

RI PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

My fellow Rotarians:

I have always thought it important to bear in mind that Rotary is a voluntary organization, composed of people who are all themselves leaders. When addressing such an audience, I have never thought it fitting to exhort or demand. Every Rotary club is and must be autonomous: The leadership of Rotary International exists not to control, but to motivate and guide.

And so when we in Rotary speak about the importance of membership, I believe it of the utmost importance to bear in mind that the primary experience of Rotary, for the overwhelming majority of Rotarians, is of the club: of club meetings, club projects, and fellow club members.

When Paul Harris began the first Rotary club 104 years ago, he did not initially think of service. Instead, he had in mind a place where people of good character, intelligence, and morals could enjoy each other's fellowship and friendship. The service came later, as a natural outgrowth of the gathering of such people.

Every good Rotarian, every member who shares our core values, will make a club that much stronger, and that much more attractive for others to join. Unfortunately, it is also the case that bringing in the wrong person can have the opposite effect. Rotarians are and must be people of a certain caliber – people with the capacity to do great deeds, the sense to do them wisely, and the strength of character to do them honestly and well.

In the end, I believe that the best way to bring new members into Rotary is the way it has been done for generations: One member invites a carefully chosen friend, client, or colleague to a meeting and, if the match is a good one, proposes that individual for membership. This is the way that our clubs remain harmonious; it is the way that new clubs become old clubs, and new members become Rotarians for life.

The membership challenges that we face today are considerable, and in many ways new. There is no denying the difficulties posed by the current global financial situation. But in the words of Henry Ford, "If money is your hope for independence you will never have it. The only real security that a man will have in this world is a reserve of knowledge, experience, and ability." And as long as we all do our jobs well, and bring in new members carefully, this is a security we in Rotary will never lack.

John Kenny
President, Rotary International

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING ABOUT ROTARY

"Rotary has the ability to organize campaigns to mobilize support for some of the worthiest causes that exist, and that makes Rotary a precious resource."

– Kofi Annan, former UN secretary-general

"I admire the Rotary promise to solve problems that destroy lives and trample dreams and human potential."

–Queen Noor al-Hussein of Jordan

"The volunteerism exemplified by Rotary International is an engine for renewal and change in every society. And it is that same volunteer spirit, rooted in compassion and a profound sense of responsibility to our fellow human beings, that offers so much hope for the future, beginning with children."

– Carol Bellamy, UNICEF executive director



The Four Way Flasher

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August is Membership & Extension Month

INVOCATION

Aug. 11	Ineke Boekhorst	Aug. 18	Robert Campbell
Aug. 25	Laura Cherrille	Sept. 1	Jim Coulter



TODAY'S PROGRAM: Mike Shardlow – Canada Place Corp.

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM: Devon Luca – Horseback Rider

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

August 8: Peter & Eva Tam

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Aug. 7: Peter Tam Aug.9: Melissa Kramer Aug. 13: Gord Robson

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Aug. 12	Noon	Executive meeting	Caring Place
Aug 29	11:45 am	"Ride & BBQ", Mustang Riding Stables	14729 Sylvester Rd, Mission
Sept. 1	noon	DG Larry Jubie's visit	
Sept. 19	7 pm	Wine Festival	Thomas Haney Rotunda
Sept. 26	3 pm	Frisbee Golf	Dave Rempel
Oct. 6	6 pm	Fireside, Heather Hill	
Oct. 20		Sports Banquet	

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$112.00 + 1/2 of today's sales, 48 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

JULY 28TH MEETING

Rotary Moment - "Service Above Self"

Marco advised that studies show that volunteering is as important to a person's health as quitting smoking and exercising, as it improves both your mental and physical health and well-being.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Four Way Test session last week at the burn camp in Squamish was very successful.

Marco advised that the BC Disability Games were a tremendous success. He was a medal presenter for the games and commented how rewarding it was to see the happiness and joy experienced by the athletes.

Ken Knuttila advised that they are going to Brazil to visit some former exchange students and attend one of their weddings.

Brian B. relayed an interesting story about how he had a peacock fly into his store the other day, and how they kept it in a safe place until Dave could rescue it.

Sharon spoke briefly on Wine Fest. The restaurants are in place and she's now working on the wineries. We now need to start selling tickets.

Gordy introduced our Guest Speaker, Mayor Ernie Daykin. Mayor Daykin said he's fortunate to see some of the projects from the past 8 years being completed. He's found that time management is a challenge. He enjoys being the public face of the community and being involved in community events which makes the job worthwhile.

Over the past 6 months he's met with representatives of the School District, City of Pitt Meadows, Translink, BIA, Chamber of Commerce, and the District of Mission.

The Golden Ears Bridge is now open, and the new Pitt River Bridge is due to open in late September. The 240th Street Bridge at Kanaka has been tendered for \$3.3M (lower than previously budgeted).

The Albion Area Plan is to be developed this fall. There are debates on growth issues. Translink wants to put a station in Albion and pull out of Port Haney. Ernie advises that we want both locations, and won't let them close Port Haney.

Ernie advised that the Gaming Centre and Translink Repair Facility will be going ahead and have been given a one year extension.

He advised that the bike and foot patrols are back on the streets downtown. The new OIC, Dave Walsh, wants the clean-up of the town core to be a success. They are having some success in cleaning up the ghetto. One building is down and the repairs to the rest of the complex were to be completed this week, so the Firehall will be visiting the site soon.



Mayor Daykin advised that they've had some challenges such as last winter's heavy snowfall. There were lessons learned so that the city's response can be better this year.

It was noted that we had a 6% tax increase this year with a good portion going to administration.

Gordy asked about future plans for recreation and youth facilities. Mayor Daykin advised that the federal infrastructure monies will be going to build the Hammond Stadium and an artificial turf field for Pitt Meadows.

Gord asked what happened to the \$3M that was to be spent on straightening out the curve on the Abernathy Connector at 224th Street, and what's happening with the extension to 256th Street. Ernie advised that they have used the Translink grant to focus on four lanes from 210th - 232nd Street. Up to 256th Street will take some time, but he has been speaking with the gravel operators in that area.

There was mention of Mayor Daykin's tolerance of the prostitution in town. He advised that he has been speaking with Dave Walsh on this matter. It is agreed that these people need help in the way of treatment. Moving them along will not solve the problem.

The Urban Development Institute has identified Maple Ridge as a great investment area and liveable jewel with lots of potential.

Mayor Daykin thanked us for the opportunity to speak with our Club.

Submitted by Lynda Lawrence

ROTARY PICNIC

Sunday August 9 we had a great Rotary Picnic!

Thanks to Patrick and Stefanie O'Brien, for inviting us to their home....and what a beautiful home it is!

We played bocce, frisbee golf, beanbag toss, splashed in the pool, had a ride on a horse, ate lots of great foods (thanks to all for bringing such delicious dishes!), lots of fellowship and everybody had a super great time!



The "frisbee golf" raised \$70 and the live auction, under the professional guidance of Dave Rempel raised \$420....all together almost \$600 was raised for the Rotary Foundation....but it wasn't about the money, it was all about having a good time.

Thanks again to all who came out and made this a wonderful "family of Rotary" event, it was very nice to see so many kids of all ages enjoying themselves.

