

## CAN-DO SPIRIT BRINGS ROTARY'S CHALLENGE NEAR HALFWAY MARK

Creative Rotary club and district fundraisers, together with the generosity of individual Rotarians, have propelled [Rotary's US\\$200 Million Challenge](#) almost to the midpoint in funding. As of 21 October, \$99 million has been raised for Rotary's challenge through efforts like these:



Interactors in Kolkata, India, paste End Polio Now stickers on cars in return for donations, raising \$3,200 for Rotary's challenge. *Photo courtesy of Rajani Mukerji*

- The [Concert to End Polio](#) will take place 2 December, featuring world-renowned violinist Itzhak Perlman and the New York Philharmonic. Perlman is a polio survivor.
- An auction of more than 90 paintings in New Delhi raised \$40,000 for the challenge. District 3010 and India PolioPlus Committee Chair Deepak Kapur organized the event in collaboration with the Swiss Embassy and Dhoomimal Gallery.
- A concert organized by District 5230 (California, USA) featured eclectic jazz trumpeter and Grammy Award-winner Chris Botti. The event raised \$30,000 for Rotary's challenge, drawing about 1,400 Rotarians and others, including actor and director Clint Eastwood and his wife, Dina.
- Fourteen Major League Baseball teams provided support during the regular season, many donating portions of ticket sales. A game hosted by the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim resulted in a \$20,000 contribution, a Cincinnati Reds game \$10,000, and a Kansas City Royals game \$7,500.
- The Rotary Club of Ry, Denmark, offered a car as first prize in a community raffle that garnered about \$8,000.
- District 3400 (Indonesia) organized a family fun day that featured a blood donation drive, aerobics workout, children's games, music, and a food and fashion bazaar, raising about \$5,800.
- Put Polio on Ice, a fundraiser sponsored by the Ontario Reign professional hockey team and District 5300 (parts of California and Nevada, USA), netted more than \$5,000.
- Posies to End Polio, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Saratoga Springs, New York, USA, garnered \$4,050 through sales of red roses at \$20 per dozen. The effort was preceded by a community forum featuring the Academy Award-nominated documentary [The Final Inch](#); a talk by Ann Lee Hussey, chair of the [Rotarian Action Group for Polio Survivors and Associates](#); and a panel discussion involving local Rotarians who served during National Immunization Days in India and Nigeria, two polio survivors, and a health official.
- Members of the Rotary Club of Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, England, raised about \$2,110 by parking cars for visitors attending a vintage railway exhibition that featured the Hogwarts Express steam locomotive of Harry Potter fame.

"In the face of difficult economic times, Rotarians are heartily commended for their steadfast commitment and resourcefulness in reaching this milestone of support for global polio eradication," says Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair Glenn E. Estess Sr. "Rotary's challenge ends 30 June 2012. Let's push confidently ahead to reach our goal and help ensure that all the children of the world will be forever safe from this devastating disease."



# The Four Way Flasher

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## October is Vocational Services Month

### INVOCATION

<b>Oct. 27</b>	Kelly Fry	<b>Nov. 3</b>	Doris Gagel
<b>Nov. 10</b>	Maureen Goodrick	<b>Nov. 17</b>	Lindsay Hendy

**TODAY'S PROGRAM:** Business Meeting

**NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM:** Ken Funk – Rotoplast Presentation

### BELATED HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Oct. 21: Anne Seward Oct. 22: Robert Campbell

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Oct. 30: Terry Becker Nov. 1: Tash Curran

### CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
<b>Nov.14</b>	<b>6 pm – 11 pm</b>	Foundation Dinner	"The Pink Palace", White Rock
<b>Dec. 8</b>	<b>Noon</b>	Annual General Meeting	

**50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$300.00 + 1/2 of today's sales, 41 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!**

## OCTOBER 13<sup>TH</sup> MEETING

Our guest today was Fellow Rotarian Dishen Zhao, visiting from the Cloverdale Club

Marco announced the Sergeant At Arms Committee are looking for more people to help on the committee; Kevin, Patrick and Valerie have kindly volunteered to assist.

Re: Sports Banquet Funds. Gordy announced that the City of Pitt Meadows turned down the Sports Facilities request for funding. A motion was put forward to hold off on disbursing further funds with the exception of the \$10K to Loon Lake. Debbie MacRae seconded, all in favour, motion carried.

Patrick announced we currently have 4-5 Polio Boxes. Patrick would like to bring to the boxes to the local Clubs along with a challenge on which Club can build the most boxes.

Our Speaker today was our very own Brett Paskar, who gave us a wonderful Who's Who.

Brett was born in Edmonton in 1959 and has three sisters. His father was born in Saskatchewan and his mom in Poland. The family moved to Vermilion, Alberta and were farmers. Brett has a lot of gypsy blood in him, at the age of 18 he had moved 21 times!!

Brett enjoyed sailing at an early age and decided to join the Sea Cadets and then the Navy. He trained back East and moved to Esquimalt where he spent a year in drydock.

After his navy years he went onto Accounting and joined a Finance Company and worked for them for five years. He lived in Cranbrook, Calgary and then Whitehorse during his time with the Finance Company.

Brett joined the Royal Bank Collections Department in Whitehorse in 1983 and was transferred to Tumbler Ridge and then Surrey and has been with the Bank for 26 years.

Brett is married to Janice of 24 years and has two sons, Mark 18 and Scott 16.

Brett and his family have property on Keats Island and would eventually like to spend six months of the year there. He keeps himself busy with scuba diving, underwater photography, fishing, a men's soccer team as well as skiing. In closing Brett mentioned has been involved in many service groups over the years and thoroughly enjoys the friends he has made in Rotary.

Thank you Brett for an awesome Who's Who!

**Submitted by Maureen Goodrick**

## SPORTS BANQUET

The 2009 Sports Banquet was a hit. Attendance was a bit lower than last year but the participation did not lack and all had a great time.

Our new Hometown Hero, Carmen Eggens, was inducted into the "Hall of Fame". Her Water Polo exploits are legendary and will no doubt bring her to the Olympics in 2012!

Carmen is currently on a water polo scholarship at the University of Hawaii and is also training with the Canadian national team in Montreal. The Pitt Meadows Secondary graduate swam and played water polo with the Haney Neptunes before moving onto the provincial and national teams.



John McKeachie talks with Carmen Eggens.



Captain: Bill Robson  
Date: Nov 14, 2009 at 6:00 pm - 11:00 pm  
Event Fee: \$65.00 USD  
Location: The Pacific Inn aka The Pink Palace  
1160 King George Highway  
Surrey, BC V4A4Z2

Celebrate our continued progress towards the elimination of polio. We have several District 5050 Rotarians, including Governor Larry, PDG Harv, AG Christiana and AG Carol Tichelman, heading off shortly to Ethiopia to help with an NID. The team is being led by Ezra Teshome, a transplanted Ethiopian now living in Seattle. Our guest speaker for this year's Foundation dinner will be none other than EZRA TESHOME.

## FOUNDATION DINNER