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## January is Rotary Awareness Month

**Today:** Doug Dyer – President, Rotary E Club - How to do Online Make-up Meetings

**Next Week:** Urma Mollema - Her experience with judging the Worlds Beauty Pageant

### Happy Birthday

Jan. 13: Matt DeBruyn

### Happy Anniversary

### Invocation

Jan. 13  
Jan. 20

Betty Johansen  
Brian Bekar

## CALENDAR OF CLUB EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue

## ROTARY AWARENESS MONTH

January is Rotary Awareness Month. During this month Rotarians are encouraged to share with the community the vast work Rotarians do. The more they know what we do, the more we can do.

### Facts about Rotary



The four original founding members of Rotary were: Paul Harris, Gustavus Loehr, Silvester Schiele and Hiram E. Shorey.

**Gustavus Loehr:** He was a mining engineer and in 1905 maintained an office in the Unity Building on Dearborn Avenue in Chicago. He

was one of the founders of the Rotary Club of Chicago in that year.

**Paul Harris:** An attorney and Founder of Rotary in 1905.

**Silvester Schiele:** Chicago coal dealer and first club President.

**Hiram E. Shorey:** He was a merchant tailor in Chicago and New York.

**Harry Ruggles**, sometimes known as the “fifth Rotarian,” attended the second Rotary club meeting, held in Paul Harris’ law office. Ruggles is credited with launching the Rotary tradition of group singing at meetings. Being the “printer”, he created the first emblem. Since they called themselves “Rotary”, Harry used a wagon wheel with “Rotary Club” Above it. ▶



◀ **Paul Harris** was the founder and organizer of the first Rotary club in 1905. While he was the founder of the first club, he was not the first President of the club. However, he was the first RI President.

*“If I can in truth be called the architect, Chesley Perry can with equal truth be called the builder of Rotary International.”* — Paul P. Harris

**Chesley Perry**, served as the first general secretary of Rotary International from 1910 until his retirement in 1942. ▶



◀ **What Rotary memorabilia is planted on the Moon’s surface?**

**A Four-Way Test** pin delivered by U.S. astronaut Buzz Aldrin of the Rotary Club of Space Center (Houston), Texas, USA. His fellow astronaut and club member **Frank Borman** took a club banner on his orbit of the Moon.

In 1984 when **Carlos Canseco** was RI president, ▶ Rotary International launched the **Polio Plus Program** and started a Rotary Tradition that will follow for many years to come.



◀ **District Governor-Elect jackets.** The color of the jackets used to remain a highly guarded secret until the International Assembly, when the jackets are presented to incoming district governors. The Jacket remains an integral part of any District Governor’s attire today.

♦ **Who is called the “Father of PolioPlus”?** James Bomar, Carlos Canseco, Walter Maddocks, Bill Sergeant, or John Sever?

All of these Rotarians played important roles in the battle against polio, but it is Carlos Canseco, RI president in 1984-85, who earned that title for his early leadership.



### ♦ Chicago, the birth place of Rotary

Chicago has hosted five Rotary conventions, including the first one in 1910, and the 25th, 50th, and 75th anniversary conventions. In June 2005, Chicago welcomed thousands of Rotarians and guests to celebrate 100 years of service at the centennial convention.

This is an excerpt from  
[the Peace Arch Journal, January 2015](#)

## LAST WEEK'S MEETING

At this, our first meeting of 2015, we had no visitors except for our guest speaker.

### Happy and Sad

*Here's a happy one* - **Jim Coulter** is not only the father of five, but will soon be granddaddy of one - as his son got married in September, 2014, and Jim's new daughter-in-law is expecting a baby in June.

*Here's a sad one* - **Lindsay Hendy**, one of our past presidents, is resigning from Rotary, after being a member for 18 years. Living in Fort McMurray, Alberta, Lindsay finds that his time commitments at work and his distance from Maple Ridge makes it impractical to carry on at this time. However, he promises to visit us from time to time, and will be missed by all.

### Fine Master

**Jim Michals** decreed that everyone should give the change in their pockets to increase the coffers of our club.

### Announcements

*Don't take it for granted*- **Mark Forster** (our President -Elect) advised that Rotary Grants Management Seminars will be held on February 7 (in Mt. Vernon) and February 21 (in Surrey). Every club intending to apply for a matching grant for service projects (both local and international) must have the President-Elect and another member attend either seminar. Mark asked for volunteers to attend with him.

*Let there be light* - **President Eric Mollema** advised that the restaurant is putting more lights in our meeting room, and that they should be up and running by our next meeting.

*From Russia with Love* - **Dave Rempel** advised that in February or March 2015 Dave, along with **Jim Michals**, and hopefully other Rotarians, will travel to Russia (maybe to Moscow, Novosibirsk, and St. Petersburg) on a Rotary exchange. It was approximately 7 years ago that the Rotary club of Novosibirsk visited our club, and they have been anxious for a return visit ever since. Dave said that just visiting St. Petersburg would be worth the trip alone. Dave has arranged transportation and costing details, and asks anyone who could attend to please contact him.

*Salad days*- **Betty Johansen** said that if anyone wishes the restaurant to change the choice of salads which are on the Club's luncheon menu, lettuce all speak up now or forever hold your piece.

### Speaker

Betty Johansen managed to impose upon co-worker and CGA **Jeff Cawker** [with only a couple of hours notice] to come to our club and speak to us about Canada's second favourite winter sport, namely - curling [first is frost bite?]. Jeff is an avid curler, and has been involved in the sport since he was about 11 years of age. He is currently the Financial Oversight Director and Director at Large of the local Golden Ears Winter Club. Jeff says that curling comes out from behind the curtains in to the country's consciousness about once every four years [less often than the groundhog] during the Winter Olympics, and then fades into the background

again until the next Olympic Games. Canada has some of the best curling players in the world. 8 Out of the 10 top men curlers in the world are from Canada, as are 5 out of the top 10 women curlers in the world.

The Canadian women's curling championships will be held in Maple Ridge, when the BC Scotties provincial women's curling championship is being played out at the Golden Ears Winter Club, from Jan. 21-25. Jeff urges anyone interested to come out and watch this event - maybe you will sit by someone who can tell you why shots are being made in a certain way, and what the rules are. It does take tremendous skill and practice to send a 40 pound rock down the ice for 126 feet and have it stop in a precise spot on the bull's eye.

Jeff says that anyone can become involved in curling. It is very family oriented, and a great place to meet friends and have lots of fun. There is room for players in any skill level, and from young people to those in their senior years. For example, the 60 to 80 year-olds have a Masters League.

It is an inexpensive sport.

Here is a bit more about curling in our city and Canada at large:

*Curling is a sport in which two teams of four players each send stones over an ice surface toward a target circle in an attempt to place nearest the centre. In Canada, curling has steadily grown in popularity since the first club was formed in Montréal in 1807. The national championships (Brier, Scotties) and Olympic trials are among some of the most popular sporting events in the country, and many winners of these tournaments have also achieved victory on the international stage. Curling is one of the country's most popular sports, and is the most televised women's sport in Canada.*

*Curling began in Maple Ridge in 1956 when a group of local curling enthusiasts formed the Golden Ears Curling Company under the presidency of Art Emery. The Company proceeded to purchase enough land to house a four sheet Quonset-type building with four parking spaces. In 1957, the first rock was thrown.*

*The club thrived for several years while gaining the reputation as one of the most friendly, fun curling rinks in the Valley. In 1981, after 24 years of good service, the "Quonset-hut" was replaced with a new modern facility, which was leased from the Municipality and located beside the hockey arena downtown.*

*In 2000 the Golden Ears Winter Club moved to its third location near the Albion Fair grounds in a partnership with the District of Maple Ridge and Planet Ice. The new curling facility is unique to any other club as it has 3 short training sheets at the far end of the building. The sheets are used by the younger juniors in the Junior programs as well as Elementary school groups. Often you will find high performance curlers working on various aspects of their deliveries. Curl BC has hosted a couple of Curling Camps at Golden Ears taking advantage of the training sheets.*

### 50/50

Sergeant at arms Jim Coulter says that **Laurie Anderson** missed picking the Queen of hearts out of what is left of the deck by only a card or two. Oh well – there's always next week.

**Submitted by Laurie Anderson**