

## A Message from RI President Bhichai Rattakul



Dear fellow Rotarians,

Our founder, Paul Harris, was a great proponent of peace and international understanding. He had a vision of how ordinary people could achieve extraordinary goals. Paul felt that one of the most effective ways to promote peace was to carry out humanitarian service projects that relieve human suffering and want. In his words: "Rotary is an integrating force in a world where forces of disintegration are all too prevalent."



Indeed, Rotarians have shown their commitment to world peace from the beginning. They have helped war refugees, provided disaster assistance, established "peace parks," and promoted international exchanges. In 1945, Rotarians played a key role in forming the United Nations. Forty-nine Rotarians attended the UN Charter Conference as delegates. Past RI Vice President Carlos P. Romulo of the Philippines served as the fourth president of the UN General Assembly, and His Royal Highness Past District Governor Prince Wan of Thailand served as assembly president in 1956.

In 1946, Rotarians were also instrumental in establishing UNESCO (United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization). Today, RI holds the UN's highest nongovernmental consultative status. RI appoints representatives to UNESCO, the UN Environment Programme, the UN Human Settlements Programme, and other UN agencies.

Our most successful collaboration to date has been with the World Health Organization, UNICEF, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and other partners working to eradicate polio by 2005. Rotarians have risked their lives to deliver vaccine in regions of conflict.

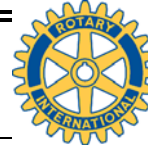
I have served in many roles over the years, including politician and UN delegate. I am convinced that organizations such as Rotary will be the key to long-term peace. Rotary programs such as Ambassadorial Scholars, Group Study Exchange, Rotary Volunteers, and Youth Exchange promote international understanding. Our latest initiative, the Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution, is educating tomorrow's peacemakers and diplomats. The first class of 70 scholars will graduate in 2004. It is vital that we continue to support this landmark program, especially during its early stages.

Each of us can make a difference in laying the foundation for peace. We represent 165 countries, speak dozens of different languages, and hold a wide range of religious beliefs. In these troubled times, we must redouble our efforts to bridge the gaps that so violently divide countries, races, cultures, religions, and ethnic groups. We must focus not on our differences but on our shared human condition.

Paul Harris once said, "Rotary is a microcosm of a world at peace, a model which nations would do well to follow." We can all serve as ambassadors of peace at the grassroots level. Together, let us *Sow the Seeds of Love* so that peace will grow and flourish throughout the world.

**Bhichai Rattakul**

President, Rotary International



# The Four Way Flasher

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INVOCATION April 29: Caro O'Kennedy May 6: Ron LePore

### BINGO SCHEDULE

	3:30-5:00	5:00-6:30
May 8	Irena Shantz	Brian Bekar

Call Peter at 604-465-3392 for assistance or e-mail [pboekhorst@telus.net](mailto:pboekhorst@telus.net)

Starting May 22 we have a new Bingo schedule: 1 evening session per month.  
See inside for more information.



**TODAY'S PROGRAM:** Cadet Holly Stevens,  
a recent graduate from the RCMP Youth Academy

**NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM:** Surprise, surprise!

### CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
April 29		First day of Esteem Team	
May 1	12:30pm	WineZest Meeting	Arts Centre & Theatre
May 1-3		District 5050 Conference	Harrison Hot Springs Resort
May 2-4		Iron Lung at Home Show	Planet Ice
May 6, 13, 20		Esteem Team	
June 1-4		Rotary Int. Convention	Brisbane, Australia
June 7	7pm – 10pm	WineZest 2003	M.R. Arts Centre Theatre
July 19	8am	Presidential Celebration	Delta Airport Hotel
June 20		Executive 2003/04 Installation	Meadow Gardens Golf Club

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$341 + 1/2 of today's sales, 36 cards, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

### LAST WEEKS MEETING

Today was our business meeting and the following was reported by the Executive:

Community Services today gave out 4 donations:

Caribbean Street Festival	\$500	Kelsey Allard	\$250
Home Show	\$500.	Mountain Festival	\$500.

There are still funds available for Community Services donations so if you know of a good cause please encourage them to submit their applications to Craig Vernon.

Mary announced that she has tickets for the Haney Rotary Club Ladies Night, which will be held on Wednesday June 4<sup>th</sup> at Meadow Gardens. The price is once again \$100. If you are interested please see Mary.

Two weeks ago Laurie circulated an evaluation survey to the membership and to date has only received 3 back. If you still have one please help the new executive by giving them your feedback.

The financial statements were distributed for the month ending March 03. If anyone did not get a copy and would like one please let Debi know. One item that came up was, that we will need to set a higher budget for Youth Exchange next year.

Brian reported that there is \$2,500 remaining in the International account. He suggests, we give \$1,250 to Polio plus and the remainder to assist the Youth in Rotary project of wind up radios for families in Rawanda.

Mary reported that the Youth in Rotary have been meeting on a weekly basis and they will have a display area in our Home Show booth.

Dot updated us re the Social committee. Unfortunately there were not enough interested people for the horse races in May so perhaps we'll try again later. The committee will assist in setting up the Frisbee Golf, Golf Tourmie, and Marco's summer BBQ.

Spencer Levan and Jerry Ramak from the Ridge Meadows Arenas Society came to update us re our upcoming Sports Banquet project of pouring concrete in two of the rinks at the Pitt Meadows arenas. Since the arena has been taken over by the Society they have been hard at work and their efforts are paying off!

They have : instituted the first High School Hockey League on Thursdays after school, encouraged the Lacrosse league to use their facilities. This alone has helped 680 kids. They have got figure skating, ringette, roller hockey, men's hockey all back in place. They have 660 kids from a Port Coquitlam league using the facilities. It is estimated that 8,000-9,000 people use the Ice facilities and with the dry floor we are contributing towards another 3,000-4,000 people should be added. They also hope to open up ice time for seniors free skate and for young children.

All in all it seems to be a very successful volunteer organization, and certainly well worth the support we are giving them.

**Submitted by Debi Pearce**

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

May 2: Gayle & Ken Paterson

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

April 29: Lindsay Hendy Hey folks, that's **TODAY!**  
 May 5: Don Pearce

### WINEZEST 2003 TICKET SALE

Tickets for the Wine Zest are set to go on sale next weekend. As a result, we will be doing a "road show" and hosting Wine Zest booths at various Mall locations for 5 weekends leading up to the event (the May 3rd weekend, the booth will be located at the Home Show). The primary focus of the Mall booths will be to sell tickets to the Wine Zest as well as tickets for the fabulous Wine Zest Raffle.



And that's where you come in. We still need a few folks to cover off some shifts at our Mall locations. We would greatly appreciate it, if you could spare a couple of hours to help sell tickets at our Wine Zest booth, as per the schedule below.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please contact Merlyn White at 604-465-7133 or email her at [merwhite@shaw.ca](mailto:merwhite@shaw.ca)

### BINGO SCHEDULE

Starting May 22, we have a new Bingo schedule: one evening session per month.

Last week I circulated a sign-up sheet to volunteer for a 2 hour time slot, but there still are a lot of empty spaces.

Bingo is one of our largest fundraisers (if not the largest) with \$30,000 net per year. Over a whole year, there are 24 timeslots of 2 hours, and with 35 members it should be easy to fill all those slots.

We are only asking for 2 hours of your time per year; that is 0.0002%

This is what we have so far:

Date	6:15 – 8:15	8:00 – 10:00
May 22, 03	Dave Reekie	
June 19, 03	Craig Vernon	
July 17, 03		Al Graveson
Aug 14, 03		
Sep 11, 03	Brian Bekar	Lindsay Hendy
Oct 9, 03		Chad Reed
Nov 6, 03	Mary Robson	Gordy Robson
Dec 4, 03		Diane Kirkland
Jan 1, 04		
Jan 29, 04		
Feb 26, 04		
Mar 25, 04		Doris Gagel

**With your help, we can fill all those empty spots.**

If that is done, I won't be back for another year to bug you!  
 (I will take a couple of left over slots)

Next week I will circulate the list again, (this week Ineke and I are cruising along) or you can email me at [pboekhorst@telus.net](mailto:pboekhorst@telus.net).

Peter