



**Bigger, Better, Bolder**

This year marks a significant anniversary for Rotary! Although the Rotary Club of Chicago started in 1905, the first convention of Rotary clubs was held in August of 1910 with 60 Rotarians representing 16 clubs. Our history as an organization of Rotary clubs started with that meeting in 1910, and we are now commencing a second century of service for Rotary as an association.

All of us want this century of service to be even more successful than the last. Therefore, this is an opportune time to ask: Are we taking the right steps to ensure that success? Are we doing the right things? Do we have a clear vision of the future? In the words of “America the Beautiful,” can we “see beyond the years”?

As Rotary’s 100th president, I believe we are moving in the right direction. Our 33,000 clubs are Rotary’s biggest asset, and our success in the next 100 years will depend on the ability of our clubs to remain vibrant and vital. Their strength will determine our success!

The RI Board has taken several steps to offer more assistance to our clubs this year, including creating the Rotary Coordinators program to assist district governors in providing information about Rotary International’s programs and best practices to the clubs.

I firmly believe that if we help our clubs to become better and bolder, then the clubs will become bigger – both because of the increased pride of our Rotarians in their clubs and the increased awareness of Rotary by prospective members. Therefore, my goal is to help the district governors to help their clubs to become Bigger, Better, and Bolder!

This is a great time to be a Rotarian. Together we can make this century of service even more exciting than the last!

Ray Klinginsmith  
President, Rotary International



# The Four Way Flasher

## Rotary Club of MeadowRidge Newsletter

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### September is New Generations Month

**INVOCATION**

<b>Sept. 14</b>	Adrienne Dale	<b>Sept. 21</b>	Jan Dale
<b>Sept. 28</b>	Mike Davies	<b>Oct. 12</b>	Wende Dawes



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Sept. 14: Rustam Yazdgerdian      Sept. 17: Adrienne Dale

**TODAY’S PROGRAM:**      Wilson Sieg

**NEXT WEEK’S PROGRAM:**      Ed Villiers - Local History & Humour

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

Date	Time	Event	Venue
<b>Sept. 29</b>		R I Foundation Dinner – River Rock Cafe	
<b>Oct. 5</b>		Sports Banquet	Meadow Gardens Golf Club

**The chance of winning the Jackpot is better than the 6/49!**

**50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$1,618.50+ 1/2 of today’s sales, 6 cards left, Jackpot on “Queen of Hearts”!**

## LAST WEEK'S MEETING

**Guest:** Peter Davies, prospective member

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- There are still some members who have not paid their Rotary dues for the year.
- 5 October 2010 – Sports Banquet, a request was made for donations for the silent auction e.g.. package donations for meals and entertainment.
- 29 September 2010. Rotary Foundation Dinner, River Rock Casino.
- Fundraiser/ Fellowship at Patrick's raised ± \$800.00

### **ROTARY MOMENT:**

Terry Becker informed the club about the role played by Rotary clubs during World War II. Some clubs stepped up their efforts, while others were forced to disband. 1942 saw the formation of UNESCO arising out of Rotarians calling for a conference to promote international educational and cultural exchanges. Rotary also participates in UN delegations by sending observers to major meetings and covering UN matters in its publications.

Winston Churchill, was known to have given the Rotary organisation public recognition for its worldwide humanitarian efforts.

### **GUEST SPEAKER: Jack Rae –District Chair, World Committee Services**

Marco introduced the speaker and gave the club some information his background. Jack was born and raised in Vancouver, but has also lived in various other cities in Canada. He has also lived in Kenya and Zimbabwe in Africa. He joined the RCMP in 1960 and retired in 1993. He has now settled in Surry, BC.

Jack joined Rotary in 2002 and was appointed to the position of District Chair for the World Services committee for 2010-2011. He has been involved with several projects and matching grants in Africa, particularly in Kenya and Zimbabwe through Rotary's "Access Programme"- African/Canadian Education".

He was also instrumental in getting four clubs in Surrey to pair together to complete a project in Haiti. He emphasised the importance of Rotary putting together a co-ordinated effort in these sorts of projects, to prevent duplication and a waste of resources. Rotary was putting together a database of project opportunities for clubs to become involved in. He mentioned the Rotary "Reach Out to Africa" programme and suggested that a safari to Africa, by a group of Rotarians, would help to promote and educate people as to the needs in these countries.

A brief discussion was held on other International Services Programmes, including the Future Vision Plan, which commenced 1<sup>st</sup> July 2010, a pilot project for 3 years. Some of the changes to the GSE programme were highlighted e.g.: changes in age restrictions and limitation of vocations. More information go to [www.Rotary.org](http://www.Rotary.org).

President Lynda thanked the speaker.

## The Imagination Library

This Rotary supported project is gaining steam across North America and there are now over 70 communities across Canada that sponsor Imagination Library projects.

A community (in our case, sponsor) must make the program accessible to all preschool children in their area. The community (sponsor) pays for the books and mailing, promotes the program, registers the children, and enters the information into the database. From there The Dollywood Foundation of Canada takes over and manages the system to deliver the books to the home.

Ineke, Peter and Matt et al have been researching this opportunity and strongly suggest we engage in this as an ongoing, multi-year project and this has received very positive support from the club generally.

Soon we will have a presentation on this project. Until then, please check out:

[www.ImaginationLibrary.com](http://www.ImaginationLibrary.com) and select Canada from map.

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