

**“He profits most who serves best”**

### **Grand Duke of Luxembourg receives Polio Eradication Champion Award**

Rotary International presented Grand Duke Henry of Luxembourg with the Polio Eradication Champion Award on 4 July, in recognition of the country's outstanding financial contribution to polio eradication.

"On behalf of Rotary volunteers world-wide, I am honoured to give this award for the polio eradication support by the government of Luxembourg," said Rotary Foundation Trustee John Kenny at the Palace of Luxembourg. "As we stand on the brink of victory over polio, contributions like this are still urgently needed as a funding gap and current world instability threaten our ability to immunise every child by 2005."

"I am greatly honoured to receive this award from Rotary International, the organisation that sparked this global effort and remains focused on achieving its goal of a polio-free world," said Grand Duke Henry. "Luxembourg is committed to continuing its support of polio eradication, an objective that will benefit the entire global community."

Luxembourg has made the highest per capita (US\$8.30 per capita) contribution of any donor nation to the polio eradication initiative in 2001. The government made its first commitment to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative in autumn of 2001 with a contribution of €3,510,000 (approximately US\$3.2 million) towards immunisation activities in the six African countries of Burkina Faso, Cape Verde, Mali, Namibia, Niger, and Senegal.

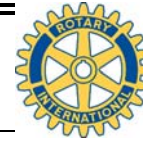
The Polio Eradication Champion Award was established in 1995 to recognise world leaders who have made outstanding contributions toward the goal of global polio eradication. Past recipients include former U.S. President Bill Clinton, former UK Prime Minister John Major, First Lady of Egypt Mrs. Suzanne Mubarak, Nigerian President Olusegun Obasanjo, UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan, Angolan President José Eduardo dos Santos, Germany's Minister of Economic Development and Cooperation Heidemarie Wieczorek-Zeul, and the Netherlands' Minister for Development Cooperation Eveline Herfkens.

Rotary reaches out to governments world-wide to obtain vital financial and technical support. Through skilful advocacy work, Rotary members, in collaboration with partner organisations, have helped deliver more than \$1 billion of funding to the program from donor governments. That amount, combined with direct funds from Rotary, is more than half the money needed for the entire global polio eradication program.

The World Health Organisation estimates \$1billion is needed in the period of 2002-2005 for the purchase of oral polio vaccine, operational expenses, and poliovirus surveillance. Of this, some \$725 million has been committed by national governments and other organisations, leaving a funding gap of \$275 million. Rotary is carrying out the Polio Eradication Fundraising Campaign in 2002-03 to help bridge this gap. Overall, Rotary will have committed a half billion US dollars to the polio effort through 2005.

Polio eradication is now extremely close to completion. From 2000 to 2001, the number of polio-endemic countries was reduced from 20 to 10. The number of new cases globally was slashed by more than 80 percent, from 2,979 in 2000 to 480 in 2001. This represents a more than 99 percent reduction since 1988, when polio paralysed more than 350,000 children annually in 125 countries.

**Bhichai Rattakul: President RI 2002/2003**  
**Kevin Shaughnessy: District Governor District 5050**



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**INVOCATION** July 16: Dave Rempel July 23: Dave Reekie

### **BINGO SCHEDULE BE ON TIME!**

	<b>3:30-5:00</b>	<b>5:00-6:30</b>
<b>July 18:</b>	Merlyn White	Betty Levens
<b>Aug. 1:</b>	Peter Boekhorst	Dave Reekie

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**TODAY'S PROGRAM:** Business Meeting

**NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM:** TBA

### **CALENDAR OF CLUB EVENTS:**

Date	Time	Event	Venue
<b>July 31</b>		Vocational Service Meeting	
<b>Sept. 3</b>	<b>noon</b>	DG Kevin Shaughnessy's visit	Regular meeting
<b>Dec. 16</b>	<b>noon</b>	Executive 2003/04 Elections	Regular meeting

### **100% Club for the Month of June 2002 - MeadowRidge Rotary**

Liz Attarmigirian	Brian Bekar	Ineke Boekhorst	Peter Boekhorst	Mike Davies
Doris Gagel	Diane Kirkland	Ron Lepore	Kevin Nosworthy	Debi Pearce
Dot Ralston	Dave Reekie	Gord Robson	Mary Robson	Marco Terwiel
Andrea Vevers	Stan Wade	Merlyn White		

**50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$790 + 1/2 of today's sales, 14 cards, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!**

## HAPPY ANIVERSARY

July 17: Debora & Kevin Nosworthy

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

July 19: Iola Boyce

July 20: Erna Dingwall

## LAST WEEKS PROGRAM

Our guest speaker, Jeff Haveman, spoke about the Canada World Youth Exchange Program. He experienced some health problems that left him time to reflect on what he wanted from life. The catalyst for change came after his illness when he was laid off work. He saw this as an opportunity to follow his dreams.

He joined the CWY organisation whose mission is “to increase people’s ability to participate actively in the development of just, harmonious and sustainable societies”, by sending Canadian youth to other parts of Canada and abroad to do community development and volunteer projects.

The program is funded by CIDA through grants. The cost for each participant is about \$15,000 and the participants are expected to raise \$1,500. Canadian youths between the ages of 17 and 21 are eligible and go through a series of random sorts and selected candidates are then evaluated at a group evaluation day. After another random sort successful applicants are placed in a team. The program lasts about seven months. The organisation is active in 50 countries and 500 Canadian communities.

The exchange this year is between Atlantic Canada and Cuba. Jeff will be leaving on August 19<sup>th</sup> for New Brunswick, then in mid November on to Cuba. He will be living with host families in both communities and will take part in various volunteer projects. Jeff sees this as an opportunity to "see what its like working in an international context". He is not sure what his future will hold for him on his return in regards to his career choice, however he does want it to involve education and international development. His field work in Cuba will earn him academic credits towards the diploma he is working on through University College of the Fraser Valley. Jeff hopes to gain a better understanding of the world we live in, cultural difference, local issues and regional and international development. He is also interested in returning to this community to continue his involvement in development and social issues.

If you wish to contribute to Jeff's exchange fund you can reach him at 604-463-8409 or at [jeffhaveman@hotmail.com](mailto:jeffhaveman@hotmail.com)

When he returns to Maple Ridge, Mary hopes that he will join Rotoract and continue his involvement with Rotary.

## ROTARIANS VOLUNTEERING IN THE COMMUNITY

Congratulations to Debi, Ineke, Dave Reekie and Deddy Geese from the Haney club. They were all out there doing other volunteer duties for the Caribbean Festival this weekend. It was a great and well attended event and obviously these four must have way too much time on their hands. It only proves that Rotarians are volunteers at heart, whether they are working for Rotary or other organisations.

## WHO IS OUR DISTRICT GOVERNOR?

Kevin was born in Montreal, raised in Ste. Therese, Quebec. He attended High School and University in Montreal. Kevin has vivid memories of the FLQ crisis in Quebec when then Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau declared a state of emergency. He joined the Royal Bank of Canada in Montreal and for the next 3 years worked in 5 different communities in Quebec and Ontario. He moved to British Columbia in 1972 having decided to travel and change careers. For the next 4 years he worked with 4 different financial institutions and in 1976 rejoined the Royal Bank. He has worked in various communities throughout BC and for the last 13 years has resided in Abbotsford. During the late 1970s and early 1980s, Kevin was involved in coaching hockey, soccer and baseball. In 1985, Kevin and family were transferred to 100 Mile House, where in addition to coaching, he joined Rotary and was also a member of the Chamber of Commerce.



## District Governor Kevin Shaughnessy and Paddy

He was President of the Chamber of Commerce for 2 years and during his tenure, membership increased by 100%. Kevin was treasurer of the Rotary Club in 100 mile House for 3 years and upon his transfer to the Fraser Valley in 1989, he joined the Rotary Club of Langley Central. He served as treasurer for 3 years, Vice President and President in 1994-95 and has been on the committee of their very successful Wine Festival for the past 13 years. At the District level, Kevin has been a District Governor's representative, Annual Giving Chair, Foundation Chair and Assistant Governor for 3 years. Kevin met Paddy in Vancouver and they were married in 1976. Their 3 children, Richard, Jacque and Barry reside in the lower mainland. They also have 2 grandchildren. They both enjoy travelling with Kevin an avid sports fan and Paddy enjoying sewing and making crafts. Both Kevin and Paddy are Paul Harris Fellows and Kevin is a Sustaining Paul Harris Fellow and RI Foundation Benefactor

DG Kevin Shaughnessy will visit our club on September 3, 2002.

## ROTARIANS OF DISTRICT 5050

A Rotarian – Farmer Classification – was making his way down a country road with a load of manure in his wagon.

A U.S. Rotarian – Tourist Classification – pulled up alongside and asked:

“Say, watcha got in the wagon, old man?”

”Horse manure,” the farmer told him.

“What do you use it for?”

“Going to spread it on strawberries.”

“Boy, you Canadians have strange tastes. Down home we use cream.”