

RI PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

My fellow Rotarians:

There are many service organizations in the world today, but none so old or so successful as Rotary. There are many reasons for that, and Vocational Service is one of them. This year, I wish you to place a special emphasis on Vocational Service, which is sometimes the forgotten Avenue of Service in Rotary.

High ethical standards in business and personal life are still as important today as they were in 1905. Indeed, many of the problems our world is facing today have been caused by the failure to observe such standards in business affairs.

Vocational Service, in Rotary, means that we are committed to honest business and unassailable ethics, and that we are equally committed to using our vocational skills and advantages to help others. The idea is simple enough – but it is unique to Rotary.

Many service organizations are open to anyone who wishes to join. That has never been the case in Rotary. Rotarians only seek out as members those who are qualified – those who have the character, the ability, and the resolve to make a real contribution to their club.

I have long believed that the bedrock of Rotary is our commitment to ethical behavior. It has been putting what's right above what's convenient – and Service Above Self – that has made Rotary different from the rest. That is why we must always remember that whatever we do, we are each the public face of Rotary. We are each the standard-bearers of our organization. What one member does, for good or for ill, reflects on all of us.

So much of what we've achieved as an organization has come about because of the trust the world has in Rotary and in Rotarians. That trust has been a major part of our success in polio eradication – the fact that we are known in every community, and known to be people of goodwill and good hearts.

If we wish to see our organization grow and prosper, we must keep Vocational Service front and center in our minds and actions. We must seek out skilled and determined men and women of character. We must do what is right, even when it is inconvenient. And we must always, always, put Service Above Self.

John Kenny
President, Rotary International

HISTORIC MOMENTS: WOMEN IN ROTARY

The 1989 Council on Legislation vote to admit women into Rotary clubs worldwide remains a watershed moment in the history of Rotary.

"My fellow delegates, I would like to remind you that the world of 1989 is very different to the world of 1905. I sincerely believe that Rotary has to adapt itself to a changing world," said Frank J. Devlyn, who would go on to become RI president in 2000-01.

The response to the decision was overwhelming: By 1990, the number of female Rotarians had skyrocketed to over 20,000.

Twenty years after the Council on Legislation's vote, Rotary has nearly **188,000** female Rotarians. Women have served in leadership positions as high as the RI Board of Directors and The Rotary Foundation Board of Trustees.



The Four Way Flasher

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October is Vocational Services Month

INVOCATION

Oct. 13	Jennifer Dawkins	Oct. 20	Matt DeBruyn
Oct. 27	Kelly Fry	Nov. 3	Doris Gagel

TODAY'S PROGRAM: Fireside at Heather Hill

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM: Who's Who - Brett Paskar



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Oct. 9: Kevin Nosworthy

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Oct. 10: Ken & Jo-Ann Knuttila

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Oct. 9, 16	8:30-10 am	4 Way Test at Laity View Elem.	21023 - 123 Ave., M.R.
Oct. 20	6 pm	Sports Banquet	Meadow Gardens Golf Club
Oct. 21	11:45am - 1:15pm	4 Way Test at MRSS	21911-122 Ave. M.R.
Oct. 21	1:15pm – 2:40pm	4 Way Test at MRSS	21911-122 Ave. M.R.
Oct. 24	8 am-4 pm	Rotary LEADERSHIP Institute	Mt. Vernon, U.S.

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$279.00 + 1/2 of today's sales, 42 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Today we have our District Governor Larry Jubie and his wife Linda.

Larry installed new members Lise Jinnah, Peter Jinnah, Valerie Spurrell and Lindsay Hendy.



A Paul Harris award was bestowed upon Helen Ferris. For five years now Helen has donated her energy and talents, decorating for the wine festival. We at Meadow Ridge Rotary have a deep sense of gratitude for Helens contributions and are very pleased to honour Helen with this prestigious award.

District Governor Larry Jubie: Thank you for the invitation to be with your club today. All Rotary clubs are unique while being connected by common values. This year's theme "Rotary is in your Hands"

This year's goal is to grow Rotary "net" one member per club. This is not an easy goal and in fact in North America membership has declined slightly. We need qualified members, good members from community to join us in our commitment to eradicate Polio and continue the good works we do in our communities at home and away.

Nine years ago I went on my first Guatemalan exchange. My oldest son came too. He was a teenager at the time. We flew to Guatemala, then took a small plane to Marias, then drove 80miles which took 8 hours in a four wheel drive truck. The next day saw another 11 hours before reaching our destination of San Hose, Marias. One of the sights that effected my son and I was seeing people in the back of pickup trucks, sometimes 30 at a time. This was not an uncommon sight. From San Hose we hiked another 8 miles to the village where we would be working.

We met the local Mayor and village elders. There were a lot of widows in this village as a result of a 35 year civil war and work related accidents. The widow we were helping lost her husband when he fell carrying a one hundred pound bag of coffee along a trail. She had six children at home. Her home, a small room with a thatched roof had no water, no electricity and a dirt floor. Our Job was to replace her thatched roof with a galvanized metal roof. She cooked on an open fire. She had no utensils and was making tortillas, flipping them with her bare hands. When we realized she was cooking for us we were humbled at her generosity. We had some peanut butter and jam which we shared with her and her children. Later the neighbour children started arriving and were fed until all the peanut butter and jam were gone. In the mid afternoon my son went off with some of the kids. He saw the stream where they got their water and that it was not clean. There were upstream users. This made a huge impression on my son. As a result of the new roofs we installed, we were able to then attach gutters which collected the rain water and provided some clean water for their use.

After this trip my son was instilled with a deep sense of gratitude. He has never left the table without expressing his thanks and appreciation. He came back to Guatemala with me the next year. My younger son later came three years in a row.

I thank Rotary for these opportunities to do something I would not normally be able to do. It is true; you get more than you give.

This year in Montreal we are celebrating 100 years of the internationality of Rotary. The first international club was chartered in Winnipeg. Many clubs in Canada are participation the Centennial project. Together we are building schools with funding from Rotary, grants from Canadian government and matching grants from Rotary foundation. These projects should be completed by the time of the convention.

Larry bestowed a pin of recognition upon past presidents Sharon Kyle and Robert Campbell. Matt DeBruyn received a special pin of recognition for his outstanding work sharing the four way test in the school districts.

Bill and Linda Gates have donated 355 million dollars to Rotary subject to Rotary raising another 200 million. They could have given the money to anyone but they chose Rotary because they know the money will be well spent. And we have a lot of members on the ground. Rotary has in its first year raised 100 million dollars. We have four years to complete our commitment and we believe we can do it in two! Rotary, is in your hands.

Lynda Lawrence shared greetings from the North. It snowed last night.

Ineke made an announcement for the Frisbee golf this coming Saturday. Subsequently this event was cancelled.

Submitted by Alphonse Seward

FOUR WAY TEST IN THE SCHOOLS

WE HAVE 4 SESSIONS THIS MONTH

Please let me know either via email or phone if you can help!

Thank you for working with the young people in our school system.

Matt 604-462-1570

The Four-Way Test

Of the things we think, say or do

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Rotary Four Way Test in Schools - schedule for October 2009

Friday Oct 9	8.15 - 10.00AM	Laityview	Debbie McRae, Kevin Nosworthy, Marco Terwiel, Peter Tam, Ron Curran, Matt DeBruyn
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