



John Kenny, a retired judge and notary from Grangemouth, Scotland, will take office as president of Rotary International on 1 July, becoming the first Scotsman to head the international humanitarian service organization in its 105-year history.

For more than 20 years, the eradication of polio has been Rotary's top priority, and Kenny says he will devote his one-year term to the final push needed to vanquish the crippling, potentially deadly disease once and for all. Since Rotary vowed to end polio in 1985, cases have plunged by more than 99 percent, but Kenny says that's not good enough.

"Until the day the earth is declared polio-free, this work must be our first priority, and our main focus," Kenny told nearly 20,000 Rotary club members from more than 150 countries at Rotary International's annual convention in Birmingham. "It is up to us to finish the job."

Kenny has traveled to India to immunize children against polio, a crippling and potentially fatal disease that still threatens children in Africa, Africa and the Middle East.

Since the launch of Rotary's PolioPlus program in 1985, Rotary members -- who now number more than 1.2 million men and women in over 200 countries and geographical areas -- have helped to immunize more than two billion children in 122 countries. As the lead private sector contributor and volunteer arm of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative -- a public/private partnership spearheaded by Rotary, the World Health Organization, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and UNICEF -- Rotary has contributed US\$800 million and countless volunteer hours to the cause.

Rotary is now working with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to raise an additional \$550 million in vital funds needed to finish off polio for good.

During his term, Kenny will also encourage Rotary clubs around the world to partner with local governments and non-governmental organizations to initiate projects that improve literacy rates, eliminate hunger and malnutrition, and provide clean water and sanitation to communities in developing countries.



"We in Rotary have potential that is unmatched by any other humanitarian organization in the world," he said, adding that the water and sanitation issue is particularly important. "We must work to bring clean water to those who lack it, as well as ensure the safety of existing supplies. This is an area in which I have believed strongly, and worked consistently, for the last 20 years."

Kenny joined the Rotary Club of Grangemouth in 1970 and has served Rotary International as a member of the Board of Directors and as a Rotary Foundation trustee. He is also a past president of Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland.

A graduate of Glasgow University, Kenny is a past dean of his local law faculty and a retired judge and notary. He is past president of the Forth Valley Junior Chamber of Commerce and the Federation of Scottish Junior Chamber of Commerce and past general legal counsel of Jaycees International. He was also appointed deputy lieutenant of his district by Queen Elizabeth II. Near the end of his term, he will preside at Rotary's 2010 international convention, set for June 20-23 in Montreal, Canada.



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JUNE IS FELLOWSHIP MONTH

INVOCATION

June 30	Rustam Yazdgerdian	July 7	Laurie Anderson
July 14	Liz Attarmigirian	July 21	Terry Becker



THIS IS THE LAST MEETING PRESIDENT ROBERT WILL PRESIDE OVER.

TODAY'S PROGRAM: Installation of Tiffany Parton
Who's Who – Alphonse Seward

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM: ?

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

June 30 (that is TODAY!): Stan & Debbie Wade

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

July 3: Janis Paskar

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Sept. 19		Wine Festival	Thomas Haney Secondary School

Buy those tickets, and let's put the Queen out of her misery!

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$1,053.50 + 1/2 of today's sales, 15 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Peter has asked the club if we should change the name of The Four Way Flasher - as it could be misunderstood. Perhaps make it a contest. E-mail Peter your idea's.

Our Guest Speaker was Supt. Dave Walsh of the Ridge Meadows RCMP Detachment.

Superintendent Dave Walsh was appointed the new officer in charge of the Ridge Meadows RCMP. Inspector Walsh was promoted to superintendent when he officially took charge of the 120-member detachment. Superintendent Walsh has served at the Ridge Meadows detachment previously and is very familiar with the unique nature of our two communities.

Walsh brings almost three decades of policing experience with the RCMP to his new position. His previous postings have spanned the province, including stints in Pemberton, Kelowna and Surrey, as well as 13 years at the Ridge Meadows detachment (1993 to 2006).

Walsh has experience in general duty, general investigation section, emergency response team operations as well as drugs and property crime units.

He leaves his most recent posting as one of the four regional duty officers serving the Lower Mainland district.

Walsh has been a member of emergency response teams since 1985 and has served as ERT team leader in Kelowna and Coquitlam, as well as for the North Fraser area, and later as sergeant team leader for the Lower Mainland ERT.

With experience in the general duty and plain clothes units at Ridge Meadows, Walsh intends to familiarize himself with policing issues specific to Pitt Meadows and Maple Ridge in the coming weeks.

"I am going to sit back and listen to what type of solutions are in progress and make an assessment in consultation with the people who are there," Walsh said. "Rotary and groups like it are the pulse of the community"

Walsh, who had worked with the RCMP's many integrated teams, believes Lower Mainland police forces are already regionalized.

"The Lower Mainland police forces are working closer than ever on every level from homicide to targeting gangs and drugs," he added.

"We have the best of both worlds. We have local police forces that are sensitive to local needs and by seconding officers to these integrated forces we also service the region as well."

Submitted by Debbie MacRae



CLUB PRESIDENTS CRITICAL TO ROTARY

Rotary leaders asked club presidents to work hard to make the next year the best in the life of their club -- and, as a result, one of the best years of their lives as well.

At a special summit for club presidents and presidents-elect, held 22 June during the 2009 RI Convention in Birmingham, England, both RI President Dong Kurn Lee and President-elect John Kenny stressed the vital role that club presidents play in the life of the organization. They encouraged attendees to push their clubs to be active in service as a means of achieving membership growth and retention.

"If the president is organized and enthusiastic, then the club will succeed," said Lee. "A successful club can do so much more to *Make Dreams Real*. It is important not just to have members in our club, but members who are qualified, skilled, and motivated."

"I firmly believe," said Kenny, "that the club president is the most important person in Rotary." He asked presidents-elect to have their clubs take on at least one service project related to one of next year's three presidential emphases of water, health and hunger, and literacy. "When Rotary clubs are seen to be active, membership is strong," he explained.

Kenny also stressed that member retention is as important as recruitment.

"It does no good to have an influx one year and an exodus the next," he said. "We don't just want numbers, we want true Rotarians."

Eleanor MacAlister, president of the Rotary Club of Ellon, Grampian, Scotland, shared the success of her club's Step One program, which makes it the responsibility of every member to come up with names of people to invite into the club. Of the 15 candidates who were named in the first three-month period, seven became members. A club member also attends every local chamber of commerce meeting.

"Take risks with membership initiatives," she told the summit attendees.

BIRMINGHAM EMBRACES HISTORIC CONVENTION

After four days of celebrating Rotary's spirit of international fellowship and service, Rotarians from all over the world bid adieu to the 100th RI Convention in Birmingham, England, on 24 June.

RI President-elect John Kenny, the first Scotsman to head the international humanitarian service organization in its 104-year history, encouraged the more than 16,000 Rotarians from over 150 countries at the convention to join in the last push to [eradicate polio](#).

"Until the day the earth is declared polio-free, this work must be our first priority and our main focus," Kenny said during the closing plenary session. "It is up to us to finish the job."

Kenny, a member of the Rotary Club of Grangemouth, has emphasized the important role that individual Rotarians and Rotary clubs play in the future of the organization, a message captured in the 2009-10 RI theme, *The Future of Rotary Is in Your Hands*.

"The future of Rotary is being decided every day, in every one of our clubs -- by every one of you," Kenny said. "Every Rotarian adds fresh ideas and energies to their clubs and their districts. Each one of you can make important contributions and pass on to your successors stronger clubs, healthier communities, and a better world."



RI President-elect John Kenny and RI President Dong Kurn Lee wave to the crowd during the closing plenary session of the 2009 RI Convention in Birmingham, England.
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