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Hello Awesome Rotarians!

I hope to see you at the District Conference in Anchorage May 16-18, a conference that I think of as Sue Foley's conference.

Fun and fellowship. After reviewing the program for this event, I can guarantee meetings filled with fun and fellowship. Consider attending our regional hospitality suites and signing up for the Friday night Dinner in the Home.

Educational opportunities. The Assembly on Thursday is aimed at presidents-elect and secretaries, but all Rotarians are welcome to learn more about our District and other leadership prospects. We will also honor the District Leadership Academy graduates!

Great speakers. It seems that The Rotary Foundation is always requesting donations. How about hearing some of the recipient's stories? Nerve Macaspac, a Rotary Peace Fellow, will talk about "War as a Social Condition and the Prospects for Peace." Harry Kieling and some of his Group Study Exchange (GSE) team to Brazil will tell us about the last Rotary Group Study

Exchange program. (Not to fret, the program will continue as VTTs— Vocational Training Teams.)

Service Projects. Dr. Lani Ackerman of H.E.L.P. will update us on "Sustainable Community Development in the Himalayas." Past Rotary Director Michael Colasurdo will discuss "In Search of the True Meaning of Rotary Service." Dr. Ramon Resa will share his thoughts on "Personal Empowerment and Resilience in the Face of Obstacles." Yes, our District has lots to be proud of.

We also plan a rousing good time with Steve Johnson and the highly acclaimed University of Alaska Anchorage Debate Team. Their topic? "Civic Organizations are No Longer Relevant in the Digital Age."

SEE YOU IN ANCHORAGE!



—Peggy Pollen
Acting District Governor

Don't miss Rotary Peace Fellow and filmmaker Nerve Macaspac Friday afternoon at the District Conference

Nerve Macaspac is a Rotary Peace Fellow from UC Berkeley who is interested in working on international peace building, development and conflict resolution. His academic and professional interests include the anthropology of state terror, the anthropology of political disappearance and the political economy of insurgency and counterinsurgency. He is also interested in the intersections of territoriality, development and indigeneity.



Nerve is a human rights expert with over 10 years of experience in program management and evaluation, participatory action research, advocacy and campaign strategy and community organizing. He is a Country Specialist for Amnesty International, where he campaigns and mobilizes members to protect the freedom and human rights of political prisoners, other individuals and communities-at-risk. Nerve was honored for Excellence in Innovation for Human Rights Advocacy by his colleagues at the 2013 Amnesty International annual general meeting. In 2012 he received the Excellence in Local Action with Global Impact Award.

Nerve is a contributor to the Voice of Witness forthcoming book on families of the disappeared. He is also co-author of *In Search of Justice*, a research of transitional justice that analyzes the Cambodian diaspora and the Khmer Rouge trials.

Nerve hosts Possible Futures on San Francisco Community Radio's KUSF-in-Exile, where he engages

community leaders and public intellectuals in conversation. He has produced documentary videos, which have been screened in San Francisco, Los Angeles, Washington, Toronto and Manila. He was a Grand Prize winner at the 2009 Cine-Indie Film Festival for the MDGs for the film *Gera Woi Gutasan (War and Hunger)*. He also co-directed and co-produced *Gami Dad Lnumfig. (We the Oppressed)*, which was shown at UN CERD, the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination in Geneva, Switzerland.

Nerve is now in a PhD program in Geography at the University of California, Los Angeles. He completed his Masters in Asian Studies at the University of California, Berkeley and was awarded a Rotary Peace Fellowship for 2009-2011.

You can see and hear Nerve Macaspac in person. He is scheduled to speak at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, May 16, at the District 5010 Conference at the Hotel Captain Cook in Anchorage.

Australian to represent RI President at District Conference

Our Rotary International President's Representative this year is Ian Risely, Rotary Trustee 2011-15, and a member of the Rotary Club of Sandringham Victoria, Australia.

Riseley is a practicing chartered accountant and principal of Ian Riseley and Co. He received the Australian government's Peacebuilder Award in 2002 in recognition of his work in East Timor. He also received the Order of Australia Medal in 2006 for services to the Australian community.



A Rotarian since 1978, Riseley has served Rotary International as treasurer, director, task force member, RI Board Executive Committee member, vice chair, and district governor.

Riseley is a former member of the Australian Polio Eradication Private Sector Campaign and a recipient of The Rotary Foundation's Regional Service Award for a Polio-Free World. He and his wife, Juliet, are Major Donors and Bequest Society members of The Rotary Foundation.

April 18 deadline for "Send First-Time Attendees to District Conference" financial incentive

How it works:

Spawn Ideas of Anchorage is sponsoring a "first-time attendee" incentive of \$1600.

The first 8 clubs to claim the money will each get \$200 if they agree to match it with \$200 from the club.

With the \$400 total then available, clubs must, at a minimum, offer four first-timers to the District Conference \$100 off their registration fees.

This incentive will send 32 club members who are first-time attendees to the May 15-18 (Assembly/Leadership Training day is May 15) District Conference at the Hotel Captain Cook in Anchorage. (8 clubs x 4 registrants each)

To receive the sponsored funds (\$200), the 8 participating clubs must complete the required form listing the club members attending the conference and return it by e-mail to Karen King by April 18. A check will be sent to your club. If you don't have the form, contact Karen King immediately.

karen.king@spawnak.com

May 1 deadline for guests to sign-up for Dinner in the Home

How it works:

If you'd like to be a dinner guest in a local Rotarian's home on Friday evening during the District 5010 conference, sign up by e-mailing Kathleen Madden by May 1.

Your host will provide transportation from the Hotel Captain Cook to his or her home and return you to the hotel afterwards. You may be the only guest or you may be part of a larger group, depending upon demand and on how many guests the host can accommodate.

Those who have attended Dinner in the Home have considered the experience one of the highlights of the conference. But don't procrastinate. Contact Kathleen Madden now.

kathmadden1@juno.com





**Ro-
tary**

Youth Exchange alum from Ketchikan headed to Moscow to work in an embassy

by Rosie Roppel, President

Rotary Club of Ketchikan First City

The Rotary Club of Ketchikan First City recently had as its speaker Gavin Pearcy, a 2000-2001 Rotary Youth Exchange student to Russia from Ketchikan. Gavin is currently in the process of moving to an embassy in Moscow to conduct Consulate Tours and to work with visa intervention. He has been in Munich, Germany and is home on a Congressionally mandated leave “to be in touch with being an American.”

Gavin Pearcy’s life journey is impressive. At the time of his Rotary Youth Exchange in Russia, Russia was part of our Rotary District 5010. He started his YE experience living in a rural setting and then moved to a city of 300,000, where culture shock hit the kid from Ketchikan. He enrolled in a Lyceum (preparatory scademy) and this energized him to do better in school. Upon returning to Ketchikan, which has a population of 10,000, reverse culture shock struck him. But this did not stop him!

After graduating from high school, Gavin studied at the University of Alaska Fairbanks because

they offered foreign exchange opportunities in his field. He was strong in chemistry but loved foreign languages, so he studied Japanese and Russian. He was part of a Rotaract Club which traveled to Louisiana after Hurricane Katrina to help clean up.

Gavin’s interesting life continued. As a sophomore he studied in Siberia, Russia, continuing his Russian language studies. He found experiencing a record cold of minus 62 degrees and studying Japanese in a Russian country both intriguing.

As a Junior he studied in Japan. There he met Dan Patton, a Ketchikanite who was teaching English in Kanayama. Dan talked Gavin into teaching there for a year. Gavin then decided to go to a graduate school in a Scandinavian university that did not charge tuition.

He pursued Asian Studies in Southern Sweden and met his Swedish future wife, Ulricha, at a Model United Nations conference where he represented Russia and she represented Panama. They married and have a son.



College Rotary welcomed three new members in March. In the photo above, club President Patty Merritt inducts Cathy Winfree.



Photo above: Zhen Zhen, a bright, 16-year old Chinese girl who has lived an isolated, friendless life because of her cleft palate

Fairbanks to Weining (with a few stops between)

by Joe Brennan and Jo Kuchle, President Rotary Club of Fairbanks

Weining. This “small” – by Chinese standards – city is the home of 1.4 million people and sits upon the shore of a great grass sea - Cacohai Lake in China. From March 22 through April 7, it was also the home of Fairbanks Rotarian, Doug Schrage and his wife, Mary, who were on an Alliance for Smiles mission to fix cleft lips and palates in this rural Chinese city.

The mission was co-sponsored by the Rotary Club of Fairbanks as an international project and it was the first time the club both sponsored a cleft mission and sent its own members.

News reports from the mission indicated that it was going well. The mission was set up in a modern, graceful, very supportive hospital. The first day, which was a clinic day to assess possible patients and to set up the surgery schedule, was hectic. It went from controlled panic (Where is the X, Y & Z?) to a large and warm welcoming ceremony and group photo, then back to controlled chaos (Who are all these people?).

“In many societies those with cleft palates and lips are shunned, so getting surgery is a road to acceptance.”

The day went smashingly well, registering 117 patients. Patients may have trouble eating, drinking, and speaking because of their cleft issues. In many societies those with cleft palates and lips are shunned, so getting surgery is a road to acceptance.

The first day of surgery resulted in the completion of 11 operations. The team had to work out logistics and other supporting details. For example, the two operating rooms are on the ninth floor and the sterilization unit is on first floor. The team needed a quick turnaround for the few surgical tool kits they had.

The team reported that their crew was excellent and their morale high. The food was good, the hotel comfortable, and the buses on time.



The Alliance for Smiles team in Weining, China, with Fairbanks Rotarians Mary and Doug Schrage seated fourth and fifth from the right.

Photos from the March 2, 2014 Alliance for Smiles on-line newsletter



Juneau Interact Club travels to Uganda for service projects

Eleven members of the Thunder Mountain Interact Club in Juneau traveled to Uganda last month to work on service projects with partner organizations there. The students, accompanied by three chaperones and a local guide, donated and delivered supplies and worked on hands-on activities.

According to an April 6 article on the Juneau Empire website, the group left Juneau for an 11-day trip with 23 duffle bags full of medicine, books, toys, clothes and other supplies plus \$2,000.

The students had spent months studying and deciding where to focus their efforts. They finally settled on three organizations: Women in Crisis, a hospital service for pregnant or new mothers in crisis; Rock of Ages, an elementary school for children with special needs; and Lords Meade Vocational College, which is similar to a U.S. high school and which hosts an Interact Club.

The idea for the international project came from Michelle Strickler, who returned from Uganda with her daughter last May. Strickler is the Thunder Mountain Interact Club's mentor and also Secretary of the Rotary Club of Glacier Valley, which sponsors the Interact Club.

In photo: Interact Club members of Thunder Mountain High School in Juneau and Jinja's Lords Meade Vocational College in Uganda. To see the complete news story, go to juneauempire.com

Upcoming events



Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA)

April 24-27, 2014

King's Lake Camp, Wasilla, AK



Rotary District 5010 Assembly and Conference

May 15-18, 2014

Hotel Captain Cook, Anchorage

To register: Rotary5010conference.com or go to the District 5010 web site and click on the registration link



Rotary International Convention

June 1-4, 2014 Sydney Olympic Park, Sydney, Australia

To register: Rotary2014.com

Greg's Groaner



**I do not enjoy computer jokes..
Not one bit.**



We need a net of 25 more new members to meet to meet our goal for this year

by PDG Bill Hopper, District 5010 Membership Chair

The March report from RI shows us up 27 members for the year. This is up 10 new members from last month. If the clubs can do that for the next few months we have a good chance of meeting our goal for the year.

Those clubs that increased membership—good job! Those of you that lost members, make sure you find out why each members left and if he or she can suggest a replacement.

We have a ways to go to meet Sue Foley's goal of a net of 52 new members for the year. Presidents, review your goals and your plans and make it happen. I know

you can do it, but we have to work at it. For all the clubs that inducted members this last month, make sure you make them feel welcome and get them involved. Here are some suggestions:

Host an informal meeting. You can share the benefits of joining your club by hosting an information session for potential and new members.

Prospective member information session. Invite club members to share their experiences, talk about your club service projects and social activities and give an overview of Rotary. Give the prospective members something to grab hold of and feel a part of. Rotary is much more than a lunch meeting.

New member orientation. Help the new member expand his or her understanding of Rotary by hosting a series of information sessions. Suggested topics include Rotary history, opportunities for service and The Rotary Foundation.

Courses and webinars. Encourage new and older members to take advantage of the many resources available through Rotary to stay current. Courses in the Learning Center and Webinars make it easy to learn at your own pace. The table below shows how we are doing to meet the goal of 1786 by the end of June 2014.



Active Rotary Clubs in District 5010 - Membership as of 3-31-2014

<u>Club Name</u>	<u>June 1, 2013</u>	<u>Net Change</u>	<u>% +/-</u>	<u>Member Count</u>
Anchorage	247	-2	-12%	245
Anchorage East	123	9	7%	132
Anchorage Gateway	21	2	10%	23
Anchorage Hillside	30	1	3%	31
Anchorage International	74	4	5%	78
Anchorage Mid Town	16		0%	16
Anchorage Russian Jack	19	3	16%	22
Anchorage South	81	4	5%	85
Barrow (Nuvuk)	17	2	12%	19
College	44	2	5%	46

(Membership chart cont'd p. 8)

Active Rotary Clubs in District 5010 - Membership as of 2-28-2014 (Cont'd from p. 7)

<u>Club Name</u>	<u>June 1, 2013</u>	<u>Net Change</u>	<u>% + -</u>	<u>Member Count</u>
Eagle River Area	38	6	16%	44
Fairbanks	157	1	1%	158
Fairbanks Golden Heart	9	3	33%	12
Fairbanks Sunrisers	56	-5	-9%	51
Girdwood	23	-1	-4%	22
Homer Downtown	15	-1	-7%	14
Homer-Kachemak Bay	55	-5	-9%	50
Juneau	72	2	3%	74
Juneau-Gastineau	54	3	6%	57
Juneau-Glacier Valley	59	-4	-7%	55
Kenai	21	6	29%	27
Kenai River-Soldotna	16		0%	16
Ketchikan	27	-1	-4%	26
Ketchikan (The First City)	36	6	17%	42
Kodiak	36	-5	-14%	31
Kodiak Morning	23		0%	23
Nome	26	4	15%	30
North Pole	12	-1	-8%	11
Palmer	24	2	8%	26
Petersburg	29	-6	-21%	23
Seward	23		0%	23
Sitka	30	3	10%	33
Soldotna	64	3	5%	67
Susitna	27	-1	-4%	26
Wasilla	40	-8	-20%	32
Wasilla Sunrise	35	3	9%	38
Whitehorse	29	-3	-10%	26
Whitehorse Midnight Sun	11	-2	-18%	9
Whitehorse-Rendezvous	15	3	20%	18
Totals	1734	27	2%	1761
2013-2014 3% net gain goal		52		

Welcome new Rotarians!*



<u>Name</u>	<u>Club</u>
Baker, Leslie	Kenai
Dunn, Read	Wasilla Sunrise
Fenster, Dru	Juneau
King, Michael	Anchorage
Lindseth, Teri	Anchorage Hillside
Lynch, Spruce	Nome
Miller, Thomas	Anchorage South
Renkert, Laurel	Anchorage South
Ryan, Millie	Juneau
Speakman, Debbie	Homer-Kachemak Bay

*For the month of March, 2014



New threat to Internet security explained

I work for an IT company and this is a huge, serious issue... not just another minor hack job. There are about 938,556,200 websites on the Internet today and two-thirds of them are at risk!

By now you have probably heard the buzz in the news about a security flaw called "Heartbleed," found in many of the web sites on the Internet. Simply, the flaw could allow an attacker to potentially grab information from a web server that could include authentication or web "session" information.

- Why is this a big deal? This could affect roughly two-thirds of the websites on the Internet that use the Open SSL (secured sockets layer) libraries for SSL (https) connections.

- Could you be affected? If you log on to an Internet website (e.g. usernames and passwords) that has this flaw, there is a chance your credentials could be obtained by an attacker.

- What is being done about it? There is a scramble for organizations to patch their systems and obtain new "certificates" to address this exposure.

- What should you do? You probably don't know if the websites that you use are affected, so it would be prudent to change your passwords for your Internet accounts (email, social media, banking, etc.) regardless.

- What to watch for? This would be a prime opportunity for attackers to send emails impersonating organizations with password change requests via links, so be aware.

- Contact your banks and any on-line business you use and check if they have addressed this new threat.

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SUE FOLEY: A Beacon of Light



When Sue and I were selected to become the first two District Governors of the new Rotary District 5010, we both realized that the Rotary Clubs of Yukon and Alaska needed more attention than they had been used to when our DGs traversed the full 11 time zones of the old D5010. Our clubs also needed guidance under the new Future Vision of Rotary International.

It was a time of reorganization, of setting a new direction, and of building a new future for the new D5010. I was confident going forward with Sue Foley pointing the way like a beacon from a lighthouse on a stormy sea at night. She was there: strong, intelligent, sure of where we needed to go, a virtual library of RI knowledge, and she loved Rotary. More importantly, she was my friend.

Sue had a depth of knowledge of the Rotary Foundation, the workings of the clubs, the governance and structure of our District, our Zone, and our role in the world as a service organization. Sue and Harold worked together as a Rotary team on their club activities, helping at conferences, and working at the Pacific NW PETS seminar just this last February.

Sue knew first hand the sheer joy of protecting the future when she placed the gift of immunity from polio two drops at a time into the mouths of children during an NID (National Immunization Day) in India. She had been there before as a GSE (Group Study Exchange) team leader, knew that place and shined her light in the direction of “service above self” for all of us to see.

Sue gave of herself, her time and her resources, but it was her light that shone so brightly for us all



to see through the fog to where Rotary must go, and to whom we must selflessly reach. It was that light that seemed to go dark too quickly, all too soon.

I have a job to do now. As a young child I grew up on Tatoosh Island, Washington, with my mother, sister, and my father who was in the Coast Guard. My father’s job was to keep a lighthouse beacon operating for the ships entering the northwestern waters of the US, to guide them to safe harbor regardless of the weather.

My job today is to continue that tradition, to keep Sue Foley’s beacon shining for D5010. We will reach safe harbor together thanks to Sue’s guidance. She, I am sure, is already there watching, smiling, and waiting for us to steer confidently into the future, serving selflessly as she taught us. We love you Sue, and your light will shine forever for us.

***—Peggy Pollen, Acting District Governor
and Lighthouse Keeper, Rotary District 5010***



Rotarians gather around Sue Foley's husband, Harold (seated on the floor), Sunday afternoon, April 13, in the ballroom of the Hotel Captain Cook in Anchorage. Photo by Clark Mishler, Anchorage East Rotary

Life of District Governor Sue Foley celebrated

by Jan Ingram, District 5010 Bulletin Editor

More than 200 people, many of them Rotarians, gathered in the ballroom of the Hotel Captain Cook Sunday afternoon to honor the memory of Sue Foley.

To the surprise of attendees, instead of stark rows of chairs, the ballroom was set up with cabaret and other tables laden with inviting containers of fresh veggies, meatballs, brownies, cookies and other snacks along with wine and coffee. Across a huge screen behind the podium danced a continuous progression of photographs of Sue at different stages of her life.

Members of Anchorage East Rotary, the Home Club of the District Governor, conducted the brief ceremony. Raquel Edelen welcomed the crowd and read a dedication which ended with the words, "Miss me, but let me go." Kilt-clad bag-piper Conor Hlavinka walked into the room playing "Amazing Grace." Rick Benjamin offered a few words and then announced that the rest of the

Celebration of Life would be a reception and that we should spend the time exchanging stories about Sue and interacting with one another. There was much agreement that this is the way Sue would have wanted it.

Sunday morning Ecumenical Service at District Conference to honor Rotarians who have passed away this last year

If a member of your Rotary Club died during this last year, be sure to get the information to Pastor Bob Thwing, a member of Anchorage South Rotary, who is conducting this year's Sunday morning service Ecumenical Service during the District 5010 Conference. You can e-mail him at

alaskaeagle@alaskalife.net

The 45-minute service will begin at 8:00 a.m. in the Aft Deck of the Hotel Captain Cook and will include recognition of all who passed away during this last year, including District Governor Sue Foley. Anchorage harpist Skookums will provide music.

Time to reach out and get this e-club thing going!

Dear Fellow Rotarians:

We have a unique opportunity to be part of History and carry on a Legacy.

Rotarians throughout District 5010 have always worked with the limitations of “being on a road system.” So much of what we do dictates air travel based on the few available highways. In the past, a simple move or a change in job assignment often meant losing access to the weekly Rotary Club meeting and the fellowship so prized by all Rotarians. This resulted in losing many valued Rotarians from our Rotary family.

Well not anymore! We are in the throes of forming the first Rotary e-club of District 5010 Alaska –Yukon.

Forming the first e-club of 5010 was a dream of DG Sue Foley. Always a visionary, Sue believed that an e-club was the answer to both growing our Rotary family while stopping the “leakage” of those Rotarians who have drifted away for some reason.

As usual, she was right!

So you see, friends, this e-club is part of Sue’s legacy. At our last e-club committee meeting, Sue asked if we could charter the e-club by District Conference. The committee committed to this, and now we are even more committed to seeing this come to fruition.

We have the critical mass and the momentum but we need your help! We all know former Rotarians who have slipped through the cracks, or the “Friends of Rotary” who have the service above self attitude, but circumstances prevent them from joining a brick and mortar club. Please take just a few minutes and reach out to them, send them the attached admission form or just forward me their information and I’ll reach out to them.

Friends, our window of opportunity is shrinking every day. If by working together we can eradicate polio around the world, surely we can work together to recruit 25 Rotarians to make History! By ourselves we are but one; together we are an army that can create miracles.

Please take a few minutes to complete the: [Rotary 5010 E-Club Application](#) or forward this letter to any former or potential Rotarians you believe would be interested in making History. Once you are approved you will be invoiced for the \$15.00 application fee and annual dues when applicable.

If you have any questions please call me at 907-355-7934

Yours in Rotary service,

Marty Metiva

Special Representative to the District 5010 E-club





**Mike's
Musings on the
March Rotarian
Magazine**

Well, it's March and spring is here.
The light is back and warm weather is
near.

We've rolled the clocks forward an hour;
A practice we Alaskans find quite dour.

Nothing dour about this month's magazine
Which once again explores the literacy
scene.

It features Tod Bol, a Wisconsin Rotarian
Who has become somewhat of an
international librarian.

Little Free Library is the program he
began
Which in just five years has reached
global span.

Thousands of little libraries in 55 nations
serve the reading needs of
neighborhood patrons.

The libraries are the size of a large
bird house.

Sharing books is the premise they
espouse.

Take a book, return a book; the service
is free

No library card and no late fee.

So it's nice to know in this era of e-books
People can read books without Kindles
and Nooks.

And that book on your shelf that you've
already read

Can be recycled in a Little Free Library
instead.

And at some risk of sounding like I'm ranting
and raving,

I have one final thought about daylight
saving.

The idea of saving light during an Alaskan
summer

Was dreamed up by Dumb and his other
brother Dumber.

***Register now for the Rotary
District 5010 Conference in
Anchorage May 16-18***

Go to the District 5010 web site and click on
the registration link or go directly to
Rotary5010conference.com

Problems using the web site?

Hitting some bumps while you're trying to
use the conference web site to register? Con-
tact friendly, capable, Rotary geek Micah
Shilansky, who will be glad to walk you
through the procedure:

micah.rotary@gmail.com

Registered but didn't pay?

Mail a check to dependable Russ
Minkermann, 4300 B #308,
Anchorage, AK 99503. He'll make sure
your money gets into to the right account.



Go to the *District 5010* web site and click on the registration link or go directly to Rotary5010conference.com

Cartoon by Greg Solomon, Anchorage East Rotary Club

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Submissions deadline: End of the first week of each month for the mid-month publication. Please identify the people in your photos.