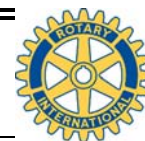


How is Rotary involved in the global polio-eradication effort?

With its community-based network world-wide, Rotary is the volunteer arm of the global partnership dedicated to eradicating polio. Rotary volunteers assist in vaccine delivery, social mobilisation, and logistical help in co-operation with the national health ministries, WHO, UNICEF, and the U.S. Centres for Disease Control and Prevention. Rotary's volunteer efforts were instrumental in the eradication of polio from the Western Hemisphere, which was certified polio-free in 1994.

Rotary in action

- In 1998, District 5360 (Canada) governor nominee Chuck Masur and his wife, Joanne, found a way to involve non-Rotarians in Rotary activities through the "Pennies for Polio" project. District 5360 Rotarians and their friends and families placed coin-collection cans in homes, schools, and businesses. District 5370 joined the effort, and shortly thereafter, districts across Canada and the northern United States followed. All funds collected were matched one-to-one by The Rotary Foundation. Canadian contributions, including the TRF match, were matched further by a C\$1.4 million contribution from the Canadian International Development Agency, resulting in a nearly six-to-one match of the original contributions. More than C\$2.5 million was raised, with all funds supporting National Immunisation Days in Togo, Ethiopia, Cote d'Ivoire, Angola, Sierra Leone, the Democratic Republic of Congo, and Nigeria.
- In 1999, more than 100,000 Indian Rotary members and their families joined the government of India in immunising more than 130 million children on one day, signalling the largest public health event ever in the world.
- In 1996 and 1997, Rotarians in Angola led a campaign to solicit corporate jets, helicopters, and vehicles to move vaccine through Angola's land mine-infested countryside. Additional volunteers mobilised by a single Rotary club helped the government reach 80 percent of its target population of children under five years of age.
- During the late 1980s, 11,000 Rotarians in Peru volunteered in a massive drive to eliminate the virus in one of the last South American countries in which polio still existed. Rotary volunteers assisted national health care workers in door-to-door immunisation drives, transporting health care workers to remote vaccination centres, analysing data, and publicising the immunisation days to raise awareness of the final assault against the crippling disease.
- In countries where there are no Rotary clubs, like Somalia, Afghanistan, Myanmar, Laos, and Vietnam, the PolioPlus program not only funded vaccines and promotional materials for National Immunisation Days, it also provided on-site volunteer assistance from neighbouring countries to assist national authorities in carrying out eradication exercises.
- After extensive efforts to eradicate polio in Cambodia, health officials tracked the remaining pockets of polio to children living on the waterways, who had been missed by the previously held National Immunisation Days. Rotary volunteers joined health officials in a boat-to-boat follow-up campaign to successfully reach this population and wipe out the virus.
- In many developing countries, methods of communication vary from street plays to parades. Rotary members in India and Pakistan performed street dramas and organised rallies to educate parents about the need to immunise their children against polio.



The Four Way Flasher

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INVOCATION June 4: Ineke Boekhorst June 11: Ineke Boekhorst

BINGO SCHEDULE BE ON TIME!

	3:30-5:00	5:00-6:30
June 6:	Diane Kirkland	Marco Terwiel
June 20:	Ken Knuttila	Ron LePore

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



TODAY'S PROGRAM: Greg Hart - World Champion Member of the ESPN – world competitor in sawing

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM: Installation Executive 2002/2003

CALENDAR OF CLUB EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
June 11	Noon	Executive Meeting	Kevin's office
June 11	6:00pm	Installation Dinner	Meadow Gardens
July 7		Barbecue	Marco's place

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$650 + 1/2 of today's sales, 19 cards, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

June 10: Rick Carruthers

June 14: Bob Shantz

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

June 4: Sharon & Brian Bekar

LAST WEEKS MEETING

Our 3rd and last Fireside was held last week at Liz's home (Thank you Liz and Jack for inviting us into your home) Jack prepared us a fabulous meal after which Stan chaired the mtg. He outlined his plans for our next Rotary Year, which starts July 1st. And also re-introduced the new executive. Marco did a short presentation on the Polio- eradication project and informed the Club that he has volunteered himself to be a zone-chair and our Club's representative for the 2002/2003 Polio-Eradication- Project, which will attempt to accumulate enough funds through Rotary Clubs all over the world, to eradicate Polio by the year 2005 world-wide. Marco hopes that we (and all other 6 clubs he is responsible for) can raise \$10,000.= each for this cause (sounds attainable!) Stan also mentioned that he is still looking for a member interested in chairing next year's WineZest and someone to head the Youth Exchange Program, also a volunteer to gather the information for the weekly Newsletter is needed (Peter will continue to produce the newsletter) All in all a relaxed Fireside, with good participation and some great fellowship. Sounds like we're going to have a wonderful Rotary year with Stan at the helm. (call Stan if you're interested in any of these jobs)

THANK YOU ROTARIANS ALL OVER THE WORLD!

From: [watanabe](#)

To: [Ted & Doris Gagel](#)

Sent: Wednesday, 29-May-2002 20:33

Subject: Hello from Japan

Dear Ted, Doris and Teddy

I arrived back to Japan after a long flight from Australia. I arrived in my home in May 26th. I back to my school in May 28th. My busy school life starts again... Oh, No!!

As you are Rotarian, you know this GSE program is great program.

I would like to share with you my feeling about my experience. When the GSE program was end, all the memories come back to me. This experience helped me to discover a lot of things about myself. And I had a good idea for my class from Australian educational system. I will change my teaching style.

I have learned many things from GSE program. This GSE program gave me many ideas for me. I am in Japan now, but I brought with me many beautiful memories of Australia.

All the experiences will forever live in my heart and in my thought.

I thanks to all Rotarian over the world.

I told you, I will go Philippines soon. I leave from Japan in June 6th.

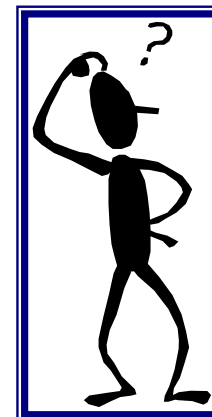
My new life starts again. I try to learn many thing there. especially, English. When I arrived in Philippines, I will tell you my new email address.

Love, Miho

(editor note: unedited)

CLUB MEMBER PROFILE

I was born in Toronto, to a student and his wife putting him through school. Assuming that it was a very happy day, I think that their joy may have been slightly reduced had they realised that they would be supporting this new addition to the family for the next twenty eight years. A year later we moved to a small town in southern Ontario where I grew up with the horses, cows, chickens, sheep, donkeys and whatever other animal my parents found interesting at the time. I spent most of my youth travelling around Ontario either with a basketball or soccer team or to compete in a golf tournament. It was also during this time that I first became aware of the local Rotary club. I successfully represented my school several times at the county public speaking contests held by the Rotary Club. Most of our family vacations were spent travelling to BC on a ski holiday, and I quickly realised it was a place I wanted to live. What could be better than living in the place, you want to go to for a vacation?



Following university, I decided it would be a very wise choice to take a year off of school and experience true BC life. So, I packed up my car and drove to the first ski resort that had a job available. I spent the season living and working at Sun Peaks Resort, and skied more days that season than I had in my whole life.

I did, however, decide to return to the flat lands and tiny ski hills of Ontario to complete four more years of school. During my final year in Toronto, I was fortunate to meet a young lady one year behind me at school and we became very good friends. When the time came to return to the west coast I was able to convince her to take a vacation and drive across the country with me. Whether it was my charming personality, or the fact that she had to spend twelve hours a day in a small car with me I will never know, but she decided she might like to get to know me just a little bit better. And now, just short of a year after leaving Toronto, we are engaged and looking forward to starting a family in Maple Ridge.

I feel very fortunate to have found a place much like the one where I grew up, and I look forward to helping the community continue to grow through the Rotary Club.

INSTALLATION DINNER

DON'T FORGET: the Annual Installation Dinner will be taking place Tuesday June 11th, 6:00pm social and 6:30 dinner, at Meadow Gardens Golf Course (UPSTAIRS) The cost for this year's event is \$35.00 per person (includes beautiful dinner) and you're more than welcome to bring any guests. **DRESSCODE WILL BE SEMI-FORMAL(PLEASE, NO JEANS OR SHORTS!)**

PLEASE PAY FOR INSTALLATION DINNER TODAY, WE NEED PAYMENT BEFORE SAT!!!!

This event promises to be very entertaining this year, with the Social Committee looking after the Entertainment (under the professional guidance of Dot) Further we will recognize the outstanding Rotarians from the year 2001 - 2002 and introduce and install the new Executive for the year 2002 - 2003. Please show your loyalty to our Club and all fellow- members and attend this Annual event.

Don't forget to sign up, so we have an accurate count for the dinner (you can call Ineke @ (604) 463-3767)

NEED TO HAVE A FINAL COUNT (+ \$'s) BY FRIDAY JUNE 7TH!

BECAUSE OF THE INSTALLATION THERE WILL NOT BE A LUNCH MEETING

IN THE LIBRARY ON TUESDAY JUNE 11TH!

For the old and new executive: there will be an executive mtg. Tuesday June 11th @ 12:00 noon in Kevin's office