



My fellow Rotarians,

In February, I attended the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Rotary Club of St. Paul, Minn., USA. After dinner that evening, a young lady came up to me and asked, "Of everything you have seen this year in Rotary, what has touched your heart the most?"

For such a simple question, it was nearly impossible to answer – only because I have seen so much that has touched my heart so deeply and made me so proud to be a Rotarian. These past 12 months have given me the opportunity and the privilege of observing firsthand how our service touches the lives of others, and how great are the needs we address.

It is one thing to see photographs of the devastation in Haiti caused by January's earthquake. It was another thing entirely for me to walk among the rubble, to see the collapsed buildings, to understand that the true scope of the tragedy will never be known.

In Banda Aceh, Indonesia, where Rotary has done so much to rebuild the city shattered by the 2004 tsunami, I thought I understood the scale of the disaster before my visit. But I was not prepared for the sight of a large freighter in a field 2 miles inland, swept there by the tsunami.

In China, at a Rotary-supported orphanage, I held a two-month-old girl who had been abandoned on a train. With that baby in my arms, I realized that what Rotary provided to the orphanage – food, warm clothing, a clean and safe home – was only one part of what was needed. What that child wanted most of all, in that moment, was simply to be held and to feel loved, and that touched me very much.

There is so much we can do as Rotarians that will mean so much to others. And as important as it is to give material assistance – to help in the areas of water, health and hunger, and literacy – it is equally vital that we give that help freely, with true caring for others. Because often, simply caring is what helps others most of all.

As this Rotary year and my term as RI president draw to a close, I thank you all for your service to Rotary and your support. I have been honored to serve as your president, and remind you that *The Future of Rotary Is in Your Hands*.

John Kenny  
President, Rotary International



# The Four Way Flasher

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## JUNE IS ROTARY FELLOWSHIP MONTH



### INVOCATION

June 1	Stan Wade	June 8	Rustam Yazdgerdian
June 15	Laurie Anderson	June 22	Liz Attarmigirian

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

June 2: Anil & Zulekha Bharwani

June 4: Brian & Sharon Bekar

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

June 4: Ross Dunning

June 5: Lynda DeBruyn

June 6: Zulekha Bharwani

TODAY'S PROGRAM: Surprise Program

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM: MLA Marc Dalton

### CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
June 20-23		Rotary International Convention	Montreal
June 29		Installation Executive 2010/2011	Heather Hills Farm
Aug. 21	1:30 pm	Golfun	Useless Bay Golf & Country Club Langley, Wa

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$1010.50 + 1/2 of today's sales, 19 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

## LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Everyone arrived at Marco's between 5:30 and 6:00pm. Dinner was waiting and another delicious meal provided by Celebrity Catering.

Marco called the meeting to order at 6:58 and explained that he and Lynda would be co-chairing the meeting tonite.

### 1. **Venue:**

Russ – parking is an issue each week. Marco suggested car-pooling may be an option.

Marco – Pyrgos may be an option, however the ambience is not as good and storage isn't as good. The library might be an option, but then we are back to catering and knowing #'s in advance, which has proved difficult in the past.

Gordy – Talked about the committee that was struck about 10 years and said that they couldn't find many places.

Jen – talked about computers being an option for signing on for attendance.

Laurie – likes the location and at least we have the floor all to ourselves.

Ineke – suggested we might charge up front.

Mike D – said we are charged a minimum anyway, so not such a burden to the restaurant.

Brian – with the raffles we shouldn't be losing money on the lunches.

Vote to stay where we are – carried.

### 2. **Quality of Food:** Most felt the meals had improved.

Anil – do we need desert? Voted in favour.

Terry – is soup and sandwich an option?

### 3. **Programs:** Everyone continues to enjoy the weekly speakers and it is suggested that improved attendance can be attributed to this.

Jim – quality of speakers is very good.

### 4. **Committees:**

Lynda – Club will remain with the 4/5 Avenues of Service. Asks all committee chairs to bring on an understudy or someone able to step up if you leave the chair. If everyone will email Lynda/Marco by May31<sup>st</sup> who their next in command is.

Patrick will continue on with the Polio fundraising on behalf of the Club.

Laura will Chair Wine Festival again this year.

Marco asked if there was sufficient interest in travelling to Guatemala for a service project. Quite a number of members showed interest.

Jen shared her GSE experience and the lead up to it ie: Habitat for Humanities.

Mike reminded us all to keep our focus locally as well ie: Foodbank.

5. **Membership:** Great job being done by Brian Bekar – we always get one or two new members each time a new members lunch is held.

6. **Sgt at Arms:** Jim will continue next year and will get himself a next in charge.

### 7. **Public Relations:**

A half page ad in the local paper is being done by Haney Club. Marco said he'd be happy to take this on after his year as President. That is if the NEWs would be willing to do this. Jim to explore

8. **The Four Way Flasher:** Peter will continue next year and will look for someone to assist when he is absent.

9. **The Rotary Foundation:** Every Rotarian every year. It's important that whatever you are able to do, please contribute. Laurie is considering taking on the task.

10. **Fundraising:** We will find out in August 2010 what our gaming contribution will be for the next year.

Ineke and Lynda talked about the last Duck meeting – decided it was too late to do something this summer. Thought about having a mini event with the other club – maybe partner with KEEPS or ARMS. The committee will continue to pursue this.

Marco reported on a fundraiser by Club of White Rock. Sell tickets for \$40 for a progressive dinner with local restaurants. They offer it up for free – restaurant keeps bar revenue. Good exposure for the restaurants. Depending on the number of tickets, the profit can be considerable.

11. **Web Maintenance:** Robert is willing to teach Club and District database to those interested and also our website maintenance. Peter Boekhorst will assist.

12. **Attendance:** A big push to get the make ups entered.

13. **Four Way Test:** Matt will be continuing the program.

14. **Installation:** At Heather Hills and is BYOB. Sign up sheet for #'s for the caterer.

15. **New Business:** Gordy asked about the 5<sup>th</sup> avenue of service and how the kids are involved.

Adjourned at 8:07

Submitted by Terry Becker