

ROTARIANS MAKE GOOD USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA

Worldwide, Rotarians are finding ways to use social media to build fellowship and get new ideas about running their clubs.

Some Rotarians have begun using Rotary International's official LinkedIn group to identify other Rotarians who are planning to attend the [RI Convention in Montréal, Québec, Canada, 20-23 June](#).

Keith Tsukishima, a member of the Rotary Club of Richmond, B.C., will be going to his fifth RI Convention this year. Tsukishima recently asked other members of the LinkedIn group whether they would be attending, and more than 50 people responded.

"Rotarians communicating -- whether on social networking sites, or face to face, or at their meetings -- is like glue," Tsukishima says. "Sharing Rotary with others fosters more interest and promotes the diversity of this amazing organization."

He says he is looking forward to the convention as a chance to meet new friends and discover opportunities in Rotary. He is encouraged by the effectiveness of social media.

"Perhaps we are all trying to find more commonalities and want to belong to something meaningful," he says. "Meeting all these folks online puts faces and personalities into the picture. No longer are we just 1 of 1.2 million Rotarians. These are real people, with real ideas, real and sometimes different thoughts. These discussion groups cross age barriers, geographic barriers, gender barriers, and cultural barriers."

Dave Getz, a member of the Rotary Club of Mechanicsburg-North, Pennsylvania, USA, will be attending his second convention. He also went to the 2007 RI Convention in Salt Lake City, Utah.

"One thing I have enjoyed about Rotary is the opportunity to meet other Rotarians," he says. "Meeting those with whom I share something in common, whether it be the fellowship of musicians or a LinkedIn group or someone who shares my classification, enhances my Rotary experience."

Getz says the LinkedIn group has helped him this year in his role as club membership chair. He received valuable insights from group members on induction ceremonies, including one idea from a Ukrainian Rotarian. "We are hosting an exchange student from Ukraine this year, which made that especially meaningful," he says.

John Fortney, of the Rotary Club of Toronto, will be going to his seventh convention in eight years. He says more than 80 members of his club, as well as Rotaractors, are planning to attend. He is most looking forward to the fellowship, and he has some advice for fellow Rotarians on what to do: "If any of you are going to the province of Québec for the first time, treat yourselves to a side trip to Québec City. It is the only walled city in North America and is over 400 years old. You will swear you are in Europe."



The Palais des congrès de Montréal will be the site of breakout sessions and the House of Friendship during the 2010 RI Convention. LinkedIn members are using social media to locate other Rotarians planning on attending the convention.



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April is Magazine Month

INVOCATION

April 20	Alphonse Seward	May 4	Bob Shantz
May 11	Peter Tam	May 18	Walter Volpatti



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

April 20: Robert & Cailin (4 days!)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

April 23: Debbie Wade

April 26: John Becker

TODAY'S PROGRAM: Allen Heinrichs – GSE Presentation

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM: Haney Rotarian Chris Cooper

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
May 13-16		District 5050 Conference	Tulalip Resort Casino, USA
June 20-23		Rotary International Convention	Montreal
June 29		Installation Executive 2010/2011	Heather Hills Farm

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$809.50 + 1/2 of today's sales, 24 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Guests – Brian Johnson, Nico, Warren and Adrian Dale, from South Africa, Andrea Brisbee guest of David Riddell.

Marco talked about Wine Festival and the wonderful night it was. Marco thanked all Rotarians for pitching in and a wonderful job. He found a roommate for District Conference and International Conference. District Assembly registration fees will be paid for by the club. District Assembly is this Saturday – 8 till 2.

Fine Mistress – Debbie MacCrae – Fined everyone who didn't go to Wine Festival.

Rotary Moment – Spoke about a boy on his son's hockey team and the compassion of local Rotarians who arranged for a trip to the Abbotsford Heat Game and making a wonderful evening for him.



Nico, our last year's exchange student from France, paid us a visit.

GSE – Kathleen Goodin spoke to us about her trip to Ecuador. We sponsored Kathleen a year ago. Kathleen gave us the background of GSE and how one would qualify.

Ecuador – largely Spanish, 90% literacy and their currency is the US dollar. High percentage of Rotarian exchanges. They attended a District Conference while there. Kathleen is a nurse at Abbotsford Hospital and she was amazed at how little in modern day medical equipment was at use in Ecuador. They had to make due with very primitive tools ie: pvc piping that had been cut and heated and formed to be used as a splint.

Kathleen's powerpoint presentation showed us all the places she went, most of sites she saw while there and meetings and meals that she shared with her new friends. She also brought with her some of the local textiles that she picked up while there. She said she watched many of them being made.

She thanked all of us for sponsoring her and allowing her the opportunity to be a part of GSE.

Marco thanked Kathleen and donated a book in her name to Guatemala mobile library.

UBC Faculty of Forestry invited us to a Forest Tour @ MKRF Thursday May 6th Tour 2 – 4 BBQ starts at 4 and runs till 7:30.

Golfing at White Rock Millennium Club @ Northview GCC – Marco announced that we have participated in the past and is wondering if a group is wanting to put together a 4-some.

Submitted by Terry Becker

ROBERT AND CAILIN GOT MARRIED APRIL 16TH

Robert Campbell and Cailin Green said Yes to each other during a private wedding ceremony on Friday April 16th.

On Saturday they had a wedding party for all their friends. And they have a lot of friends in Rotary and the musical world.

It was a great party and we hope that this is a good start for a new life for them.

