

## RI PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Shortly after the earthquake hit Haiti in January, Rotarians began making phone calls and sending e-mails to discuss how they could help. When Rotary International posted its first story on Rotary's immediate relief efforts, Rotarians took this discussion online. The very first comment about the story expressed what so many Rotarians were thinking: "If they begin sending Rotarians over to help in any way, please let me know if I can help."

This plea was multiplied over the following days on Rotary's website and our social media pages. Rotarians also reported what they were doing: collecting thousands of dollars to fund ShelterBoxes and Aquaboxes, contributing to Rotary's Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund, and organizing ways to transport food, supplies, and medical personnel to the devastated country.

On the ground in and around Haiti, Rotarians were also busy. Local Rotarians helped distribute the ShelterBoxes to some of those left homeless. Rotarian Claude Surena, a physician, took 100 injured earthquake victims into his home, which he managed to turn into a makeshift hospital despite the damage it had sustained. District 7020 established a relief fund, flew in planes loaded with medical supplies, and strategized to provide assistance in the weeks following the disaster.

And it is in those weeks – and months and even years – that Rotary can make its greatest contribution. Rotary is not a disaster relief agency, but we are very good at long-term recovery. After all the media attention dies down, Rotary will still be there on the ground – in Haiti's case, with 17 local clubs and thousands of willing partner clubs. If Rotary's recovery efforts in Bangladesh, Honduras, Indonesia, and countless other countries are any indication, Rotarians will be in Haiti long after public interest has faded and the media have moved on.

In this month's Global Outlook, you can learn more about Rotary's success in helping communities and countries rebuild after a disaster – not only replacing what was lost but making it better as well. The Rotarian passion for helping those in need, combined with our perseverance and grassroots presence, will continue to bring hope to those whose lives have been torn apart by disaster.

Our response to the tragedy in Haiti manifests Rotary's concern and desire to help those less fortunate and offers evidence of what Rotary does best: give service. Thank you all for what you are doing.

John Kenny  
President, Rotary International



# The Four Way Flasher

## Rotary Club of MeadowRidge Newsletter

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### INVOCATION

May 11	Peter Tam	May 18	Walter Volpatti
June 1	Stan Wade	June 8	Rustam Yazdgerdian



### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

May 8: Ted & Doris Gagel

May 8: Randall & Melissa Kramer

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

May 7: Ted Gagel

May 7: Eva Tam

May 9: Walter Volpatti

TODAY'S PROGRAM: Councillor Michael Morden

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM: New Members Meeting

### CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
May 13-16		District 5050 Conference	Tulalip Resort Casino, USA
May 25	6:00 pm	Fireside at Marco Terwiel's residence	21616 River Rd. M.R.
June 20-23		Rotary International Convention	Montreal
June 29		Installation Executive 2010/2011	Heather Hills Farm

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$884.50 + 1/2 of today's sales, 23 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

## LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Jim Coulter announced our guests, Matt Lynam and Brent Manyk.

Marco announced that Ineke Boekhorst was chosen as Maple Ridge's Citizen of the Year jointly with Mike Murray.

Happy/Sad Dollars were contributed by Ineke, Robert Campbell and Peter Jinnah.

Laura fined us for Wine Festival and not wearing our Rotary Pins.

Matt DeBruyn – Rotary Moment – Gave us a large list of famous Rotarians.



District Conference – Marco and Lindsey will be attending. Marco reminded us that we have 5 paid attendances if anyone else is able.

Brent Manyk (picture left) – spoke to us about his upcoming GSE trip to Brazil and thanking us for sponsoring him. He highlighted the places they were going to see and handed out a brochure detailing the GSE to Brazil and the other people who would be travelling with him.

Marco introduced our guest speaker, Jack Bass. Jack spoke briefly about Economic Stimulus funding for small businesses. He shared with us his thoughts, and forecasts on the past 5 years of world economies and his predictions for the upcoming years.

He showed us through his experiences how our economic stimulus is attached to the US. However, because our banking industry is much stronger we weathered the economic storm much better.

The Federal Government gave BC \$55 million – The Province formed a Small Business round table in BC and they came up with the Stimulus Grants.



Jack spoke to us about the Workplace Training Grants available through the Ministry of Advanced Education and Labour Market Development. It is designed to provide funding to eligible employers with less than 50 staff for the employee training of their choice, delivered by the training provider of their choice. There are hundreds of training options available across the province for employers to choose from, including colleges or private training institutions. Jack gave us a sample proposal for Management Training – Business Plan Development and Team Work and Effective Staff Meetings. These are also available for non-profits. Jack also made available the Guidelines for the program for those interested Rotarians.

His presentation was followed by a lively Q & A.

Marco thanks Jack for attending and informing us and donated a book to the Guatemala Mobile Library in his name.

Matt Lynam won the 50/50. As he is not a Rotarian yet, Matt received the daily pot.

**Submitted by Terry Becker**

## MESSAGE FROM THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR



Greetings Fellow Rotarians:

Our newest Rotary Club, The Surrey Newton Rotary is now official. They were chartered on April 8th. Their charter night was April 10th at the Eagle Quest Golf Club.

A number of district and local Rotarians attended to wish them well—too many to list in this message. They chartered with 35 new Rotarians. Congratulations to President Harjinder Thind (pictured on the left with DG Larry) on the fastest growing club in the district. Please stop by and visit them. Information regarding their meeting time and place is on the district website.

We now have the GSE teams from Brazil and India traveling in our district. Due to unforeseen circumstances, the team from India was delayed in arriving.

My heartfelt thanks to GSE Chair Rob Martin and Inbound Chair Bev Harrington for all their efforts in making the adjustments to get them here. Both teams will be presenting at this year's district conference at the Tulalip Hotel and Conference Center.

If you have not yet registered to attend, you are in luck. It is not too late to register. There are still plenty of openings at the Conference Golf Tournament. It will be held at the Cedarcrest Golf Course in Marysville with a dinner afterwards at the Hotel and Conference Center. You can arrange your own foursome or our Conference Golf Chair, Tom Thetford, (tthet1122@verizon.net), will arrange one for you.

Thank you for all of your hard work. Remember, “THE FUTURE OF ROTARY IS IN YOUR HANDS.”

Your Governor, Larry

## COUNCIL APPROVES FIFTH AVENUE OF SERVICE

Representatives at the 2010 Council on Legislation approved an enactment 28 April to add a fifth Avenue of Service: New Generations. The 263-250 vote was received by surprised gasps and applause after a short debate.

New Generations joins Club Service, Vocational Service, Community Service, and International Service as the foundation of club activity. Before starting a project, Rotarians are asked to think broadly about how their club and its members could contribute within each avenue.

“It's a significant change – a historic day in Rotary,” said Council Chair Mark Daniel Maloney. “Rotarians have always strongly supported youth activities even though they were never part of the four Avenues of Service. I think this strengthens our commitment.”

The Avenue of New Generations recognizes the positive change implemented by youth and young adults involved in leadership development activities, community and international service projects, and exchange programs that enrich and foster world peace and cultural understanding.

Representative Ronald P. Sekkel, of District 5170 (California, USA), proposed the enactment by saying that New Generations is the future of Rotary.

Opponents argued that youth services are already covered by the four Avenues of Service. One representative said that adding a fifth avenue could decrease emphasis on the other four avenues.

Representative Emile M. Rijcken, of District 1900 (Germany), said the new avenue is well deserved.

“The volume of activity in youth programs shows how strong Rotary can be,” she said. “The addition of New Generations to the Avenues of Service will contribute in an enormous way toward public opinion.”