

RI PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

My fellow Rotarians:

The idea of the family of Rotary is a simple one, and one that we celebrate every December during Family Month. Every Rotarian is part of the Rotary family – but our family is much larger than just our 1.2 million members. The family of Rotary includes every one of the men, women, and children who are involved in our work: the spouses and children of our members, our Rotary Foundation program participants and alumni, and all of those who are part of our programs, in the tens of thousands of Rotary communities around the world.

The youngest generation of the Rotary family is composed of our Rotaract clubs and Interact clubs, the participants in our Rotary Youth Leadership Awards program, our Ambassadorial Scholars, and our more than 8,000 Rotary Youth Exchange students every year. As in any family, our youth are our brightest promise for the future. Of course, it is my sincere wish that many of these young people go on to become Rotarians in good time. But Rotary is a part of them even today – and they are a part of us.

My wife, June, and I have been married for over 40 years, and I have been a Rotarian for nearly as long. Although women were not eligible for Rotary club membership at that time, June has been a part of the Rotary family from the day I first entered the Rotary Club of Grangemouth. There is no question that my Rotary service has demanded a great deal of both of us since then – but there can be no question that we have both reaped more than we have sown.

I believe that Rotary club membership can and should enhance our home lives and family interactions. As we work to attract more and younger qualified members, we would do well to remember that today's young professionals are often balancing work and family responsibilities. Adding in a commitment to Rotary service should complement, never compete with, those responsibilities. By scheduling meetings outside of the workday, planning activities that involve family members, and welcoming family members whenever possible, we help to ensure that every Rotary family will feel a true part of the greater Rotary family.

Every club should strive to achieve a balanced interaction between Rotarians and their families – and the family of Rotary. Only by working together, as a family, can we ensure that the Rotary of today grows into an even stronger Rotary of tomorrow.

John Kenny - President, Rotary International

MEADOW RIDGE ROTARY CLUB SUPPORTS LOCAL SENIORS.

Marco Terwiel, Club President of the Rotary Club of Meadow Ridge, presented Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows Community Services with a donation of \$5,000 for Outreach Services to Seniors.

Outreach Services to Seniors provides community support for seniors living independently in their homes by assisting with transportation to doctor's appointments and grocery shopping. This service is vital to enable seniors to live independently in their own homes and maintain connection to volunteers who know and care about their well-being.

Outreach Services to Seniors was funded through the Fraser Health Authority until recently when MR/PM Community Services received notice that due to funding shortfalls the program, which has been in operation for 30 years, would be terminated effective September 30, 2009.

This is when The Kiwanis Club of Golden Ears jumped in and donated \$5,000, with the additional \$5,000 from Meadow Ridge Rotary, to ensure continuation of this important service with one part-time staff person and continued support of the program volunteers. Last year the program, which was supported by seventeen volunteers who provided 4,000 volunteer hours and served 336 seniors.



(l to r) Marco Terwiel; Vicki Kipps, Executive Director, Maple Ridge / Pitt Meadows Community Services; Lynda Lawrence; and Tom Farnsworth, President of Kiwanis Club of Golden Ears



The Four Way Flasher

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December is Rotary Family Month

INVOCATION

Dec. 1	Lise Jinnah	Dec. 8	Peter Jinnah
Dec. 15	Ken Knuttila	Dec. 22	Melissa Kramer



HAPPY 20TH ANNIVERSARY TO US

TODAY'S PROGRAM: The Honourable Rich Coleman, Minister of Housing

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM: Annual General Meeting

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Dec. 5	5:30 pm	Christmas Parade (Foodbank)	221 st St. / Dewdney TR
Dec. 8	Noon	Annual General Meeting	
Dec. 10,11	9:30 am – 9:00 pm	Turning Wheels for Holiday Meals	Haney Place Mall
Dec. 18	7:00 pm	CP Christmas Train	Haney Station
Dec. 22	Noon	Christmas Party	

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$413.50 + 1/2 of today's sales, 39 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Our Guest today was Cheryl R, the new site Administrator at the Ridge Meadows Hospital.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Marco spoke about the recent Rotary Leadership Institute training session. He has now completed the program, and he encouraged others club members to attend an upcoming session.

Ineke directed us to this week's Four Way Flasher, which contains the Christmas schedule on the back page. December is the month that we volunteer time to help the Friends In Need Food Bank Association. We will be collecting items or cash at our upcoming luncheon meetings. Volunteers are needed to help collect food and money during Christmas in the Park and the Santa Clause Parade on Saturday December 5th. On December 18th, we'll be collecting again at the CPR Christmas Train event at Port Haney. Lynda will host an open house at her place from 5 - 7:30 pm prior to the train's arrival. Drop by for a drink and appys.

Marco asked the club members if they would like to start receiving copies of the meeting notes from the monthly Executive meeting. Consensus was "yes".

Marco explained that we're going ahead with the "red dot" on our badges. This dot will be removed once a certain number of Rotarian tasks have been completed. Marco will circulate a list of items, and each member can decide what tasks they wish to complete.

ROTARY MOMENT - Ineke Boekhorst

Ineke spoke on the upcoming International Convention in Montreal in 2010.

The convention is being held June 20 - 23, 2010. She encouraged us to get registered and book our accommodation early. The deadline for registration is December 15th. The club will pay for the registration of four delegates. If more are interested in attending the club will pay part of the registration fee.

Guest Speakers at the convention include Greg Morteson - Co-founder and Executive Director of the Central Asia Institute, Joe Luck - President and CEO of Heifer International and Dolly Parton - Literacy Spokesperson of the Dolly's Imagination Library.

Lynda introduced our Guest Speaker, Mr. Bob Reid, a former member of the Faculty of Law at UBC for 28 years, and now a retired historian. He was Assistant Dean of Admissions and Career Placement, and an Associate Professor. He has been a member of the Notary Board of Official Examiners since 1990 and taught our graduating BC Notaries since 1988.

His dad's clan came from Scotland in 1926, and his mother arrived in Canada in 1929. Bob was born on April 20, 1941 at the Royal Columbian Hospital in New Westminster. He grew up in Haney as part of a large family including aunts, uncles and cousins from 1941 - 1959. Even today, on the second Sunday in July, the family still gathers for the annual Reid-Anderson picnic at Harris Park in Pitt Meadows.



He attended Haney Central Elementary, and then Maple Ridge Senior High School where Ken Knuttila was one of his classmates. During his teens he worked on the Telosky Farm. His dad owned and operated Bob's Shoe Renew before his passing in 1988.

Bob was very involved with Cubs and Scouts, played baseball and raced soap box derbies in Mission. He later joined the Air Cadets 583 Coronation Squadron. In 1958 he was recruited to Royal Rhodes Military College. He was a good scholar but a so-so athlete and attending Royal Rhodes would allow him to play sports. He later attended College Militaire Royal de Saint Jean in Quebec, the Royal Military College of Canada in Kingston for a BA in History and an MA in War Studies, Simon Fraser University for part-time MA studies, Carleton University in Ottawa for part-time PhD studies, and the University of British Columbia, Faculty of Law, for his LLB. While at Military College in Kingston, he was court marshalled for driving at 23.

The person who had the greatest influence on his life's path was his mother, who taught him early on that you should always aim for the stars and do your best in anything you try as there is no shame in failing, only in failing to try. His father taught him there are two ways to do something—the right way and the wrong way—and it is just as easy to do it the right way.

Prior to becoming a law professor in 1975, his career experiences were student, aircrew navigator on a search and rescue squadron, hospital patient, and official military historian. In 1964, he graduated from RMC as an officer in the Royal Canadian Air Force (in 1968 it became the Canadian Armed Forces – Air Command). After completion of aircrew training as a long-range navigator, he was posted to the Search and Rescue Squadron at RCAF Station Comox in March 1965.

On April 23, 1966 he was the sole survivor when the twin engine Albatross plane the crew was in, crashed into a mountain along the Hope Princeton corridor. He was knocked out during the crash and when he came to, the plane blew up. He had a broken nose, teeth knocked out and was badly burned over 50% of his body. The plane's right wing had hit the mountainside and the left wing blew up. The resulting fireball blew him out of the aircraft which saved his life. He was in shock and went for help, but the other five crew members didn't make it. He was put out for a month to heal and spent the next two years at Shaughnessy Hospital having 20 operations to repair his body.

In August 1968, he was posted back to RMC as a full-time graduate student and after graduating in 1970, was posted to the Directorate of History at Canadian Armed Forces Headquarters in Ottawa where as an official military historian, he worked on the official history of the RCAF. He became the world's leading expert on the air battle during the Amiens Offensive from 8 to 11 August, 1918.

This was a dream job but in 1971 the Forces decided he was medically unfit to serve and they retired him. He was awarded the Canadian Forces Decoration for having served Queen and Country faithfully and dutifully for 12 years. At this point Bob was married with a 3 year-old son and another child on the way. He needed a new career. He advised that Law was not his first career choice. Ray Herbert, QC was another special person in his life, he was the law professor who got Bob into law school. Dean Bertie McClean called Bob during his articling year and asked if he would like to teach at the law school. Bob couldn't believe that he was saved just to teach lawyers!

Bob finished by saying that he realizes the most important things in his life are his family - his wife Robin, their 3 sons and his grandchildren. "Live a good life and enjoy your family time".

Submitted by Lynda Lawrence

FRIENDS IN NEED FOOD BANK

If you haven't yet donated to the 'Friends in Need' Food Bank, you still have 2 weeks to do so! You are being asked to donate 2 non-perishable food items, or a monetary donation.