

## 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."



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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.

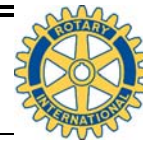
Rotary offers an array of wonderful opportunities for spouses through organizations such as the International Inner Wheel. My wife, Cherie, is a member of this group, which is one of the oldest and largest. While it originated in Great Britain, Inner Wheel is now established all over the world. Many 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 26: Doris Gagel April 2: Lindsay Hendy

### 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

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

### NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM:

### CALENDAR OF CLUB EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Mar 28	4pm	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 <sup>th</sup> 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, 26 cards, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

## LAST WEEKS PROGRAM

At this month's business meeting the following reports were given :

**Pres Elect Stan Wade** - Stan has attended PETS this past weekend and we expect to see him all REVVED UP for the upcoming year. He also announced that our next Fireside, which will be a planning session for next year, will take place on Tues May 28<sup>th</sup> the venue is TBA. There is nothing new to report re the Student Exchange program but Ron Goldfinch is still working on it. The installation dinner for the new Executive will be held Friday June 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Secretary Debi Pearce** - Debi reported that our clubs average attendance for the year is 98%, which puts us in 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the district. We have maintained an monthly attendance of at least 90% each month this year. Way to go guys! We started the year with 37 members and while we have installed 4 new members we have also lost 4 so we are holding at 37. Now we need to bring in some new members before the yearend so lets get those membership proposal cards in,

**Treasurer - Lindsay Hendy** - Lindsay was unable to attend the meeting but did forward the financial statements for the General Operating Account. If you did not get a copy and would like one please see Lindsay.

**International Service - Mike Davies** - We have now completed our book project in Guatemala. This year 30 new clubs have joined this ongoing project and have added \$23,500 to its total. The total raised was \$118,700, which was matched by the Foundation for a Total of \$237,400. And that's how it supposed to work! That bought a LOT of books for those kids and we should be getting feedback from the schools in the near future.

**Vocational Service - Andrea Vevers** - Andrea was also unable to attend the meeting, however Debi did report that the plans for a 2<sup>nd</sup> presentation of the Blue Lens is being worked upon and expected to be presented in two forums in early May.

**Club Service - Rick Carruthers** - Rick was not in attendance at the meeting but did report to the Executive that all was going well in Club Service.

**Community Services - Laurie Anderson** - Laurie reported that there is a need to include the club membership in understanding how our club funds are spent. To this end he will be distributing a proposed policy paper at our next meeting to be reviewed by the membership at the Fireside in May. There was also a meeting with Ineke and the three upcoming Presidents recently to do some long range planning for the club. This is the ideal way for a club to work and it's great to finally see it coming together.

**Socials - Dot Ralston** - We will be concentrating our efforts on the Wine Zest and Installation Dinner but may yet have one more thing up our sleeves. We may try to get a Winery Tour set up for early May if there are enough interested parties.

Submitted by Debi Pearce

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

This was last week's 2x4: **World Community Service**

World Community Service is the Rotary program by which a club or district in one country provides humanitarian assistance to a club in another country. Typically the aid goes to a developing community where the Rotary project will help raise the standard of living and the quality of life. The ultimate object of World Community Service is to build goodwill and understanding among peoples of the world.

One important way to find a club in some other part of the world, which needs help on a worthy project is to use the WCS Projects Exchange, a list of dozens of worthy activities in developing areas.

The exchange list is maintained in the RI Secretariat in Evanston and is readily available upon request. It outlines projects, provides estimated costs and gives names of the appropriate contacts.

Clubs, which need assistance, or are seeking another club to help with a humanitarian project, such as building a clinic, school, hospital, community water well, library or other beneficial activity, may register their needs. Clubs seeking a desirable World Community Service project may easily review the list of needs registered in the Projects Exchange. Thus, the exchange provides a practical way to link needs with resources.

Every Rotary club is urged to undertake a new World Community Service project each year. The WCS Projects Exchange list is an excellent tool to find a real need, a project description and co-operating club in a developing area. The job then is to "go to work" to complete the project, and at the same time build bridges of friendship and world understanding.

## CLUB MEMBER PROFILE – GUESS WHO IS THIS BABY?

I was born in a middle sized European town. The part of town, where I spent the first few years of my life was called Trnje – an Englishman would call it "Thorny Flats" and a Canadian for sure would call it "The Sticks".

When I was in elementary school, war started and the invading army turned our school into barracks and hospitals. So, during nice warm days we had our classes in somebody's backyard, park or out in the meadows. On rainy days we found shelter in basements, storage rooms, army tents or what ever we could find. We didn't whine for fancy equipment, we felt to be very lucky when we would have a blackboard. Nobody was discussing quality education, just simple 'teach those kids how to read, write and count'. And indeed we did learn!

When there was some free time we loved to play soccer, but soccer balls were hard to get. Leather was war material and it all was used to make army boots. So we played with stuff what was all around us: weapons, ammunition and explosives. No wonder that when it was my turn to go into the army, I was drafted for the demolition troops.

But the name of the place, where I was born, seemed to predestine my future. And after I got my engineering degree, My job was "down to earth", way up in the mountains and always out there IN THE STICKS.

When I came to Canada, my destiny didn't change that much. The first three days in Canada I spent in Vancouver and already the fourth day I had my first job – WAY OUT IN THE STICKS. And so year after year, I followed the trails blazed by early trappers and prospectors, visited by mountain goats, grizzly bears and llamas. And then one day mountains became too steep to climb, packsacks too heavy to carry and nights too cold to spend in tents. Then I realised that the time had come to call it quits. But I couldn't sit still and I had to do something with my days. So following my sweet name and my sweet tooth, I started my sweet business.

I travelled through a number of very poor countries, and often I saw the results of good will work of Rotary International and then I wondered how it would be to join such a fellowship. So when the opportunity came, I gladly accepted the invitation.

