

## A Message from President Rick



### Mankind Is Our Business!

My Colleagues in Service:

Nobel Peace Prize winner Albert Schweitzer, an honorary Rotarian, once said: "I don't know what your destiny will be. But this I do know: the only ones among you who will ever be truly happy are those who have sought and found how to serve others." Rotarians demonstrate not only a desire but an absolute need to serve. And this is why Rotary has become such a vital force for good in the world. It gives people the opportunity to become their best selves, to become something better than they might otherwise have been. No matter what one's financial or material success, no matter what one achieves professionally or vocationally, no matter the fame or recognition one may achieve in this life, a fundamental truth remains: no success can compensate for failure in the business of mankind. It is the most exciting and adventure-filled business activity in which any of us will ever be involved, the most important thing we will ever do, the thing that will outlast us

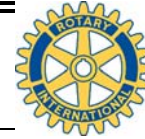
on this earth.

We are therefore always indebted to that person who took the time and effort to invite us to join this marvelous organization — the greatest network of private citizens reaching out and serving others. How fortunate we are to be Rotarians. So while the humanitarian service we do for others is truly wonderful, the service we do when we sponsor others for Rotary membership also has profound meaning. Their lives are changed. They join good people in more than 30,000 clubs in nearly 200 nations and geographical regions throughout the world. They engage in the business of mankind! They become something higher than self. A great mentor of mine, past RI President Richard L. Evans, summed up the urgency of our work at Rotary:

It sometimes seems that we live as if we wondered when life was going to begin. It isn't always clear just what we are waiting for, but some of us persist in waiting so long that life slips by, still finding us waiting for something that has been going on all the time. There is no reason to doubt good intentions, but when in the world are we going to begin to realize this is life? This is it — our time, our day, our generation. Our one chance to do something for somebody else. This is the life in which the work of this life is to be performed, whether we are thrilled or disappointed, busy or bored, givers or takers. This is it — this is life. It's all we've got. And it's passing. What in the world are we waiting for?

In our Rotary work, let us then not waste a single day in our service to others; let us be positive and dedicated to our work. Let us reach out to others and invite them to join us. Let us not find fault or complain, but lift one another and get on with life's important work. Then, indeed, in Dr. Schweitzer's words, we will be truly happy. Then, indeed, it will be said of us: Mankind was their business! Cherie and I are profoundly grateful to have served with you in this — Rotary's first year of the 21st century. Hopefully, we have pointed the organization to a century of greater growth, progress and service for years to come. Thank you. As Richard Evans put it, "May peace be with you, this day and always."

Richard D. King  
President, Rotary International



# The Four Way Flasher

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INVOCATION June 18: Debi Pearce June 25:

### BINGO SCHEDULE BE ON TIME!

	3:30-5:00	5:00-6:30
<b>June 20:</b>	Merlyn White	Ron LePore
<b>July 4:</b>		

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

**We will circulate a new list for Bingo volunteers for the coming year.  
Please sign up for our single largest fundraiser (40% of total funds!).  
If possible, everybody should volunteer a couple of times.  
It only takes an hour and a half every two weeks.**

**TODAY'S PROGRAM:** Fred Cummings of the Karyo Communications  
Presentation of the proposed Bridge to Langley

**NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM:** TBA

### CALENDAR OF CLUB EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
<b>July 7</b>		Barbecue	Marco's place

**50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$665 + 1/2 of today's sales, 18 cards, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!**



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

June 19: Cindy Tyler      June 21: Mary Robson

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

June 24: Cheryl Johnson

**GREETINGS FROM HOLLAND!**

Hope you are having a great meeting today, chaired by our new President Stan. I would like to wish him good luck and all the best for a fabulous new 2002 / 2003 Rotary Year.



From Holland, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect back on the wonderful Installation Night, last week. And it was a GREAT NIGHT, thanks to all who participated!

Thanks so much to Marco for being our M.C., Bill Elder for piping in the new executive, Mike McKone for doing the Installation, our Social Committee (but especially Kevin) for putting on the entertainment, Meadow Gardens for serving us the beautiful dinner, to all members who attended and because of that made it such a wonderful night, yes thanks to all and I hope you enjoyed it as much as I did!

On a personal note I would like to thank the Club for the beautifully inscribed park-bench I received from the Club, I will use and enjoy it for many years as I have enjoyed serving as President of this great MeadowRidge Rotary Club.

As I was compiling my "2001 / 2002 Annual Report Card" distributed at the Installation night, I felt a feeling of pride and accomplishment as I could place more and more "checkmarks" on the list of our goals and objectives. Yes, we accomplished a lot this year and we served many different avenues of service as a Team. It all worked like a well-oiled little machine and..... we had fun doing it! I hope we can continue in the same fashion and build on our strength, to raise funds for our Community, our Country, our World to promote Peace, Health and Understanding with our "Rotary Team"

So Yes, Stan we are ready for a new Rotary Year, Yes Stan we are ready to serve on a new Committee so give us a new challenge and we will make the 2002 / 2003 year another successful MeadowRidge Rotary Year. Let us ALL "Sow the Seeds of Love"

THANKS FOR A GREAT YEAR!

Yours in Rotary,  
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PS I'm enjoying myself in Holland right now and will be off to Barcelona on the 21st for the International Convention! I will see you all back the beginning of July

**Some impressions of Installation 2002/2003 Executive on June 11, 2002**



Rookie of the Year: Dave Reekie



The new Executive (from r to l)



Rotarian of the Year: Debi



The new Executive (from l to r)



Swearing in of the Directors



Is Stan jealous?