

Rotary world mourns death of Ade Majiyagbe

Ade Majiyagbe, wife of RI President-elect Jonathan Majiyagbe, died on 6 June 2003 in England, having suffered a stroke a few weeks earlier. Known and loved throughout the Rotary world for her warmth, good humour, and dedication to Rotary, Ade was very active in Inner Wheel in her homeland of Nigeria and served on the organization's international board of directors.

An insurance claims adjuster by profession, she also sang in her church choir and enjoyed sewing and fashion design. She is also survived by her son John.

Ade Majiyagbe was a familiar presence with her husband at RI conventions, the International Assembly, and other meetings. Leading the spouses' session at the 2003 International Assembly, she reinforced her husband's message of addressing the world's most pressing problems, saying: "As privileged people and spouses of Rotarians who are known for humanitarian services, we must team up to give back to society what society gave us. We must Lend a Hand in helping to clothe the naked; Lend a Hand in feeding the poor; Lend a Hand in healing the sick; Lend a Hand in caring for the aged and comforting the bereaved."

"Together with her husband, Ade Majiyagbe served and represented Rotary with devotion and faith," said Gay Maloney, who served as her aide during the 2002-03 Rotary year. "Most of all, I witnessed her commitment to serve those less fortunate throughout the world. Because of her beautiful spirit and selfless nature, she inspired me and all others who had the privilege of knowing her."

The funeral was held Friday, 13 June, at 11:30 am at St. Andrew's Church, Bathune Rd., Stoke Newington, London N16 England. Rotarians may send condolences to [President-elect Majiyagbe](#) in care of the President's Office at RI World Headquarters. Memorial contributions in honour of Ade Majiyagbe can be made to "Ade's Hope Fund for the Education of Women and Children," c/o The Rotary Foundation, P.O. Box 75133, Chicago, IL 60675-5133, USA.

A special message from RI President-elect Majiyagbe

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

I am deeply grateful for the tremendous outpouring of sympathy, extended to me and my family, following the death of my wife Ade. I thank all of you for the many hundreds of condolence messages we received during this difficult time.

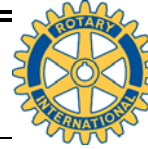
Your heartfelt response and the comfort it provided has reinforced my faith in the family of Rotary and the emotional and practical support we can offer each other in times of distress. Your kindness will continue to inspire me as I assume the role of Rotary International President under very different circumstances than I had anticipated only a short time ago.

As many of you know, Ade believed very strongly in Rotary and its power to help people and effect change. She also treasured how Rotary enriched our lives — with friends in every part of the world and countless opportunities to serve others. For that reason, I feel even more committed to carrying out the program that she so enthusiastically embraced. I ask for your continued support in the months ahead as we work together to *Lend a Hand* to those in need throughout our troubled world.

Kind regards,

Jonathan Majiyagbe

President-elect, Rotary International



The Four Way Flasher

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INVOCATION June 24: Chad Reed July 8: Laurie Anderson

BINGO SCHEDULE

	6:15-8:15	8:00-10:00
July 17	Ken Paterson	Al Graveson
August 14		Laurie Anderson

The bingo revenue for April 2003 was \$2,496.62

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

TODAY'S PROGRAM: Rick Carruthers – Samuel Roberts Technical School

NEXT MEETING'S PROGRAM: Timo Juurakko, Asst Chief, MRFD - Fire & Safety education



**NEXT WEEK TUESDAY IS CANADA DAY:
SO THERE WILL BE NO ROTARY MEETING!**

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
July 8	noon	1 st Meeting under Laurie's hammer	
July 19	8am	Presidential Celebration	Delta Airport Hotel

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$473 + 1/2 of today's sales, 31 cards, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

2003/2004 EXECUTIVE INSTALLATION ON JUNE 20

The end of an era!

It has been a marvellous year with a marvellous executive team. A big thanks to the outgoing executive.

Gordy Robson becomes a very deserved Paul Harris Fellow.



The last act of President Stan was to hand out the awards of 2002/2003 to several Rotarians.

Brian Bekar - Rotarian of the Year
 Chad Reed - Outstanding new member
 Debi Pearce - Four Way Test
 Kevin Nosworthy - President's Citation
 Peter Boekhorst - Service Above Self



The new Executive (left to right)
 President: Laurie Anderson,
 Past-President: Stan Wade,
 President Elect: Mary Robson,
 Vice President: Dave Reekie,
 Secretary: Kevin Nosworthy,
 Treasurer: Ken Paterson (absent),
 International Service: Brian Bekar,
 Vocational Service: Chad Reed,
 Community Service: Sharon Kyle,
 Club Service: Dot Ralston,
 Sergeant at Arms: Debi Pearce &
 Doris Gagel (not in picture)

We never laughed so hard at a welcomes speech, as this one.
 Keep up the good work, Laurie!



But this Rotary Newscaster also knew how to tickle those laugh muscles.



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

June 24: Cheryl & Alan Johnson
 July 1: Janet & Lindsay Hendy
 July 3: Debbie & Stan Wade

FROM OUR DOCTOR WITHOUT BORDERS

Even though Rankin Inlet has a sum total of about 12 km of roads, if you can call most of them roads instead of a collection of potholes and mud, you can walk from one end to the other in about 15 minutes. The distance from the centre of the hamlet to the airport is an 8 minute walk. Yet the number of cars, trucks, SUV's and ATV's is truly astounding. There is no road out of this place. Totally isolated for hundreds of miles and all traffic takes place within the confines of a hamlet of about 3500 people who all live closely together. The internal combustion machines are more of a status symbol than a necessity. I have my quarters at apartment #714. I thought before I came that I would be on the 7th floor and found it hard to believe that there would be a building that tall. The answer to the secret is, that I am in government building # 7 and in apartment # 14.

The clinic is very modern and reasonably well equipped. A must, because the only way out is by aircraft if the weather permits. I have seen an astounding variety of medical problems unlike anything I would see at home.

I feel like a real doctor here instead of what often feels like a glorified first-aider with one cough or cold after the other. Here you see TB, advanced lung diseases since smoking is a sport one starts at age eight and less than a pack a day is peanuts. Using cigarettes is not considered smoking. When you say smoking you mean pot. That is available in liberal quantities. Even though there is no liquor store the amount of alcohol consumed is enormous with all the problems of fights and violence and abuse that go with it. All is not bad though. There are some most interesting and nice people here. Surprisingly also a well-stocked bookstore.

Birth-control is disapproved of and the evidence is there. We have a big basket in the clinic with condoms in the same way La Trattoria has mints near the door for when you leave. We have a big sign "Help yourself" but the mints in Maple Ridge go a lot faster than the condoms here. Lots of sexually transmitted diseases as a result.

All in all I am far from bored.
 Cheers, Marco

ITALIAN SERATA 2003

Yesterday evening we had the 2nd Annual Italian Serata at La Trattoria Ristorante. The event was largely a success by Mary's enormous effort. We raised \$6,000 towards the Maple Ridge Hospital Foundation's Respirator Project.

