



The Four Way Flasher

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TODAY: Who's Who - Melissa Kramer

NEXT WEEK: ?

Happy Anniversary

June 2: Anil & Zulekha Bharwani
June 4: Brian & Sharon Bekar

Happy Birthday

June 4: Ross Dunning June 5: Lynda DeBruyn
June 6: Zulekha Bharwani

INVOCATION:

May 31	Val Bahnman
June 7	Terry Becker
June 14	Brian Bekar
June 21	Anil Bharwani

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Sun. June 26	6pm	Installation of New Board	Pitt Meadows Golf Club – 13615 Harris Rd.
Sun. July 31	10am – 3pm	Rotary Duck Race (Race starts at 1pm)	Maple Ridge Park

BANERJEE OUTLINES EMPHASES FOR THE YEAR

Ryan Hyland - Rotary International News -- 25 May 2011

RI President-elect Kalyan Banerjee asked Rotarians at the 2011 RI Convention in New Orleans, Louisiana, USA, on 25 May to go back to their communities and think of “new and different ways” to take on the challenges of today.



“We are the doers of our communities, the leaders, the ones who are most involved, who see the problems and have the means to find the solutions,” Banerjee said. “I am asking you to reach within and unleash your inner power and then use it to embrace everything and everyone around you.”

Banerjee, who will take office 1 July, said Rotarians should be guided by three emphases -- the family, continuity, and change -- as they work to support the [2011-12 RI theme, Reach Within to Embrace Humanity](#).

Family is the first emphasis, he said, because the family is the starting point for everything Rotary is trying to accomplish.

“The family is the building block of the community,” Banerjee said. “If we wish to see a world that is more joyous, we first have to make sure that the families of the world are more joyous, that

they have the things they need to be happy, to thrive, and move forward. So we have to look at housing, at clean water and sanitation, at health care, at all the issues affecting mothers and children.”

Continuity involves continuing and strengthening those things Rotarians do well, said Banerjee.

“There are so many areas in which we have been successful -- working for clean, safe water; spreading literacy; working in so many ways with Generation Next, our youth. And of course, our greatest project, polio eradication,” he said. “If we want to really achieve the impossible, we have to have not only persistence, but vision -- we have to be looking past what we are doing now, at what we can and should be doing in the days and years to come.”

Change is the third emphasis, Banerjee said. If Rotarians wish to achieve peace, reduce child mortality, prevent hunger, and stop environmental degradation, they must be the instruments of that change, he explained.

“We will need to think in new and different ways, explore new ways of seeing,” Banerjee said. “If we do what we have always done, we will get what we have always got -- nothing better, nothing more. This would not satisfy us professionally, and it certainly should not satisfy us in our Rotary service, where the stakes are so much higher.”

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$0.00 + 1/2 of today's sales, 52 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Happy/Sad:

Urma was happy for the Canucks.

Marco was happy it was hot here as he only arrived back this morning from the north where it was a brisk 4 degrees.

Lynda was happy that she will live!

Rotary Moment: Terry showed a video presentation on the "We are this close" campaign.



Duck Race: Bob gave a short report. 1/3 tickets are out to the public. Stubs and cash not coming in too quickly. 9 youth/sports groups now involved. Aim was for 20-25 such groups. Individual sales not as good as expected. Aim is for all tickets to be out for end of school year - 3rd week of June. Looking for each member to take and sell one book of tickets (\$100 value).

Guest Speaker: Dan Gallant from Rotary World Help Network.



The Rotary World Help Network is a project, supported by Rotary International, comprising member clubs from Districts 5040 and 5050. Founded in 1997 although with roots traced back to 1990 when three Vancouver Rotarians travelled to the Ukraine to visit newly created clubs and assess their needs. They returned to Canada committed to act and sought donations of medical supplies and equipment. Matters have expanded now to cover other areas of donation. Still RWHN receives large quantities from hospitals, medical and dental practices, school districts. Only this morning BC Bearings called as they have filing cabinets and other office equipment to donate. Books and computers are also regularly received.

RWHN doesn't buy anything. Its only costs are the rental paid to the BC Government for the storage facility at Riverview and until recently the costs to hire the large trucks they use to visit donors. Now, though, a club member in Coquitlam, has offered them the use of Williams' Moving trucks at no cost.

The cost to a club for membership is \$10 per club member per year. This enables club members to volunteer to assist down at the Riverview depot and gives the club the ability to sponsor a 40' container to go anywhere in the world. RWHN will fill that container. The member club only has to pay towards the shipping which can be as little as \$3,000 to places with seaports such as the Philippines but closer to \$10,000 for inland destinations, such as central Africa. The average cost is \$8,000. Another recent development has been confirmation that Matching Grants can be applied to shipping costs. There are currently 36 member clubs.

When a container is due to be shipped RWHN will email its contact list and anywhere from twenty to forty people will turn up to help load until the container is full to bursting. Loading takes about three hours.

At any given time the warehouse contains hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of equipment. Today it has three large microscopes each worth over \$100,000.

Over the years RWHN has shipped to 50 different countries in all parts of the world.



They have shipped 269 containers.

Total value of goods shipped is \$93,000,000.

Last year RWHN shipped 11 containers. in 2007 they shipped 33 containers.

Containers are shipped to a receiving Rotary Club who then becomes responsible for utilising the goods based upon local, needs.

We were also shown other shipping projects including a shipping container that was converted into a Dermatological Compounding Unit and sent to Tanzania. RWHN was also responsible for shipping the fire trucks to El Salvador with Vancouver Firefighters in 2007/8.

50/50:

Congratulations to Bob Shanz, who won the 50/50 by drawing the Queen of Hearts.



Submitted by David Riddell