



January is the month the Romans associated with their two-headed god Janus: one head looking backward to the year that has just passed, and the other looking forward to the year ahead.

In Rotary, January is the halfway point of our year of service, and it is also a time for us all to look at both the past and the future. It is the time of year to take stock, to review the goals that we have set for ourselves, and to evaluate how well we have fulfilled those expectations. It is a time to look honestly at our progress and our challenges and to consider the steps we will need to take to complete our planned service successfully.

I am sure there is much you can be proud of achieving in the last six months. In my travels, I have already seen how much Rotarians can accomplish when they are determined to do so. You have helped bring safe, pure water to those who lacked it, provided food and shelter to those who needed it, and assisted in the educations of those who could not read or write. You have promoted the ideal of service within a context of fellowship, friendship, and high ethical standards.

Rotarians are able to make changes that will shape the course not only of the months but of the years and decades that lie ahead. This is our privilege. It is also our duty as Rotarians – as caring members of society who are in the fortunate position of being able to help those living in conditions we can barely imagine.

So there is much to be done these next months. Do not waste a moment of that most precious commodity: time.

We are all volunteers serving in a volunteer organization. None of us was compelled to become a Rotarian; each of us chose, and was chosen, to become a member. Every year, every day, each of us chooses to continue the task we have begun, and to continue to put Service Above Self. It is not always the easy path, but I know it is the right one.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank you for the Rotary service you have given, the service you are giving, and the service I know you will continue to give in the future.

*The Future of Rotary Is in Your Hands.*

John Kenny  
President, Rotary International



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## January is Rotary Awareness Month



### INVOCATION

|               |               |                |                 |
|---------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------|
| <b>Jan. 5</b> | Sharon Kyle   | <b>Jan. 12</b> | Lynda Lawrence  |
| <b>Jan 19</b> | Debbie MacRae | <b>Feb. 2</b>  | Kevin Nosworthy |

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jan. 11: Marco Terwiel

**TODAY'S PROGRAM:** Ineke Boekhorst - Shelterbox Presentation

**NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM:** Who's Who - Walter Volpatti

### CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

| Date           | Time           | Event                           | Venue                |
|----------------|----------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Jan. 26</b> | <b>6:00 pm</b> | Fireside Meeting – Marco's home | 21616 River Rd. M.R. |
| <b>March 9</b> |                | New Members Meeting             |                      |
|                |                |                                 |                      |

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

## LAST YEAR'S MEETING



On Dec. 22 we had our Christmas party. It was a real family gathering, as many Rotarians brought their spouses or other family members.

Guests were Beverly Shaw, Lila Terwiel, Sigrid Dawkins, Irena Shantz, Lorna Anderson, Cody Cherrille, Cailin Green, Darrell Burnham, Misha Bharwani, Shelby and Hilda from CAP team.

In stead of exchanging gifts, we donated to the 'End Polio Now' campaign. As an incentive Ineke had collected some gifts that were raffled off. Every \$20 donated to 'End Polio Now' would earn one raffle ticket.

At the end of the meeting we collected close to \$1,000. It was a real Rotarian way to end the year!

## MESSAGE FROM THE FOUNDATION TRUSTEE CHAIR

January is Rotary Awareness Month – a time to learn more about our organization, and a time to focus on our public image. Raising awareness of Rotary is an important part of the RI Strategic Plan: The more Rotary is known for its good work, the more good work Rotary will be able to do.

As Past RI President Robert Barth of Switzerland said, “We believe that the Rotary pin on our lapel sends a message. It says, ‘You can rely on me. I am dependable, I am reliable, I give more than I take. I am available.’”

Because of The Rotary Foundation, people around the world know that they can depend on Rotary in their time of need. It is the Foundation that allows Rotarians to say yes to calls for help, when otherwise we might be forced to say, “There is nothing we can do.”

As Rotarians, you are here because you believe in Service Above Self. And as Rotarians, you know that through Rotary, you can have an impact beyond what you could ever hope to have as individuals. One person, no matter how great the talents and resources, is limited. Working alone, there is only so much that can be done. But when we work together, when we pool our resources with those of 1.2 million other Rotarians around the world – and with the resources of our Rotary Foundation – we can make a difference that will be remembered for generations. It is up to all of us.

Glenn E. Estess Sr., Foundation Trustee Chair

## MESSAGE FROM THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR LARRY JUBIE

Greetings Fellow Rotarians:

One of the guiding principles of Rotary is the advancement of peace through fellowship and the service of Rotarians. One of the most effective tools available for building peace is education. In recognition of 100 years of Rotary in Canada, all 23 District Governors with Canadian based Rotary Clubs in their districts have agreed to support a Canadian Rotary Centennial Project to build a 20 room school in Jalalabad, one of the safest regions in Afghanistan. This is being done as part of the Canadian Federal Government's Afghanistan Challenge Program (the Canadian Government is providing half of the construction costs). This new school would meet the needs of 4,000 students (two-thirds of whom are girls) who currently are studying in an open area, with palm trees providing the only shelter. The students will attend classes in three shifts.

In Afghanistan, 87% of women are illiterate, and 63% of Afghan children between the ages of 6 and 13 do not go to school. However, it is reported that since 2001, school projects have brought new life to general, technical and vocational education, particularly benefiting girls.

The project goal will be reached if each club in our district donates \$250.00. If you have already made a donation, THANK YOU. If you have not, here is what Rotarians in District 5050 can do to support this very important project: Make a direct donation by going to [www.afghanistanchallenge.ca](http://www.afghanistanchallenge.ca). Click on NEW SCHOOL and then click on GIVE NOW; or you can write a check to Rotary District 5050 with "Afghanistan Challenge" in the notation and mail it to DG Larry Jubie, 328 Alverson Blvd., Everett, WA 98201.

Let's start this New Year by making a difference in the lives of others.

Linda and I wish you all a very Happy and Prosperous New Year. Thank you for all of your hard work. Remember, “THE FUTURE OF ROTARY IS IN YOUR HANDS.”

Your Governor, Larry