

## Big Green Box Week promotes disaster relief

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Tents and shelters will be popping up all over England and beyond in support of ShelterBox, as the organization founded by Rotarian Tom Henderson launches **Big Green Box Week** 18-25 May.

The week is designed to raise money and awareness for the grassroots relief organization, which is best known for its big green boxes delivered to disaster sites. The boxes contain a tent, blankets, water purification and cooking equipment, basic tools, and other necessities to help a family of 10 survive for six months.

ShelterBox is asking Rotarians to help promote the organization's disaster relief work by holding a dinner party, organizing an auction, or pitching a tent in their yards, among other ideas. A photo competition throughout the week will award prizes to the best picture in a variety of categories, including the most innovative shelter, unusual place to pitch a tent, or most people gathered in a tent.

Big Green Box Week coincides with the launch of ShelterBox's new partnership with the Scout Association, a move to expand the organization's reach and help it meet its goal of assisting 500,000 people a year by 2015. Supported by Rotary clubs around the world, ShelterBox has helped more than 800,000 people in 57 countries since its inception in 2000.

"In a lot of the disasters we get involved with, the Scouts are on the ground alongside our Rotary friends," said Henderson during a recent visit to RI World Headquarters in Evanston, Illinois, USA. "They are a disciplined group of people who know about tents. They bring a calming influence to what we do.

"In Nakuru, Kenya, we put up a refugee camp in a sports field. Here we are nine months later, and Scouts are still in that camp," he added. "Every day, they get up and they go around and make sure those people are OK and that the tents are fine."

Rotarians have been a part of ShelterBox from the beginning. Henderson, a civil engineer and former search-and-rescue diver for the British Royal Navy, founded the organization with the Rotary Club of Helston-Lizard, Cornwall, in 2000. Since then, more than 7,000 clubs have helped send boxes to disaster areas. Henderson will be a speaker at the [2009 RI Convention in Birmingham](#), 21-24 June.

**A quick reminder, that our Club is presenting a "Shelter Box Village" this coming weekend, Saturday May 23, 10 am to Sunday May 24, 10am.**

**Total of 12 Shelterbox tents will be set up in Downtown Maple Ridge (Memorial Peace Park) to create awareness for Rotary in general, to promote the Shelter Box project and to complete sponsorship for all standing tents (to date we have collected \$7900, almost 7 Shelter Boxes @ \$1200 each)**

**Rotarians, High school students from School District #42 and local Scouts will be "camping out" for 24 hrs using tents and other supplies from the ShelterBoxes.**



Big Green Box Week promotes ShelterBox, the grassroots relief organization best known for its big green boxes delivered to disaster sites.  
*Photo courtesy of ShelterBox*



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### INVOCATION

<b>May 19</b>	Marco Terwiel	<b>June 2</b>	Nizar Virani
<b>June 9</b>	Walter Volpatti	<b>June 23</b>	Stan Wade



**TODAY'S PROGRAM:** Lorne Mayencourt – Baldy Hughes Treatment Centre, Prince George

**NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM:** Potluck BBQ with GSE Visitors from Ecuador

## NEXT WEEK NO REGULAR MEETING!

### HAPPY ANIVERSARY

May 24: David & Karen Riddell

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

May 22: Ineke Boekhorst

May 22: Brian Fox

### CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

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

**50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$931.50 + 1/2 of today's sales, 19 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!**

**LUPE DELGADO VELASQUEZ**  
TEAM LEADER



I am a tourist advisor in my home town Quito, Ecuador-South America. Together with the rest of my family we run a tourist agency that operates in Continental Ecuador, Galápagos Islands and Perú.

As Quality Manager of Vía Natura, I am specialized in elaborating the necessary quality processes to obtain International certifications of all our operations mainly in the protection of the environment, such as Smart Voyager.

In the year 1998 I was nominated as the National Director of Tourism of Ecuador. Later, I acted as President of the Ecuadorian Organization for Conventions and Seminars OPCE.

My husband Hernando is a civil engineer. We have four children and four grandsons.

Painting and interior decoration is my hobby, having studied for several years obtaining a title in the year 1974.

As an active member of Rotary, in my Club Quito Occidente, I have participated in various social projects acting as a YEP Chairman and as President in the period 2006-2007. The Paul Harris award was granted to me in 1999.

To develop joint projects between the Districts 5050 and my District 4.400 is one of my goals by learning from the accomplishments made by the clubs of the District 5050 both of the U.S.A. and Canada.

During this visit to the District 5050 I will be most pleased to visit Wholesalers and tour operators specialized in sustainable tourism.

**MARCELA JALÓN CEDEÑO**



I am 28 and was born in Guayaquil. I work in a company specialized in Graphic arts. With my father and 2 brothers I work at “Graficos Jalón Enaja”, established since 1976.

2 years ago I joined the family Business, and since that time I work as a manager representant to achieve the QMS, besides that I work with several clients to provide our printing services.

I am a very passionate person on my job, that’s why the interchange to Canada it’s an excellent opportunity to search for learning and Solutions to apply on our market.

**FABIÁN LEÓN TAMARIZ**



My name is Fabian Leon-Tamariz. I am 34 years old and I am married with Karina Loyola. We have two daughters, Ana Carolina (9 years old) and Maria Jose (3 years old)

I am a pharmacist; I got my Bachelor at the University of Cuenca (Ecuador). I did my master and PhD at the Catholic University of Leuven at Leuven – Belgium.

Nowadays, I am working at the University of Cuenca. We are developing a research program in the phyto-pharmaceutical area with the support of the Flemish inter university league of the Kingdom of Belgium (VCIR) because it’s sigla in

Dutch.

I believe that the natural potential of a mega diverse country such as Ecuador needs to be know and protected through a sustainable and renewable exploitation that allow the community to benefit. If we are able to complete this development together with the recovery of ancient ethno medical knowledge we can research an important scientific and social development.

I have my expectations and hopes on this program in order to accomplish this idea with the help of the experience and knowledge acquired.

I will prefer visiting: pharmaceutical faculty from an university, basically the [Farmacogmosia] laboratory. I would also like to visit a production plant of pharmaceutical products [If is possible companies which produce [Fito-Fármacos]. Also I would like to visit laboratories which analyzes pharmaceutical products or Fito Pharmaceutic products. If it is possible also a plant which cultivates medicinal plants.

**DIEGO PEREIRA ORELLANA**



I am 29 years old. I am a lawyer by profession. I have a beautiful family. My love (fiancée) is Diana Rogel, who is Systems Engineer and my daughter Marcela, who is 3 years old. We live in Quito.

I was born in Machala, I lived in Guayaquil and graduated from “Universidad de Especialidades Espiritu Santo”(UEES). My postgraduate studies carried out by “Universidad Andina Simón Bolívar” (UASB) obtaining the LL.M., a specialist in taxation.

I Work in the Municipality of the Metropolitan District of Quito in the Department of Metropolitan Attorney as counsel in tax. I teach Tax sectional in the “Universidad Técnica Particular de Loja” (UTPL) since 2007.

I like tropical music, salsa and merengue. I like to swimming. I love to travel and learn the culture and customs of the places where I go.

My interest during the visit to District 5050 is to learn and know the work of the municipalities as they interact with the community and what is its system of justice. I also like to know the clubs of Rotary District 5050 in order to discuss the different work in my country want the projects to be implemented.

**MADELEINE ABARCA RUNRUIL**



Soy Ecuatoriana nacida en Quito tengo 35 años, soy casada. Graduada de Economista en la Universidad Central del Ecuador en el año 1996, tuve el MDA en la Universidad Internacional SEK en el año 1994 y me gradué como especialista en Mercados de Capitales en mayo del 2007 en la Universidad de Buenos Aires.

He sido Becada para estudiar en UBA, FMI, ESAF, BID, IIMV, y pertenezco a la Asociación de Escuela de Economista y al Colegio de Economistas de Pichincha.

He sido recomendada para participar en el programa IGE de la Fundación Rotaria por el Club Chillos Milenio

Siendo mi área la formación académica en áreas de economía y finanzas espero interactuar con personas con mi misma formación ligadas a bancos, bolsas de valores.

Actualmente me desempeño como asistente de la Ministra de Finanzas y me encargo de dar asesoría en temas económicos y financieros, Coordinar y preparar información necesaria para los gabinetes, seguimientos a los compromisos presidenciales.

Me interesa relacionarme con: Tesorería de empresas y/o bancos, departamentos públicos orientados a economía y finanzas, y organismos no Gubernamentales orientados al desarrollo

Me gusta escuchar música, paseos al aire libre. No tengo dietas médicas ni gastronómicas, no padezco alergias ni uso medicamentos permanentes, y para el alojamiento podría compartir el alojamiento con Marcela o con Lupe.