



The Four Way Flasher



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February is World Understanding Month



TODAY: Dave Rempel - Who's Who
NEXT WEEK: Linda Murray - Membership Presentation

Happy Birthday

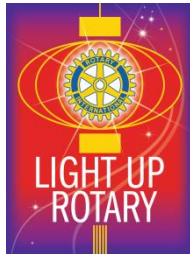
Jan. 30: Terry Becker
Jan. 30: Angie Edmonds

Happy Anniversary

Feb. 2: Eric & Urma Mollema

Invocation

RI PRESIDENT ELECT'S 2014-15 THEME



Rotary is an organization that has something for everyone. All over the world, in cities and towns, for well over a century, Rotarians have come together to serve. And in the years since Rotary was

founded, countless Rotarians and others have discovered the joys of Rotary service, through Rotaract, Interact, Rotary Community Corps, Youth Exchange, and many other programs.

All of us are part of the family of Rotary. And we have all gained so much from our Rotary service. We've made friends, helped our communities, and made the world a better, safer, and healthier place. We've become part of a truly international network of volunteers, and we've learned how much we can achieve when we put our differences aside and work together.

Many of the ideas and values that we cherish in Rotary are not unique to Rotary. Perhaps the reason Rotary resonates so deeply with me is that I find many traditional Chinese values reflected in Rotary: values of service and responsibility, of respect for family and for others.

It is not surprising, then, that the ideas of Confucius so often guide me in my Rotary service. To me, Confucius was the original Rotarian. More than two thousand years before Paul Harris was born, he said:

To put the world in order, we must first put the nation in order; to put the nation in order, we must put the family in order; to put the family in order, we must first set our hearts right.

In Rotary, we set our hearts right by putting Service Above Self. And we recognize that in order to be ambitious in our service, we

must first care for our own organization and expand our family of Rotary. In 2014-15, I will ask all of you to *Light Up Rotary* — by sharing our service, strengthening our clubs, and letting our light shine in our communities.

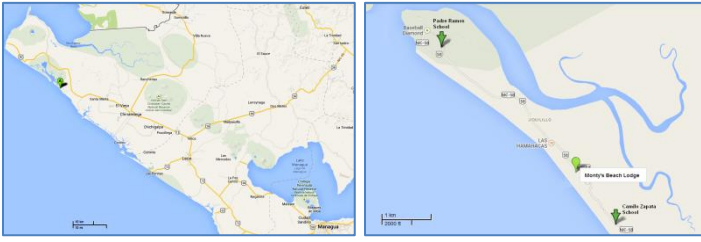
In this Rotary year, we will *Light Up Rotary* by reaching our goal of 1.3 million Rotarians, bringing in new members while working to keep the members we have. To do this, we'll need to approach membership in new ways, and try new ideas. Hold a Rotary Day to give your community a chance to learn more about Rotary. Remember that Rotary is a family and is for the family: Encourage your spouse and other family members to consider joining, and reach out to Youth Exchange and Foundation alumni. Focus on your own club, and look realistically at why members stay, and why they leave. What can you do to make being a Rotarian an appealing and attractive opportunity for busy professionals and those with young families?

We will also *Light Up Rotary* — and make history — by eradicating polio. Polio eradication within the next few years is absolutely realistic — if we keep up our momentum. So tell your friends, associates, and elected officials how critical it is that we End Polio Now. Donate to the PolioPlus Fund and encourage others to do so as well. By meeting the newest challenge issued by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, we can make our money work three times as hard. Be an active part of the greatest public-private health partnership in the history of the world, and share in the pride when the job is finished.

In 2014-15, as we strengthen our clubs and *Light Up Rotary* in more than 34,000 communities, our commitment and our service will light up the world.

Gary C.K. Huang
President, Rotary International, 2014-15

NICARAGUA 2014 INTERNATIONAL PROJECT



From Jan. 7 to Jan. 22 twelve local Rotarians (including some friends of Rotary) spent 2 weeks in Nicaragua on a humanitarian mission.



Three of our members, Angie, Peter and Ineke plus 4 local friends of Rotary, with a group of 5 Coquitlam Sunrise Rotarians, did a lot of work in Jiquilillo on the west coast of Nicaragua. Working every day from about 8:30am till 12:30 as it was too hot in the afternoon!



We dug a big hole for the foundation, hand-mixed cement, "poured" a foundation, moved bricks and assisted with building of the 2 kitchens.



We took down the roofs of 3 schools, painted any reusable panels and replaced roofs.



Cleaned out classrooms, built bookshelves (from the concrete casings!) and did all kinds of other tasks.



Every day the kids and moms came out and helped us. The kids would climb a tree to cut down some coconuts, which we enjoyed together soo good!

School holidays are until Feb. 15, so the kids were not actually attending school, which made it easier to work.



It was very hot, about 35 degrees every day. A dive into the ocean in the afternoons was very refreshing!

It was a life changing experience, humbling but so rewarding.

Ineke will give a full report at the March 11 Lunch Meeting.

Submitted by Ineke Boekhorst