

Sow the Seeds of Love



Dear fellow Rotarians,

To each of us, Rotary has a different and special meaning. Some of us cherish the warm fellowship our clubs offer, while others especially appreciate the opportunities to serve and help those in need. Many of us value Rotary for its international spirit, which so efficiently binds us together in service from every part of the world.



There are thousands of activities going on at this moment in the name of Rotary. Whatever we do, one element remains constant: The best Rotary fellowship and service always comes from the heart. When love is infused into our actions, we do not stop to question the time or money we are sacrificing. We are inspired to do more, to give more. Love is the motivating force behind all of Rotary's best work.

As Mother Teresa once said: *"It's not how much we give but how much love we put into giving."* When we perform an act with love, it will inherently be more effective and will penetrate more deeply into the hearts and minds of those we serve.

We Rotarians already have so much love within ourselves, but with the ambitious goals that we have set before us, we need more people to share our beliefs and commitments. The best way we can ensure the continuity of our organization is by *Sowing the Seeds of Love* in as many hearts as possible.

And that is what I will be urging all Rotarians to do in the year 2002-03: ***Sow the Seeds of Love*** — in your clubs, in your vocations, in your communities, and everywhere in our world.

Rotary offers us countless ways to *Sow the Seeds of Love*.

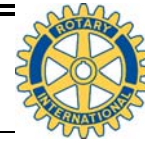
Through the programs of Rotary International and its Foundation — and I urge you *through your own inspiration and initiative, working not from the top down but from the grassroots level up* — we can volunteer our professional talents where they are most needed; help young people overcome today's constraints and become tomorrow's leaders; develop service partnerships across national borders; and fulfill our commitment of worldwide polio eradication.

Within our clubs and districts, we also have many resources that enable us to improve our local communities and make vital contributions to the global community.

We do not need to create new programs and projects; we can begin right away by participating more and putting our personal touch on the existing ones. When service comes from our heart and is inspired by our own experiences, we do not simply write a check; we write Rotary into our lives.

Bichai Rattakul
President, Rotary International

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INVOCATION July 2: Dave Rempel July 9: Chad Reed

BINGO SCHEDULE BE ON TIME!

	3:30-5:00	5:00-6:30
July 4:	Irena Shantz	Merlyn White
July 18:	Debi Pearce	Betty Levens

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TODAY'S PROGRAM: Mike McKone (our Assistant District Governor)

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM: Jeff Haveman will discuss his upcoming involvement with the Canada Youth Exchange.

CALENDAR OF CLUB EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
July 4	3:55pm	Ineke back from RI Conference	YVR
July 7	Brunch time	Barbecue at Marco's place	21616 River Road, MR
July 9	5:30pm	Executive Meeting	Kevin's Boardroom
Sept. 3	noon	DG Kevin Shaughnessy's visit	Regular meeting

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

July 3: Debbie & Stan Wade

Mark Sunday July 7th down in your daytimer. This is the Summer BBQ at Marco and Lila Jane's house. You will need to provide your own meat, a pot luck dish and be ready to have a great time. Marco will be putting on a Bocci Ball tournament and he has tents to protect against any inclement weather. Dot will email you to let you know what you should be bringing and what time you should arrive.

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$720 + 1/2 of today's sales, 16 cards, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

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

This was last weeks 2x4: **POLIOPLUS**

PolioPlus is Rotary's massive effort to eradicate poliomyelitis from the world by the year 2005. It is part of a global effort to protect the children from five other deadly diseases as well - the "plus" in PolioPlus. The program was launched in 1985 with fund-raising as a primary focus. The original goal was to raise US\$120 million. By 1988, Rotarians of the world had raised more than \$219 million in cash and pledges. By 1994, the cash total exceeded \$246 million! These gifts have enabled The Rotary Foundation to make grants to provide a five-year supply of vaccine for any developing country requesting it to protect its children. Grants have been made to nearly 100 countries - a commitment, thus far, of \$181 million to buy vaccine and to improve vaccine quality.

In 1988, the World Health Organization adopted a goal of eradicating polio throughout the world by the year 2000, and Rotary has endorsed that goal, hoping to celebrate a polio-free world in its own 100th anniversary year, 2005. Achieving eradication will be difficult (only one other disease, smallpox, has ever been eradicated) and expensive (estimated cost to the international community is nearly \$2 billion). It will require continuing immunization of children worldwide, and it also must include systematic reporting of all suspected cases, community-wide vaccination to contain outbreaks of the disease, and establishment of laboratory networks. Rotary will not be alone in all these efforts but in partnership with national governments, the World and Pan American Health Organizations, UNICEF and others. Rotary's "people power" gives us a special "hands on" role. Rotarians in developing countries have given thousands of hours and countless in-kind gifts to help eradication happen in their countries.

No other non-governmental organization ever has made a commitment of the scale of PolioPlus. Truly it may be considered the greatest humanitarian service the world has ever seen. Every Rotarian can share the pride of that achievement!

LAST WEEKS MEETING

Last week we had an excellent speaker. Her name is Feather Janz and she is a seven year breast cancer survivor. Feather related to us her personal story of her battle with breast cancer. Due to her own diligence in self examination, Feather discovered a change in her breast and went to seek medical advice. She was only 19 at the time and unfortunately a series of five doctors continued to reinforce the myth that because of her young age she was not "at risk" for breast cancer. Well her worst fears were true and after 2 years she was diagnosed with breast cancer in her left breast.

Feather provided us with some interesting facts about breast cancer:

Only 5-10% of breast cancers have a genetic link. 95% do not!

1 of every 100 diagnosis of breast cancer is a man

1 in 9 women will get breast cancer in their life

Breast cancer kills 650 women in BC every year.

Ways you can help promote further research of breast cancer:

Run for a Cure - Oct 6 in Abbotsford at the Rotary Stadium

Submitted by Debi Pearce

PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

Hello MeadowRidge Rotarians

Well, the trial period is over and the reality of being President is starting to sink in.

I would like to thank Ineke for her past tenure and the great shape she has left the Club in.

By now I would hope that all past directors and executive members have contacted each of their upcoming counterparts and exchanged materials pertinent to their Avenues of Service. The first executive meeting will

be held on July 9th, I would like to have the past executive join us one more time to ensure we have a smooth transition to the new year. The business meeting will continue to be on the 3rd Tuesday of each month.

RI President has asked each club to set its own goals rather than dictating expected International goals. There is an exception to this rule – THE POLIO+ PROGRAM.

- The drive towards final eradication of Polio will take precedence over most other International goals as the amount of money expected to achieve the goal leaves little for other International programs this year. However I would still like to have Jack Fisk present the Wheel Chair Program to the club for consideration.
- We will endeavour to participate in the Youth Exchange Program as we have received an application from France. This means a commitment of Host Families and a Councillor. Ken Knutilla has agreed to chair the incoming process and organise the program.
- The GSE Program is set for May, 2003 with a delegation from Brazil. I enjoyed our participation with the Argentinean GSE Team last year and would like us to participate again.
- We now have a charitable number and should set out bylaws for the proper operation of the foundation. I look towards Ken Patterson and Laurie Anderson to form a committee to set out a proper operating procedure.
- Community Service is the core of our involvement in the development of Maple Ridge. This Avenue is of special interest to me as it was this committee that I became involved in when I joined our Club. I would expect at least 6 members to form the committee with Craig at the helm. I propose to hold the meetings at my office at 5:00 PM to continue on the first Tuesday of each month.
- Vocational Service will be chaired by Andrea who has been very proficient in the past in handling this avenue. I look forward to continuing her committee handling the programs with a special interest in Rotoract, Interact, and continuing our participation in the Esteem Team.
- We can be proud of our dynamic membership, which gives our club an interesting social flavour. I have been repeatedly told by visiting Rotarians that we have a "fun club". The root to our ability to enjoy the Rotary ideals lies in Club Service. I look forward to a continuation of the fellowship of our membership through socials, and fund raising programs under Irena's directorship that provide both the ability of our membership to interact with each other and the community and raising the funds we need to raise to fulfil our commitments to our community.
- I would like to set a realistic goal of 10% growth of membership this year qualifying the goal by insisting that all members look for a means of contributing to the development and operation of the Club. (No Knife and Forkers!!) To this end I expect each member, who has not done so already, to approach me and ask "What can I do for the club". I will find a place in the club for your contribution of time.
- I will mention again that it is important to seize the opportunity at this time to build the framework to a history of what our Club has accomplished, and the people behind those accomplishments to date. We still have many members that can recollect year one, and we should document as much as possible while we can. I will be discussing this process in the near future with members to form a committee to achieve this.

I hope to make this a fun and productive year for our Club and remind you all that RI President Bichai Rattakul encourages us to Sow the Seeds of Love to cultivate peace and improve the lives around us and around the world.

Stan Wade

