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Although advancing the cause of world peace was not one of the original ideas behind Rotary, the concept took such a strong hold so early on that peace and Rotary have come to be inextricably linked in the minds of anyone familiar with the organization.

In 1914, at the onset of World War I, delegates to Rotary's international convention in Houston adopted a resolution that called for the convening of an international peace conference and urged all Rotarians to support worthy efforts such as the international peace movement. In September of that year, the Rotary Club of Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA, submitted a proposal to the International Association of Rotary Clubs asking that Rotarians become advocates for peace in their communities.

In 1922, as the organization took the name Rotary International, the fourth object of Rotary was ratified: "The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service."

At the convention in Havana in 1940, delegates approved a resolution that identified "freedom, justice, truth, sanctity of the pledged word, and respect for human rights" as "vital to international peace" and called on each Rotarian to protect these principles.

Even as World War II was raging, Rotarians were able to organize a conference in London, attended by representatives of 21 countries that laid out a plan for peace. This led to the formation of an international group that would later evolve into UNESCO, but not before the historic 1945 meeting in San Francisco at which the United Nations was chartered. About 40 Rotarians took part as delegates and observers at that meeting. Rotary played a critical role in the formative days of the UN, with five Rotarians elected to the post of president of the General Assembly during the first 12 years.

Throughout the second half of the century, Rotarians around the world continued to work for peace as individuals and in their local clubs, both through financial contributions and a wide range of projects to improve the quality of peoples' lives through health care and education. In 2002, The Rotary Foundation embarked on a new initiative that will help it imprint its peacemaking mark on the 21st century: an international studies program in conflict resolution at seven peace centers at prestigious universities on five continents.

With more than 400 alumni of the [Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution](#) working in peace-related jobs throughout the world, Rotary is well on the way to achieving its goal of inspiring a new generation of peacemakers.



Rotary Peace Fellow Nai-Hua Wu recently spoke to incoming district governors at the 2010 International Assembly in San Diego. *Rotary Images/Alyce Henson*



The Four Way Flasher

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February is World Understanding Month



INVOCATION

Feb. 23	Ken Paterson	Mar. 2	David Rempel
Mar. 9	David Riddell	Mar. 16	Gord Robson

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Feb. 23: Rotary International

Feb. 23: Vladimir Cukor March 1: Gladys Davies

TODAY'S PROGRAM: Gene Vickers - Membership

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

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
March 9		New Members Meeting	
April 10	7:00 pm	Wine Festival	Rotunda – Thomas Haney S.S.
May 14-16		District 5050 Conference	Tulalip Resort Casino, USA
June 20-23		Rotary International Convention	Montreal

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$635.50 + 1/2 of today's sales, 33 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Irena Shantz and Aaron from the Mission Club.

Marco is away next week because he's on holiday – Lynda Lawrence will be chairing the meeting.

Matt DeBruyn is taking on co-chair of Sports Banquet this year and will chair it next year.

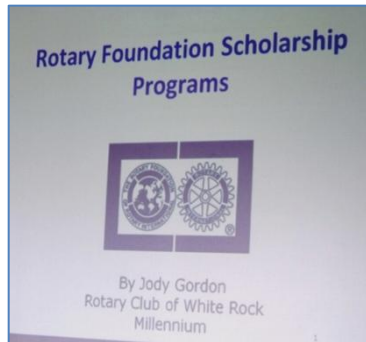
Dave Rempel announced he has 10 to 15 kids from Russia coming to a summer camp this year.

Ken Knutilla reported that as of this past Monday he is officially retired!

Ineke Boekhorst is travelling up to the Okanagan this weekend and is partnering with the Westbank Rotary Club and they will be setting up a Shelterbox at the local Save On Foods there and collecting donations. Regarding our own Shelter Box Village we have raised to date just in excess of \$55,000.00.

Mystery Greeter – Brian Bekar.

Rotary moment – Linda L. Linda fined us for not being able to answer questions from the most recent copy of the Rotarian.



Speaker Jody Gordon – Member of White Rock Club. She currently sits on a District 5050 committee to select Ambassadors and Peace Fellows. Spoke about the criteria for selection of students. District 5050 is going down to one this year from 2. Applicants cannot be a family member of a Rotarian but cousins or distant relatives are permitted. Interviews commonly held in Bellingham. Once selected, the information is submitted to Rotary International and they then wait for placement. Rotary considers their subject interests as well as languages when selecting where they will be attending.

Peace Fellowship – difference is that the District 5050 committee forwards applications to Rotary International and does not make the decision locally. It is geared to graduate work – 6 institutions across 7 universities. 100 are

selected each year. They can also be considered for a certificate – people who can't take a full year off. To be eligible you must possess a BA and be proficient in more than one language. Not for PhD candidates however.

They must be endorsed by a club and district before being submitted to Rotary International.

Suggested places for us seek applicants: Word of mouth, ads, local colleges and universities. Jody advised us of the timelines to be followed. Currently 10 people sit on the District 5050 committee. For more info Google 'Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship' or 'Rotary Peace Fellowship'.

Jody encouraged us all to think about volunteering for the committee if the opportunity presents itself.

Marco thanked Jody for attending.

Marco put up for auction the women's bronze medal game – Wende Dawes the successful bidder.



Bob Shantz accepted from Brett Paskar the cheque for the Hospice Society for the opening of the thrift store.

Submitted by Terry Becker

OLYMPIC LEGACY

MeadowRidge and Haney Rotary Club donate \$4000 towards local Olympic Legacy Even though Canada Place will accommodate tens of thousands and nothing beats "being there" when unique events like the opening of the Olympics take place, most people will have to make do with the home television set.

The local Spirit of BC committee wanted to offer a "next best" for our community by broadcasting the opening ceremonies live on a truly big screen and open the doors of the ACT for free for the citizens of our community.

The problem was that this required the purchase of a special projector and installing special transmission cables. The Municipality offered to pay for a major part of that, but the budget was still short some \$4000.

The members of the Haney and Maple Ridge Rotary clubs came through and presented a cheque to eliminate the shortfall.

The result was that many could share the excitement and atmosphere of the opening ceremonies in a unique way on a truly spectacular screen. The projector and communication cables are here to stay as a legacy of the Olympics so that Maple Ridge can offer other events "live" on the big screen whenever the occasion presents itself.



Rod Hughes (Past-President Haney Rotary) and Marco Terwiel (president MeadowRidge Rotary) presenting \$4000 cheque during "Live Cast" of Olympic Opening Ceremony at the ACT.