

A Message from President Rick



His name is 'Today'

My Colleagues in Service:

In a year of tremendous challenges, a fundamental purpose of Rotary remains the development of the individual and the family. Despite economic difficulties, the threat of terrorism, wars and global unrest, the RI Family Task Force is at work for someone very special. His name is "Today."

Rotary is a family affair, with programs for all ages. We coordinate one of the world's largest Youth Exchange programs and the world's largest privately funded scholarship program. Rotary has a vast network of students, ages 14 to 18, learning the meaning of community service through 8,112 Interact clubs. More than 164,700 college students and young business professionals are active in Rotaract clubs. In December 2001, we chartered 12 new Rotaract clubs and two new Interact clubs in one night alone in Sofia, Bulgaria. Many Rotary clubs and districts sponsor Youth-Act or Early Act clubs for children in grade school.



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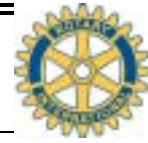
Rotary offers an array of wonderful opportunities for spouses through organizations such as the International Inner Wheel. My wife, Cherie, is a member of this group, which is one of the oldest and largest. While it originated in Great Britain, Inner Wheel is now established all over the world. Many other "partner" organizations perform a tremendous service in carrying out the work and ideals of Rotary.

Every member of the family can benefit from Rotary. I hope that in the future, Rotary becomes more of a family affair. As the core unit of society, the family is where one learns much of the values, ethics, beliefs and character development that ultimately shape one's life. This in turn shapes the life of a community and a nation. If Rotary is truly committed to peace and conflict resolution, and if we wish to change the course of human destiny in the 21st century, we can do no greater service than assist families. Every Rotarian should mentor a young person, spend some time with a motherless or a fatherless child, and help to train, educate and develop the youth of today for a more peaceful and happier tomorrow.

In the words of Chilean poet and Nobel Prize-winner Gabriela Mistral:

*Many things can wait; the child cannot.
Right now is the time his bones are being formed.
His blood is being made.
His senses being developed.
To him we cannot answer tomorrow.
His name is Today!
After all, Mankind Is Our Business!*

Richard D. King
President, Rotary International



The Four Way Flasher

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INVOCATION March 19: Doris Gagel March 26: Lance Harris

BINGO SCHEDULE BE ON TIME!

	3:30-5:00	5:00-6:30
Mar 28:	Eng Tan	Betty Levens
Apr 11:	Brian Bekar	Kevin Nosworthy

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

TODAY'S PROGRAM: Business Meeting

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM: Christine De Giamberardine - Family Life Program Coordinator - will discuss what is happening in Maple Ridge re. Community Education for Family Support

CALENDAR OF CLUB EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Mar 21-24		PETS (Have a great time Stan!)	
Mar 20	12 noon	WineZest Meeting	Library
Apr 18	7pm	MR Service Clubs Social Dinner	Ecra Senior Centre
Apr 20	7:30am-1:30pm	District Assembly	WWU
Apr 20		50 th Anniversary of Haney Club	Meadow Gardens
May 11	7pm - 10pm	WineZest 2002	Maple Ridge Library
May 16		District Conference	Everett, Wa.
June 14		Installation Dinner	Meadow Gardens
June 23-26		RI Convention Barcelona	



50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$470 + 1/2 of today's sales, 27 cards, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

LAST WEEKS PROGRAM

Our guest speaker last week was Billy Weselowski and what a meeting it was! Billy was born and raised in Vancouver's depressed East end. A drug addict and alcoholic by 13, he spent much of his life in the prison system or on the streets "running his habit" Then an opportunity came his way. An opportunity to "trust" and learn the tools to live a better life.

Billy is the co-founder of the InnerVisionsTreatment Centre which currently operates 47 male and 10 female beds in various locations, one being in Maple Ridge. Their philosophy is that people can improve their quality of life through knowledge. He works extensively in educating people in the schoolroom and work place to pass on the skills of substance abuse detection and solution, anger management, conflict resolution and mediation for those interested in making a change in their lives.

In 1999 Billy was chosen as the Coquitlam Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year and he is a member of the RCMP Addictive Drug Information Council. He is now married and has two sons and a daughter. He has travelled an long and frightening road for sure but seems to have come out with a passion to help others who are travelling that same road to self destruction. He exudes positive energy and honesty and it is easy to see that he lives by his motto "do the right thing when now one is looking".

A very inspirational speaker and a good Rotarian!

Submitted by Debi Pearce

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

This was last weeks 2x4: **"EVERY ROTARIAN AN EXAMPLE TO YOUTH"**

In much of the official literature of Rotary International relating to service to young people, a special slogan will be found "Every Rotarian an Example to Youth." These words were adopted in 1949 by the Rotary International Board of Directors as an expression of commitment to children and youth in each community in which Rotary clubs exist. Serving young people has long been an important part of the Rotary program.

Youth service projects take many forms around the world. Rotarians sponsor Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops, athletic teams, handicapped children's centers, school safety patrols, summer camps, recreation areas, safe driving clinics, county fairs, child care centers and children's hospitals. Many clubs provide vocational counselling, establish youth employment programs and promote use of The 4-Way Test. Increasingly, drug and alcohol abuse prevention projects are being supported by Rotarians.

In every instance, Rotarians have an opportunity to be role models for the young men and women of their community. One learns to serve by observing others. As our youth grow to become adult leaders, it is hoped each will achieve that same desire and spirit to serve future generations of children and youth.

The slogan accepted over 40 years ago is just as vital today.
It is a very thoughtful challenge "Every Rotarian an Example to Youth."

100% ATTENDANCE CLUB

The following people have all achieved 100% or more by attending meetings / makeup's for the month of February 2002:

Laurie Anderson Ineke Boekhorst Peter Boekhorst Rick Carruthers Mike Davies Doris Gagel
Lindsay Hendy Cheryl Johnson Ron Lepore Betty Levens Ken Paterson Debi Pearce
Dave Reekie Dave Rempel Gord Robson Mary Robson Irena Shantz Marco
Terwiel Cindy Tyler Andrea Vevers Stan Wade

Our Club overall attendance reported to District 5050 was 96%. Congratulations to All.

District Assembly April 20th

District Governor Elect Kevin Shaughnessy (who becomes Governor on 1 July, 2002) along with District Trainer Garry McIntosh are busily putting together the upcoming District Assembly.

Kevin stated that this is a "must" event for each and every President-Elect and a minimum of 5 of his/her key executives. When asked, " who is key," Kevin pointed out, "*that of course every member of every Club is key and every ember of each Club in District 5050 is invited to attend the Assembly*". He then

pointed out "*it is imperative that the Secretary, the individual following the President- Elect, the Sergeant, the ICO Officer and all Directors who have never attended a District Assembly, must attend.*" With Kevin now out of breath, District Trainer Garry McIntosh added, "The very success of your Rotary Club may well depend on attending the District Assembly. Here is where you learn from those who have successfully done it before. This includes everything from the Club Bulletin, Club Program, Public Relations, Fund Raising, the 4 Avenues of Service, Polio Plus, GSE, Student Exchange, Ambassadorial Scholars, to developing new Rotary friends as well as information sources."

Now rested, Kevin added that he is hoping to announce a high profile Luncheon Speaker with whom he is negotiating. When pressed, he stated that, "*the current rumor that it may be Pamela Lee Anderson and Kid Rock, is in fact false.*"

All kidding aside, this is where you find out of your Club is performing as well as it possibly can. This is where those charged with planning and organizing this business of, SERVICE ABOVE SELF, are revitalized. It is so important that bookings have been made in anticipation of strong representation from each and every Club in the District.

Mark your Calendar today. **APRIL 20,**

Registration 7:30 - 8:00am. Adjourn 1:30, Put your team together now. **BE THERE..!!**

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