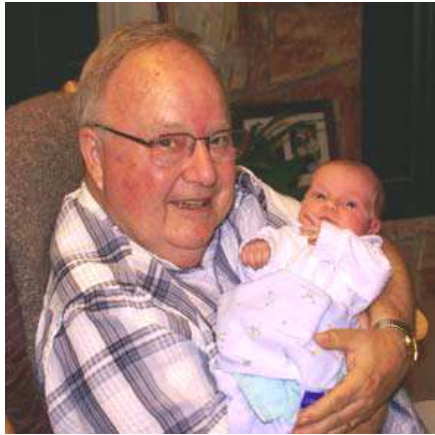


## MESSAGE FROM THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR



Fellow Rotarians,

My first month as a District Governor was relatively quiet, at least on the Rotary front. My club and I received the "Home of the District Governor" banner on July 15th, as PDG Larry actually seemed pleased to hand it along. I appreciated receiving the official District Governor pin from him that evening as well. I have completed my three official visits scheduled in July, and participated in the Aldergrove Fair parade, turning the large Rotary wheel on loan from PDG Harv.

The big event for Arlene and me was our daughter Alison giving birth on July 11th to our first grandchild. Katrina Alyse has now come into our lives, and she is a little darling. You can see from my picture with her that her grandpa is very pleased.

Holding this beautiful little girl in my arms, I thought about how much she will be learning, how much she will experience as she grows, how I hope she will have much joy in her life. Her future is bright, and I want to be a big part of helping her along the way. She is one of the fortunate ones, born here, in a country with a good medical system, with good housing, with plenty of food and fresh water, and with the opportunity for education and freedom in life. Not all children are so lucky.

I wrote last month that eradicating polio remains Rotary's #1 priority and challenge, and that we are getting ever closer to achieving our goal. Recent outbreaks of cases in Tajikistan show how perilous our mission is, and how we must persevere to stamp out this disease. I believe that migration of people from an endemic area led to the new outbreak of the wild polio virus. Twelve new cases were reported in that previously polio-free country in the past week, bringing the total number of cases for 2010 to 425. The most recent case had onset of paralysis on June 12, and has been covered by the most recent National Immunization Day (NID) on June 15. Four NIDs have now been conducted with mOPV1 at short intervals.

To minimize the risk and consequences of international spread of polio from Tajikistan, in July and August Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan are all conducting NIDs.

Last month I urged clubs and Rotarians to support Golfun, our district fundraiser for Polio Plus, and you can see that the need for increased vaccinations is very real. We all can do our part to contribute to the cause and help the many volunteers distribute the life altering and life-saving medications to less-fortunate children in this world.

We have had a much lower than expected volume of requests for matching grants from our clubs this year. We felt we did not need a Foundation Seminar in July; perhaps we were wrong. Foundation Chair Bill Robson and District Trainer Cheryl McKeever are now planning a seminar, for our district. The information will soon be coming your way.

District Administrator Linda Murray, Past District Governor (2006-07) Rod Thomson and I are working to have our District Directories ready for you. We did not meet the hoped for July 31st target date, so now we intend to distribute them in August.

We are always looking for interested Rotarians to serve on district committees. Just let your Assistant Governor know your area of interest or passion, and we will find a committee to utilize your talents.

Have a great month and enjoy our summer weather!

Wayne A. Wiebe  
District Governor 2010-2011



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## August is Membership & Extension Month

### INVOCATION

Aug. 10	Lyndy Buyze-Kerr	Aug. 17	Tirenzio Calzuolo
Aug. 24	Robert Campbell	Aug. 31	Laura Cherrille



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

August 13: Gord Robson

TODAY'S PROGRAM: MP Randy Kamp

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM: Geoff Clayton - Alouette River Management Society

### CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

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

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$1,367.50 + 1/2 of today's sales, 11 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

## LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Our Guest today was Maarten Terwiel

24 August 2010: Membership meeting at Bella Vita Restaurant, Lougheed Highway, Maple Ridge.

RI Leadership Programme 2 October 2010, for those in leadership positions in 2010/2011.

5 October 2010 Sports Banquet, the club was requested to look out for suitable items for the silent auction and to make table reservations.

All members are urged to pay their club dues.

Marco gave a brief anecdote on the founder of Rotary International, Paul Harris.



Gord Robson introduced Dane Spence, from the Maple Ridge Fire Department to talk to the club about the newly completed Fire Hall #1, which was opened on 25 June 2010.

The process of planning, building and completing the hall took a total of 10 years. It involved the purchasing of 4 adjacent properties to combine into the exiting property in Brown Avenue. The current investment in the project is in the region of \$10,000,000.

The building is environmentally friendly in its construction and contains state of the art features. It is known as a LEAD structure.(i.e.), designed to leave the least environmental impact on the environment. This is achieved by using only certified "green" materials.

The original building, built in 1972, contained a large amount of asbestos, as well as other serious structural problems which had to be rectified and consequently increased the costs of the new structure.

Another important feature of the building was that it should be designed in such a way as to be virtually indestructible.

The fire hall is manned by both career and auxiliary fireman. New career firemen are taken from the pool of auxiliary members.

The presentation showed pictures of the original 1946 fire truck, which had been restored and is now displayed in the entrance of the building.

Submitted by Adrienne Dale

## 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"



## ROTARY BEGINS PLAN OF ACTION IN HAITI

By Ryan Hyland

Rotary International News -- 3 August 2010

More than six months after Haiti sustained a massive earthquake, Rotary clubs and account holders of the Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund are beginning to allocate resources to help rebuild schools, provide prosthetics, and equip thousands with adequate shelter.

Despite assistance from around the world, the situation in Haiti remains bleak. An estimated 1.5 million Haitians still live in tent cities, while billions of dollars in aid from foreign countries has yet to materialize. Debris from 280,000 destroyed homes and buildings clogs the streets of Port-au-Prince.

Rotarians have contributed more than US\$2 million to the Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund, a donor advised fund set up by The Rotary Foundation.

"By beginning the work on many of the projects, we anticipate that additional funds will be contributed by Rotarians who are motivated to continue that help," says Past RI Vice President Eric E. Lacoste Adamson, an account holder and member of the Rotary Club of Front Royal, Virginia, USA. "We also hope to encourage other partners and NGOs [nongovernmental organizations] to match these funds so that we can double or triple the impact of the funds in Haiti."

Local Rotarians, the Haiti Task Force, established two years ago to administer financial aid to the nation, and District 7020 (Haiti and parts of the Caribbean) review and coordinate every project. Some of the initiatives include:

- District 6990 (Grand Bahama Island; part of Florida, USA) will raise \$40,000 to help rebuild a medical clinic in Kenscoff. The Haiti fund will provide the balance of the \$80,000 project.
- District 7570 (parts of Tennessee and Virginia, USA) will rebuild Catherine Flon College in Carrefour with help from the Haiti fund.
- Rotarians in Canada had gathered school supplies and furniture. The Haiti fund will allocate \$21,000 to ship the items to Haiti.
- The Haiti fund will contribute \$10,000 toward a vehicle to serve as transportation for midwives.
- The Rotary Club of Tortola, British Virgin Islands, and the Good Samaritan Foundation began construction on a new school in Île à Vache, an island off the southern coast of Haiti. About \$50,000 from the Haiti fund has been allocated to the school.

### Emergency aid still needed

The Tortola club also has provided \$25,000 in emergency food aid to Île à Vache, which has been overwhelmed by the mass migration of quake victims from mainland Haiti. The island's population doubled to nearly 30,000 in the last three months, says club member Stephen Cooper.

"This increase in population has put immense pressure on the fishing- and farming-based community, where food and resources were already scarce before the earthquake," Cooper says.

Rotarians in the British Virgin Islands have links with Île à Vache that predate the disaster, he says. they appealed to District 7020 for help after community leaders on the island described the situation.

The first of what will be a series of \$5,000 food distributions took place in June, with the Rotary Club of Cayes, Haiti, overseeing the project. The rice, beans, and cooking oil were all purchased locally.

"The food was carefully portioned out and distributed fairly among those in need," Cooper says. "Rotarians should feel proud of the contribution they have made to ease the suffering of the people of Haiti. I saw with my own eyes that this food is making the difference between life and death for many people."