



## A Message from RI President Bhichai Rattakul

Dear fellow Rotarians,

Many of the world's greatest accomplishments grow from the idea of one person. In 1917, RI President Arch C. Klumph proposed an endowment with the express purpose of "doing good in the world." The Rotary Club of Kansas City, Mo., USA, made the first contribution to the fund in the modest sum of \$26.50, surplus from the 1918 convention.

Those initial seeds grew into one of the world's greatest nonprofit organizations of humanitarian service and peace — The Rotary Foundation of RI.

The programs of The Rotary Foundation benefit millions of lives around the world. They provide water for the thirsty, food for the hungry, medicine for the sick, and shelter for the homeless. It gives me great personal satisfaction to see how the Foundation has touched so many lives. I often think of the words of poet Ralph Waldo Emerson: "To know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived, this is the meaning of success."



November is The Rotary Foundation Month, a time to make your own personal commitment to the Foundation. In this period of growing international conflict, there is a new sense of urgency to carry out our work. As Rotarians, we can contribute to a brighter future, one project at a time.

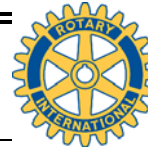
One promising new initiative is the Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution. In September, 70 Rotary World Peace Scholars began a two-year master's degree program in international relations, peace studies, and conflict resolution. It is our hope that these scholars will become leaders in their own right who can facilitate the peace process. The Rotary Centers are a critical step in our commitment to improving international relations and global understanding.

Perhaps our greatest achievement to date is PolioPlus, which remains our highest priority. Last year, the Foundation allocated nearly US\$36 million — far more than any other Rotary program received — to support the ongoing battle to eradicate polio by 2005. Although polio cases worldwide have dropped by 99 percent since 1988, that last 1 percent will be our greatest challenge.

Rotarians are united in their effort to raise \$80 million to close a critical funding gap. Unless we defeat polio now, we will lose everything we have gained so far. It is an enormous undertaking, but our commitment will benefit millions of children around the world. We will continue our efforts until every child is protected, in every country.

The Foundation provides Rotarians with unlimited opportunities to do good in the world. We must remember that every act of service, no matter how small, is like a seed, a seed of love that will germinate and grow. This month, I encourage you to *Sow the Seeds of Love* through The Rotary Foundation. These seeds will take root around the world and provide a legacy of hope for future generations.

Bhichai Rattakul  
President, Rotary International



# The Four Way Flasher

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INVOCATION Nov. 5: Laurie Anderson Nov. 12: Liz Attarmigirian

### BINGO SCHEDULE BE ON TIME!

|         | 3:30-5:00    | 5:00-6:30      |
|---------|--------------|----------------|
| Nov. 7  | Merlyn White | Cheryl Johnson |
| Nov. 21 | Brian Bekar  | Merlyn White   |

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

**The bingo proceeds for September were \$2,452.11**

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM: tba

### The 4-Way Test

Of the things we think, say or do —

- 1 Is it the **Truth**?
- 2 Is it **Fair** to all concerned?
- 3 Will it build **Goodwill and Better Friendships**?
- 4 Will it be **Beneficial** to all concerned?

### CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

| Date     | Time            | Event                         | Venue                      |
|----------|-----------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Nov. 22  | 6pm             | Showcase on the Foundation    | Skagit Conference Center   |
| Dec. 16  | Noon            | Executive 2003/04 Elections   | Regular meeting            |
| March 12 | 6pm, dinner 7pm | RI President Bhichai Rattakul | West Bayshore Conf. Centre |
| April 5  | tba             | District Assembly             | Western Washington Univ.   |



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Nov 10: Lila Jane Terwiel

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Nov 9: Irena & Bob Shantz

## LAST WEEKS PROGRAM

Last week our speakers were Gillian Small & Rodger Larmor for the Ridge Meadows Association for Community Living. This association began in 1958 with a small group of parents of mentally disabled children as a support group and soon developed into a kindergarden. It currently employs 200+ people and operates out of 20 locations within Maple Ridge & Pitt Meadows. They provide support services for approximately 400 clients with development disabilities from infant assessment to supported employment opportunities for adults. They recently received accreditation, which is quite a feather in their cap.

They currently operate several programs which include Infant Development, Child care programs & Adult Programs.

Self Employment Programs such as RM Enterprises encourages members in a lawn care/ garbage removal business where the participants profit share. They also run Greenwood Creation, which is a woodworking endeavour where clients are assisted to create woodworking items and then to sell them and again be involved in profit sharing. They also assist in setting up recreational and volunteer opportunities for their clients within the community. The Guardian program is a greenhouse operation that has been going for 1 1/2 years and also provides work experience for the disabled. For some members working in the "real world" is possible with a employment support program, where a staff member helps the employee and employer find ways to work effectively together. Little Green Apple is a preschool run for young children. Each client goes through an annual planning session with a worker, to plan their goals and dreams for that year. The worker then assists in making those goals reachable for the client. All this is achieved with the help of government funding for their \$7 Million dollar annual budget. They have 35 individuals in group-homes within MR/PM and 100 attending day care. They also offer approx 22 different programs. There is a lengthy waiting list in the children's programs but not in the adult programs. Big changes are in the winds with a revamping of the criteria by the government but Rodger hopes it will be positive and more efficient.

Submitted by Debi Pearce

## ABOUT ROTARY

Rotary is an organization of business and professional leaders united worldwide who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world. In more than 160 countries worldwide, approximately 1.2 million Rotarians belong to more than 30,000 Rotary clubs.

Rotary club [membership](#) represents a cross-section of the community's business and professional men and women. The world's Rotary clubs meet weekly and are nonpolitical, nonreligious, and open to all cultures, races, and creeds.

The main objective of Rotary is service — in the community, in the workplace, and throughout the world. Rotarians develop community service projects that address many of today's most critical issues, such as children at risk, poverty and hunger, the environment, illiteracy, and violence. They also support programs for youth, educational opportunities and international exchanges for students, teachers, and other professionals, and vocational and career development. The Rotary motto is *Service Above Self*.

## Canadian government pledges financial support for PEFC

Following a tradition of support for Rotary efforts, the Canadian government announced in early October its commitment to give C\$3 million (US\$1.9 million) to the polio eradication fundraising campaign (PEFC) if Canadian Rotarians raise at least C\$9 million (US\$5.7 million). An estimated C\$2 million in pledges have been realized since July through the PEFC effort supported by the Canadian Rotary Committee for International Development.

"Immunization programs show results, and Canada is recognized as a leader on this issue," said Susan Whelan, Canada's minister for international cooperation, at the National Press Club in Ottawa on 7 October. "In the last ten years, Canada has contributed more than C\$243 million to immunization efforts in developing countries. We are making a difference in eradicating polio around the world-this achievement is within our grasp."

This recent announcement follows the pledge of C\$50 million by Canadian Prime Minister Jean Chretien last June to support polio eradication in Africa. Canada was the first government to contribute to Rotary's original polio campaign in 1985.

The minister encouraged Canadian Rotarians to continue working with the World Health Organization, UNICEF, and other stakeholders to raise awareness of the need for immunization and eradication of polio, especially in Africa. Whether from fundraising activities at club and district levels or personal contributions, any money raised during the campaign will count as part of the needed funds.

"In order to take full advantage of the minister's challenge, Canadian Rotarians will have to raise the full amount," said Wilf Wilkinson, PEFC national coordinator for Canada. "I'm convinced we will raise more than US\$5.7 million."

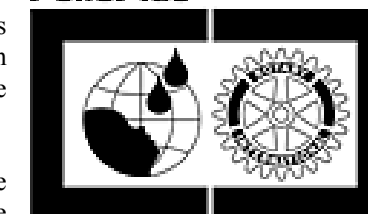
Since the initiative began in 1988, almost two billion children have been immunized against polio, and approximately 175 countries have been declared polio-free. Unfortunately, though, the disease remains in seven countries.

"We have seen clear results with our campaign against polio," Whelan said. "National Immunization Days and other global efforts, such as the Canadian International Immunization Initiative, have made major inroads against the disease. Now, we are close to reaching our goal of eradication. We can wipe this terrible, crippling disease off the face of the earth in our lifetime."

To help address urgent needs in the efforts to eradicate polio, Rotary's polio eradication fundraising campaign seeks to raise US\$80 million in cash and commitments by 30 June 2003. Donors will have until 30 June 2005 to complete commitments and pledges made this year.

Rotarians and clubs are encouraged to make their commitment in the near future to allow the campaign to assess progress. For more information contact [poliocampaign@rotaryintl.org](mailto:poliocampaign@rotaryintl.org) or call 847-866-3460.

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