

ROTARY, UN SHARE COMMON GOALS

By Ryan Hyland

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More than 1,100 Rotarians, UN officials, and Rotary youth program participants attended panel discussions on literacy, water, health, and youth activities as part of Rotary UN-Day on 6 November.

The event, held annually at United Nations Headquarters in New York City, celebrates the relationship between the two organizations. Speakers highlighted Rotarian projects in literacy, water and health that help advance the goals of the UN and improve the lives of people around the world.

Rotary, which has a 65-year history with the UN, holds the highest consultative status offered to any nongovernmental organization by the Economic and Social Council, which oversees many UN agencies.

During the opening panel, Mickey Chopra, chief of health and associate director of programs at UNICEF, commended Rotary for its ongoing collaboration to improve the health of children around the world and eradicate polio. Rotary and UNICEF are spearheading partners, along with the World Health Organization and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative.

"Our partnership continues to be a vital element in the eradication of polio," Chopra said. "Through inspiring vision and continued vigor towards ridding the world of this disease, Rotarians are addressing far bigger and important global concerns to children, such as, poverty and clean water." Chopra said Rotary's partnership with UNICEF is the largest and most successful private-public partnership in global health.

"UNICEF is proud to work side by side with Rotary's dedicated members," she said. "With the current progress we've made together, now, more than ever, is the time to push and continue this effort."

During a panel on literacy, Elizabeth Fordham, education adviser for UNESCO, discussed the improvements the UN has made in adult and youth literacy worldwide. "Adult literacy levels have risen 8 percent in the last 20 years. Youth is even higher," Fordham said. "While these trends are encouraging, much more needs to be done."

Fordham noted that 796 million adults worldwide can't read or write and that two-thirds of them are women. "The simple fact is a high proportionate of developing countries don't have the literacy levels for social and economic participation," she said.

She acknowledged Rotary's continued funding and awareness toward eradicating illiteracy.

"Promoting literacy for all is a goal close to the heart of both UNESCO and Rotary," Fordham said. "The denial of literacy is the denial of a basic human right, social inclusion, empowerment, and economic growth. It's a development imperative, not a luxury."

Past RI President William B. "Bill" Boyd spoke about water, sanitation, and hygiene projects in Ghana, the Philippines, and the Dominican Republic as part of the RI/USAID International H2O Collaboration during a panel on water.

"We are learning that Rotary does have a place on the world stage and there are many people who want to work with us," says Boyd. "Because of our partnerships with large organizations such as USAID, we do have the ability, through major water projects, to make a significant difference for many people around the world."



Past RI President Frank Devlyn (left) and Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar address attendees at Rotary-UN Day on Nov. 6
Photo by Bryant Brownlee



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November is Rotary Foundation Month

TODAY: Dr. Larry Gustafson - Influenza Virus & Shots

NEXT WEEK: DG Wayne Wiebe's Official Visit



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Nov. 19: Lyndy Buyze-Kerr

Nov. 22: Laurie Anderson

INVOCATION

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| Nov. 16 | Kelly Fry | Nov. 23 | Doris Gagel |
| Nov. 30 | Maureen Goodrick | Dec. 7 | Lindsay Hendy |

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

| Date | Time | Event | Venue |
|----------------|---------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Nov. 20 | 5:30pm | District 5050 Foundation Dinner | Pacific Inn Resort in White Rock |
| Nov. 23 | noon | DG Wayne Wiebe's Official Visit | |
| Dec. 4 | 5:30pm | Christmas Parade (Foodbank) | Maple Ridge |
| Dec. 14 | | AGM & election of 2011/12 Executive | |
| Dec. 17 | 6:45pm | CP Christmas Train | Haney Station |

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$18.00 + 1/2 of today's sales, 51 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Jim Coulter introduced our guests, Irene Shantz, Ed Chiu – Haney Rotary Club, Marian Lesley, Darryl Pilgrim and Paul Benekritis. Ed, Marian and Darryl are members of the Salvation Army's Caring Place.

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.

Those who had paid their dues received special Rotary pins.

RI Foundation Dinner, November 20, 2010 - \$65.00

Wine Fest Committee Meeting – Wed, November 17, 2010, at the Hospice Offices in Maple Ridge.

ROTARY MOMENT:

David Riddell gave a Rotary moment, in preparation for Armistice Day on November 11, which went something like this....

On the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918 an armistice was declared ending the war. *"The war to end all wars"*

November 12, 2006 – Paul P Harris was quoted in the Rotarian magazine as having said in 1942:-

"War cannot go on forever. Peace must and shall come. The years ahead reserve for Rotary a most difficult arduous task. To heal the wounds of a war-ravished world; to substitute for hate, mutual understanding and tolerance; to create affection where rancour exists; to change enemies into friends and replace excited passion and armed struggle by goodwill and international peace."

So on November 11th -Remember the Fourth object of Rotary- *"the advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace through a world of fellowship in business and professional persons united in the ideal of service"*

GUEST SPEAKER: BILL ROBSON - RI FOUNDATION PROGRAM

Laurie introduced our speaker, Bill Robson the District RI Foundation Chairman.

Bill came to BC in 1974 and joined Scotia Bank in the business finance division shortly after arriving, where he has remained ever since.

He joined Rotary in 1993 and had held numerous positions of office during his time, including being Charter President of his club in 1995-1996 and a faculty member of the District leadership team. He is also a Paul Harris fellow and a Foundation Benefactor.

He gave the club a brief history of the Rotary Foundation and some of its milestones over the years. It was formed in 1917 when the RI president at the time, Arch Klumph donated an endowment of \$26.15. The first grant was made in 1930 to the International Foundation for Cripple Children, which amounted \$500.00. 3H grants of \$300.000 and above were introduced in 1978.



The Fund swelled in 1947, when Paul Harris died and contributions poured into the Foundation in his memory. Today the Foundation is worth over \$1 Billion and is the second largest worldwide charity organisation.

In 1985 saw the introduction of the far reaching Polio Plus Program. With generous donations from the Warren Buffet and Melinda & Bill Gates foundation, we will see the worldwide eradication of polio.

Finally he told members that the Future Visions initiative had been introduced to simplify grants, with the motto "Doing good in the world". Projects having the biggest impact are encouraged, rather than "being everything to everyone", which has proved to be unsustainable in the past.

President Lynda thanked the speaker.

Minutes submitted by Adrienne Dale

ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE



Captain: Denis Boyd

Date: Jan. 15, 2011

Event Fee: \$85.00

Location: Canada tbd

Rotary Leadership Institute workshops are an opportunity to gain valuable knowledge about Rotary and to interact with members of other clubs. Leadership strategies are also shared and experienced.

It is necessary to take the segments of the program in order and one is taken at a time in a full day workshop.

Part One features sessions entitled: Leadership Characteristics; Rotary Beyond the Club; Membership Retention; Intro to the Rotary Foundation; Leadership - Team Building; and Service Projects.

Part Two features the following sessions: Leadership - Goals; Vocational Service/Ethics; Membership Recruitment; The Rotary Foundation - SHARE; Leadership - How to Run Meetings; and Analyzing a Rotary Club.

Part Three sessions include International Service; Effective Leadership Strategies (two sessions); Rotary Opportunities; Public Relations and a review of ways RLI can help clubs grow.

Pre-registration and payment are required.

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