

A Message from President Rick

A Historic Convention



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My Colleagues in Service:

The 2002 RI Convention in Barcelona, Spain, will be one of the most significant events in Rotary's history. This meeting of Rotarians, invited from RI's 203 countries and geographical regions, will thrust Rotary onto the global stage as never before. Immense press and media coverage will record Rotary as a major player in world events, fighting terrorism, promoting peace and doing God's work on earth. This gathering of the world's leading citizens will proclaim to the nations of the world: *Mankind Is Our Business!*

In recent years, a decline in volunteers and funding has resulted in a struggle for local and global service organizations like Rotary. It was said that people were no longer interested in participating in organizations that improved their communities. But the events of 11 September have offered a new perspective on the value of Rotary and Rotarians. News reports and broadcasts have provided increased coverage of Rotary efforts this year by describing our role in supporting victims of terrorism in New York

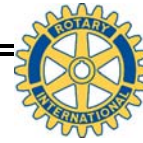
and Washington, D.C., our commitment to the Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution, our massive relief effort for refugees in Afghanistan, our immunization of two billion children in the race to eradicate polio, and our tremendous growth in membership through Rotary's Global Quest. We also have enjoyed coverage of Rotary's popular Youth Exchange, scholarship, leadership, humanitarian and environmental programs.

These efforts and achievements will be the focus of discussion and celebration in Barcelona. A plenary session will be devoted solely to Rotary's core youth programs: RYLA, Youth Exchange, Interact and Rotaract. Global leaders and humanitarians will address the convention. American entertainer Jerry Lewis, who will perform and serve as a speaker, will receive the RI Award of Honor for his significant achievement in raising more than \$1.8 billion for muscular dystrophy. Mikhail Gorbachev, former president of the Soviet Union and recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize for his role in ending the Cold War, will also receive the Award of Honor and address the convention. Gorbachev was the first Soviet head of state to invite Rotary into the country. Today, Russia has 70 clubs.

Other attractions will include a performance of the world-renowned Montserrat boys' choir and the presentation of Rotary's highest award - the Rotary Award for World Understanding and Peace. The four most outstanding district governors and four most outstanding club presidents who met the criteria of the Presidential Citation program will be recognized on stage and receive a special eagle plaque for their achievements. To honor the winners of the Global Quest membership drive, the district governors from the top five districts and the club presidents from the top 10 clubs will be recognized and receive a globe made of semiprecious stones. In addition, the International Institute will focus on issues of peace and conflict resolution. Workshops and seminars will examine the programs of The Rotary Foundation, membership growth, club development and Rotary's future.

Rotary is poised to become the most important nonprofit, nonreligious and nongovernmental organization in history. Every Rotarian in Barcelona will swell with renewed pride and enthusiasm for our global mission. You should join us. After all, we are engaged in the greatest work on earth because *Mankind Is Our Business!*

Richard D. King
President, Rotary International



The Four Way Flasher

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INVOCATION April 30: Sharon Kyle May 7: Ron LePore

BINGO SCHEDULE

BE ON TIME!

	3:30-5:00	5:00-6:30
May 9:	Lindsay Hendy	Bill Dingwall
May 23:	Stan Wade	Peter Boekhorst



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

TODAY'S PROGRAM: Two Members from the Dance Circle

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM: Paul Dhillon, District Rotaract Representative

CALENDAR OF CLUB EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
May 2	12:30pm	WineZest Meeting	Library
May 3, 4, 5		Home Show	Planet Ice
May 11	7pm - 10pm	WineZest 2002	Maple Ridge Library
May 15	7pm - 9:30pm	"Through a Blue Lens"	Meadow Gardens
May 16,17,18		District Conference	Everett, Wa.
May 28		Fireside	
June 14	6:30pm	Installation Dinner	Meadow Gardens
June 23-26		RI Convention Barcelona	

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$565 + 1/2 of today's sales, 21 cards, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Last week we missed - April 29: Lindsay Hendy
May 5: Don Pearce

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

May 2: Gayle & Ken Paterson

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

This was last weeks 2x4: **COUNCIL ON LEGISLATION**

In the early days of Rotary, any change in the RI Bylaws or Constitution was proposed and voted upon at the annual convention. As attendance at conventions increased and open discussion became more difficult, a Council on Legislation was created in 1934 as an advisory group to debate and analyze proposals before they were voted upon by the convention.

Finally at the 1970 Atlanta Convention, it was decided that the Council on Legislation would actually become the legislative or parliamentary body of Rotary. The council is composed of one delegate from each Rotary district as well as several ex-officio members. It was agreed that the council would meet every three years at a time other than at the Rotary convention.

The council, which next meets in 2004, has the responsibility of considering and acting upon all "enactments", which are proposed changes in the Bylaws and Constitution, and "resolutions," which are recommended changes in Rotary policies and procedures. Proposals may be submitted by any Rotary club, district or the RI board. The council's actions are subject to review by all the Rotary clubs of the world before they become final. If 10 percent of the voting strength of the clubs oppose a council action, such legislation is nullified and it is submitted for final consideration to the next convention.

The Council on Legislation provides the membership of Rotary a democratic process for legislative change in the operations of Rotary International.

REQUEST FOR USED COMPUTER EQUIPMENT

The Rotary World Help Network collects medical equipment and supplies to send to third world countries. As well, we collect used (but working) computer equipment to send abroad. **CURRENTLY WE ARE IN DESPERATE NEED OF COMPUTER MONITORS.**

Would members who are replacing computer monitors please contribute them to us? Of course, if there are computers and printers available as well, we would like to have them. What we are able to send is PC's of 486 and newer vintages, as well as working dot-matrix printers. Please send along cables, keyboards, mice, and manuals as well, if you have them. As well, we would appreciate any copies of Windows 95 and 98 if you are no longer using them - other software is welcome also.

For your privacy, we scrub the hard drives clean before sending, so you don't have to worry about your information becoming public knowledge.

I'd appreciate it if one or two members of your club could undertake to act as collectors, and perhaps get them to me in a van, trailer, or truckload - just call me at 604-942-5276, or email me at bernie@pregler.com if you need any further info.

Thanks for your assistance...

Warm Rotary regards,
Bernie Pregler, PDG

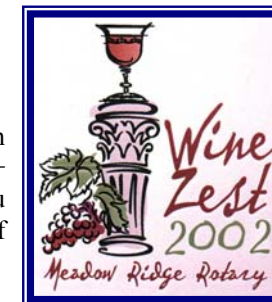
(Please contact Peter if you have anything to donate)

WineZest 2002, May 11th, 7 – 10pm, M.R. Library

EVERY MEMBER IS REQUIRED TO SUPPLY A MINIMUM OF 2 ITEMS FOR THE SILENT AUCTION OR (TRIP) RAFFLES!

Every member has been given 6 tickets to sell, cost of tickets is \$35.00 which covers all wine tasting and finger food sampling from 6 local restaurants + entertainment; A SUPERB DEAL! Debbie Dunning is our assistant for this. You can reach her at 466-3972 and she will **harass** anybody that hasn't dropped off anything for the auction or hasn't submitted money for tickets sold etc.!

SO PLEASE PARTICIPATE !



Polio partners report on success, obstacles in path to eradication

The Global Polio Eradication Initiative, led by Rotary International, the World Health Organization, UNICEF, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), reports that 2001 saw some powerful strides in polio eradication with a record 575 million children under the age of 5 vaccinated in 94 countries.

To date, 537 polio cases had been reported last year worldwide—down from 2,979 in 2000—though that figure may increase slightly. The number of polio-endemic countries also dropped from 20 in 2000 to 10 in 2001. This represents a greater than 99.8 percent reduction since 1988, when polio paralyzed more than 350,000 children in 125 countries.

Synchronized National Immunization Days in West Africa and Central Africa contributed greatly to this success. Two rounds of immunization campaigns in Afghanistan and Pakistan in September and November reached 35 million children.

"We have the polio virus on the run," said Dr. Steven Cochi, director of the CDC's global immunization division.

Despite the progress made, Global Polio Eradication Technical Consultative Group (TCG), which just completed its annual review of the initiative earlier this month, warned of two obstacles that jeopardize the success of the entire effort: armed conflicts, which prevent access to children in remote areas during immunization campaigns, and a US\$275 million funding gap.

Dr. Marie-Otelia Costales, senior health advisor, UNICEF, said security and access issues in many countries continue to pose problems for immunization workers.

The TCG found that the greatest threat to the eradication initiative is to close the \$275 million funding gap for the initiative, which dropped from \$400 million in the past year, thanks to contributions from Canada, the United States, Japan, the Netherlands, and the United Kingdom, among others.

RI's new campaign, Fulfilling Our Promise: Eradicate Polio, aimed at raising \$80 million to help fill that gap, will be officially launched in June at RI's 93rd annual Convention in Barcelona, Spain.

"If we raise this money now, we will be saving all of humankind from this disease for all time, and that's priceless," said Foundation Trustee Chairman Luis Vicente Giay.

At a 16 April press conference at the Press Club in Washington, D.C., USA, representatives of the partner organizations leading the Global Polio Eradication Initiative reiterated that countries should not falter in their will to continue attacking the disease.

Dr. John Sever, RI PolioPlus Committee, said at the briefing that Rotary will work together with the initiative to "do everything in our power to make sure nothing derails this effort."

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