

RI BOARD LOWERS INTERACT AGE



To help promote the growth of Interact, the RI Board has agreed to lower the age of eligibility for Interactors from 14 to 12.

“This is another opportunity to expand the family of Rotary,” says J.R. Thompson, a member of the RI Interact Committee and the Rotary Club of Rocky Ford, Colorado, USA. “In my personal experience working with young people, they will put out the effort to reach a reasonable level of expectations. I found this is just as true of a 12-year-old as it is of a 14-year-old.”

The Council on Legislation, which met 25-30 April in Chicago, was also poised to consider a pair of proposals to lower the minimum age for Interact, but withdrew them because of the January action by the Board. District 2750 (Guam; Japan; Micronesia; Northern Marianas; Palau), which proposed one of the resolutions, argued in its statement of support that the mental and physical development of young people today is more advanced than when the Standard Interact Club Constitution was launched.

The Council approved creating a permanent committee of RI for Interact and establishing a fifth Avenue of Service, New Generations Service, to recognize the positive change brought about by young adults involved in leadership activities.

Each year, Interact clubs are asked to complete at least two community service projects, one of which should further international understanding and goodwill. Through these efforts, Interactors develop a network of friendships with local and overseas clubs.

The Board’s policy for Interact states that the sponsor Rotary club must cooperate with school authorities in supervising the Interact club, and that the Interact club is subject to all the regulations that apply to other student organizations and extracurricular activities at the school.

If the school where an Interact club is based includes students younger than age 12 or older than 18, they may also be members, the policy states. So, if a school serves students ages 10-13, 10-year-olds could also be members.

“In smaller communities, it is not unusual for secondary schools to be combined with junior and senior high schools,” says Thompson. “In fact, this is a growing trend in the U.S., where the mean age of the population continues to move up.”

The Board also agreed to set these priorities for the program:

- Promoting Interact using publications, video, the Internet, club presentations, and other methods
- Sharing information about Rotary with Interactors by distributing Rotary International publications such as *The Rotarian* magazine and *Rotary Leader*, and the governor’s monthly letter
- Assigning Rotarians as mentors for Interactors, inviting Interactors to attend Rotary club meetings, and consulting with Interact clubs to develop a districtwide service project for all Interactors

“Strong clubs -- whether they are Interact, Rotaract, or Rotary -- are always looking for more good people willing to put their minds, backs, and hearts into Service Above Self,” says Thompson.



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INVOCATION

May 18	Walter Volpatti	June 1	Stan Wade
June 8	Rustam Yazdgerdian	June 15	Laurie Anderson



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

May 20: Don & Lola Boyce May 24: David & Karen Riddell

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May 22: Ineke Boekhorst

TODAY’S PROGRAM: Carol Tichelman - Rotary Foundation 101

NEXT WEEK’S PROGRAM: **No regular meeting!**
Fireside at President Marco’s residence

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
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 \$976.50 + 1/2 of today’s sales, 20 cards left, Jackpot on “Queen of Hearts” only!

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Kevin Nosworthy introduced our guests, Peter Davies, Said, Laura, Brian Johnson, Lindy Watt Shymkiw.

Mystery Greeter – Michael Serry – showed up late and pretty much fined everyone in the room – very effective Michael!

Lynda Lawrence gave us the Rotary Moment and spoke about the first Canadian (MacIntyre) to attend a meeting in Chicago and then returned to Winnipeg and promptly organized his first Rotary Club.

Reminder about the May Fireside – Marco encouraged as many to attend as Membership will be on the Agenda.

Marco called up our newest inductee to Membership – Lyndy Buyze-Kerr.

Lyndy was born in Rio de Janeiro Brazil to English & South African parents. Her secondary education was in a Boarding School in Buenos Aires, Argentina. She also completed 2 Years at the University in Brazil.

Lyndy has worked internationally and travelled extensively. She has worked at the British Embassy in Rio de Janeiro, lived in London, England for 3 years, lived at The Hague, Holland for 3 years working for the Portuguese Embassy. She then decided to put down some roots and moved to Maple Ridge in March, 1980. Since that time she has held various different jobs in Vancouver including B.C. Tel and has been employed in Real Estate from 1994 to present date working out of Remax Ridge Meadows Office as a Real Estate Agent.

She has now lived in Maple Ridge for just over 30 years and loves the community

Lyndy has volunteered at Maple Ridge Hospital for the last 6 years and also volunteers for Real Estate sponsored functions such as the Thanksgiving Dinner.

Her interests include the outdoors, travelling, sports, reading and music (including the piano) - to name but a few. (oh yes - dogggggggggggg!!!!)

She is looking forward to join Rotary in order to enable her to give back more to the community.

Brian Bekar presented Lyndy her pin, and all Rotarians stood and welcomed Lyndy to the Club.

Robert and Lynda presented a new Rotary video – “This is Rotary”. It can be found on You Tube.

Marco shared what Rotary is, can do and maybe why some join.

Matt DeBruyn stood and shared his first experience and meeting. He came to the Gourmet Hideaway on his own and within 2 weeks joined Rotary. He enjoys the fact that all the time and money directly services the projects. He quickly signed on to all committees and got very involved.



Bob Shantz told us that Rotary shares his own value system; whether in business or in life. Giving back to the community is a reflection of what we as individuals do within our families. Rotary is relationships and a sense of belonging to a community that gives you comfort in life and shares your beliefs.

Mary Robson told us what impresses her most is the “power of one”. Can start as an individual, but quickly spreads. She used the almost eradication of polio as an example.

Gord Robson – told us a story of an experience that happened to him shortly after he joined Rotary. A project with the Bangkok Rotary Club – they visited a factory there manufacturing prosthetic legs. While there he met a Rotarian and that Rotarian asked Gord to make him a promise and that is to spread his thanks everywhere he goes to Rotarians for the work and donations to the Polio eradication.

Submitted by Terry Becker

DISTRICT 5050 CONFERENCE



Last Friday and Saturday was the District 5050 Conference in Tulalip. Marco, Lindsay, Peter B and Ineke were able to attend. It was a great experience with lots of good speakers with good subjects.

District 5050 Governor
Larry Jubie



Rotary International President was represented by Ron Burton.

