

APPEAL FOR PAKISTAN FLOOD RECOVERY

Dear Rotarians:

We are deeply saddened to hear of the recent floods in Pakistan, and we are touched by the commitment of Rotarians to assist the communities affected by this disaster. Rotary International is coordinating relief and recovery efforts, and we are writing to you today to provide you with information on how you may work through Rotary to make a significant contribution toward alleviating this major humanitarian crisis.



A boy sloshes through the floodwaters in a village outside Punjab, Pakistan, on Aug. 21. Daniel Berehulak/Getty Images

Rotary International coordinates information and provides resources on club and district disaster relief efforts.

When informed of local relief initiatives, RI shares updates about these efforts on the RI website. Rotarians wishing to contribute funds or donated goods to disaster victims can visit the website or contact RI staff at relief@rotary.org to learn about current relief and recovery efforts.

Also, The Rotary Foundation has established the Rotary Pakistan Flooding Recovery Fund to collect cash and District Designated Fund contributions. Funds will be collected until 31 December 2010 and will be used as the Foundation's match for Matching Grant applications that are received for long-term disaster recovery efforts in affected areas. Details about the fund are available on the RI website.

We have been in contact with district governors Syed Balkhi (District 3271) and Shehzad Ahmed (District 3272) to offer assistance in publicizing any relief efforts that clubs in Pakistan are implementing. Details on Rotary club involvement in relief efforts and how you can help will be posted on the home page of the RI website.

As always, when organizing a response to a local or international disaster, we encourage Rotary clubs and districts to work with experienced emergency relief organizations such as UNICEF, the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, Doctors Without Borders, ShelterBox, Aquabox, and World Water Works to meet the immediate needs of victims affected by the disaster.

It is our hope that with your meaningful and rapid response to this appeal, you will be able to help rebuild the future for millions of innocent people affected by this crisis. Thank you for your commitment to helping disaster victims.

Sincerely,

Ed Futa, General Secretary
Rotary International



The Four Way Flasher

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August is Membership & Extension Month

INVOCATION

Aug. 24	Robert Campbell	Sept. 7	Jim Coulter
Sept. 14	Adrienne Dale	Sept. 21	Jan Dale



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

August 28: Ross & Sandra Dunning

TODAY'S PROGRAM: Membership Meeting
Installation of Brian Johnston

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM:

Coming Sunday Family BBQ; No regular meeting on Tuesday

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Aug. 29	3 pm	Family BBQ at Patrick O'Brien's home	10328 – 276 St. M.R.
Sept. 11		Ride & BBQ at Mustang Riding Stables	14729 Sylvester Rd., Mission
Sept. 29		R I Foundation Dinner – River Rock Cafe	
Oct. 5		Sports Banquet	Meadow Gardens Golf Club

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$1,499.50 + 1/2 of today's sales, 8 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Our Guests today were Angela Pastor, Bob Hirsh and Elaine Clayton

Gord Robson introduced the speaker, Geoff Clayton of the Alouette River Management Society and gave a brief background of the history over the years on the Alouette River and the problems which had been created due to the use of the lake for hydro purposes.



Geoff was instrumental in the formation of the Alouette River Management Society in 1993. His involvement began when he was employed with BC Hydro and he used his position and expertise in field to bring all interested parties together to implement a Water Use Plan. The plan was aimed at combining the interests of the public, the public's use of the river for recreational use together with the production of hydro power. This is a unique concept, which was started in Maple Ridge and adopted world wide.

Prior to the implementation of the Water Use Plan, the activities of BC Hydro's had a serious, detrimental impact on the environment and particularly on all species of salmon. He explained in detail the adverse effects and what measures were taken to deal with this ecological disaster, which as a result of the plan was totally reversed.

Before the dam construction in 1928, the Alouette system supported a sizeable sockeye population. Unlike other salmon species, sockeye require access to a lake to successfully complete their life cycle. Sockeye salmon rear in lakes as juveniles for approximately one year before migrating to the sea as smolts. With access to Alouette Lake obstructed by the Alouette Dam, sockeye salmon were extirpated from the Alouette Watershed and have remained so for over 70 years.

Migratory chinook, coho, pink, chum, steelhead and cutthroat trout would have also spawned and/or reared upstream of the dam. Chinook in particular utilized Gold Creek as their preferred natal stream. The dam reduced the range of habitat for these species, which continue to persist downstream of the dam.

Various species of salmon were reintroduced into the lake and sockeye salmon were brought back from extinction to a sustainable run, which is a world first.

For the future, it is hoped that sufficient funds can be raised between the community of Maple Ridge and BC Hydro for the construction of a fish ladder. The cost would be in the region of \$3 million.

For further information see www.alouetteriver.org

Submitted by Adrienne Dale



Rotary's Guiding Principles

Throughout Rotary's history, several basic principles have been developed to guide Rotarians in achieving the ideal of service and high ethical standards.

Object of Rotary

First formulated in 1910 and adapted through the years as Rotary's mission expanded, the Object of Rotary provides a succinct definition of the organization's purpose as well as the club member's responsibilities.

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

■ FIRST

The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

■ SECOND

High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

■ THIRD

The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;

■ FOURTH

The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace

Did you know ?

- * Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarships is the world's largest, privately funded scholarship program.
- * The Rotary Foundation has contributed more than US\$2.3 billion in program awards and operations since 1947.
- * Rotarians have established a host of organizations dedicated to various humanitarian causes, including ShelterBox, HungerPlus, and Gift of Life.
- * Providing vitamin A supplements during polio National Immunization Days has averted an estimated 1.5 million childhood deaths since 1998 — testimony to the "plus" in PolioPlus.
- * RI representatives work with many major international organizations, including the UN and several of its agencies, the Organization of American States, the Council of Europe, and the African Union.

GOLF FUN 2010

A great time had by all!!!

Meadowridge Team 1 - Brian Bekar, Terry Becker, John B, Greg A. came 7th overall!

Terry beat out President Brenda Exner of the Haney Club for Long Drive.

Meadowridge Team 2 won Most Honest Team - you can ask Lindsay Hendy, or Sharon Kyle what that means!

