

GREETING TO ALL ROTARIANS...

WE HAVE HAD A GREAT YEAR....YOU SHOULD ALL BE PROUD OF ALL OF THE WORK YOU HAVE DONE IN YOUR COMMUNITIES AND AROUND THE WORLD. MY WIFE LINDA AND I WISH YOU ALL A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON.



"THE FUTURE OF ROTARY IS IN YOUR HANDS"

LAWRENCE "LARRY" JUBIE
DISTRICT 5050, GOVERNOR 2009-2010

POLIOPLUS PROGRAM



Dr. Margaret Chan, director-general of the World Health Organization, announced during a press conference at the 2008 RI Convention that polio eradication is now WHO's top priority.

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PolioPlus, the most ambitious program in Rotary's history, is the volunteer arm of the global partnership dedicated to eradicating polio. For more than 20 years, Rotary has led the private sector in the global effort to rid the world of this crippling disease. Today, PolioPlus and its role in the initiative, is recognized worldwide as a model of public-private cooperation in pursuit of a humanitarian goal.

In addition to providing financial and volunteer support, Rotary works to urge support from other public and private sector partners. This includes the campaign to End Polio Now, inspired by the extraordinary challenge grants received from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

"As an international community, we have few opportunities to do something that is unquestionably good for every country and every child, in perpetuity. Polio eradication is one of these opportunities."

- Dr. Margaret Chan, World Health Organization director-general



The Four Way Flasher

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December is Rotary Family Month



INVOCATION

Dec. 22	Melissa Kramer	Jan. 5	Sharon Kyle
Jan. 12	Lynda Lawrence	Jan 19	Debbie MacRae

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Jan. 4: Ronald & Sharon Kyle

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

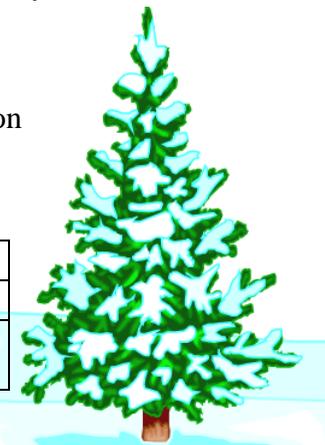
Dec. 22: Peter Jinnah Dec.31: Valerie Spurrell
Jan. 3: Ronald Kyle Jan. 4: Michael Serry

TODAY'S PROGRAM: Beverly Shaw – Polio Survivor

NEXT (JAN 5) PROGRAM: Ineke Boekhorst - Shelterbox Presentation

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Dec. 29		NO MEETING!	
Jan. 26	6:00 pm	Fireside Meeting – Marco's home	21616 River Rd. M.R.



50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$483.00 + 1/2 of today's sales, 37 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Our Guests today were visiting Rotarians Erin Filade and Brad Remenick.

Announcements

Marco advised that we are looking for someone to take notes for the Flasher as Lynda will be unable to continue this role once she becomes President.

Ineke advised that our next luncheon will be our Christmas gathering. In lieu of a gift exchange we have decided to donate \$20 each to the Polio Campaign.

It was noted that District 5050 is the top district in North America for Polio Plus donations.

Rotary Moment - Laurie Anderson

Laurie shared at couple of highlights of being a Rotarian including his attendance at PETS during his run for Club President and the International Convention he attended in Salt Lake City.

Patrick introduced our Guest Speaker, Bonnie Telep, President of the Haney Rotary Club and The Spirit of BC Chairwoman.

Bonnie advised that the Spirit of BC program has been in existence since 2003 and will be over in mid March of 2010 following the Winter Olympics. This program was designed to be inclusive of all communities in BC. There are 93 communities participating throughout the province. The purpose is to leave legacies in these communities.

Some of the initiatives and legacy projects include:

Altitude Youth Experience - this program is in its third year and is designed to provide Leadership skills to youth 16, 17 and 18 years of age so that they can make a difference in their community.

Action Schools! BC - this project promotes healthy living.

Active Community - designed to increase physical activity.

BC 150 - was a special anniversary celebration throughout the Province.

Gamestown 2010 - an on-line initiative.

Legacy Forest Project - plan to plant 300,000 trees throughout Maple Ridge.

MR/PM Spirit Car - donated by Nissan.

Spirit 2010 Hockey Tournament - in 2009 47,000 students participated.

Spirit of BC Week - encompassed 36 events including the Spirit of Wood Festival & Community Carving Project.

Spirit Square - joint funding project between Provincial and Municipal government to spend \$1,000,000+ to create a community outdoor public gathering place to hold community celebrations.

Olympic Street Banners - this project had schools within our District create vibrant banners to display around town during the Olympics.

The legacy also includes leaving a stronger volunteer base within our communities.

On Monday February 8th, the Olympic Torch Relay will pass thru Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows in the early morning hours. There will be two big celebrations held. The route for the relay will not be announced until about 10 days before the event.

Ineke advised that the BIA is encouraging residents and businesses to keep their Christmas lights up this year so that we can light up the city on February 8th. Helen Ferris is on their decorating committee and they will encourage merchants to decorate their shop windows.

The opening ceremonies for the games will be held locally at the ACT on February 12th. Admission is by donation. Everyone is encouraged to come out and celebrate!

Submitted by Lynda Lawrence

MERRY CHRISTMAS ROTARIANS

Give the gift of a POLIO FREE WORLD!

Instead of a “gift exchange”
please make donation today to:

END POLIO NOW CAMPAIGN:

Make cheque payable to
Meadow Ridge Foundation
and Walter will provide TAX RECEIPT

*One draw ticket
for each \$20.00 donated*

OR

*Ten tickets
for each \$100.00 donated*

