The Value of One Member

Ten little Rotarians standing in a line.
One disliked the president, then there were nine.
Nine ambitious members on a project work late.
One forgot her commitment, then there were eight.
Eight creative members had ideas good as heaven.
One lost enthusiasm, then there were seven.
Seven loyal Rotarians got in a fix.
They quarrelled over projects, then there were six.
Six members remained with spirit and drive.
One moved away, then there were five.
Five steadfast members wished there were more.
One became indifferent, then there were four.
Four cheerful members who never disagreed,
'til one complained about food, then there were three.
Three eager members! What did they do?
One got discouraged, then there were two.
Two lonely members, my rhyme is nearly done.
One joined a sports team, then there was only one.
One faithful member, feeling rather blue, met with a neighbour, then there were two.
Two earnest members, each one enrolled one more.
Doubling their number, then there were four.
Four determined members, just wouldn’t wait,
'til each one reached another, then there were eight.
Eight excited members signed up eight more.
In another six verses, there’ll be a thousand twenty-four! (Rotary Club of Morehead City-Noon, NC, USA)
CALENDAR & UPCOMING EVENTS

THE SALVATION ARMY ROTARY HOSPICE HOUSE OFFICIAL OPENING
Fri. Sep 30, 2005 – 10:30am

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DISTRICT 5040/ 5050
CONFERENCE IN WHISTLER
MAY 19-21, 2006
REGISTER ONLINE

3RD ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC
ROTARY CLUB OF VANCOUVER SUNRISE
THU. SEP 22, 2005 - UNIVERSITY GOLF CLUB

The objective of the event is to raise at least $100,000, to help build a dormitory and a dining room for 80 boys at the El Hogar orphanage in Honduras (the club’s international project), who are currently sleeping on the porch of an old house.

The entrance fee for the tournament is $195, including a light lunch, an afternoon of golf, and a full dinner. (dinner only $50) There will be both a live and silent auction Please contact Ian Rose Tel: 604-926-9181
Email: golf@rotarywestvancouversunrise.org

GUEST SPEAKERS

Wed. Aug 24
Come to meet DG Sonia!

Wed. Aug 31
Michael McCoy
"Strengthening the social skills and independence of families and children through effective intervention and support services"

ROTARY CALENDAR

Aug  Membership & Extension
Sep  New Generations
Oct  Vocational Service
Nov  Rotary Foundation World Interact Week
Dec  Rotary Family

FOUNDATION DINNER
Fri. Nov 18th, 2005 – 7pm

- Burnaby Firefighter’s Hall
- Contact Leo Nimick
- $50 per person
- Register on line
  http://www.clubrunner.ca/dprg/dxhome/dxeventstab/eventitem.aspx?did=5040&index=530&linkcat=5&dir=f&tail=0

RI Convention in Malmö, Sweden & Copenhagen, Denmark
Jun 11-14 2006

Register on line
http://www.rotary.org/events/conventions/malmo-copenhagen/index.html
Kelvin Lau, Past President of Richmond Rotaract Club and Michelle Lau, a Richmond Rotaractor spoke of their inspirational 4 days of RYLA. They thanked the Rotary Club of Richmond for sponsoring them, and Sue Smith as the RYLA Chair for District 5040.

The four days included team bonding exercises, fun events, personal introductions and reflections. More than that, there were very moving presentations as well as beneficial and topical subjects applicable in everyday and business life. One presentation by Katy Hutchison was particularly moving. Katy is the widow of Bob McIntosh the RCMP officer who died as a result of an attack by two young men in Squamish.

Kelvin and Michelle both talked about how they learned to interact with others, what they learned about society, what they learned about Rotary and what a fun time they had.

Michelle remembered a presentation on Communication and the power of Listening. She also was impressed with a session on Citizenship and how to understand others. She was also surprised with all the programs Rotary offers for youth, of which she will investigate for herself.

Kelvin liked the group challenges and the opportunity to get better acquainted with others. He said RYLA is not just leadership, it is beneficial in many ways. He was moved by Katy Hutchison’s presentation on forgiveness, the Communications session on how we really don’t listen to each other, and especially how people won’t remember what we say or do, but how we will remember how people make us feel.

Sue Smith then presented Kelvin and Michelle their RYLA certificates and commemorative T-Shirts. The Rotary Club of Richmond was then urged to sponsor RYLA participants again for 2006.

“If we train our youth properly, we need not have any fear as to the future of the world.”
– Past RI President 1949-50 Percy Hodgson,
Inaugural Address, 1949 Rotary Convention, New York, USA
Welcome to all guests visited our club, do come again soon!

From left to right:
- Gord Dalglish ADG Sunrise Rotary Club
- Luis Suarez Rotary Exchange Student
- Sue Smith PP Steveston Rotary Club
- Kelvin Lau PP Richmond Rotaract Club
- Michelle Lau Richmond Rotaract Club

It looks like Sgt Bill is more than happy to take over this post on a regular basis
It was one fine evening, 28 of us was seated at the Patio, the best seat of the house with a spectacular view of the track and overlooking North Shore mountains.

Most of us were first time players, “What to do? What to do?” No problem, their Group Service Representatives were at our service, they came by each table to explain the ABC’s of racing and even gave us a few hints how to pick the winning race horses.

After a nice buffet dinner, we were ready to place our first bet, from the minimum $2 bet to . . . . depend on how rich our wallets were. What an excitement cheering for the horses that we bet, especially at the final stretch. Once they crossed the finish line, it was time to check the official results to see if our shouting paid off. This process repeated for 7 more races, and it was time to count up all the money in our wallets. Some like us broke even, some made a few dollars and some lost a few dollars.

The highlight was they named one of the races after Rotary Club of Richmond, Pres. Barb accompanied by Val had the opportunity to present the winning horse of that race with the boutique of flowers.

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU to GARY and ALBERT for making the arrangements. We had lots of fun and enjoyed great fellowship. With an extra bonus, in between races we were entertained with the live filming of the Da Vinci Inquest right in front of our seats.

For those who could not make it this time, make sure you join the fun next time. - BT

Last week’s questions & answers . . . .

1. Q: What is the name for the new District 5040 website?
   A: Café 5040

2. Q: Who created the FOUR-WAY Test and what year?
   A: Herbert J. Taylor RI Pres. 1954 created the 4 Way test in 1932, and was adopted by Rotary International in January of 1943.

This week’s questions . . . .

1. Q: What Rotary memorabilia is planted on the moon’s surface?

2. Q: What is R.I.N.O? Go to page 3 of
An English Lesson - Reasons why the English language is so hard to learn:

1. The bandage was wound around the wound.
2. The farm was used to produce produce.
3. The dump was so full that it had to refuse more refuse.
4. We must polish the Polish furniture.
5. He could lead if he would get the lead out.
6. The soldier decided to desert his dessert in the desert.
7. Since there is no time like the present, he thought it was time to present the present.
8. A bass was painted on the head of the bass drum.
9. When shot at, the dove dove into the bushes.
10. I did not object to the object.
11. The insurance was invalid for the invalid.
12. There was a row among the oarsmen about how to row.
13. They were too close to the door to close it.
14. The buck does funny things when the does are present.
15. A seamstress and a sewer fell down into a sewer line.
16. To help with planting, the farmer taught his sow to sow.
17. The wind was too strong to wind the sail.
18. After a number of injections my jaw got number.
19. Upon seeing the tear in the painting I shed a tear.
20. I had to subject the subject to a series of tests.
21. How can I intimate this to my most intimate friend?

Let's face it - English is a crazy language.

There is no egg in eggplant, nor ham in hamburger; neither apple nor pine in pineapple. English muffins weren't invented in England or French fries in France.

Sweetmeats are candies while sweetbreads, which aren't sweet, are meat. We take English for granted. But if we explore its paradoxes, we find that quicksand can work slowly, boxing rings are square and a guinea pig is neither from Guinea nor is it a pig.

And why is it that writers write but fingers don't fing, grocers don't groce and hammers don't ham?

If the plural of tooth is teeth, why isn't the plural of booth beeth? One goose, 2 geese. So one moose, 2 meese? One index, 2 indices?

Doesn't it seem crazy that you can make amends but not one amend. If you have a bunch of odds and ends and get rid of all but one of them, what do you call it?

If teachers taught, why didn't preachers praught? If a vegetarian eats vegetables, what does a humanitarian eat?

Sometimes I think all the English speakers should be committed to an asylum for the verbally insane. In what language do people: - Recite at a play and play at a recital? - Ship by truck and send cargo by ship? -Have noses that run and feet that smell?

How can a slim chance and a fat chance be the same, while a wise man and a wise guy are opposites?

You have to marvel at the unique lunacy of a language in which your house can burn up as it burns down, in which you fill in a form by filling it out and in which, an alarm goes off by going on.

English was invented by people, not computers, and it reflects the creativity of the human race, which, of course, is not a race at all. That is why, when the stars are out, they are visible, but when the lights are out, they are invisible.

PS: Why doesn't "buick" rhyme with "quick"?