



A Message from RI President Bhichai Rattakul

Dear fellow Rotarians,

In 1921, the Rotary Convention at Edinburgh, Scotland, instituted international service as part of the Object of Rotary. In response, founder Paul Harris declared, "Yesterday our Rotary was a child. Today, in strength and vigour, it steps out into the world."

As we celebrate World Understanding Month in February, let us remember those prophetic words. Rotary's strength lies in the fact that its members look beyond themselves and their borders to serve humanity. International service offers so many opportunities to make a difference, whether it's supporting a Youth Exchange student, sponsoring a Rotary World Peace Scholar, contributing to the polio eradication fundraising campaign, or implementing a World Community Service project. Many Rotarians have told me that they did not truly understand the meaning of Rotary until they participated in an international project. The experience added a whole new dimension to fellowship, understanding, and service.



One of RI's most popular programs is World Community Service (WCS), which has been described as the "quiet revolution of hope." Each year, Rotary clubs provide an estimated US\$26 million in funds and supplies. The WCS program matches countries in need of assistance with those willing to provide resources and funds. The online WCS Projects Exchange database lists projects to help facilitate the process.

World Understanding Month is an opportunity for Rotarians to establish relationships and projects with clubs in other countries. In these turbulent times, it is more important than ever to Sow the Seeds of Love and promote international understanding.

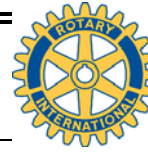
My dream is that Rotary becomes a major force for peace. Rotary Youth Exchange students, Ambassadorial Scholars, Rotary Volunteers, and Group Study Exchange teams all contribute to global understanding. Our newest initiative, the Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution, offers two-year graduate programs for scholars to study international relations, mediation, and conflict resolution (see page 27). I also encourage Rotarians at the grassroots level to serve as ambassadors for peace, as they meet with their counterparts in other countries.

More than 80 years after the Edinburgh convention, international service continues to serve as the foundation for some of Rotary's most popular and enduring programs. I will never forget the words of Dr. Noboru Iwamura of Japan, who was the first recipient of the Rotary Award for World Understanding and Peace in 1981: "Go to the people; live among the people; learn from the people; plan with the people; work with the people. Start with what they know; build on what they have."

Rotarians around the world are doing just that. They are working through Rotary and its Foundation to improve the human condition and provide hope to the hopeless. International initiatives such as PolioPlus will change the course of history. Through our humanitarian work, Rotarians will leave a lasting legacy. We will continue to Sow the Seeds of Love in our quest for health, peace, and stability. We will continue to step out into the world and make a difference.

Bhichai Rattakul

President, Rotary International



The Four Way Flasher

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INVOCATION Feb. 4: Lindsay Hendy Feb. 11: Cheryl Johnson

BINGO SCHEDULE

BE ON TIME!

	3:30-5:00	5:00-6:30
Feb. 13	Merlyn White	Sharon Kyle
Feb. 27	Vladimir Cukor	Dave Reekie

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

TODAY'S PROGRAM: Gordon Green - SPCA Superintendent

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM: Chris Wilson - Esteem team

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Feb. 4	7:30pm	Community Service Meeting	Laurie Anderson's office
Feb. 5	3pm	WineZest Meeting	Library (down stairs)
Feb. 11	7pm	Executive Meeting	Kevin's office
March 12	6pm, dinner 7pm	RI President Bhichai Rattakul	West Bayshore Conf. Centre
April 5	tba	District Assembly	Western Washington Univ.
May 1-3		District 5050 Conference	Harrison Hot Springs Resort
June 7	7pm - 10pm	WineZest 2003	M.R. Arts Centre

Editor's Note: Suggestions for articles, stories, and letters to the editor are always welcome. Please send your contribution to Peter, at pboekhorst@telus.net

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$202 + 1/2 of today's sales, 44 cards, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!



Some Oxymorons!

Act naturally	Found missing	Resident alien	Advanced BASIC
Genuine imitation	Airline food	Same difference	Small crowd
Soft rock	New classic	Peace force	Pretty ugly
Tight slacks	Microsoft Works	Now, then...	

LAST WEEKS MEETING

Well, I'm back from my mini vacation in Banff and back at the Newsletter desk, so here goes.

The Haney Club has once again extended an invitation to their Valentines Dinner/Dance. This year the event will be held on Wednesday February 12 at the Swan-E-Set Golf Resort. The tickets are \$80/couple and the evening includes roses, champagne, dinner and music. A special performance by their exchange student on her violin will highlight the evening. If you are interested please contact Peter Hayes at 604-463-2244

The Wine Zest Committee is meeting every week in order to ensure a successful event. The meetings will be held every Wednesday at 12:30 at the library in the meeting room downstairs.

Our guest speaker was Fellow Rotarian Georgina Patko. Her topic was Junior Achievement and it was evident that this is her passion. The company started in 1955 and its goals are to inspire and mentor children who are interested in business. In the past a business member came in to mentor the children to make, sell and market a product. The results are an understanding of teamwork, and elevated leadership skill level and knowledge about marketing, financing and business endeavours in general.

Georgina became involved with this program after many years of teaching in England, New Brunswick, Yukon and British Columbia. The organization is an international non-profit organization focused on economic and business education to our youth.

While in the past the organization recruited youth that were already interested in business as a potential future, they now work hard to attract students within the school system, who may not have this initial interest due to their circumstances. They begin with grade 5 students and continue through to grade 12. Last year 24,000 students in BC, primarily in the Lower Mainland were exposed to their program.

They still use volunteer business people who are willing to work with a teacher to present this program. They provide training, a script and a connection with an interested teacher. They do approximately 200 units per school year, however they do need more exposure in our area. All Rotarians are offered the opportunity to get involved with this program in our local school system. You can do this by contacting Georgina at 604-688-3887 ext. 4 or at georgina.patko@jabc.org

Sounds like a worthwhile program and one that addresses Rotary's desire to involve and assist youth in our programs. Please give it some careful thought and contact Georgina if you are interested.

Submitted by Debi Pearce

LUCRATIVE BUSINESS.....

Zebediah was in the fertilized egg business. He had several hundred young layers, called pullets, and eight or ten roosters, whose jobs were to fertilize the eggs. Zeb kept records, and any rooster or pullet that didn't perform well went into the pot and was replaced.

That took an awful lot of time, so Zeb got a set of tiny bells and attached them to his roosters. Now he could sit on the porch and fill out an efficiency report simply by listening to the bells.

Zeb's favorite rooster was old Brewster. A very fine specimen he was too, only his bell had not rung all morning! Zeb went to investigate. Several roosters were chasing pullets, bells a-ringing! BUT, Brewster had his bell in his beak so it couldn't ring. He'd sneak up on a pullet, do his job and walk on to the next one.

Zeb was so proud of Brewster that he entered him in the county fair. Brewster was an overnight sensation! The judges not only awarded him the no bell piece prize but also the pulletsurprise.

From **Rotary Times Westbank**

100% OF THE MONTH CLUB

The following people were induced into the 100% Attendance of the Month Club for January:

Laurie Anderson,
Peter Boekhorst,
Lindsay Hendy,
Debi Pearce,
Mary Robson,

Liz Attarmigirian,
Doris Gagel,
Sharon Kyle,
Dot Ralston,
Irena Shantz,



Brian Bekar,
Al Graveson
Kevin Nosworthy,
Dave Reekie,
Craig Vernon,

Ineke Boekhorst,
Geoff Hancock
Ken Paterson,
Gordy Robson,
Stan Wade.

FOCUS ON THE FAMILY

RI President Bhichai Rattakul calls on all Rotarians to celebrate Family Week, 3-9 February. "The family is the building block of the community," he says. "With so many challenges facing families today, it is imperative that Rotarians do what they can to strengthen the family. In turn, this will strengthen the community."

Rotarians can support community service projects that meet family needs. Ideas include creating a park or recreational area, raising awareness of child abuse, supporting drug abuse prevention efforts, funding day-care facilities for working parents, providing an after-school activities program, and promoting literacy by reading to children.

For more information and suggestions, RI offers the brochure *Communities in Action: A Guide to Effective Projects* (pub. no. 605A). Please send your club's Family Week success stories to the Community Programs Section by mail: 1560 Sherman Ave., Evanston, Ill., 60201 USA; or e-mail: programs@rotaryintl.org.