team from Ecuador for the period of May 24th - 28th. Basically just need to provide bed and breakfast. Please advise David Riddell if you can help.

There is still availability on the outgoing GSE team that is traveling to India in January 2010 if you know of any non-Rotarians who would make a good candidate for the team or if you would like to apply for the team leader position.

Ineke advised that she made a presentation for the Shelterbox Village Project at the Haney Rotary Club. She is in need of sponsors and volunteers. She needs funding for 12 Shelterboxes. Ineke asked for our help on this project.

The Ridge Meadows Arts Council is holding their Arts & Cultural week which will culminate with a big party on April 25th. Tickets are \$25 each. Please see Peter Tam.

Robert announced that we are sponsoring Kathleen Goodin for the GSE Team headed to Ecuador on April 26th. He presented her with a cheque and some of the club's flags for the trip.

Our Guest Speakers today were Randy Borrick and our own Jennifer Dawkins from the Vancouver Fire Department. Their presentation was on "Firefighters Without Borders". Jennifer explained that the department has been donating old equipment and gear to El Salvador for the past 13 – 14 years. Last year the department purchased 18 new fire engines, and decided to ship the old trucks to El Salvador.

They needed to raise funds for shipping the trucks and were referred to Rotary as a service club that has the ability to raise funds for these types of projects. The Rotary Clubs involved raised \$20,000 to ship the trucks. The shipping company decided it would donate the cost of the shipping which gave the group additional funds for training and providing gear to El Salvador.



Firefighters without Borders has provided the following:

Phase I

3 fire engines
100 sets of turnout gear
1 set of Jaws of Life
4 days of training

Phase II

1 ladder truck (which had two years preventive maintenance prior to shipping)

1 fire engine
60 sets of turnout gear
1 set Jaws of Life
4 days of training

Phase III – (scheduled for deployment Fall 2009)

2 fire engines
2 sets Jaws of Life
1 wild land fire truck
100 sets of turnout gear
4 days of training

The maintenance on the equipment is done by a mechanic from the City of Vancouver who travels with the group and trains the mechanics in El Salvador. Someone is also taken along as a translator.

There are a total of 450 firefighters in the National Department which has 16 fire stations. As it costs \$140 per firefighter to train for CPR, there are currently only 35 trained. Jen is currently trying to bring Ana, one of only five female firefighters down there, who speaks English, back to Vancouver for CPR training and certification so that she can teach other firefighters back home.

The firefighters from El Salvador are paid very little and the firefighters from Paraguay are truly volunteers – no compensation, they pay for their own fuel and equipment costs. 35 Firefighters are trained during the four days of each phase. They are trying to build a Fire Training Centre down there so that more firefighters can be properly trained for disasters and emergencies.

Firefighters without Borders needs \$10,000 to cover this year's budget, and would appreciate any help with funding that is available. For more information on this very worthwhile project, please speak with Jennifer.

Submitted by Lynda Lawrence

GARIBALDI SS "PLANNING 10 INTERVIEWS"

On May 13 Garibaldi will be hosting the sixth annual "Planning 10 Interviews". These mock interviews are part of the Planning 10 final project. In this course the students have been working on career planning areas such as: employability skills, cover letters, resumes and interviews.

At this time we would like to invite you to help us with these interviews. Students will be given specific jobs to apply for. Guidelines for interviews and assessment will be provided. Students will provide you with a cover letter and a resume at the start of the interview.

Interviews will be in half hour time slots. We will meet in the library at 8:15 AM. Interviews will start at 8:30 AM, going until 11:10 AM. We will serve a light lunch and continue interviews from 11:55 – 2:35 PM. We are very flexible with the times for volunteers to assist us: morning only, afternoon only, all day or any specific time that is convenient for you.

If you are able to help out on May 13th would you please email Matt deBruyn at mattdebruyn@shaw.ca or please call him at 604-462-1570.