

## Presidential Conference of Peace and Development

Nairobi, Kenya, February 21-23 2003

RI President Bhichai Rattakul's second Presidential Conference of Peace and Development will be held in Nairobi, Kenya. This informative and interactive conference will explore the vast potential of opportunities within Africa, the "continent of the future."



Dear Fellow Rotarians:

It is with great pleasure that I invite you to the African Presidential Conference of Peace and Development in Nairobi. Rotarians from throughout the African continent and neighboring regions will assemble to assess our progress in Africa and look ahead at ways in which Rotary can help foster peace and development in the region.

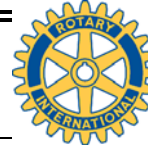
Now more than ever, the challenges of a changing world call upon Rotary to do its part to promote peace and goodwill. To date, Rotary has taken encouraging steps in the African continent, from the hundreds of annual World Community Service projects that clubs perform there, to massive National Immunization Days throughout the continent, which are eradicating the scourge of polio from Africa. But there is much work to be done, and we must act now. In Nairobi, we will have the opportunity to renew our commitment to Sow the Seeds of Love and thereby advance peace and prosperity throughout our world.

The conference will be action-oriented with many opportunities for hands-on participation. We will examine issues of concern such as Africa's AIDS crisis and other health concerns and find out how we can use Rotary's resources and expertise to serve the people within the continent of Africa and beyond. We will also learn about and explore ways to successfully participate in humanitarian programs, near our goal of polio eradication, and much more. And we will focus on producing quantifiable results, so that we can measure our progress.

Nairobi, Kenya's administrative capital and one of East Africa's major international business hubs, will play host to the conference. I believe that the international spirit and global Rotary fellowship of the Nairobi Conference will inspire Rotarians to develop projects that encourage greater communication, understanding, and goodwill.

Through Rotary service, we help relieve human want and suffering. By constantly striving for the goal of world peace, Rotary makes its greatest contribution to society. Your presence at this meeting is critical to the realization of Rotary's dream. Please come to Nairobi to plant Rotary's seeds of peace and love that will grow a better world. I look forward to the opportunity of welcoming you to the Presidential Conference in Nairobi.

Sincerely, Bhichai Rattakul  
President, Rotary International



# The Four Way Flasher

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INVOCATION Feb. 11: Cheryl Johnson Feb. 18: Lindsay Hendy

### 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](mailto:pboekhorst@telus.net)

TODAY'S PROGRAM: Chris Wilson - Esteem team

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM: Business Meeting



### CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Feb. 11	7pm	Executive Meeting	Kevin's office
Feb. 13	12:30pm	WineZest Meeting	Library (down stairs)
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](mailto:pboekhorst@telus.net)

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## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Feb. 14: Dot & Brian Ralston

## LAST WEEKS MEETING

Well, our guest speaker was unable to make it to the meeting this week so the meeting was quick and left not too much to report on, but here are a few tidbits.

The Social club is suggesting a "GiggleDam" evening. This is the comedy club formerly know as Maz and Me in Port Coquitlam. The evening suggested would be Wednesday March 19<sup>th</sup>. The festivities begin at 6:30 PM and the cost including a meal is \$25. The entertainment is called "Mars Vs Venus" and as the title indicates will be about the battle of the sexes. Dot has tentatively booked, as there was initial interest of about 20 people. This needs to be confirmed so please let Dot know ASAP whether you and your spouse, friends and/or family would be interested. You can let her know by phone, e-mail or in person at this weeks meeting, but do it soon. Thanks

Friday Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> (Valentines Day for the unromantic) Meadow Gardens Golf Course is having a special 3 course sit down dinner. The cost is \$29.95 each and once again the social club is wondering if we have enough club interest to reserve a table for us. Now this one is coming up real soon so please let her know by this week LATEST!

Marco is looking for the Polio Plus tins back right after Valentines, so shake them up and fill them up then bring them to Marco so we can add it to our contribution for this year. So far we have donated over \$3,000.

The Wheelchair campaign contribution from the club and its members will total 27 chairs. Not bad.

Also the Hospice Society and our club are looking to do a Lottery Calendar as a joint fundraising effort. If you have any input re this you can speak to any of the committee members. That includes Laurie, Bob, Irena, Kevin, Ineke and Stan.

Well that's all Folks.

Submitted by Debi Pearce

## ROTARY CREDIT CARD

The board of RI has voted to transfer the next US\$1 million, which accrues from the Rotary affinity credit card program to the Polio Eradication Campaign. If you do not have a Rotary Master Card, request one today. Canadian Rotarians may contact Danielle Griffin at Danielle.griffin@mbna.com or 613-742-4955 or 1-877-862-7759. The MBNA Master Card is a no fee, low interest rate basic card. Every time you use the card, RI receives a small percent. Thousands of Rotarians using this card results in a million dollars for polio eradication. The bonus is that every time you use the card you can also answer the question, "What is Rotary". In addition to the affinity credit card program donations can now be made to the polio eradication campaign by Rotarians and non-Rotarians on the RI web site using any credit card, not just the Rotary card. Directing the donation to the polio campaign is a new option on the web site.



## RI President-elect

### Jonathan Majiyagbe

Kano, Nigeria (Term expires 30 June 2004)

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Jonathan Majiyagbe, a senior advocate of Nigeria, is the principal counsel of the law firm J.B. Majiyagbe & Company, in Kano. A member of the Nigerian and English bars, Majiyagbe also belongs to the Honourable Body of Benchers, the panel that evaluates the qualifications of those seeking to practice law in Nigeria and formally calls them to the bar. He is a graduate of London University and a member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, London.

Majiyagbe is chairman of the Kano State branch of the Nigerian Red Cross Society and was for many years chancellor of the Anglican Diocese of Kano. He is also a member of the Kano Chamber of Commerce, Industry, Mines, and Agriculture and is trustee of various international cultural organizations.

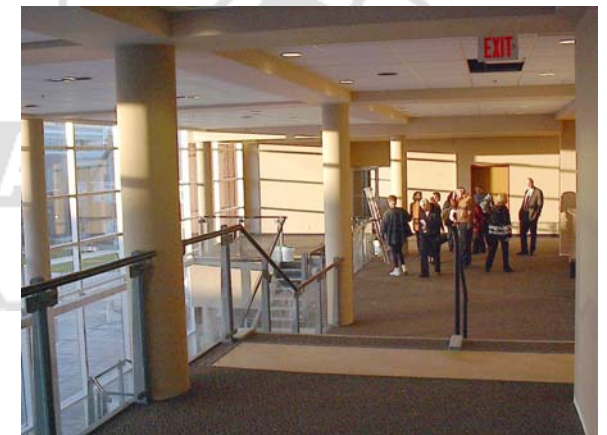
A Rotarian since 1967, Majiyagbe has served RI as district governor, International Assembly discussion leader, committee member and chairman, Foundation trustee, aide to the president, and director. He is past chairman of the African Regional PolioPlus Committee and the African Affairs Committee. Majiyagbe is currently a member of the Rotary Club of Kano. He and his wife, Ade, are Major Donors to The Rotary Foundation.

## WINEZEST 2003

Last week Wednesday the WineZest Committee took a tour through the new Maple Ridge Arts Centre, which will host WineZest 2003. It all looked very impressive and new. Hopefully we won't need workboots and a hardhat during the big event in June. The following pictures give you an idea, how it will be.



Downstairs lobby



Upstairs lobby

Just imagine the wine here!