

## Rotary Foundation selected as recipient of Gates Award for Global Health

The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation on Monday [20 May] announced its selection of The Rotary Foundation of RI as the recipient of the 2002 Gates Award for Global Health. The US\$1 million award recognizes Rotary's leadership and impact in the field of public health, most notably its efforts to eradicate polio by 2005.

The Gates Foundation commended Rotary for contributing more than \$462 million toward polio eradication and mobilizing more than one million Rotarians to help immunize more than two billion children against polio in 122 countries. It also lauded Rotary for its health and welfare projects around the world, including a revolving loan program to help women in Uganda break the link between AIDS and chronic poverty, a project to provide free tuberculosis screening and treatment for children in the Philippines, and a major educational campaign to reduce the incidence of parasitic disease that reached more than 2.4 million children with more than 350,000 being treated for parasites.

"The Rotary Foundation is truly deserving of recognition for its exemplary achievements in the field of global health," said Bill Gates Sr., co-chair and chief executive officer of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. "I've seen Rotary volunteers in action and they do tremendous work. We should never take for granted the generosity and hard work of people in communities everywhere who volunteer their time and resources to make a difference in the lives of children and families in both developing and developed nations."

Gates Sr. will present the award to Luis V. Giay, chairman of The Rotary Foundation Trustees, during the annual conference of the Global Health Council in Washington, D.C., on 30 May.

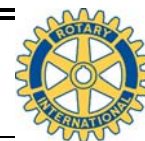
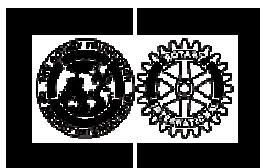
"We thank the Gates Foundation for recognizing the important role that Rotary plays in the effort to improve the health of men, women, and children worldwide," Giay said. "Rotary receives this award with great humility, but we are so proud that this honor recognizes the critical role civil society plays in the fight to give people in developing nations access to effective immunizations and health care. We also believe that the award will help raise awareness of the crucial need to eradicate polio now, when we have the opportunity."

The Gates Award for Global Health annually recognizes an organization that has made a major, lasting contribution to the field of global health. Criteria for recipients include extraordinary contributions toward progress in the knowledge and practice of health in low-income societies; demonstrated leadership; an established record of achievement; innovation in program design; organizational capacity; collaboration with others; evidence that contributions have been adopted across geographic and organizational boundaries; and substantial impact on health around the world.

The first Gates Award went last year to the Centre for Health and Population Research in Dhaka, Bangladesh. The Centre pioneered the discovery and development of oral rehydration solution, which today saves the lives of 2.5 million children every year.

Based in Seattle, Washington, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation is dedicated to improving people's lives by sharing advances in health and learning with the global community. It has an endowment of \$23 billion.

The Global Health Council, which administers the award process, was established in 1972 to identify priority world health problems and to report on them to governments, the media, and nonprofit organizations.



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INVOCATION May 21: Kevin Nosworthy May 28: Ken Paterson

### BINGO SCHEDULE BE ON TIME!

	3:30-5:00	5:00-6:30
May 23:	Stan Wade	Peter Boekhorst
June 6:	Diane Kirkland	Ken Knuttila

Call Peter at 604-465-3392 for assistance or e-mail [pboekhorst@telus.net](mailto:pboekhorst@telus.net)



TODAY'S PROGRAM: Dave Reekie – Personal Profile

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM: Fireside at Liz's home

**Note: Next week NO regular noon meeting because of Fireside!**

### CALENDAR OF CLUB EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
May 23	12:30pm	WineZest Wrap-up Meeting	Library
May 28	6pm	Fireside	Liz (#1-23100 129 <sup>th</sup> Ave.)
May 30	7:00 – 9:30pm	Vocational Services Mtg.	Dave Rempel's house
June 11	Noon	Executive Meeting	Kevin's office
June 11	6:30pm	Installation Dinner	Meadow Gardens
July 7		Barbecue	Marco's place

If you are able to do a Bursary Presentation, please talk to Andrea Vevers.

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$632 + 1/2 of today's sales, 20 cards, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

May 22: Ineke Boekhorst      May 27: Dave Reekie      May 27: Catherine Tan

## LAST WEEKS MEETING



Last weeks we welcomed Chad Reed as the newest member of our Rotary family. Welcome Chad.

The guest speaker was Joe Foy from the Canadian Wilderness Committee. Joe has been very active in the preservation of wilderness starting with the Stein Valley and then the Carmata Valley where his organisation put in the hiking trails. They also were involved in the protection of the Clayquoit Sound and Surrey Bend.

He is currently working with a local group of people in Maple Ridge, that wants to see the Blue Mountain area protected. It appears that this area, the south part of the Alouette Lake, will be divided up amongst several logging companies, if the current plan continues. Joe is helping organise the members of this group. He will show them how to learn about the landscape they are interested in

protecting and then will assist them in becoming advocates for that protection.

According to Joe, two of BC's greatest strengths are tourism and the native culture, and protecting the wilderness areas benefits both of them. The goal of these groups is to "ring every urban area with green" This has already been implemented in Port Coquitlam and Port Moody and it has been found to assist in maintaining property values and the quality of life in those areas.

## ROTARY FOUNDATION SELECTED AS RECIPIENT OF GATES AWARD FOR GLOBAL HEALTH

Dear Rotarian:

On behalf of the RI President and myself, I am pleased to announce that The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International has been selected to receive the 2002 Gates Award for Global Health, a recognition that carries with it a US\$1 million award. This is a great honour, both for the Foundation and for all the Rotarians who participate in and support its vital humanitarian and educational programs. I ask you to share the attached press release from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation with Rotarians in your district and encourage them to distribute news of this prestigious recognition to their local media. Let's make sure that Rotary's good work in the field of global health becomes known to every part of the world.

I hope that this tremendous achievement of our Foundation will be celebrated all over the world and at the same time will motivate Rotarians to reinforce their personal commitment to The Rotary Foundation.

Sincerely,  
Luis Vicente Giay  
Chairman, The Rotary Foundation

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## DRUG USE AND ABUSE FORUM

On Wednesday evening we held our joint meeting with the Haney Rotary Club and once again presented the gentlemen for the Vancouver Police Department "Odd Squad". They presented their most recent addition to their video portfolio, namely Flipping the World. This 30-minute video shows the Odd Squad in a high school talking to students about their perception of the use of drugs by addicts. The students also had the opportunity to interact and interview several of the addicts the officers introduced them to. This video while not quite as "shocking" as their first video, Through a Blue Lens, was targeted for the younger students grades 5-8. As such it can be seen how it would indeed be an effective tool.



The focus of the evening was on the 3 or 4 pillars (depending on who you talk to) of the attack on illegal drug use. The commonly accepted 3 pillars, Education, Enforcement and Treatment and the more controversial 4th pillar is Harm Reduction. Harm Reduction includes such strategies as needle exchange and safe injection sites for addicts, targeted for those addicts for whom the first 3 pillars do not work.

We had 8 panellists including members of the RCMP, VPD, local councillors, representative from the School Board and treatment advocate Billy Wesolowski.



It soon became apparent that there was very little support for the Harm Reduction program amongst our panellists and each took a few moments to state their position before the floor was opened for questions and comments from the audience.

The evening was attended by about 60-70 people, which was a bit disappointing; however 12 of those audience members were high school "peer counsellors" from Westview, who posed a couple of questions and remained long after the presentation to discuss the night's topic amongst themselves and with some of the panellists. So I would say that, that in itself made the evening a resounding success, and I don't think anyone went away without an opinion perhaps now backed up by some new information presented by our panellists. We also received press coverage of the evening from Tom Fletcher of the News.

This evening was organised through Vocational Services and spearheaded by Bill Dingwall and Debi Pearce.