



Rotary Sunshine Bulletin

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**CLUB 90 -- MONDAY, NOON, UNION CLUB OF B.C. --
DOWNTOWN at 805 GORDON STREET**
Program for Meeting Number 4745 – Jan 07, 2008
Rotary Awareness Month: PolioPlus
Speaker: Joan Toone

BIRTHDAYS: Jan 06 to Jan 12

Wilf Erickson Jan. 08

FUTURE PROGRAMS

Jan 14 What is a Cridge?
Arla Taylor
Jan 21 Robbie Burns
Terry Jones
Jan 28 Earth & Ocean Sci.
Alanna Krepakevich

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ROTARY CLUB 90 DISTRICT 5020

Meeting Of December 17, 2007

The often-heard Dickens line “it was the best of times; it was the worst of times” aptly suited the Christmas themed meeting (that was also an elections meeting) of the Rotary Club of Victoria in

as much as it was a sold-out jolly event that was saddened with the announcement that George Kent had passed away the previous evening. And perhaps the concluding words from *Dickens A Tale of Two Cities* are also appropriate to the life and times of George Kent: "it is a far, far better rest that I go to than I have ever known."

President Terry Toone, after calling the meeting to order, let it be known that we had lost George Kent before calling on Bob Whyte to offer his and the club's "salute" to a stalwart Rotarian since 1954. Bob was followed by Tom Oshiro who offered his own perspectives about George before providing the INVOCATION. Jack Keyser was up next, identifying widows of Rotarians in attendance and providing each one with a bouquet.

During the luncheon it was the Alan Singleton-Wood ensemble with Tom Ackerman and Randy Tucker performing their musical stylings while the lunchers were lunching. And, as if it had been planned that way, the music came to an end as the plates were being cleared.

President Terry called on Alan Neale to acquaint us with the Interactors who were in attendance, which he did by calling on the co-chairs to introduce their fellow students. He noted that two students hailed from the Edward Milne High School in Sooke who have expressed interest in starting an Interact Club and hence were on hand to observe both the Esquimalt High Interactors and Rotarians.

We came to know about the vitality exhibited by the Esquimalt Interactors, with projects such as co-ordinating contributions to the Mustard Seed, contributing to the Stephen Lewis Foundation, activities during World AIDS Day, and striving to have a new water well completed in Africa.

Both Alan and Terry offered expressed their appreciation for the Interactors' efforts, pointing out that these students represent the future of Rotary. Past President John MacKenzie then stepped forward to announce the election results that would affirm four of the six candidates as elected to the Board for the next Rotary year that starts July 1, 2008. Those elected after a very tight voting pattern were Mark Ford, Alex MacKenzie, Duncan MacKenzie, and Ross Noble. The President-Designate to follow after Peter Norman's year as club president is Keith Walker.

Given that this club's next luncheon would be by January 7, there were a considerable number of member birthdays to acknowledge for the interim. Then it was the last time in 2007 to profile to the Rotary Foundation. It was announced that we had exceeded our club's total contribution goal but this was no time to slow down the flow of donations.

The meeting adjourned with the singing of GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.



L to R: Tom Oshiro, President
Terry Toone, Bob Whyte



Interact Co-Chairs



The Entertainers

George Kent

October 17, 1915 – December 16, 2007

A celebration of life is planned for Sunday, January 13, 2008 at 1:00 PM at the Royal Victoria Yacht Club.

I would like to thank all members of Rotary in District 5020 for making this first half of the Rotary year so very successful. Each of you are encouraged to stay aboard the "Rotary Express" and continue to experience the joy of Rotary in the months ahead. Marion and I extend Best Wishes to all!

DG Norm Watts

FOUNDATION CONTRIBUTIONS

A reminder from Keith Walker and Larry Rittenhouse that the 30% bonus is currently in effect for contributions to the Rotary International Foundation.

The L.A. Challenge

Under the LA2008 Worldwide Financial Incentive Plan, any district with more than 2 percent of its membership registered for the convention will receive a cash rebate for each paid adult registrant.

The rebate increases according to the percentage of people registered. The incentive ends on 31 March 2008, the final pre-registration deadline.

PROPOSED FOR MEMBERSHIP

Ryan Burles, V.P. of Black Ball Transport Inc.

Proposed by: Ken Lane

REMINDER

Members receive 200 points towards a Paul Harris Fellowship by enrolling a new member into the Club.



Club 90 Directors For 2008/09

Election held on December 17th.

Mark Ford

Alex MacKenzie

Duncan MacKenzie

Ross Noble

CONFERENCES / CONVENTIONS

Foundation Seminar	January 19, Richmond, BC
District Assembly	February 23 – 24, 2008 Victoria, B.C.
P.E. Training Seminar	March 7 to 9 Seattle
District Conference	May 29 – June 01, 2008 Parksville, B.C.
R.I. Convention	June 15 – 18, 2008 Los Angeles, California

[www . Rotary Events . ca](http://www.RotaryEvents.ca)

Zone 22 Regional Rotary Foundation Seminar

Rotarians from Alaska, Western Canada, and the Pacific Northwest of the U.S. will be attending this seminar on January 19 in Richmond, B.C.

Agenda items include:

- PolioPlus . . . how close are we?
- Update on TRF Grant Policies
- Humanitarian & Education Programs
- Donor Recognition
- Volunteer Grants
- Interviewing and selection techniques for GSE and Scholarship selections.

THOUGHTS FOR A NEW YEAR

Today is the last day of your life -- so far.

Every time you find the meaning of life, someone changes it.

People have one thing in common . . . they are all different.

Those who think that its touch to make a living as a writer of fiction have obviously never cheated on their income tax.

Blessed are those who can give without remembering and receive without forgetting.

Some Good Wishes For The New Year

- * May what you see in the mirror delight you, and what others see in you delight them.
- * May someone love you enough to forgive you your faults, be blind to your blemishes, and tell the world about your virtues.
- * May you get a clean bill of health from your dentist, your cardiologist, your gastroenterologist, your urologist, your proctologist, your podiatrist, your psychiatrist, your plumber, and Customs-Revenue Canada.
- * May the telemarketers wait to make their sales calls until after you've finished supper, may the commercials on the television not be louder than the program you've been watching, and may your cheque book balance with your budget that includes generous amounts for charity.
- * May you remember to say "I love you" at least once each day to your spouse, child, parents, and siblings.
- * May we continue to live in a part of the world that is at peace, with the capacity to revel in beautiful sunsets, wonder in magic of a flower's unfolding petals, thrill to a baby's smile, and be thankful for the miraculous beating of our hearts.

Chair's Message: A \$100 Million Vote of Confidence -- January 2008

Dear family of Rotary,

The US\$100 million grant made to Rotary International by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation recognizes Rotarians' determination and accomplishments in the global effort to eradicate polio. We can all feel proud that the world's largest foundation has placed such faith in Rotary's ability to get the job done. A gift of this size is a salute to Rotarians everywhere. It also elevates Rotary's stature in the eyes of governments, our partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, and other organizations that we may choose to work with in the future.

The most important aspect of this grant is, of course, the opportunity it provides to quickly fund the most critical areas of need. We will now have more resources to promote National Immunization Days, carry out effective surveillance and mop-up campaigns, and respond rapidly to outbreaks in polio-free countries.

When William Gates Sr. addressed the RI Convention in Salt Lake City, he urged us to think big. Anything less, he said, would be a waste of our potential and betray the optimism we've earned a right to have. This grant from the Gates Foundation has given us the means to expand our own thinking and to be even more optimistic that soon no child will ever suffer the devastating effects of polio. I encourage all of you to learn more about the [Gates Foundation grant](#) and to find out how you can help in our final push toward a polio-free world.

Robert S. Scott
Trustee Chair, The Rotary Foundation, 2007-08