

MESSAGE FROM THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Greetings Fellow Rotarians:

Linda and I have now visited all of the Rotary Clubs in our District.

It has been an honour to have met Rotarians for the first time and to renew acquaintanceships with our old friends. We look forward to stopping by for another visit at your special events.

November is Foundation month.. Because there are so many things to say regarding The Rotary Foundation, I hardly know where to start.

We could talk about all of the programs The Rotary Foundation supports.

Matching Grants, Group Study Exchange, Ambassadorial Scholars, Peace Scholars, District Simplified Grants and the list goes on. We still have Matching Grant funds available through our District Designated Funds.

We could talk about the Eradication of Polio. Our District, 5050, has been a major supporter of Polio Plus through the generosity of many of our Rotarians and Rotary Clubs. We have a team of Rotarians that are just now returning from a National Immunization Day in Ethiopia.

We could talk about our upcoming Foundation Dinner on November 14th at the Pacific Inn in White Rock. You can register on our district website.

Every Rotarian Every Year. There are also a number of easy ways to make contributions to The Rotary Foundation. You can make donations online at Rotary.org, and click on Contribute.

You can include The Rotary Foundation in your estate planning by joining the Bequest Society.

Thank you for all of your hard work. Remember, "THE FUTURE OF ROTARY IS IN YOUR HANDS."

Your Governor, Larry

SURVIVING POLIO

On 24 October, Rotarians around the world helped celebrate World Polio Day. Polio is a crippling and potentially fatal disease that still strikes children mainly under the age of five in Asia, Africa and the Middle East.

Ending polio has been Rotary's top priority since 1988 with the launch of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, in collaboration with the World Health Organization, UNICEF, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The number of polio cases has been reduced by more than 99 percent, five million cases of childhood paralysis and 250,000 deaths have been averted.

The following is a list of famous people who have had polio:

Alan Alda, actor
Arthur C. Clark, science fiction writer
Judy Collins, singer and songwriter
Francis Ford Coppola, director, producer, screenwriter
James Gordon Farrell, author
Mia Farrow, actress and activist
Frida Kahlo, painter
Dorothea Lange, photographer
Paul Edgar Philippe Martin, Canadian prime minister
Joni Mitchell, singer and songwriter
Jack Nicklaus, professional golfer

Grace Padaca, politician in the Philippines
Itzhak Perlman, violinist
Franklin D. Roosevelt, U.S. president
David Sanborn, jazz saxophonist
Sir Walter Scott
Bapsi Sidhwa, author
Margarete Steiff, toymaker and founder of Steiff Company in Germany
Donald Sutherland, actor
Neil Young, singer and songwriter



The Four Way Flasher

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INVOCATION

Nov. 10	Maureen Goodrick	Nov. 24	Lindsay Hendy
Dec. 1	Lise Jinnah	Dec. 8	Peter Jinnah



TODAY'S PROGRAM: ADG R. Lee Harman: Polio Presentation

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM: R.M. Hospital Tour

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Nov. 15: Ken Paterson

Next week: Tour & Lunch at R.M. Hospital

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Nov.14	6 pm – 11 pm	Foundation Dinner	"The Pink Palace", White Rock
Nov. 17	Noon	Hospital Tour and Lunch	R.M. Hospital
Dec. 8	Noon	Annual General Meeting	
Dec. 22	Noon	Christmas Party	

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

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Our Guests today were Jenny Wright, Sandra Dunning, Justine Reed and Brian Johnston.

Marco asked that the club vote on providing Davie Jones Elementary with a donation to their music program. *Motion made*, by Lynda and seconded by Doris to provide Davie Jones Elementary with a \$5,000 cheque from Wine Fest for purchase of musical instruments. All in favour, motion carried.

Announcements:

Marco advised that he and Patrick attended the Haney Club and raised \$1,500 towards the Polio project in a matter of minutes.

Marco advised that a number of the executive attended a cheque presentation at Community Services yesterday to provide \$5,000 for the Seniors Program. This donation will benefit 300+ seniors in our community.



Jenny Wright presented us with a Rotary Banner from the Lucon Club in France where Shannon stayed during her exchange year. Marco then presented Jenny with a Paul Harris Award for the Wright's participation as a host family for incoming students.

In response to a question from a previous meeting, Ken Knuttila advised that he has checked and there are no restrictions on Rotarians sending their offspring on a Rotary Student Exchange.

Marco then installed our newest member, Ross Dunning. We look forward to having Ross as part of our Rotary family.



Rotary Moment, Lindsay Hendy

Lindsay recalled the Cambodian water project that our club was involved in a number of years ago. A water pump system was installed and provided water to a prosthetics factory in Cambodia.

Our Guest Speaker was Ken Funk who came to speak with us about Rotaplast. Rotaplast was started by the San Francisco Rotary Club in 1994 as a onetime event. It was so successful that there are now 15 missions a year. It is no longer an official Rotary program but is strongly supported by Rotary.

Surgeons and Rotarians travel to third world countries and perform cleft and lip palates surgeries and rhinoplasty for children. Their mission statement is "Saving Smiles, Changing Lives". Since the inception of this program, they have performed surgery on 14,000 children. They also show the local doctors how to do the surgical procedures.

The cost of a mission is between \$75,000 and \$80,000. This is a 100% volunteer program. The surgeons' fare is covered, and the volunteering Rotarians pay their own way. The Rotarians look after record keeping, patient transport, and toting supplies (35 boxes of medical supplies travel with the team).

They are Quartermasters, photojournalists, interpreters, equipment sterilizers, and Rotarians take on other roles that assist in the mission.

Mr. Funk has just returned from a 7½ day mission in China where they performed 164 procedures on 116 children. He advised that the cases of cleft palates are 3 times greater in third world countries due to a mother's lack of folic acid during the pregnancy.

Ken finished his presentation with a video on the Rotaplast program. For more information, please go to www.rotaplast.org.



Submitted by Lynda Lawrence

CHARITIES RESCUE PROGRAMS

By Robert Mangelsdorf - Maple Ridge News – Nov.05, 2009

A local seniors outreach program will continue operating after local service groups have come to the program's aid.

The Outreach Services to Seniors program has been providing low-cost transportation for the elderly for more than 30 years, and is operated by Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows Community Services.

The program's funding was cut by Fraser Health as part of a bid to save \$500,000 by cancelling a dozen operating grants for seniors programs operated by non-profit societies.

However, a number of recent donations have meant the program will be able to keep operating for the foreseeable future.

Monday, the Meadow Ridge Rotary Club was the latest service group to pony up with a \$5,000 donation.

"We have been so fortunate to have this kind of support," said Joanne Legunis, the director of administration and seniors services with Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows Community Services.

The Kiwanis Club of Golden Ears was the first group to come to the program's aid in September with a \$5,000 donation.

It doesn't come close to the \$65,000 per year the program used to receive from Fraser Health, but Legunis said they are making do with reduced staff.

"We've cut down our hours, but we're still here and were working with the community to continue to do as much as we can regardless of our funding situation," she said.

Seventeen volunteers served more than 330 seniors last year, helping to drive them to medical appointments and on grocery trips.

"This is vital for seniors to live independently in their own home and maintain connection to a volunteer who knows and cares about their well-being," stated a press release put out by the Meadow Ridge Rotary Club on Wednesday.

Had the local service groups not stepped in, funding would have run out Sept. 30.

Although Fraser Health cut funding to the program, the local health authority has offered the services of their fundraising specialist to help Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows Community Services keep the program going.

"We still have a good relationship with Fraser Health," said Legunis. "They support us as they're able."