

## ROTARACT PAVES THE WAY INTO ROTARY

Almost two decades ago, Cyril Noirtin, then a high school student from Nancy, France, received a special gift from Rotary: a chance to participate in an exchange to Wisconsin, USA, hosted by the Rotary Club of Lake Country-Hartland.

Noirtin had no idea that the one-year [Rotary Youth Exchange](#) trip would change his life and personality.

"The exchange gave me an appetite to be involved in an international network. When I came back to France, I decided to join [Rotaract](#)," says Noirtin, who later became charter president of the Rotary Club of Paris Agora and is now an RI representative to UNESCO. "Thanks to my Rotaract membership, I have been able to gain leadership abilities, build friendships all around the world, and participate in many social and humanitarian projects."

In addition to holding many leadership roles in Rotaract, the tech-savvy Noirtin helped put together Web sites for Rotaractors. His skills caught the eye of Rotarian Bernard Dervaux, then governor of District 1660, who tapped him to serve on the district's Internet committee. He quickly became the district's webmaster, helped organize the district conference, and worked on the district's monthly newsletter.

"At the end of the year, the district governor and other members of the committee had forgotten I was not a Rotarian," he recalls. "And I can tell you, when we created the Rotary Club of Paris Agora, we had the support and help of every one of them."

Noirtin would like to see more Rotaractors take what he calls the "natural next step" and become Rotarians. Working side by side on projects, he says, is the best way to make the transition smoother.

"Rotarians and Rotaractors have to get to know more about each other, understand what the other can bring to a project," he says. "If they are successful in doing that, my belief is the age barrier no longer is a problem."

Noirtin, who also serves on the Rotary Centers Committee, feels that it's crucial for Rotaractors to keep searching for a Rotary club or to consider chartering a new one if they don't initially find a good fit.

"Even if they look around today and don't feel comfortable, it's important they keep looking," he says. "They are the ones who are going to build and shape the Rotary of tomorrow. It is critical for them to enter Rotary."

The Paris Agora club was chartered with younger members in mind. Noirtin says his club's average age of 35-40 is 15-20 years younger than most established clubs in the Paris area. It meets in the evenings and only twice a month, which he says is much easier than traditional meeting schedules on the club's leadership, who are young professionals.

Noirtin would also like to see an effort to organize former Rotaractors, perhaps into an alumni association, to help them keep in touch and find their way into Rotary. He feels the issue is important enough for Rotary leaders to make it a top priority.

"If we have no one to share our future with, we have no future."



Cyril Noirtin, a former Rotaractor and current member of the Rotary Club of Paris Agora and RI representative to UNESCO.  
*Photo courtesy Cyril Noirtin*



# The Four Way Flasher

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## September is New Generations Month



### INVOCATION

<b>Sept. 15</b>	Ron Curran	<b>Sept. 22</b>	Jan Dale
<b>Sept. 29</b>	Mike Davies	<b>Oct. 6</b>	Jennifer Dawkins

**TODAY'S PROGRAM:** Cathy Scherer - District 5050 Scholarships Chair

**NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM:** Blaise Salmon - Okicredits

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Sept. 21: Alphonse & Anne Seward

### CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
<b>Sept. 19</b>	<b>7 pm</b>	Wine Festival	Thomas Haney Rotunda
<b>Sept. 29</b>	<b>noon</b>	DG Larry Jubie's visit	
<b>Oct. 3</b>	<b>3 pm</b>	Frisbee Golf - Dave Rempel	10607-277 <sup>th</sup> St. M.R.
<b>Oct. 6</b>	<b>6 pm</b>	Fireside, Heather Hill	25494 117 Ave. M.R.
<b>Oct. 20</b>	<b>6 pm</b>	Sports Banquet	Meadow Gardens Golf Club

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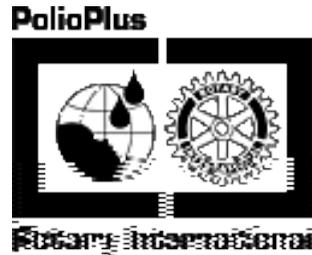
## LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Our Guests today were Anne Seward, Karen Riddell, Zdenka Cukor and Kathi Thompson.

### ROTARY MOMENT - Polio Plus

The time-line for Polio was reviewed.

- 1916 New York City Outbreak
- 1938 Several types of poliovirus are identified, known as Types 1, 2, and 3.
- 1954 Dr. Jonas Salk develops the first vaccine against polio, an inactivated injectable polio vaccine (IPV).
- 1987 Rotary International launches a campaign to raise US \$120 million to eradicate polio.
- 1988 World Health Assembly passes resolution to end polio by the year 2000.
- 1991 The last indigenous case of polio occurs in the Americas in September.
- 2000 To date 550,000,000 children vaccinated.
- 2003 Seven countries left that are still fighting polio.
- 2006 Four countries left (Nigeria, Pakistan, Afghanistan and India).
- 2009 \$800M has gone into the Polio Plus Campaign.



Val Spurrell introduced our Guest Speaker, Dr. Nigel Murray, CEO, Fraser Health Authority.

Dr. Murray earned his Bachelor of Arts degree at Dartmouth College, New Hampshire, and went on to complete his Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery degree in 1982 at the University of Otago Medical School in Dunedin, New Zealand.

In 1989, he completed his Masters of Occupational Medicine at the Harvard University School of Public Health, with a major in health business administration (in association with the Harvard Business School).

In 1995, Dr. Murray was awarded the distinction of Member of the Order of the British Empire for services to health in the New Zealand Defence Force. He worked through progressively more senior roles in health administration, including tenure as Acting General Manager, National Women's Hospital; General Manager, Planning and Development, Auckland District Health Board; and General Manager, Health Services Delivery Plan.



In January 2006 Dr. Murray was seconded to the Southland District Health Board as Interim CEO and later CEO. He handled issues including regionalization, a challenging financial position, and Resident Medical Officer industrial relations. Dr. Murray is married with four children, and has traveled widely. He has lived for extended periods in the US, Britain, France, Niger, Kenya, Iraq and New Zealand.

Dr. Murray began by reviewing recent milestones in Ridge Meadows health care including:

- 1.88M renovations for a 20 bed psychiatric unit,
- 20.9M RMH Emergency Department & Ambulatory Care Centre,
- Opened MR Seniors Village in July with 90 funded beds.

He then presented an update on the 2009/2010 budget. There has been a base funding increase of 4.9% since 2002/2003 which equates to a net increase of 2.6%. The FHA has 23,000 employees. There has been \$109.2M in new facilities and services in our region. The budget includes

\$102.5M in rising costs, \$53M in contractual wage increases and \$43M in inflationary pressures.

The strategy to protect patient care is a seven step ethical process which includes:

1. Raise revenues,
2. Reduce costs,
3. Outsource/insource,
4. Re-engineering,
5. Non clinical integration, standardization and consolidation.
6. Clinical integration,
7. Limits or reduction of services.

The focus is on reducing costs and raising revenues by delaying hiring and reducing some positions (three less Executive Directors in the region). Limiting or reducing services by closing temporary residential care beds as new facilities open, 10-15% reduction in elective surgeries, terminating some non-core community contracts, limiting MRI procedures to last year's level (exams have increased 3x since 2001/2002). New clinic structures organized by patient need not administrative need.

The risks involved:

- Financial - realizing revenue, efficiencies and cost reductions.
- Service - demand driven by population growth, demographics, H1N1 and subsequent events.

The FHA's Commitment:

1. Continue to make significant investment in health care and service.
2. Protect patient care as much as possible.
3. Current conditions are an opportunity for fundamental reforms necessary for sustainability.
4. Healthier community partnerships.

Dr. Murray concluded by stating that British Columbians are among those with the highest longevity in the world.

Submitted by Lynda Lawrence



**MeadowRidge Rotary**  
**19th Annual Sports Banquet**  
**Tuesday October 20, 2009**

**"RAISING FUNDS FOR**  
**YOUTH SPORTS FACILITIES IN RIDGE MEADOWS"**

**Meadow Gardens Golf Club**  
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