

RI PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Preparations for our convention in Montréal, Québec, Canada, 20-23 June, are well underway, and we are fast approaching the 31 March deadline for lower registration fees. I can think of many reasons to attend a Rotary International Convention – interesting speakers, exciting entertainment, and a chance to visit a fascinating city, to name a few. Yet as compelling as these incentives may be, they are not why I have attended almost every convention since my first one in 1984. The main reason I look forward to this annual event is the opportunity it affords to reunite with my Rotary friends and meet so many new ones.

In many ways, our convention is Rotary at its best: Rotarians coming together to enjoy congenial fellowship while discussing the more serious business of service. We will, no doubt, be inspired by our speakers, including Greg Mortenson, author of the best-selling book *Three Cups of Tea*; Jo Luck, CEO of Heifer International; and country music singer Dolly Parton, who will be talking about her other great interests, children's literacy and the Imagination Library. And we will learn about many facets of Rotary and our Rotary Foundation in the various workshops planned. In between these events, we can build new Rotary friendships over coffee in the House of Friendship or dinner at one of Montréal's celebrated restaurants.

It has been said many times that you cannot truly appreciate the internationality of Rotary until you attend a convention. In Montréal this June, we expect to welcome Rotarians from more than 100 countries. We may be speaking dozens of different languages, but I know that all of us will be eager to communicate as best we can – with words, smiles, and laughter – effectively bridging any cultural or linguistic differences.

The convention is a time to celebrate the achievements of the past year, but it is also a time to plan for the future. In Rotary, we do not look at all that we have accomplished and say, "That's enough." No, we use our successes as a springboard to do more. I encourage you to join June and me in Montréal and to use this opportunity to identify new service partners, get innovative project ideas, and renew your enthusiasm for Rotary. Much work remains to be done – both in this Rotary year and the next. The Future of Rotary Is in Your Hands, and a Rotary convention is the ideal place to come together and formulate your plans.

John Kenny
President, Rotary International

RYLA - ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS

Date: Apr 29, 2010 - May 02, 2010
Location: Zajac Ranch - Mission, BC Canada

District 5050's RYLA program focuses on ages 18 - 25 and runs one program each year for four days. Our RYLA is a non-traditional leadership program.

RYLA borrows a concept from the Youth Exchange program to create a culture that is new to the participant and designed to have the participant think "outside the box" in an open, accepting environment.

The average number of participants is around 70, but can range from 50 to 80 depending on the number sponsored by clubs.

For more information and application forms go to www.ryla5050.org



The Four Way Flasher

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March is Literacy Month



INVOCATION

Mar. 2	David Rempel	Mar. 16	David Riddell
Mar. 23	Gord Robson	Mar. 30	Mary Robson

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

March 4: Jim Coulter

March 11: Patrick O'Brien

TODAY'S PROGRAM:

Who's Who - Walter Volpatti

MARCH 16 PROGRAM:

Rhian Pipprell - Guatemala Mobile Library Update

NEXT WEEK'S REGULAR MEETING CANCELLED

SEE INSIDE FOR DETAILS!

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
?		New Members Meeting	
March 10		Paralympic Torch Relay	The ACT
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 \$674.50 + 1/2 of today's sales, 28 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Our guests today were Irena Shantz and Cassy Novotney

Rotary Moment by Mary Robson – She announced that Frank Jarvis from RYLA is ill. Looking for RYLA Candidates – deadline is this Friday – Feb 26th. Mary spoke of the Charter night for our club 20 years ago – March 3. Charter members are Ken Paterson, Ken Knuttila, Mary and Gord Robson and Marco Terziel, who are still actively involved in the Club. Gary Biggs was our first President.

Lynda announced that today is the 105th anniversary of Rotary.

Ken Knuttila introduced Cassandra Novotny our exchange student who will be going to France. Cassandra thanked the club for sponsoring her. She has been studying French immersion for 5 years now. She will send us information throughout her stay and will also attend our club to speak to us when she returns.

Lynda talked about the Chinese New Year's Fundraiser for the FIN Food Bank and the Pitt Meadows Lions Club. Ineke encouraged us all to purchase tickets.

The New Members meeting that was scheduled for March 9th, has been postponed. All are encouraged to bring a new member – another Red Dot item to be removed.



Lynda introduced Gene Vickers. A former member of the RCMP, a Tri City Citizen Of The Year, a Volunteer of the Year. Silver Jubilee recipient from the Governor General of Canada. Gene was also awarded Rookie of the year for Toastmasters. A Rotarian for 24 years, Gene is proud to have formed both the Rotary Clubs of Port Moody and Port Coquitlam Centennial. Gene spoke to us about Membership.

Footprints – special footprints that are left behind – legacies and ways we can make a difference. When he left RCMP training and got stationed in Cranbrook – he was so excited – Gene spoke to us of his Commanding Officer and the impact he had on the new recruit. The work ethic that was instilled in him by his CO was inspiring and has stayed with Gene to this day.

Membership is about Footprints. Every time we do something special in our Community and every time we do something special for anyone, we leave small footprints. He spoke about giving our best in anything we do, the importance of having a Vision and pursuing it.

Gene talked about his reason for joining Rotary and things we can continue to do to make a profound difference on others to inspire them to join Rotary. Sometimes it's just as easy as asking people to come and join. What can we do today – invite them to the greatest service organization in the world.

He challenged each of us – reach out leave a footprint – invite someone to join Rotary today. Lynda thanked Gene for attending today and speaking to us on this subject.

Lynda announced the RYLA dates as the end of April.

Submitted by Terry Becker

PARALYMPIC TORCH RELAY

Dear MeadowRidge Rotarians,

Three days after the Olympic Flame is extinguished on the West Coast, a new flame will light in Canada's national capital, Ottawa, sparking the official start and inspirational journey of the [2010 Paralympic Torch Relay](#) on March 3, 2010.

The 10-day relay, supported by the Government of Canada, will illuminate the extraordinary achievements of Paralympians and celebrate the endless possibilities of the human spirit. The 2010 Paralympic Torch Relay will start with a uniquely Canadian lighting ceremony in Ottawa and will involve approximately 600 torchbearers. The relay will visit several celebration sites before arriving at BC Place in Vancouver for the opening of the 2010 Paralympic Winter Games on March 12.



Para-Alpine Skier, Lauren Woolstencroft and retired Para-Alpine Skier, Brad Lennea lighting their torches

Wednesday March 10, 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm is the Paralympic Torch Relay celebration in Memorial Peace Park.

Thirty torchbearers will carry the torch and relay around Memorial Peace Park, culminating with the lighting of the cauldron. We would like to join the Haney Club in attending this celebration and scheduled a “joined Rotary meeting” for this event.

Join us for live entertainment featuring local talent such as Danielle Foulds, Tiller's Folly, the Joe Fernandes Band, West Coast Contortion & Acrobatics and others between 6:30 and 8:00 pm. Don't miss Paralympic sport demonstrations and free kids crafts (bring the kids)!

We will gather at 6pm in the foyer of the ACT for a short “Wine & Cheese” social with the Haney Club, followed by O Canada and Invocation; Kiwanis Club will provide dinner(hamburgers) in the Park, after which we will join the festivities in the Park.

Cost: regular \$20 or ticket

Location: the ACT-foyer

Date: Wednesday March 10, 6 pm

Please confirm attendance

In light of this event the Tuesday March 9th regular lunch meeting at the Gourmet Hideaway will be cancelled

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