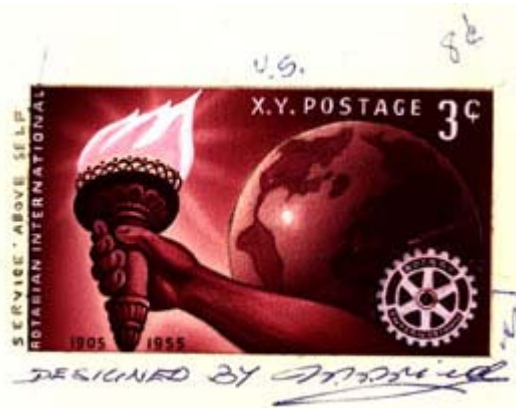


A STAMP'S STORY



In 1955, the United States joined 26 other nations in issuing a [commemorative stamp](#) honouring Rotary International on its 50th anniversary. Although this eight-cent commemorative is not numerically rare (some 80 million were printed), it is the sole "Rotary stamp" ever issued by the country in which Rotary was founded. And like many commemoratives, it has an interesting story.

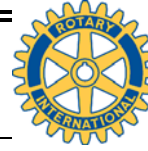
In the months before Rotary's Golden Anniversary of 1955, Emerson Gause, a longtime member of the Rotary Club of Chicago as well as a RI staff member and former editor of *The Rotarian*, was so impressed with a brochure for The Rotary Foundation that he suggested Willi Wolf Wind, an award-winning stamp designer for the United Nations, adapt the cover design as a commemorative. (Gause went on to help persuade many countries to issue Rotary commemorative stamps for 1955 and the years following).



As he began his work on the project, Wind, a U.S. immigrant from Israel, knew neither which country would issue his design nor what the denomination would be (hence the words "X.Y. Postage" in the upper-right-hand corner of the original design, as well as the randomly assigned denomination of three cents).

The finalized version of the commemorative, bottom left, went on sale on 23 February 1955 — Rotary's 50th anniversary — in the city of its birth. In a gala dinner in downtown Chicago, just blocks away from where Paul P. Harris and the other founders first gathered, the U.S. postmaster general presented then-RI President Herbert Taylor with an autographed sheet including Wind's original design, seen above left.

The worldwide eradication campaign is now in its final stages. However, achieving the objective is severely threatened by the \$275 million shortfall in funding. Consequently, the partnership is calling on the wider international community to help meet the [funding gap](#) and therefore to deliver a polio-free world by 2005.



The Four Way Flasher

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INVOCATION May 13: Ken Paterson May 20: Debi Pearce

BINGO SCHEDULE

	6:15-8:15	8:00-10:00
May 22	Dave Reekie	Brian Bekar
June 19	Craig Vernon	Peter Boekhorst



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

Starting May 22 we have a new Bingo schedule: 1 evening session per month.
We have open time slots for Aug 14, Jan 1, Jan29, Feb 26 and Mar 25
Any volunteers for 2 hours?

TODAY'S PROGRAM: Destination Imagination - Meadowridge School student team

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM: Business Meeting

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
May 13, 20		Esteem Team	
May 15	12:30pm	WineZest Meeting	Arts Centre & Theatre
May 27		Fireside	
June 1-4		Rotary Int. Convention	Brisbane, Australia
June 7	7pm – 10pm	WineZest 2003	M.R. Arts Centre Theatre
June 20		Executive 2003/04 Installation	Meadow Gardens Golf Club
July 19	8am	Presidential Celebration	Delta Airport Hotel

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$363 + 1/2 of today's sales, 35 cards, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

May 14: Sharon & Dave Rempel

LAST WEEKS MEETING

This week we had another group from the Esteem Team:
Nick Ugoalah and Mitch Baker.

Nick, a Commonwealth wrestling gold medalist, went to Yennadon Elementary and Allouette Elementary. His story reached 380 grade 4-7 kids.

Mitch is on the Canadian National snowboarding team. He entertained 325 future snowboarders in Fairview Elementary and Blue Mountain Elementary



Donations for the Wine Zest auction are still needed – email Ineke A.S.A.P.

50/50 winner was Gordy, but he did not pull the Queen of hearts so the pot grows a little bigger.



Our speaker to day was John Haven from the Kanaka Creek Hatchery in Maple Ridge. The Hatchery, established in 1982, is located off of 256th street. The Hatchery started with one full time staff member and 21 years later still only has one full time staff member. It runs with a very low budget of under \$60 000 per year with funds derived from numerous sources including organizations and clubs such as ours.

The Hatchery’s mandate originated as a project to increase and maintain fish production in Kanaka Creek. In recent years however, the mandate has changed and providing a educational experience for school children has been the number one priority of the hatchery. In the last 21 years approximately 21 000 students have visited the facilities.

Approximately 115 000 fry Chum and 100 000 Koho are released into Kanaka each year. Last year 5-6000 Chum returned in the fall and 2000 Koho. Although these are some of the largest numbers around it is still a mere 1-2% return rate.

Although the main stem of Kanaka Creek is protected in the park it is the tributaries that run through our very back yards that are preventing us from successfully increasing this return rate. Concerned residence have started an organization known as K.E.E.P.S. (Kanaka Environmental Education Pard Society) that is working to educate students and the public at large that we need to change our attitudes as to how we treat our own backyards if we hope to keep this creek thriving for the years to come.

Submitted by Johanna Thomas

LADIES’ NIGHT

Haney Rotary is once again hosting the

LADIES' EVENING OF ELEGANCE
JUNE 4 - MEADOW GARDENS GOLF CLUB
SOCIAL HOUR 6:00 PM
DINNER 7:00 PM

REVERSE DRAW - SILENT AUCTION - 50/50 AND GOOD FUN!!
PROCEEDS TO POLIO PLUS CAMPAIGN

TICKETS ARE \$100

TO ALL MALE ROTARIANS: Please ask your spouse if they would like to attend.

Anyone wanting to go, please contact Mary at 604-463-3333 ext. 2 or
by email mary_m_robson@hotmail.com

WINE ZEST 2003

The News can run the shown ad for us. There are six spots for ad sponsors, each costing \$50.00. Given their coverage for Wine Zest this past weekend, we would like to see us advertise with them.

Interested Rotary members should contact Dave Reekie and he will collect the names and pass them on to the News if we have enough support.

Hopefully we can run two ads before the event. The News will be in touch with each Rotarian to determine the individual ad format.
