

## Scott to head polio eradication fundraising campaign

Past RI Vice President Robert Scott of Cobourg, Ontario, Canada, has agreed to serve as director of the polio eradication fundraising campaign (PEFC) as a volunteer without compensation. Past governor of District 7070, Scott is a retired physician who has been actively involved in Rotary's efforts to eradicate polio worldwide. He is chairman of the RI Polio Eradication Advocacy Task Force.

Scott's appointment came by a unanimous decision of The Rotary Foundation Trustees during their October meeting at World Headquarters. He succeeds former General Secretary Herbert Pigman who resigned as director of the PEFC for health reasons.

"Bob's knowledge of polio, his dedicated service to Rotary, and his medical background are terrific assets as we endeavour to Fulfill Our Promise- Eradicate Polio," said Trustee Chairman Glen Kinross.

In order 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 strongly urged 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. As of 1 November, total cash and District Designated Fund contributions to the PEFC amounted to US\$12 million.

## Immunization efforts in Africa target more than 80 million children

Immunization efforts in 16 African nations targeting more than 80 million children under age 5 are helping to shrink the reservoir of the poliovirus on the continent.

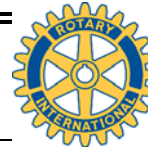
More than nine million children were immunized during a just-completed three-phase polio vaccination drive in the eastern region of the Democratic Republic of Congo, according to the World Health Organization.

Rotary has contributed more than US\$12.2 million to date for polio eradication efforts in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. No cases of polio have been confirmed in the country since 2000.

In West Africa, the second round of synchronized National Immunization Days in 15 nations is scheduled to take place 9-15 November with the goal of vaccinating 70 million children. The countries participating in this week's regional effort are: Benin, Burkina Faso, Cape-Verde, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea Bissau, Guinea Conakry, Liberia, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone, and Togo.

## Web site for prospective members

Rotary offers a new Web site, [www.rotary.info](http://www.rotary.info), created exclusively for prospective members and people unfamiliar with Rotary. The site features the tagline "Rotary gives people an opportunity to help." Viewers can explore four sections for information on joining Rotary, volunteering, making financial contributions, and Rotary projects. It offers information on the organization and images of Rotarians serving their communities.



# The Four Way Flasher

## Rotary Club of MeadowRidge Newsletter

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INVOCATION Nov. 12: Liz Attarmigirian Nov. 19: Brian Bekar

### BINGO SCHEDULE BE ON TIME!

	3:30-5:00	5:00-6:30
Nov. 21	Brian Bekar	Merlyn White
Dec. 5	Mary Robson	Gordy Robson

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



**TODAY'S PROGRAM:** Ed Nadort for Tetra Society  
They make assistive devices for physically handicapped people

**NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM:** Business Meeting  
The Chair of the Sports Banquet (Gordy Robson) will table 3 projects, that could qualify for the money raised by the Sports Banquet. The club will vote on this proposal.

### 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 13: Andrea Vevers Nov. 15: Ken Paterson

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$?? + 1/2 of today's sales, 52 cards, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

## LAST WEEKS PROGRAM

Last week we had a Membership Drive Meeting at La Trattoria. The purpose of the Membership Drive is to introduce people to the work of Rotary and the MeadowRidge Rotary Club in particular.

The guest at this weeks membership drive meeting were as follows:

Ineke and Debi brought Tara Blokzyl, a local goldsmith who has lived in Maple Ridge for 30+ years.

Brian Bekar brought his wife Sharon, who has been curious about Rotary.

Bob Shantz invited Dan TenBrink a builder in Maple Ridge who expressed interest.

Gord Robson had 3 guests, Paul Wiebe from the Times, Al Graveson from the Meadow Ridge School and his new assistant Allison.

Dave Reekie was the chair of the meeting and did a very fine job, introducing Rotary to our potential members, which was followed by a short video on what Rotary achieves worldwide. We then had testimonials from Fred Armstrong, Ineke Boekhorst, Laurie Anderson, Stan Wade and Gordie. All in all an excellent meeting which may serve to bring us



new members but should also remind the rest of us why we joined.

Well, I'm off for a week in New Orleans, so I won't see you this week. Have a great week, I know I will and we'll see you on the 19th.

Submitted by Debi Pearce

## ROTARACT

Following are some highlights of the Minutes of the Rotaract District Meeting, held Sunday Nov. 3

### 1. Club Reports

Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows

- Started fundraising for Unicef – money goes towards the fight against Polio.
- Trying to get in contact with blood bank to help any way they can.
- May be helping out with the Christmas Hamper and Food Bank during the Holidays.

### 2. The District will meet *quarterly* beginning with the next meeting in January.

- January – hosted by Richmond
- April – hosted by SFU
- July – hosted by Delta
- October – hosted by Chilliwack

We will establish project specific committees to help get district resolutions done. We may also in the future create standing committees for areas that will require long term attention.

Good district-wide projects:

- 30-Hour Famine
- Something long term to commemorate Rotary's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- Everyone is to bring ideas for the next meeting
- Beach Clean up in September

World Rotaract Week is during the week of March 13, 2002– a reminder to all clubs to start working on their world Rotaract Week projects. We would like all clubs in the district to meet the requirements for recognition this year. The requirements are:

- To give a presentation or write an inspiring letter about Rotaract to a Rotary club that does not sponsor a Rotaract club
- To invite Rotarians to a Rotaract club meeting
- To attend the weekly Rotary meeting
- Conduct a joint Rotary/Rotaract project to increase awareness of Rotaract in the community

Also – the World Rotary President will be visiting Vancouver during World Rotaract Week, so we should try to plan something to honor his visit. We will talk about this at the next District Meeting in January.

- ### 3. How can we ensure that young people attending Rotary exchange programs i.e. RYLA, Adventures in Citizenship, Rotary Youth Exchange, etc... are informed about Rotaract and have the opportunity to join? Several ideas were suggested – we should get a list of all young people returning from these exchanges, and make sure to contact them all through letter/email/phone. Terry suggested we should contact the Rotary District Secretary for this list. Other suggestions included ensuring that Rotaractors attend conferences such as RYLA, so they can meet people and promote Rotaract, and, Rotaractors should attend events such as Bar-b-ques for returning exchange students.