

**RI PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**



***Building Communities – Bridging Continents***

Several Rotarians have asked me how I chose the RI theme for my presidential year, so let me explain. After reviewing all the past themes, I decided to search for a few words that would fulfill two objectives – to give outsiders a glimpse of our purpose, and at the same time to make Rotarians proud of their membership.

I searched for words to describe the passion, the creativity, and the generosity of Rotarians. And as I sought the right words, I kept in mind that Rotary is a spirit of service as well as an organization of Rotary clubs, and that we need to share our core values of service, fellowship, diversity, integrity, and leadership with other people and organizations. I considered many words and phrases. The four words I finally selected to convey Rotary's current mission and highlight our achievements describe what Rotarians do best, which is *Building Communities – Bridging Continents*.

I hope you agree those four words aptly reflect who we are and what we do as Rotarians. We are a unique organization and certainly one of the best in the world. We build the spirit and resources of our local communities in an important way, and we are a prominent player on the world stage with PolioPlus and our international service projects.

Rotary has changed the world, and Rotarians will continue to change it in a positive way. The formula is simple: For us to succeed, all we need to do is to focus our best efforts on doing what Rotarians are passionate about and what Rotarians are the best in the world at doing, which is *Building Communities – Bridging Continents*.



**THE ROTARY FOUNDATION'S STRENGTH DEPENDS ON MEMBERSHIP, EXTENSION, AND CONTRIBUTIONS**



It is interesting to note that three countries – India, Japan, and the United States – alone account for 46 percent of the Rotary population worldwide. Together with Korea and Taiwan, they are among the largest contributors to The Rotary Foundation.

This is, of course, of greatest importance to The Rotary Foundation, as the possibility for it to support various programs is totally dependent on contributions from Rotarians, clubs, and districts. I am happy that in spite of the world financial crisis, Rotarians have been very generous and supported their own Rotary Foundation. This is something that we shall never forget – The Rotary Foundation belongs to the Rotarians.

Unfortunately, the membership numbers have been very static for quite a number of years. Controlling retention is one way to make membership increase or, at least, not decrease.

Another is extension. For instance, I feel it is time to seriously study the possibility of re-entering Cuba and again investigate the possibilities of expanding into China on a larger scale. I am sure this can happen if we really try. If we do not, it will never happen. These are just a couple of examples – there are many more.

Consequently we can note how membership, extension, and contributions all are linked together, and it is every Rotarian's responsibility and honour to work toward these goals as we are *Building Communities – Bridging Continents* through Service Above Self.

Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar  
Foundation Trustee Chair



# The Four Way Flasher

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**INVOCATION**

<b>Aug. 3</b>	Peter Boekhorst	<b>Aug. 10</b>	Lyndy Buyze-Kerr
<b>Aug. 17</b>	Tirenzio Calzuolo	<b>Aug. 24</b>	Robert Campbell



**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

August 8: Peter & Eva Tam

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

August 4: Liz Attarmigirian  
August 7: Peter Tam

August 5: Janet Hendy  
August 9: Melissa Kramer

**Next week's luncheon is in the Bella Vita Restaurant!**

**TODAY'S PROGRAM:** Dane Spence – the new Fire Hall #1  
**NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM:** MP Randy Kamp

**CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:**

Date	Time	Event	Venue
<b>Aug. 11</b>	<b>6-7:30pm</b>	MeadowRidge / Haney Awards Ceremony	The ACT
<b>Aug. 24</b>	<b>noon</b>	Membership Meeting	Bella Vita Restaurant, M.R.
<b>Aug. 29</b>	<b>3 pm</b>	Family BBQ at Patrick O'Brien's home	10328 – 276 St. M.R.
<b>Sep. 11</b>		Ride & BBQ at Mustang Riding Stables	14729 Sylvester Rd., Mission
<b>Oct. 5</b>		Sports Banquet	Meadow Gardens Golf Club

**50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$1,322.00 + 1/2 of today's sales, 12 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!**

## LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Our Guest today was Debbie Nosworthy

Ineke reminded members that she requires assistance for making hamburgers at the Heritage Day Festival on 31 July 2010.

On 11 August 2010 the Meadow Ridge/ Haney Awards Ceremony, will be held at the ACT. It will be a wine and cheese reception held between 6.00-7.30pm at which time grants raised from the Wine Fest will be handed over to various recipients. The cost will be \$20.00.

### ROTARY MOMENT:

In honour of our Lady President, Peter Tam told the club about the history of woman's acceptance into the Rotary Organization as members, which was as recent as 1989.

Our speaker today was Lindsay Hendy, doing a "Who's Who".

Lindsay told the club a bit about his background, both personally and professionally. He was born in Vancouver and relocated to Whonnock in 1970. He studied accounting at UBC and graduated in 1983. As he was unable to find employment in accounting he became an assistant geologist in the Yukon. He then worked in a local shop as an assistant. He finally got a break with a single practitioner, Dougald Jackson. He is currently with the firm Meyers Norris Penny, in Maple Ridge, which is the largest accounting firm in BC and the 7<sup>th</sup> largest in Canada. He is a committed Rotarian.

Marco urged members to visit or call Vladimir, as he is not well, but appreciates any contact with members of the club.

President Lynda, requested members to consider making a venue change to the Bella Vita Restaurant. Another luncheon will be held there on August 10<sup>th</sup>, as well as our New Member Meeting on August 24<sup>th</sup>. Those who could not come out last time are encouraged to attend and check out the venue.

David Riddell introduced our newest member Mariella Ignatieff to the club.

Welcome Mariella, and hopefully we will have lots of work for you to do!

**Submitted by Adrienne Dale**



## MAPLE RIDGE / PITT MEADOWS HERITAGE DAYS

Last Saturday several of our members assisted in flipping and serving burgers together with the Kiwanis Club of Golden Ears and Maple Ridge Mayor Ernie Daykin, Councillor Al Hogarth, MP Randy Kamp, MLA Marc Dalton and MLA Michael Sather.



Even the cooks themselves enjoyed the food!



## WINE & CHEESE EVENT AT THE ACT

**Wednesday, August 11, 6-7:30 pm**

On Wednesday August 11, from 6 - 7:30 pm, we are organizing an "informal" awards ceremony event in the foyer of the ACT. Cost: \$20 (or ticket), guests welcome.

Grants from the Wine Festival proceeds are awarded during this joint MeadowRidge / Haney Club event. Red or White wine, soft drinks, assorted cheese will be served.

Attendance to this event will count as a "Make Up"

## FAMILY OF ROTARY POTLUCK BARBEQUE

**Sunday August 29, 3 pm**

Family event at Stefanie and Patrick O'Brien's home (10328 276 Street, Maple Ridge) Giving all an opportunity to swim, socialize, horseback ride, play some games (tonic toss anyone?), share great food and fantastic fellowship.



Bring the kids (grandkids) and a favourite dish to share; we will provide meat for the BBQ. Cost is \$10 per person and \$20 per family, all proceeds to the Rotary Foundation.

If any interest you can also play some frisbee golf at Sharon and Dave Rempel's home just a couple of blocks away (10607 277th Street)

STILL LOOKING FOR SOME SILENT AUCTION DONATIONS

(Call 604-467-2420, if you can donate something, thanks!)

Please mark on the attendance sheet circulating today, **YES or NO** to indicate you've seen the form, THANKS!

**You don't want to miss this fantastic event!**