

RI PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

My fellow Rotarians:

It is traditional in Rotary that each Rotary International president is given the opportunity every month to write a message to all Rotarians in the pages of "The Rotarian". I am grateful for this tradition, which gives me the opportunity to communicate with every one of you directly, for it is my firm belief that *The Future of Rotary Is in Your Hands*.

It is a great honor to have been chosen as the first RI president from Scotland in the 104 years of this organization, and to have the privilege of serving the Rotarians of the world. Because there is no RI – no Board of Directors or president, no world headquarters or Rotary convention – without the ordinary weekly meeting of Rotarians in our own home clubs.

In Rotary, everything we are, and everything we aspire to become, lies in the hands of Rotarians in their clubs. If our clubs are congenial and our meetings well run, if our service is carefully planned and competently carried out, if our members are qualified, honest, and respected in their vocations and communities, then all of Rotary will thrive. This is why I say *The Future of Rotary Is in Your Hands*.

Water, health and hunger, and literacy will be our emphases in the year ahead. In this Rotary year, I ask Rotarians everywhere to continue to learn from our experiences and to build upon our successes. I ask you all to continue to work for the health and well-being of not only children but their families and people everywhere. I ask you particularly to focus on water and sanitation, as the scarcity of clean water is an increasingly serious issue in many parts of the world.

In Scotland, we have a saying that I'm fond of quoting: "We must look beyond our own parish pump." It means that we must look beyond our own home and our own community. We must be aware that ours is only one community, of one country, of the many communities and countries in this world.

In every one of those communities, there is work to be done. As Rotarians, we will not stand idly by. As Rotarians, we will accept our responsibility. We can, and we must. For we know that Rotary is only as great as its clubs – and our clubs are only as great as the members within them. *The Future of Rotary Is in Your Hands*.

John Kenny, President Rotary International

MESSAGE FROM THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Greetings Fellow Rotarians:

Linda and I have been in training for the past two years. The time has gone by fast and we are now ready to start flying. Put on your helmets, buckle your seat belts and start heading for the runway. With the help of all of my fellow Pilots, we are guaranteed to have a great year ahead of us.

But first, let us take a moment to thank Past District Governor Larry Stinson and Karola for all of their hard work this past year. When you see Larry around the District, take the time to give him a pat on the back and a thank you for his dedication to Rotary. I am writing this prior to returning from the International Convention in Birmingham, England. Linda and I will be returning just prior to the end of June. We are very excited to be attending this convention with our two sons, Larry and Joel. They are home from college for the summer and are looking forward to the trip.

We have attended a number of installations this past month. It is always fun and interesting as we learn more about the Clubs in our District.

We have a lot of work to do this year and we want to provide as much help as possible. Our District web site has a link on it for "Information Resources for 2009 – 2010 Presidents and Secretaries." It has a number of items on it to help you find resources that are available.

Thank you for all of your hard work. Remember, "The Future of Rotary Is in Your Hands."
Your Governor, Larry



The Four Way Flasher

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INVOCATION

July 7	Laurie Anderson	July 14	Liz Attarmigirian
July 21	Terry Becker	July 28	Brian Bekar



THIS IS THE FIRST MEETING PRESIDED BY PRESIDENT MARCO.

TODAY'S PROGRAM: Who's Who - Alphonse Seward

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM: Nico Thomas - Exchange Student
Shirley Wilson, David Sheach, & Art Solomon
- Big Brothers/Big Sisters

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

July 11: Debora Nosworthy July 12: Cailin Green

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Aug 29	11:45am	"Ride & BBQ"	Mustang Riding Stables, 14729 Sylvester Rd, Mission
Sept. 1	noon	DG Larry Jubie's visit	
Sept. 19		Wine Festival	Thomas Haney Secondary School

The pot is at a record height of over \$1,100!

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$1,108.50 + 1/2 of today's sales, 14 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Our Guests today were ADG Denis Boyd, Tiffany Parton, Todd Ryan, Tauno Suni, Robert Goodrick, and Sharon Malone.

Denis presented Robert with the Presidential Citation for accomplishing the goals of our Club for this past year. He announced there will be Rotary Leadership Institute training (Parts I & II), held in the lower mainland this fall.



Matt advised that we have been invited to join the BC Professional Fire Fighters' Burn Fund Camp in Squamish on Thursday July 23 to do a Four Way Test training session. This Camp will have some 76 young burn injured children and junior counsellors, as well as some 60 counsellors and support staff that include professional fire fighters, burn unit doctors & nurses and adult burn survivors. Matt is seeking our assistance with the training. He also has a number of Four Way Test School Programs coming up in the new school year for which he is seeking help.

Ineke thanked the Club for the opportunity to attend this year's Convention in Birmingham, England. She said that Mia Farrow was one of the Guest Speakers that spoke about polio to a crowd of 12,000. Ms. Farrow is a polio survivor, and has adopted 8 children with polio. She asked for Rotary to get involved in saving Darfur.

Marco advised that today was his last day of freedom before taking over the reins from Robert. He advised that this month's Executive Meeting will be held on July 15th at 7pm at his home. Both old and new Executive Members are encouraged to attend.

Maureen Goodrick was presented with an Outstanding Service Citation for her hard work as Club Secretary for the past three years.

Sharon Malone spoke briefly about Mainstage 2009, which is the Provincial Drama Festival that is being held at the ACT, July 3rd -11th.

We installed our newest member, Tiffany Parton, Executive Director of the Friends in Need Foodbank, with the assistance of ADG Denis Boyd and President Robert. Welcome Tiffany!



Marco presented a personal gift to Robert and thanked him for his work as Club President over the past year.

Marco then introduced our Guest Speaker, Member of Parliament Randy Kamp.

Randy Kamp grew up in Maple Ridge, B.C. and graduated from Maple Ridge High in 1971. He went on to complete a Bachelor's degree in theology and did extensive graduate studies in linguistics. In 1997, Randy was hired as the executive assistant to Grant McNally, who served Dewdney-Alouette as the Member of Parliament from 1997 to 2004. In that role, Randy got a firsthand view of the everyday problems facing people in Pitt Meadows, Maple Ridge and Mission.

When McNally retired, he was inspired to run for Parliament. On June 28th, 2004, Randy was elected as the Member of Parliament for Pitt Meadows - Maple Ridge - Mission. In his first term, Randy was quickly promoted to the position of Official Opposition Critic for Fisheries and Oceans on the Pacific Coast. He was also elected Chair of the Conservative Crystal Meth Task Force and took a leading role in the fight against crystal meth, an insidious drug that is invading our communities at an alarming rate. On January 23rd, 2006, Randy was re-elected to the House of Commons. On February 7th, Prime Minister Stephen Harper appointed Randy as the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans. Randy has been married to his wife Ruth for over thirty years. They have three adult children, four grandchildren and a basset hound named Bentley.

Randy began by announcing that he has been a politician for 5 years and 2 days. He alluded that there may be a Federal Election called this year, with election day falling on November 9th or 16th.

He advised that this has been a turbulent term. The political turbulence has resulted from a possible coalition takeover and a financial update that was not well received. On January 27th they presented the Budget 2009 Economic Action Plan which was praised by the International Monetary Fund.

The Conservatives are adjusting Unemployment Insurance by adding 5 weeks to the program and providing training program transition.

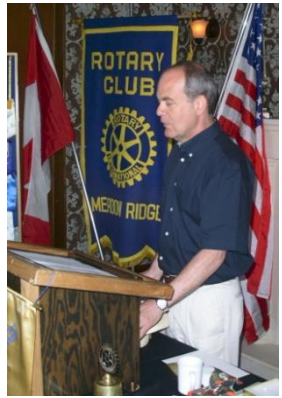
The G20 Leaders agreed to significant investment in infrastructure to stimulate the economy. There are 3,000 projects moving forward in Canada. The main slowdown was the Provincial Election, when the announcements came to a halt. Mr. Kamp advised that there are some very significant announcements for BC to come. He advised that all signs indicate that we're near the bottom of the recessionary mode.

He referred to the recent United Nations report on drug issues, and the problem with meth being exported from Canada. He advised that we're dealing with organized operations. Part of the solution is to put significant deterrents in place, provide the RCMP with the necessary tools and stop the supply of the ingredients.

Some other programs being implemented by the Conservatives include Tax Free Savings Accounts and Home Renovation Tax Credits. Randy commented briefly on the Canadian Government bailout of General Motors and Chrysler. Their decision came down to either losing the Canadian Auto Industry or providing the loan.

Randy thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve them as constituents.

Submitted by Lynda Lawrence



THE INSTALLATION OF CLUB BOARDS FOR 2009-2010

From Marco Terwiel, president of the Rotary Club of Meadow Ridge, BC

The two Maple Ridge / Pitt Meadows Rotary clubs had their installations on June 10 and 12, 2009, at the home of the respective incoming presidents. We have the impression that the record attendance for both events was not only due to the great weather, but even more so due to the informal atmosphere and dress code. Yet the installation was carried out in a dignified manner by, respectively, the incoming DG Larry Jubie and the outgoing DG Larry Stinson.



Both clubs draw their members from the same community and most members are either friends or acquaintances; however, each club's "culture" of how things are done is quite different. That is one of the attractions of Rotary that you can find a club where you feel comfortable, matching your personality, skills and availability for service to your liking.

As the incoming presidents, we both decided during our PETS training to cooperate as much as possible in our quest to serve our communities. We started our year by extending an invitation to each other to attend the installation. I have the impression that the Haney club president, Bonnie Telep, had as much fun as I had in taking over the reins of the Meadow Ridge Club, and we are looking forward to our coming year.

