

MESSAGE FROM THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Fellow Rotarians,

We have now arrived at our Rotary Foundation Month, and November is a very significant month in our Rotary year. The mission of The Rotary Foundation is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty. The Foundation is a not-for-profit corporation supported solely by voluntary contributions from Rotarians and friends of the Foundation who share its vision of a better world.



In District 5050 we have had a great start to our giving to The Rotary Foundation with the Polio Plus contributions made through Golfun and directly from clubs and members, including the on-line promotion last month. Now we turn our focus to the Annual Programs Fund and encourage you to contribute in the Every Rotarian Every Year program to support all the activities included in TRF funding. The funds we have for Matching Grants and District Simplified Grants are dependent upon your donations to APF. Our Group Study Exchange program and our Ambassadorial Scholarship program rely on this funding. District 5050 Rotarians have been generous in the past, and I encourage you to continue this fine tradition.

The Foundation Dinner will be held on November 20th at the Pacific Inn in White Rock. This will be your opportunity to help our district's fundraising through the Silent Auction, and hear an inspiring young man share his message. Johnny Miller was recently selected as one of our Ambassadorial Scholarship winners, and you will be amazed by what this young man has done and what he has to offer. Johnny's talk will be called "The Power of Challenge," and he will share his story of hiking the Pacific Crest Trail, his time fishing in Alaska, and his Haiti video documentary.

We also have many awards from the past Rotary year to present, including banners for the top three clubs in highest per capita annual giving, 100% Rotary Foundation Sustaining Member Club banner, Every Rotarian, Every Year club banner, and Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge Certificates of Appreciation. Simply register online for a great evening of fun, food, and fellowship.

Eighteen Rotarians from District 5050 attended the Rotary Success Forum in Richmond, and I enjoyed the wide range of topics and the discussions around them. It's always good to hear up-to-date information about Rotary activities, to hear others' perspectives on concerns we face, and be reminded about some of the actions we can take to make our clubs bigger, better, and bolder as we work together Building Communities,

Bridging Continents this year. As November begins I have visited forty-nine of our clubs and have enjoyed the fellowship in every one. Arlene has joined me for forty-six, and two she missed were due to "Grandma duty." Have a great month, and keep up the good work!

Wayne A. Wiebe
District Governor 2010-2011



The Four Way Flasher

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November is Rotary Foundation Month



TODAY: Bill Robson - Foundation Program

NEXT WEEK: Dr. Larry Gustafson - Influenza Virus & Shots

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Nov. 9: Bob & Irena Shantz

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Nov. 9: Lila Jane Terwiel

Nov. 15: Ken Paterson

INVOCATION

Nov. 9	Ross Dunning	Nov. 16	Kelly Fry
Nov. 23	Doris Gagel	Nov. 30	Maureen Goodrick

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Nov. 23	noon	DG Wayne Wiebe's Official Visit	
Dec. 4	8am-3pm	Rotary Leadership Institute	Mt. Vernon, USA
Dec. 14		AGM & election of 2011/12 Executive	

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$00.00 + 1/2 of today's sales, 52 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

“Thank You” letter from Zdenka Cukor

Dear fellow Rotarians,

Thank you for your support in these very sad moments for me. I wasn't alone because you were all around, helping me with everything.

Cailin, Dave, Laurie, Linda, Lindsay, Patrick, Mary, Robert thank you for your kind words, visit, phone calls, flowers. They meant a lot to both Vladimir and me.

Ineke and Peter thank you very, very much for all your driving, helping and being around. You were amazing to both Vladimir and me. There aren't any words that can describe how much I'm grateful.

Marco and Lila Jane thank you very, very much for all your visits. Marco thank you for being there for Vladimir. You helped us by staying in touch with our family doctor and all the medical things that I wasn't able to handle. Thank you once again.

Marco, Matt, Peter and Robert a special thank you for being by Vladimir casket like a pall-bearers in his last moment in the church ceremony. I am sure He was there looking upon us and thanking you for helping me.

Also special thank to Laurie Anderson and his nice letter sending Vladimir. Thanks both Lorna and Laurie for nice flowers and last visit.

If I forgot anyone, I would like to apologize and thank them for being with us.

Sincerely Zdenka

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Sharon Kyle introduced our guests, Deb Tucker, our Exchange Student Ines, and Ron Lineman.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

President Lynda encouraged members to become sustaining RI members by making a contribution under the “Every Rotarian Every Year project.” If the suggested \$110 is too much, every amount is welcome, even \$25.00.

Ineke asked club members not to purchase gifts for the annual Christmas party, but rather to donate \$20.00 towards Polio Plus.

GUEST SPEAKER : SGT MARC ALEXANDER – Newly implemented Impaired Driving Rules in BC.

Marc has been resident in Maple ridge since 1985 and employed by the RCMP for 30 years, the last 25 of which he has served as a traffic officer. He has had postings to Maple Ridge during the years 1992-1999 and later 2005 – 2007.



Currently he is 2nd in charge of the BC Traffic Services. For the last 8 months he has concentrated on finalising the new Impaired Driving Legislation recently implemented on September 20, 2010. The legislation begins with the reduction of blood alcohol limits for impaired driving to 0.05, followed by the imposition of heavy penalties.

He explained how the aim of the new legislation was to give traffic officers “road –side” tools for screening of drivers, thereby greatly reducing the time, cost and manpower required to prosecute traffic offenders. More importantly the entire procedure is able to be completed without the need for court intervention. The process is aimed at being Swift, Clear and Severe and penalties are imposed right at the roadside, including vehicle impoundment, driving bans and heavy fines.

He highlighted the reasons for these drastic measures and the fact that the previous legislation in place failed to create a deterrent against drinking and driving. Recent statistics show that 133 people are killed in road accidents each year, as a result of impaired driving.

Finally the new legislation also extends to non- alcohol related impounds for speeding, stunting, street-racing and driving while under a prohibition.

President Lynda thanked the speaker and allowed members to ask questions after the closing of the meeting.

50/50 Draw.

Terry was required to leave the meeting before the draw, but left her ticket with Adrienne for the draw. A lucky cutting of the pack by Adrienne drew the queen of hearts and Terry won the 50/50 draw of \$133.00

Minutes submitted by Adrienne Dale

BIVALENT ORAL POLIO VACCINE DELIVERS POWERFUL BLOW

The bivalent oral polio vaccine (bOPV) is proving to be a potent weapon in the global battle to eradicate the disease.

Developed to stop transmission of the type 1 and type 3 wild polioviruses simultaneously, bOPV was introduced in all four polio-endemic countries -- Afghanistan, India, Nigeria, and Pakistan -- in late 2009 and early 2010.

It has helped reduce the incidence of polio in India to 39 cases as of 26 October, compared to 498 for the same period in 2009. The number of cases in Nigeria has fallen to 8 from 382 for that period.

