President-elect unveils 2003-04 theme at International Assembly

RI President-elect Jonathan Majiyagbe on Monday unveiled the 2003-04 theme, *Lend a Hand*, at the International Assembly in Anaheim, California, USA, where 529 incoming district governors are participating in training sessions to prepare them for their upcoming year in office.

After he warmly welcomed participants to "Rotary's university," Majiyagbe declared his theme, calling it "simple and straightforward, expressing the natural impulse that all Rotarians feel when they come face to face with human need."

Outlining his four areas of focus for the year — poverty, health, literacy, and the family of Rotary — the president-elect said, "We will *Lend a Hand* to alleviate poverty, educate the illiterate, and relieve the scourge of disease, and [we will] *Lend a Hand* of fellowship to all of the family of Rotary," he said.

Citing the outstanding relief efforts of Rotarians to natural disasters, Majiyagbe said, "Hunger, poverty, disease, poor health — these are the disasters that have befallen millions and we must reach out and pull them to safety with the same sense of urgency that we would pull someone from out of raging floodwaters."

The president-elect asked the audience to remember why they first joined a Rotary club. "We have all asked ourselves, 'What can one person do?' In Rotary, we never have to be one person. We are 1.2 million who believe that suffering does not have to be part of the human condition," he said.

Throughout his speech, Majiyagbe used the metaphor of the "family of Rotary," saying that such a family "provides a haven where we can gather the strength and encouragement to face the challenges of the world." To promote an atmosphere of warmth and caring within t



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the world." To promote an atmosphere of warmth and caring within the club, he plans to ask every club to form a Family of Rotary Committee in 2003-04.

The president-elect also touched upon the highlights for the 2003-04 year — the eve of the Rotary Centennial celebration — including the graduation of the first class of Rotary World Peace Scholars, the 2004 Council on Legislation, and the launch of the Twin Clubs project, part of centennial celebration that will help clubs expand their humanitarian reach to another part of the world.

He went on to urge the audience to stay focused on PolioPlus. "Twenty years ago, we made a solemn promise — today and in the coming months, we must honour our word," he said.

The International Assembly, held at the Anaheim Hilton and Towers 26 January-2 February, has united some 1,329 people from 78 countries for informative plenary sessions, group discussions, service meetings, and fellowship events. Joining the district-governors elect are hundreds of senior Rotary leaders who serve as mentors for the incoming "class," who have come to train and inspire the future district governors.



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INVOCATION Jan. 28: Geoff Hancock Feb. 4

BINGO SCHEDULE

BE ON TIME!

	3:30-5:00	5:00-6:30	
Jan. 30 Mary Robson		Gordy Robson	
Feb. 13	Vladimir Cukor	Sharon Kyle	

Call Peter at 604-465-3392 for assistance or e-mail pboekhorst@telus.net

TODAY'S PROGRAM: Georgina Patko - Junior Achievement

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM: Gordon Green - SPCA Superintendent

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Jan. 28	After reg. Mtg.	WineZest Meeting	Library
Jan. 30	5:15pm	Hockey night	Staples parking lot
Jan. 31	7pm – 9pm	Vocational Services Meeting	Adrea Vevers, 21466 RR
March 12	6pm, dinner 7pm	RI President Bhichai Rattakul	West Bayshore Conf.
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April 5	tba	District Assembly	Western Washington Univ.
June 7	7pm – 10pm	WineZest 2003	M.R. Arts Centre

To keep our newsletter interesting to read, we need your input. This doesn't have to be more than a couple of lines – please don't send me the minutes of meetings, but instead an excerpt with the important stuff.

If you have anything that you would like to be placed in 'The Four Way Flasher', please e-mail it to pboekhorst@telus.net.

50/50 draw - Jackpot at \$175+1/2 of today's sales, 45 cards, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jan 28: (that's TODAY!)

Mike Davies

LAST WEEKS MEETING

During last weeks business meeting, we installed a new member Alan Graveson. He was born in Whalley, has two children. His expertise is fundraising and increasing the enrolment in the MeadowRidge Independent School. Al, welcome to the MeadowRidge Rotary Club.

Gordon donated \$270 towards Polio Eradication for his 27th Anniversary on Jan. 22, 2003. Also Gord and Mary donated a beautiful basket to be auctioned off for Polio. After we had established a tax receipt would be supplied, the bidding went <u>way</u> up. The basket sold for \$250 to Mike McCone. Thanks so much: all proceeds directly to Polio Eradication.

Reports:

Community Services was asking the club members to come forward with submissions for funding.



Vocational Services:

A hamper was donated by our Youth in Rotary group to a single parent family with 3 children. The next meeting will be on Jan. 31 at Andrea Vevers' home (21466 River Road) 7pm – 9pm

International Services:

Our club purchased 25 wheelchairs for the wheelchair project. So far we raised towards Polio Eradication \$3600, very close to our \$5000 pledge for this year (\$10,000 over 2 years).

Club Services: No report.

Social Committee:

The following suggestions and information have come from that meeting and a follow up informal discussions.

- 1. We're on schedule for the hockey night on January 30, 2003 looks like an anticipated good time.
- 2. No Valentine's Party, as most people have a schedule conflict.
- 3. Because June has scheduled "Wine Zest" and "Installation", those are the only events scheduled for that month.
- 4. We thought you may wish us to schedule another visit to the horse races. Your reaction on that, please.
- 5. CraigVernon suggested that we may enjoy taking advantage of bus transportation again and take in a play in Vancouver.

Therefore, the committee would like to get your reaction on a couple of ideas:

- The Vancouver Playhouse between Feb. 22-March 25th Romeo and Juliet (prices various)
- The Arts Club @ Granville Island between April4-May3rd Zadie's Shoes tickets ~ Tues. to Fri. \$44, Sat. \$48

- The Arts Club @ The Stanley between March 7-April 6, The Memory of Water (same price)
- The Giggle Dam Theatre-February 21 St-May 4fh.
 Mars vs. Venus (The Opposite Sex)-Thurs-Sun. (dinner & show) \$36,
 Wednesday special (dinner & show) \$25.
- 6. We have a number of other ideas cooking and always appreciate input from you!

TECHNICAL SUPPORT

Dot forwarded me the following Technical Support for a software package. I thought it would be enlightening for many of us and decided to print it in this issue of The Four Way Flasher.

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Dear Tech Support:

Last year I upgraded from Boyfriend 5.0 to Husband 1.0 and noticed a slowdown in the overall performance, particularly in the flower and jewellery applications that had operated flawlessly under Boyfriend 5.0.

In addition, Husband 1.0 un-installed many other valuable programs, such as Romance 9.5 and Personal Attention 6.5, but installed undesirable programs such as NFL 5.0 and NBA 3.0. And now Conversation 8.0 no longer runs and House Cleaning 2.6 simply crashes the system.

I've tried running Nagging 5.3 to fix these problems, but it did not help. What can I do?

Signed, Desperate

Reply:

Dear Desperate:

First keep in mind, Boyfriend 5.0 is an entertainment package, while Husband 1.0 is an operating system. Try entering the command C:\I THOUGHT YOU LOVED ME and download Tears 6.2 to install Guilt 3.0. If all works as designed, Husband 1.0 should then automatically run the applications Jewellery 2.0 and Flowers 3.5. But remember, overuse can cause Husband 1.0 to default to Grumpy Silence 2.5, Happy Hour 7.0 or Beer 6.1 is a very bad program, that create SnoringLoudly.Wav files.

Whatever you do, DO NOT install Mother-in-Law 1.0 or re-install another Boyfriend program. These are not supported applications and will crash Husband 1.0.

In summary, Husband 1.0 is a great program, but it does have a limited memory and cannot learn new applications quickly. You might consider additional software to improve memory and performance. I personally recommend Hot Food 3.0 and Lingerie 6.9.

Good Luck, Tech Support