

INTERACT

Four decades of service

Forty years ago, the Interact program began introducing high school students to the ideals of service, responsible leadership, and international cooperation. The first Interact club was chartered on 5 November 1962, in Melbourne, Fla., USA. Two months later, with the establishment of the Interact Club of Tanjore, India, the program gained an international presence. Today, there are 8,617 Interact clubs in 107 countries.

During World Interact Week, 4-10 November, clubs will carry out community service projects to raise awareness of the program. Last year, the weeklong celebration inspired hundreds of new initiatives.

In India, the Interact Club of Rae Bareilly joined with the Rotary Club of Rae Bareilly to sponsor an environmental club at a local school. The club has since planted saplings and organized a poster competition promoting conservation. Members of the Interact Club of Bhaktavatsalam Vidhyashram collected donations of clothing and rice to mark World Interact Week. They then distributed the items to community members in need during Diwali, the traditional festival of lights.

The Interact Club of Central High School, South Africa, celebrated World Interact Week by supporting members of the Interact Club of Hernando, Argentina, in their efforts to collect and sell Christmas cards. The money raised was used to purchase holiday presents for underprivileged children in Argentina.

In the United States, the Interact Club of Morton, Ill., helped to organize the American Cancer Society's 24-hour Relay for Life, which raised more than \$100,000 for cancer research. An annual sporting clays tournament sponsored by members of the Interact Club of McMinnville, Warren County High School in Tennessee generated \$7,000 to support orphanages in Romania.

— M. KATHLEEN PRATT

Rotary at a glance

Rotarians: 1,243,431; clubs: 31,257; districts: 530; countries: 164.

Rotaractors: 169,119; clubs: 7,353; countries: 153.

Interactors: 198,191; clubs: 8,617; countries: 110.

Rotary Community Corps: 4,703; countries: 68.

The above figures are based on official membership data, including semiannual reports for the period 1 January-30 June 2002 and quarterly reports for the period 1 April-30 June 2002.

Future RI conventions

Brisbane, Australia, 1-4 June 2003

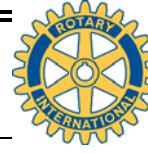
Osaka, Japan, 23-26 May 2004

Tentative convention sites

Chicago, USA, 19-22 June 2005

Copenhagen, Denmark, and Malmö, Sweden,

11-14 June 2006



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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 |

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TODAY'S PROGRAM: Business Meeting

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM: Bereavement Counseling

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

| Date | Time | Event | Venue |
|----------|-----------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Nov. 22 | 6pm | Showcase on the Foundation | Skagit Conference Center |
| Nov. 23 | 1pm-3pm | Open House CT Scanner | RMH 1 st floor |
| Dec. 10 | | Executive 2003/04 Elections | Regular meeting |
| Dec. 17 | | Christmas Party | 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 22: Laurie Anderson

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 presented a cheque to a representative of the Salvation Army, which was gratefully accepted. (left)

Our Inspirational speaker was Ed Nadort from the Tetra Society. (right)

The purpose of Tetra is to recruit skilled volunteer engineers and technicians to create assistive devices for people with disabilities.

This unique program was developed in response to difficulties that people with disabilities experience in their search for

greater independence and integration within their communities. The solutions are often simple but can change someone's life.

Tetra recognizes that people are not handicapped by their disabilities but by obstacles or barriers in their living environment. Volunteer engineers, design technicians, and health professionals work one to one with their clients to make assistive aids or modifications to their environment so that greater independence can be achieved. This site offers a sampling of the projects we have completed.

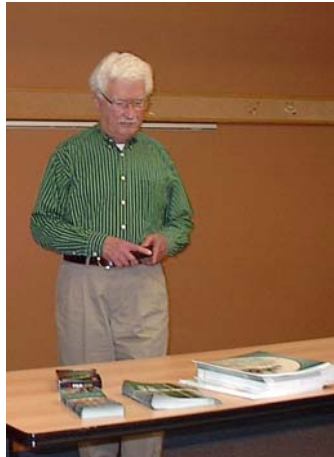
Tetra fills a large gap in the health care system for people with disabilities in the area that addresses quality of life. Public and private agencies will fund assistive devices for essential medical needs, but outside of basic survival people with disabilities are on their own. Tetra fills this gap with its technical assistance program which matches volunteer professionals with people with disabilities.

Tetra does not compete with commercially available products. In fact we are careful not to, because we want to encourage manufacturers and distributors who provide products and services to people with disabilities. There are numerous private agencies and service clubs willing to help individuals purchase these commercially available products.

Neither will Tetra service projects when there is funding available to hire rehabilitation engineers, occupational therapists or other health professionals. Tetra wants to support these valuable professionals and hopes that they will use Tetra as a resource.

Tetra's focus is on quality of life-anything which enhances someone's ability to participate in all aspects of life, including work, family, community affairs, and recreation. The needs in this area are as numerous, as unique, and as varied as the people themselves. It is Tetra's aim to address those needs.

Tetra's services are offered at no charge. The only cost to the client is a \$10 registration fee if the client can afford it. The Tetra Society operates on a charitable, non-profit basis with no core fundraising, relying instead on charitable contributions from a variety of sources.



EXECUTIVE 2003/2004 ELECTIONS

It is only three more weeks (December 10) till we have an election for the executive for 2003/2004. Of course to have a useful election, we need people who are willing and able to run for an executive position.

Ineke will contact everyone in the coming week to see who is interested. Maybe you can let your thoughts going over it.

The nice thing of sitting on the executive is that you don't have to complain anymore: you can decide!

AN INVITATION FROM RIDGE MEADOWS HOSPITAL

The upgrade of our CT scanner has been made possible by the citizens of Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows by the support of donors to this very important fundraising initiative.

We would like to invite you to attend a public open house to celebrate the official opening of the CT scan suite at Ridge Meadows Hospital.

This event will take place on Saturday, November 23 at 1pm – 3pm. The location is the Medical Imaging on the 1st floor of RMH.

MÉLISSA'S DIARY

As promised, here's some more news from Mélissa!

I decided to past my graduation so I changed my courses. Now, I have English, Social studies, Spanish, sewing, Arts, PE and keyboarding. I will past French too.

Now, I m feel very well here. I met an exchange student from Germany at school: her name is Julia. She is not a rotary exchange student. We have a lot of projects for our year to Canada: Visit the most we can at Vancouver, go to Victoria, go skiing, go hiking in the beautiful Canadian mountains.....

Besides, if somebody wants to show me something, I will very happy to come and if Julia may come, it would be better....

So, I really enjoy myself here and I hope my year here will be great because I want to have a really good experience and go back in France with a lot of memories.

Mélissa Huyart

