

Letter from RI President Bhichai

February 10, 2003

Dear District 5050 Rotarians,

I am writing to all my governors and club presidents in North America regarding my concern about the "Fulfilling Our Promise – Eradicate Polio" Campaign which has the goal of raising US\$80 million during this Rotary year 2002-2003.

Recent reports from the North American Fundraising Committee indicate great support from some clubs and districts. However with more than half the Rotary year passed less than 30% of the clubs in North America have submitted signed commitments to the Campaign Office in Evanston.

Polio eradication is a program of The Foundation of Rotary International that started with the grassroots of our organization and it is my sincere hope that the grassroots respond to this critical appeal favorably and wholeheartedly. Please, I ask every Rotarian in District 5050 to make a personal donation or three-year pledge of whatever amount with which they feel comfortable. After that each club should involve others in their community.

A simple four-point plan can be used to reach our goal:

- 1) Ask every member to make a personal cash contribution;
- 2) Consider a donation from the club's regular charitable fund raising activities during this special year. This should include the club's partners in service like Rotaract, Interact, Inner Wheel or Probus.
- 3) Organize a special "one time only" fund raising event that would allow non-Rotarians in your community to participate and contribute to polio eradication.
- 4) The Club President should sign the Club Commitment Form and fax to the campaign office at 847-328-4101 no later than 15 March 2003.

What is most important is that we act now so that Rotarians worldwide will be able to stand tall by the end of this Rotary year and say to the world that we have Fulfilled Our Promise. Please, I urge every club and every Rotarian to immediately make their commitment, in either cash or pledge, as soon as possible, but please not later than 31 March 2003.

Please act on my urgent request. The success of the campaign is what the Rotary world will remember about the 2002/2003 team.

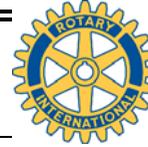
Yours sincerely,
Bhichai Rattakul
RI President, 2002-03



PolioPlus takes to the skies



United Airlines passengers watching in-flight news broadcasts this month will also see a public service announcement touting PolioPlus and the polio eradication fundraising campaign (PEFC). The 90-second spot will be shown on all of United's video-equipped flights throughout February, acquainting hundreds of thousands of viewers with Rotary and its historic effort.



The Four Way Flasher

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MeadowRidge Newsletter

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INVOCATION Feb. 25: Diane Kirkland March 4: Ken Knuttila

BINGO SCHEDULE BE ON TIME!

	3:30-5:00	5:00-6:30
Feb. 27	Vladimir Cukor	Dave Reekie
Mar. 13	Peter Boekhorst	Merlyn White

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



TODAY'S PROGRAM: Joy from Ridge Meadows Recycling Society

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM: Joy from Maple Ridge library on Literacy

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Feb. 25	7pm	Vocational Services Meeting	Doris Gagel (11680-272 nd St)
Feb. 27	12:30pm	WineZest Meeting	Library (down stairs)
March 12	6pm, dinner 7pm	RI President Bhichai Rattakul	West Bayshore Conf. Centre
March 19	6:30pm	Social committee's Laughter	Giggledam club in PoCo
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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

March 2: Gladys Davies

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$232 + 1/2 of today's sales, 42 cards, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

LAST WEEKS MEETING

Fred Armstrong from the Times and the other club came to visit us today. He informed us that the Times has printed a keepsake poster of the Hometown Heroes on the back page of the upcoming issue, complete with Rotary logo's. Great exposure for the work we do in the community through our Sports Banquet. And on that note Gord reported that Mike Murray indicates that things are progressing in regards to the all weather turf fields and is still hoping to be able to name them "Rotary Fields".

Today was our business meeting and following are the reports received from the directors.

The two Rotary clubs in partnership with the Lacrosse clubs are working together to get the Twin Rinks floors concreted so they can be used for rollerblading when there is no ice on them. It is anticipated that this project will be completed by May.

The Community Services committee met and has awarded two donations. The first is to go to the Hospice Society for \$1,000. And the second for the Library's Literacy project for \$1,600. Two very worthwhile causes.

The Calendar committee has sent out letters looking for sponsorship (\$400). It has a total of 95 spaces available and has already sold 3. They will be holding their next meeting at Irena & Bob's place (22696-132nd Ave) on Monday Feb 24 at 7:00PM. Anyone who is interested in assisting with this project is welcome to attend.

The Vocational committee had nothing to report except that their next meeting will be at Doris' on Tuesday Feb 25 at 7:00 PM (11680-272nd St).

The International committee has sent enough funding to the Wheelchair Foundation to purchase 28 wheelchairs from our club and its members. Good work!

The Social committee is setting up a social evening at the Giggledam club in PoCo. The entertainment for the evening is Venus and Mars (a battle of the sexes) and cost \$25. Including your meal. Dot is looking to collect for this ASAP as she needs to submit payment in advance by Mar 9. Our evening out will be Wednesday, March 19 so mark you calendar and bring along your funny bones.

If you have not yet responded to the Lunch survey, please do so immediately through Kevin. Stan will not proceed until everyone has made their opinion known to him.

Submitted by Debi Pearce

BADGER DISASTER URGENT REQUEST

Hi D.G. Fred, as you all have heard Saturday morning brought devastation to the small town of Badger. This is a town of about 1200 people. When the flood started, people ran for their cars and pick-ups only to turn and run before reaching them in their own driveways, they saved nothing. Most of the people have been moved to Grand Falls-Windsor (my home town where I am a firefighter) 28 km away. I have just finished a 20 hour shift of mutual aid monitoring the river. Most houses have some water in them, from a few inches to 12 feet. The temperature from Saturday to now has ranged from -25 to -15 C. All this water is now frozen, the people will not be able to move home until after the spring. Some houses have already shifted and tilted, the total damage will not be assessed until spring. It is always easy to get help just when

a disaster happens, but this event will last for the long-haul. Right now it's blankets, food, housing, and the human factor, counseling etc. The local SPCA has been overwhelmed with all the pets from Badger. There are so many areas of service that need to be addressed.

It would be fantastic if the district and the zone could get involved in this humanitarian request. The Rotary club of Grand Falls is asking If clubs could hold a small fundraiser to help this small town, it would be greatly appreciated. After 9/11 there was a book written about Newfoundland hospitality called "When The World Came To town", it would be nice if the world could come back again.

Yours in Rotary

Mike Goodyear AG

The community of Badger Newfoundland has been hit with severe flooding causing it's 1200 residents to evacuate the community with just the clothes on their backs. They have been enduring -30 degree temperatures, which are causing basements to crumble and houses to shift off foundations. It is expected that most will not be able to return to their homes for several months. They need everything. Most of all the Rotary club of Grand Falls Newfoundland need your financial support.

Our District Treasurer is willing to coordinate all financial donations. Please send donations to:

Allister Powell	or myself at:	Fred Ivany
19 Wright Crescent		31 Towers Avenue
Gander Newfoundland		Gander, NL
A1V2G9		A1V2M2

As A district we will be taking our direction from the Grand Falls Rotary Club.

Please react quickly the need is NOW!!!!!!!!!!



Greetings Class of 2002-03

We hear of disasters on a world-wide basis and forget that they can happen here in North America. DG Fred Ivany from Newfoundland has issued the above plea for assistance.

If your club is willing to assist, please contact Fred directly to see what we can do. Any consideration you can give will be most welcome.

Kevin Shaughnessy
District Governor 2002-03
[District 5050](#)

