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Ineke spoke on the Shelterbox Event which has been moved to the weekend of May 23 & 24. The plan is to set-up the village at 10 am on Saturday morning. Lunch and dinner will be cooked by the students/Scouts. On Sunday morning Kiwanis will be providing breakfast, and then the tear-down of the tents will begin. Pat and Peter have volunteered to stay overnight. Ineke still needs 10 volunteers to stay overnight. So far there have been two Shelterboxes completely sponsored and two more partially sponsored. It was suggested that we set up at table or booth at the Shelterbox Village to provide information to the general public on Rotary - who we are and what we do. Volunteers will be needed.

Mary advised that the Rotary Wheel will be back in Maple Ridge for the August 1st Heritage Day Celebration. This may also be a good venue for a Rotary info booth.

There was a bit of dialogue about the Guatemala Mobile Library. It was suggested that we get some of the fridge magnets and brochures about the program that we can give as gifts to our Guest Speakers. This will help them to understand where the donation of the "book in their name" goes and the benefits of the donation.

RI PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

In this issue of *The Rotarian* and in all regional Rotary magazines this month, you will find a new edition of Global Outlook. It takes a close look at the problem of child survival, and what Rotarians are doing about it. I hope that you will be inspired by the accounts of what your fellow Rotarians are accomplishing – and motivated to expand your own club's work against child mortality.

When I first chose *Make Dreams Real* as my theme and asked Rotarians to focus on reducing the rate of child mortality, I was confident that we would be able to make a real difference. I knew that the same areas that are critical for saving children's lives – water, health and hunger, and literacy – are the areas in which Rotary service excels. And I knew that Rotarians are overwhelmingly the kind of people who would be inspired to work toward this goal.

Still, the way that Rotarians have responded has exceeded even my own hopes. Our club and district projects are saving lives, one at a time, with determination and with success. And as we all work together to eliminate polio, we know that we are saving lives for generations to come.

In the months since Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge was announced, I have had many opportunities to explain to Rotarians just why it is vital that we work to bring so much new funding to the polio eradication effort in so short a time. The answer, put simply, is that we are at a critical, and I believe final, stage in the campaign. Only four polio-endemic countries remain: Afghanistan, India, Nigeria, and Pakistan. All present obstacles to the eradication effort, such as war, unreliable infrastructure, difficult terrain, poor sanitation, and high birthrates. In India's Uttar Pradesh alone, 500,000 children are born every month. And in this region, the usual number of vaccine doses required to confer immunity – six – must be doubled. Why? Because the children there are exposed to so many different viruses and carry so many different bacteria, all of which "compete" with the oral polio vaccine.

To wipe out polio in these final four countries will take a coordinated effort of intensity and strength, requiring the support and participation of many individuals and organizations. We in Rotary have been part of the polio eradication effort from the beginning, and we are committed to seeing it through to the end. In this way, we know that we will *Make Dreams Real* – not only in this Rotary year but for generations to come.

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



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INVOCATION

May 12	Eng Hock Tan	May 19	Marco Terwiel
June 2	Nizar Virani	June 9	



TODAY'S PROGRAM: Doug Hoey – First Nations Bursary Request

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM: Lorne Mayencourt – Baldy Hughes Treatment Centre, Prince George

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

May 13: Jan Dale

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
May 23-24		Shelterbox Village	Memorial Peace Park
May 24-28		GSE Team from Ecuador	
May 26	4:30 / 6:00 BBQ	Potluck BBQ with GSE Visitors from Ecuador	Dave Rempel 10607 277 Street
May 28-31	12:00	District 5050 Conference	Heritage Park – Chilliwack
June 12		(Friday) Installation Dinner	Marco Terwiel's home

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$867.00 + 1/2 of today's sales, 21 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

APRIL 28TH MEETING

Our Guests today were Nico Thomas, Maureen McCartney, Crystal Orrick, and Ken Wilkes.

On June 3rd Rotarians are needed for an Immunization Booster Fair to help with registration and manning the various stations for a two hour period. If you are able to help please contact Alphonse.

Dave Rempel announced that he will be holding a potluck BBQ for our GSE visitors from Ecuador on May 26th. He's hoping that this will be in place of our regular meeting so that there is a good turnout for the event.

Nico is seeking sponsorship for an upcoming overnight Cancer Run. He needs to raise at least \$100.

Our Guest Speaker today was Rick Hammer of the Pitt Meadows Paddling Club. The Club is a registered non-profit society that is entering its third season of operation. The vision of the founding members of this society was to have the Club play an integral role in our community by developing community conscious healthy members in the peacefulness and beauty of our local surroundings. The Pitt Meadows Paddling Club strives to be accessible and all inclusive.



Last year Kayak Canada encouraged all the clubs to put together a promo video with which Rick began his presentation. The programs that are offered are designed to build self esteem, confidence, and teamwork, while the individuals learn water safety and paddling techniques. Programs include the *School District 42/43 Dragon Boat Program* aimed at Grade 5 - 12 classes. This provides the students the opportunity to take part in a three week Dragon Boat paddling course with each group having three 55 minute training sessions. The program ends with a regatta festival - *the BC Schools Dragon Boat Championship*. This year there are over 700 students involved in the program.

The *Paddle All Program* is an adaptive program to support cognitively or physically disadvantaged members of our community and give them and their caregivers a new lifetime experience. A number of special adaptive seats have been purchased to safely accommodate the disabled. Rick advised that they have been working on a new dock that will provide accessibility for those in wheel chairs. He advised that the Bonding of the Bridges Community Challenge will be held on Saturday June 13th to help launch this program and raise funds for providing and equipping a portable handicap washroom, and other needed items. This will be a 200 metre race with two training sessions provided. Each team needs to raise \$5,000. The boats can hold 20 people (\$25 each). Start time 8:30 - 9:00 am.

The *Youth Summer Camp Program* is aimed at ages 9 - 13. The youth learn water safety and paddling techniques, and take a daily eco tour of our local waterways. Week long camps - either ½ day mornings (9am-noon) or ½ day afternoons (1-4 pm) are available. Full day programs available by request.

Their fleet includes two Dragon Boats, one 15 man Canadian War Canoe, two 6 man Outriggers, and Sprint Canoes and Kayaks. On Sunday June 14th the Society is holding its 1st Annual Open House. Why not stop by and check out the fleet!

Submitted by Lynda Lawrence

FIRESIDE AT SCOUT CAMP, MAY 5

We had our Fireside by the fire at the Scout Camp with a three course meal prepared by Camp Officials and volunteers. Thank you!

This was a brief discussion on the Visioning Session and the results of this exercise.

Marco then took over the meeting and we discussed the Rotary Strategic Plan. The plan was developed to provide continuity over a five year period. Marco feels that the new Leadership Plan is geared to a larger club, and that our current planning works well for us. Everyone concurred.

The theme for Marco's year is "Rotary is in Our Hands". Rotary gives us the ability to make a difference by focusing on "Service Above Self" for our community and the world.

It was agreed that established events like the Sports Banquet and Wine Fest be continued as they have become recognized annual community events.

There was a brief discussion on whether we should extend our weekly meeting from an hour to 75 or 90 minutes. Everyone's preference was to keep the meeting to 60 minutes. We spoke about the venue, and whether we'd like to change the format to a buffet or move to another restaurant or meeting facility. We agreed that we like the central location, the privacy of the meeting and the service.

The next discussion was on attendance. Out of 55 clubs, we rank 47th in attendance. It was noted that there are a number of people on our roster who do not attend the meeting which is pulling our attendance down. Sharon advised that she felt the loss of attendance was due to the length of some meeting and the quality of the Speakers. It was noted that there are no follow up calls being made to the missing members.

We then spoke about growing new members. It was suggested that a new member start with a red badge. The back of this badge would list the instructions and tasks that need to be accomplished during the first 6 months of membership. These would include invocation, attending another club's meeting, involvement in a fundraiser, etc. We then discussed assigning a mentor to a new member to ensure the member completes the task list and is involved in the Club. Ineke will be in charge of Club Service during Marco's term and will put together a "Sunshine Committee" who will follow up with missing members.

It was suggested that the person who sponsors the new member becomes their mentor. A suggestion for our Guest Speakers list is to find someone who can speak on mentoring.

Marco advised that there will be a Who's Who monthly, and we will be rotating the seating weekly to ensure we sit with difference people each week. He advised that there will be no monetary requests coming to the Club luncheons.

Marco said that he wants to have a Board Retreat for a few hours either one evening or on an upcoming Saturday afternoon. At that time we can work on the club budget, work on a visioning plan and do the Club Calendar.

The Installation Dinner will be held at Marco's on Friday June 12. The dinner is being catered and will be held outdoors, weather permitting, with entertainment.

Reminder that the District Conference is being held in Chilliwack, and the visiting GSE Team will be in attendance.

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