Message from the District Governor

Fellow Rotarians,

I was advised that my Rotary year would go quickly, and I am finding that to be true. We have visited over half the clubs in our district, and have been treated royally. You will be able to tell from the photos accompanying this message that we are having fun. Our clubs have great enthusiasm.

October is Vocational Month, and gives you a reminder to look at the number of vocations represented in your club. If you find areas missing, perhaps that could be an incentive to seek out new members. We planned to hold our Membership Seminar on October 9th at Fox Hall in Bellingham, but due to low registration numbers have decided to postpone it to the spring.

We value all members' vocations, and don't have to look at a select few to find good members.



I encourage you to find good people, ones who wish to serve the local community and help others who live in faroff countries. If you find these people, and they agree that service to others is its own reward, you will be able to find a suitable classification so they can be productive members of your clubs. I don't get hung up on titles or positions, but value the integrity of the individual, and we can find these quality people in most vocations.

The Rotary Success Forum will be held at month end, and I will be attending. I encourage those of you who are able to join me there. Arlene and I enjoyed the District 5040 Foundation Dinner, and I was pleased to see so many of our District 5050 Rotarians in attendance to hear R.I. President Ray. He appreciated receiving the soccer ball representing our efforts to Kick Out Polio, and told me he'd find room to pack it in his luggage himself. The ball had names of forty-nine clubs and ten individuals on it, and our district's DDF contribution. District 5050's grand total donated (or committed) so far this Rotary year to Polio Plus is \$107,642!

After the meeting I pinned Ray with our district's Be Your Best pin as he is most deserving of this award, and gave him one for his wife Judie as well. I had planned to do it as part of my thank you talk, but I discovered when I saw the program at my table that I was scheduled to do the introduction instead. I had to improvise on the spot and was pleased that my comments were accepted in good spirit.

Our Foundation Seminar will be held on October 23rd, and I encourage each club to be represented. Certainly those clubs planning matching grants should have a representative attend to hear Foundation Chair Bill Robson outline what to do and what to avoid when completing the applications. With our involvement restricted to non-pilot districts, you may have some questions you'd like to ask, and the seminar would be the place to find the answers.

I am hearing good things when I visit the clubs, I am impressed with the projects being undertaken, and appreciate the efforts being made all across our district. Have a great month, and keep up the good work!

Wayne Wiebe, District Governor 2010-2011

In the picture: DG Wayne Wiebe presents "our" soccer ball to RI President Ray Klinginsmith.



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October is Vocational Service Month

TODAY: Who's Who - Adrienne Dale

BUILDING COMMUNITIES

NEXT WEEK: Fireside (Club Visioning Meeting)

Because of the Fireside, there will be no regular meeting next week

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Oct. 21: Anne Seward Oct. 22: Robert Campbell Oct. 22: Jeff Cherrille

INVOCATION

Oct. 19	Jennifer Dawkins	Nov. 2	Matt de Bruyn
Nov. 9	Ross Dunning	Nov. 16	Kelly Fry

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Oct. 26	6 pm	Fire Side @ Terry Becker's home	15227 Sheridan Drive, Pitt Meadows
Nov. 23	noon	DG Wayne Wiebe's Official Visit	

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$70.50 + 1/2 of today's sales, 51 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Jim introduced our guest this week - Ed Kisling, G. Tolpin, Exchange Student Ines, Debra Tucker and Peter Davies.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

23 October 2010 - Foundation Meeting

24 October 2010 – Polio Plus Day

26 October 2010 – 6.00 for 6.30pm - Fireside Chat – Home of Terry Becker

6 November 2010 - RI Training

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Marco announced the sad passing of fellow club member Vladimir Cukor and the funeral to be held in Vancouver. Laurie suggested that the club make a donation to the Rotary Foundation in honour of Vladimir's contribution to Rotary. He advised that He and Lorna will make a contribution of \$400.00.
- The Sports Banquet raised approximately \$27 000.00.
- The Soccer ball was handed to the RI President at the Rotary Foundation dinner. Over \$107,000 has been raised through this initiative by Patrick O'Brien.
- Ines, our exchange student formally introduced herself to the club.





INSTALLATION OF PETER DAVIES:

President Lynda gave the club a brief introduction to our new member.



Peter was born in Victoria and completed his schooling in Vancouver. On leaving school he joined the Norwegian Merchant Marines where he remained for 5 years, travelling to many ports including South America, Africa, Europe and Japan.

In 1972, Peter applied and received his mortgage brokerage licence. In 1978 he opened a brokerage with a partner and finally went on his own in 1993. His company is known Columbia Mortgage Services Inc.

He is a member of the Lions Gate 4-Wheel Drive Club and has been asked by the BC Safe Driving Council to teach a night-school class on the subject. He lives in Maple Ridge with his wife, a rescue sheep, an Arabian Stallion and 2 Bernese Mountain dogs. He has 3 children.

He describes himself as a jack of all trades, always willing to lend a helping hand, excellent in emergency situations and having a great sense of humour.

GUEST SPEAKER:

Matt De Bruyn – Vocational Service Director:

October is Vocational Services month. Matt told the club about a few of the current vocational programmes in which the club was involved this Rotary year, which included:-

Bursaries for High School Graduates:

The club has been awarding bursaries of \$1500.00 per student for high school graduates for some years. Initially

only those in school district 42 were eligible, but this has now been extended to anyone in the area. Approximately 8 students are selected each year. However, it is anticipated that the club will need to fundraise in order to keep this project going.

4-Way Test in Elementary Schools:

120 children have been introduced to the principles of the 4-way test on which Rotary is based. Children are divided into groups and each group is facilitated by a Rotarian. The children are given a moral dilemma and asked to resolve it according to the principles of the 4-way test. The Haney Rotary Club have also assisted with this project. It is proving to be very successful.



Minutes submitted by Adrienne Dale

DISTRICT 5040'S FOUNDATION DINNER WITH RI PRESIDENT RAY

(FROM PAJ Oct. 2010)



L - R: Laurie Anderson, Lynda Lawrence,
Arlene and DG Wayne Wiebe, & Pat Knight



Marc Baker, Marco Terwiel, DGE Jane Helten,
Bill Dobler, and Tom Koenig