



Some people can see the entire world touched by their Rotary Club.

Start small, think big.

A world of opportunity opens up to each person who joins a Rotary Club. *One by one*, each new member makes a difference as they join hands with a community of volunteers stretching around the world. *One by one*, as they share the vision, Rotary Clubs spark the initiative for educational opportunities, a cleaner environment, healthier and safer communities, disaster relief and many more demonstrated acts of compassion that reach far into the future.

It all starts when someone like you joins a Rotary Club.
And you, of course, invite someone, too.

Focus on the future, one person at a time.



The Four Way Flasher

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INVOCATION Dec. 18: Andrea Vevers **Jan. 8:** Stan Wade

BINGO SCHEDULE BE ON TIME!

	3:00-5:00	4:30-6:30
Dec. 20:	Lindsay Hendy	Kevin Nosworthy
Jan 3:	Merlyn White	Merlyn White

Call Peter at 604-465-3392 for assistance or e-mail pboekhorst@telus.net



TODAY'S PROGRAM: Club Christmas Gift Exchange

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM: Next meeting is Jan 8, 2002

Dr Ervin with Meadow Ridge Hospital foundation, will talk about the need in the community for a MR

CALENDAR OF CLUB EVENTS: NO MEETING ON DEC. 25th AND JAN 1st !

December 18	Carolship Cruise
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CALENDAR OF RI & DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS

Date	Event	Venue
Feb.1 - 4, 2002	Rotary International Assembly	Anaheim
Feb.23, 2002	RI's 97th Anniversary	
Mar.22, 2002	PETS	
Apr.20, 2002	District Assembly WWU	
May 16, 2002	District Conference	Everett WA
June 23-26, 2002	International Convention	Barcelona, Spain

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$315 + 1/2 of today's sales, 36 cards, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Dec. 29: Dan & Lottie Reiland

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Dec. 21: Sharon Bekar

Dec. 22: Debi Pearce

PRESIDENTS CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a healthy, happy and prosperous New Year for you and your family.

We're only a small Rotary Club in the large Rotary family, but boy we accomplished a lot in the last couple of months. These are some of the many accomplishments we can all be very proud of: In International Service we sponsored a program that supplied books to schools in Guatemala, Vocational Services initiated a weekend long First Aid Training session for High School students, Community Services donated monies to several local needs and through Club Services we installed a total of 5 new members. Our annual Sports' Banquet was once again a fantastic success, with over \$30,000.= raised for local youth sports facilities, our bi-weekly bingo continues to supply us with funding for local needs and organization for our annual WineZest fundraiser in May is already in the planning stages. Attendance at the weekly meetings shows approx. 75% of members attending and our overall District attendance is somewhere in the high 90%! The result of a very lively and active committee structure, with productive meetings in every avenue of service. Thank you to all Committee chairs and members and please.. keep up the good work!

To close a quote from the Rotarian, Dec. 2001

Dr. Albert Schweitzer, a Rotarian, was right. He wrote in 1960 that when he first heard of Rotary, he said to himself, "Now- they are beginning to do what is necessary for the future!"

Rotary is necessary for the future of our small planet. There is a greater need for Rotarians and Rotary clubs now more than ever. It is this marvelous network- the world's most distinguished, competent, most caring executives, business persons and professionals- who will change the destiny of people everywhere in the 21st century.

Let's continue to do our part!

Merry Christmas to all and a happy and safe Holiday Season.

Yours in Rotary,

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2 X 4 = 2 MINUTES OF ROTARY INFORMATION 4 TIMES PER MONTH

This was last week's 2 X 4 : Rotary Anns

In many Rotary clubs throughout the world, wives of male members are affectionately called "Rotary Anns." This designation was never one of disparagement, but rather grew out of an interesting historical occasion.

The year was 1914 when San Francisco Rotarians bearded a special train to attend the Rotary convention being held in Houston. In those days few wives attended Rotary events, and until the train stopped in Los Angeles, the only woman aboard was the wife of Rotarian Bru Brunnier. As the train picked up additional convention-bound delegates, Mrs. Ann Brunnier was introduced as the Rotarian's Ann. This title soon became "Rotary Ann." Since the clubs of the West were inviting the Rotarians to hold their next convention in San Francisco, a number of songs and stunts were organized which would

be performed in Houston. One of the Rotarians wrote a "Rotary Ann" chant. On the train's arrival at the Houston depot, a delegation greeted the West Coast Rotarians. One of the greeters was Guy Gundaker of Philadelphia, whose wife was also named Ann. During the rousing demonstration, someone started the Rotary Ann chant. The two petite ladies, Ann Brunnier and Ann Gundaker, were hoisted to the men's shoulders and paraded about the hall. The group loved the title given to the two women named Ann. Immediately the same term of endearment was used for all of the wives in attendance, and the name "Rotary Ann" was here to stay.

Guy Gundaker became president of Rotary International in 1923 and Bru Brunnier was elected president in 1952. Thus, each of the two original Rotary Anns became the "first lady of Rotary International."

CLUB MEMBER PROFILE - GUESS WHO IS THIS BABY?

It was a hot August 21 1952, @ 6:15 A.M. in Vancouver B.C., in St. Vincents Hospital. As my mother said, this bundle of joy weighed in at 8 lbs. and 1oz. We moved around a bit when we were kids, East Vancouver, South Vancouver, and graduated at North Burnaby Senior Secondary. As a boy I spent a lot of time on Vancouver Island, in Chemainus. My Gramma and Grandpa had a big house on the hill, on 27 acres. On a clear night I can remember, you could see Grouse Mountain skilift. I had a lot of fond memories there. I have a brother Rick and a sister Brenda. In 1968 on Halloween, me and two friends were in a bad car accident, which I was the only survivor. I was in and out of hospital for the next few years. My first car was a 1962 Anglia S.W., but my favourite ride was Dads 1957 Oldsmobile. We sure had a lot of fun in that car, but that's another story.



Our family was in the trucking business, so like father like son.

Always been around trucks, I used to go with the Line Haul drivers. My first experience driving was when I was 13 years old. Got the smell of diesel in my blood. Drove truck till I was 30, had an industrial accident, had to make a vocation change, that's another story.

My hobby ended up being my new journey. I moved to Maple Ridge in 1982, but I started my business in 1980 here. I remember the first day I opened up, at this time I was driving truck cause I had to and building the business at the same time. I just got off a trip trucking and a older fellow came into my shop. I was pretty proud of what was going on, and my grandpa helped me do the shop improvements. The old guy said "Nice place you got here", I said "Thank you". The next thing he said was "I bet you aren't here a year from now". I was speechless, he left, I sat down, and I guess, this being my 21st year in business suppose I proved him wrong. But I should have listened to him. I'm still here and it hasn't been very fruitful, we have made a living. I figure if you can do business in Maple Ridge, you can do it anywhere, and I better. This is a hard nut to crack. There has been a lot of changes in the last 21 years, hell, there used to only be 1 traffic light when I first came out here. We've come a long way.

I pray every day for the business community here, it's hard when it has been a bedroom for so long. It has been a great place to bring up my kids. Thank God for Rotary, I've met a lot of good people here. Chow for now! Would I have done it here if I knew what I know now? Yes, but I sure wouldn't have chosen my hobby as a business!