

## BANERJEE IS CHOICE FOR 2011-12 RI PRESIDENT

By Jennifer Lee Atkin  
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Kalyan Banerjee, a member of the Rotary Club of Vapi, Gujarat, India, since 1972, is the selection of the Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International in 2011-12. Banerjee will become the president-nominee on 1 October if there are no challenging candidates.

Banerjee said he would like to see Rotary "blossom from being the world's most recognized service organization to being the most important NGO [nongovernmental organization] in the world.

"Rotary, it is said, has the strength of a government and the tenderness of a parent," he added.

Banerjee is a director of United Phosphorus Limited, the largest agrochemical manufacturer in India, and the chair of United Phosphorus (Bangladesh) Limited. He is a member of the Indian Institute of Chemical Engineers and the American Chemical Society, a past president of Vapi Industries Association, and former chair of the Gujarat chapter of the Confederation of Indian Industry. He earned a degree in chemical engineering from the Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur, in 1964.

Banerjee has served Rotary as a director, Rotary Foundation trustee, committee and task force chair, International Assembly group discussion leader, president's representative, and district governor.

The chair of the Southeast Asia Regional PolioPlus Committee, Banerjee has served as a member of the International PolioPlus Committee for many years and has attended international meetings with the World Health Organization and UNICEF in that capacity.

Banerjee is a Major Donor, Benefactor, and Bequest Society member, and has been awarded the Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service and its Distinguished Service Award.

Banerjee also serves as a trustee of Rotary club-sponsored trusts that support many educational and community development programs in India, including a 250-bed hospital.

He noted that Rotary's strengths include its ability to attract leaders from different vocations around the world, as well as its role in promoting peace. "Rotary needs to become the preferred organization for today's generation to join and participate in, to make the world better and safer and happier," he said.

Banerjee's wife, Binota, is a social worker and Inner Wheel club member. The couple have two children and four grandchildren.



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### August is Membership & Extension Month

#### INVOCATION

<b>Aug. 18</b>	Robert Campbell	<b>Aug. 25</b>	Laura Cherrille
<b>Sept. 1</b>	Jim Coulter	<b>Sept. 8</b>	Vladimir Cukor

**TODAY'S PROGRAM:** Devon Luca – Horseback Rider

**NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM:** Membership Presentation



#### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

August 23: Brett & Janis Paskar

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Aug. 20: Laura Cherrille Aug. 21: Ron LePore Aug. 21: Stefanie O'Brien

#### CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

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

**50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$129.00 + 1/2 of today's sales, 47 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!**

## Please note, that the District Governor Larry Jubie's visit to our club is rescheduled to September 29

### LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Our Guest today was Zdenka Cukor.



Marco began the meeting with a cheque presentation in the amount of \$5,750 to Linda from Fraser Health for the Immunization Booster Clinic.

*ROTARY MOMENT - Ambassadorial Scholarships*  
Ambassadorial Scholarships, The Rotary Foundation's oldest and best-known program, was founded in 1947. Since then, over 47,000 men and women from about 110 nations have studied abroad under its auspices. Today it is the world's largest privately funded international scholarships program.

Gordy advised that the date has been selected for this year's Sports Banquet - October 20<sup>th</sup>. Table sales will commence in a couple of weeks. Mary is currently taking nominations for this year's Home Town Heroes.

Gordy introduced our Guest Speaker, Mike Shardlow, President & CEO of Canada Place Corporation. Mr. Shardlow is also a member of the Vancouver Board of Trade, Vancouver BIA, and the chairman of the Economic Advisory Committee for Maple Ridge.

Canada Place Corporation is a symbol of Canada with a mandate to become Canada's icon on the west coast. They are the economic engine for the region generating about \$1,000,000,000 per year. Situated on the waterfront in Vancouver, Canada Place, a mixed-use 20,000,000 square foot commercial facility is home to the Vancouver Convention Centre, The IMAX Theater (the largest IMAX screen), the Pan Pacific Hotel, Port Metro Vancouver Corporate Offices, World Trade Centre Office Complex, Cruise Ship Terminal and parking facilities. They would like the welcoming centre to become Canada's west coast symbol, and to become one of the Top 50 Icons in the World. The centre will be the main press centre for Vancouver 2010. They are developing the "Canadian Experience".

Canada Place is involved in both commercial and community partnerships. They offer use of their facilities to non profit organizations at no charge. They are supporters of Zajac Ranch, and their main focus is a food program for hungry kids at the Strathcona Community Centre. Strathcona is the lowest income postal code in Canada. Most families are living on \$11,000 - \$17,000 annual income. They also provide funding to send kids to camp.

They are starting a five year redevelopment plan which includes expanding the convention centre and doing a \$21M refitting. The west promenade is being redeveloped and will have glass blocks representing the 13 provinces and territories. There will be a \$35M redevelopment of the north end by the IMAX Theatre. It is unlikely that the

IMAX Theatre will be redeveloped. Mike explained that although it's the biggest screen at 90' high, the technology is now 30 years old.

Mike is also involved in the Burrard Inlet Fireworks Society, which focuses only on Canada Day fireworks. 175,000 people turned out for Canada Day at Canada Place and the Canada Day Parade. Christmas at Canada Place is another focus. They purchased the Woodward's Christmas windows when Woodward's shut down, which provides a beautiful holiday display.

Mike is a very community oriented gentleman, and advised that they are planning on supporting some local community events in Maple Ridge next year.

Submitted by Lynda Lawrence

### WINE FESTIVAL 2009

Every single member is asked to donate a "good" BOTTLE OF WINE with a minimum value of \$30.00 (Absolutely NO home-made wines!).

If you are unable to do so, we would ask you to just donate \$30.00 and a Committee member will buy the bottle for you (discount available to our Club!).



We will then put together 2 exquisite "wine cellars" to be auctioned off at the event! As you can see, we really need **every** member to participate in this, otherwise we will not have enough bottles to make this exciting "wine cellar-auction" successful.

**And now we are on the topic of Wine Festival, please sell those tickets!**

4 Tickets shouldn't be too difficult to sell;  
2 for yourself and 2 for your neighbours.

Wait, what if you have 4 neighbours? That's 6 more tickets. **Way to go!**