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## Tournament of Roses Parade 2010

### 2010 Winner of the Tournament Volunteers' Trophy for best floral design of theme, 35 feet or under

Dear Fellow Rotarians and Visitors,

The Rotary Rose Parade Float Committee's 31st consecutive entry in the Tournament of Roses Parade truly celebrates the work of Rotarians worldwide. The theme of the 2010 parade is "A Cut Above the Rest" and the theme of our float is "Service Above the Rest".

The float is not a project of Rotary International, and no Rotary International funds are used. Our ability to enter a float is dependent solely on the generosity of Rotarians. Traditionally the Rotary International President will attend the New Year's Day festivities, and this year we are honoured to have President John Kenny join us as we celebrate "Service Above the Rest".

Leading up to January 1st, as in past years, we will have hundreds of volunteers, who will donate thousands of hours in preparing the decorations and applying them to the float. Many Rotarians work on the float, but Rotaract and Interact members do most of the work. They enjoy the challenge and pride of ownership in the working on the float. The entire float must be covered with natural materials: flowers, seeds, husks, etc.

The Rotary Rose Parade Float Committee appreciates continued support from across the United States and Canada, and we look forward to this year's participation in the annual Tournament of Roses. What better way to promote Rotary than by a beautiful float in the 121st Tournament of Roses Parade seen worldwide by about 300 million people from over 200 countries on New Year's Day.

We thank you in advance for your support and your help!

Yours in Rotary service,

William H. Peloquin, M.D., PDG, District 5320, 2005 - 2006, Chairman, 2010 Float Committee



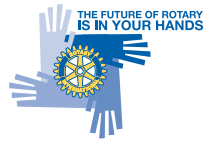
See more photos and videos - for this year and past years - (and the 18 page list of supporting Rotary Clubs and Rotarians) at : [www.rotaryfloat.org](http://www.rotaryfloat.org)



December 19, 2009

## President's Mid-Year Update

President George Kimura



Dear Rotary Club of Calgary Chinook:

It's hard for me to believe the time of year, and that we are half way through another year. Your 09/10 Board of Paul Gaudet PE, Danny Holden VP, Bob Montgomery PP, Kathryn Kaldestad Sec, Graham Boone Tres, Neil Beatty - International, Dale Perret – Vocational, Alex Soutar – Community, Ted Wada – Club, Dave Wiley – Operations, Peter Bickham – Financial, and I have worked hard to try and make your year interesting and informative. To date, I think we have done well and will improve for the second half.

We have tried to follow the Strategic Plan for our year:

- Vocational Service – Dale has done a wonderful job with our youth. She is working hard with Interact at Henry Wise Wood and trying to get one going at EP Scarlett. Her Vocational program in October was very well done and shows what the youth of today is doing. We are and will be sending students to RYLA & RYPEN programs. We have a lunch scheduled for Fairview Junior High on March 23.
- Leadership – Although it's slow, we are defining the roles and responsibilities our committees. This will definitely get done.
- Community Service – As per the plan, and one of my main objectives this year, is to establish a "hands on feel good" project. Early in the New Year, we will be doing a meal at Ronald McDonald House, and will serve a meal at Mustard Seed or Feed the Hungry. We continue to do the delivery of Christmas wreaths, Christmas shoe boxes and Salvation Army kettles. Thanks to our Kerby Centre Christmas Lunch Co-Chairs Don McKenzie and Gord Billings for another very successful one. It was so good to see the smiles on over 300 senior and our members.
- International Service – It's business as usual.
- RI Foundation – To date we have 5 new Paul Harris Fellows, and with that, are close to the 60% of our members objective. Peter continues to put RI in front of the members and his RI meeting last month was very good.
- Fund Raising – The *Putting on the Ritz Gala* in early November was good. We donated close to \$20,000.00 (our target amount) to Little Warriors. Our parking ventures carry on as usual. Our big objective is to try and get more members committed to getting out. The core is getting old. We are looking for other fund raising ventures and will be putting them out for review soon.
- Membership – We are lagging behind my objective of 107 active members for this Rotary year. We have lost 4 members to resignations thus far and lost Bill McDaniel to cancer. We will miss him. Our first new member will be inducted in January and it will be just the beginning. We need 12 to 13 new members over the next 6 months to meet our goal. We are just beginning to work on a Club in a Club program with our young members to

attract youth. A lot more information will come out on this as we go forward. The District and RI are encouraging us with this venture.

- Club Meetings – Our meeting programs, thanks to Bart Dailley and Tammy Truman, have been very good. Our Remembrance Day program with Major Miller was outstanding. Our Christmas party this past week was a novel idea and well done.
- Club Attributes – The mentoring program is now set and going forward. Each new member will be assigned a mentor. Thus between the sponsor and mentor, the new member will get comfortably involved in our Club.
- Fellowship – Thanks to Al Pettigrew and his committee for all the fellowship activities. There are more planned.

As we step forward into the New Year some things come to mind:

1. I talk with my kids about Polio and they don't really know what it is. Rotary has a great chance to rid the world of this horrible disease, and with the help from the Gates' Foundation, we have that chance to make it just a memory. We plan to raise some more money for Polio Plus.
2. We spend considerable time and money on our youth and our less fortunate countries and people, and rightfully so. But I feel that a lot of our seniors are not well cared for. A lot deserve better. I saw this while my mother was in extended care. Many do not even get visitors. We have a working relationship with the Kerby Centre, and I would like to see if we can do more. Perhaps another "hands on feel good" project in the spring.
3. Rotary is a well-kept secret. There are some things planned at the District and City levels that could bring us into the public a little more. Kathryn Kaldestad is active in putting Chinook and Rotary out into our community and is making headway. Thank you Kathryn, keep up the good work.
4. A membership satisfaction survey form is almost done. Hopefully it will be out in early January. Please take the time to respond. I have been told that you may not like what comes back, but so be it. I don't think so, as our directors and their committees have worked hard with the Strategic Plan, for that is what you wanted.
5. I am anxious to work with Club in a Club committee to find common ground to bring youth (25 – 40 years old) into our Club.
6. Some of our members are doing work in District 5360 and make an impact there. Ron May and Rob Whitfield – Youth Exchange; Pat Hutchinson – Membership and Director; Hank Popoff – conferences; and Bruce McDonald – Calgary Rotary Club Foundation. Keep up the great work guys.
7. RCC Chinook is a very busy club.