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**District Governor's
welcome to our
Centennial year of
Rotary**

Rotary International President Glenn Estess Sr.'s 2004-2005 Theme "Celebrate Rotary" encourages all Rotarians to reflect back on our many accomplishments during the past 100 years of Rotary service locally and internationally. At the same time we must look forward and plan for the next 100 years of Rotary service, as there are many worthy projects yet to be completed or started.

I am pleased that President Glenn will continue to emphasize "The Family of Rotary" during our centennial year. Special emphasis will be on clean water projects throughout the world. I will be encouraging clubs in our district to think internationally by getting involved in an overseas water well project.

To retain and increase club membership will be one of our district's main challenges. I encourage all Rotarians to lend a hand in sharing Rotary by recruiting new members who are willing to make a difference.

Dee and I are looking forward to visiting throughout our district and learning about the Centennial Projects that are being done to Celebrate Rotary.

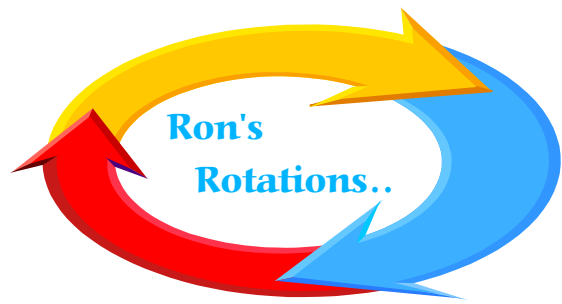
Ron & Dee

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"The Centarian" - is the brand new title chosen by DG Ron for the District Newsletter for D5040's CENTennial RotARIANS.

Rotarians throughout the District are encouraged to use this as their vehicle for publicising how they are "Celebrating Rotary" at home and abroad. [Ed.]



New Leaders for a New Centennial Ron Neukomm District Governor 2004-5

Ron was born and educated in Prince George, B.C. After high school he traveled around the world for a year and a half before returning to Prince George where he hired on at the Pacific Great Eastern Railway (BC Rail).

During Ron's 30 years on the railway he held various positions within the railway's Marketing & Sales department in Prince George and Vancouver. In 1997 a career change saw Ron working as a Sales Rep for an industrial wholesale company followed by retirement in 2000.

In 1986 Ron was invited to join the Nechako Rotary Club, a month later he was elected director of Community Services. He served as Club Secretary for six years and was Club President in 1996. Ron was District Secretary 1998-99 and Assistant Governor North 2001-2003. He serves on the RYLA North Committee. Both Ron and Dee are Paul Harris Fellows. Ron is happy that he has attended nine District Conferences and he has maintained 100% attendance since being inducted into Rotary. They have hosted six Rotary Exchange Students and a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar who attended the University of Northern B.C.

Ron has been an active volunteer in the community of Prince George. He served for eleven years as a director and president of the Child Development Centre where he holds an Honorary Life Membership. He was a Charter member and Past President of Prince George Transportation Club as well as a director and Vice President of the Prince George Chamber of Commerce. Ron serves as a director of Prince George United Way.

Dee was born in Medicine Hat, Alberta and moved to Prince George with her family in 1962. She works as a Special Needs Teaching Assistant in an elementary school. Dee was instrumental in starting Special Olympics in Prince George in 1986. She is a Special Olympics Level III rhythmic gymnastics coach and has coached at local, national and international competitions. Dee received the BC Special Olympics Provincial and Canadian Special Olympics National Female Coach of the Year Award and was inducted into the Prince George Sport Hall of Fame in 1998. Their son Curtis who has a degree in landscape architecture lives and works in Southern California. Curtis was a Rotary exchange student to Lingen Germany in 1993-1994.

Ron's hobbies include travel, gardening, fishing and the odd game of golf.



New Leaders for a New Centennial Glenn Estess, Sr. President, Rotary International

Glenn E. Estess, Sr. is the Retired Chief Executive Officer of Glenn Estess Associates, Inc. Born in Pike County, Mississippi; he earned a degree in Chemistry and Physics from Tulane University in New Orleans, Louisiana. Glenn is one of five brothers who were Rotarians. Four were Presidents of their respective clubs in four different cities in three states.

Glenn is past chairman of trustees of the Baptist Health Systems, an eleven-hospital system headquartered in Birmingham, Alabama with approximately 10,000 employees. He served as director of the Better Business Bureau of Central Alabama and as a trustee for the Workmen's Compensation Trust of the Business Council of Alabama. Earlier in Florida he was chairman of the YMCA, the American Chemical Society and the Arthritis Foundation. He was also a member of the Board of Regents of the National Association of Personnel Consultants in the United States.

A Rotarian since 1960, Glenn was a member first in club #41 at Jacksonville, Florida (USA), and then Wayne, New Jersey (USA). Glenn was an Advisor to the 1997 RI Convention Committee, PolioPlus National Coordinator in 1987-88. During his tenure as a Trustee, Glenn served as Chairman of the Foundation's Finance Committee and Vice Chairman of its Program Committee. He was RI's International Assembly Chairman and Moderator in 1999.

He formerly was a member for four years and Chairman for one year of RI's Audit & Operations Review Committee. This is RI's only committee having a six-year term. This Committee serves in an Advisory role to the Board of Directors. Glenn was also the Chair of the 2002-2003 Membership Development and Retention Committee.

Glenn is a Rotary Foundation Major Donor, a Paul Harris Fellow, and a Benefactor. He is the recipient of the Citation for Meritorious Service, the Service Above Self Award, and The Rotary Foundation's Distinguished Service Award.

Glenn and Mary have three children and eight grandchildren. Sixteen members of his family are Paul Harris Fellows.

He will serve as President of Rotary International for its Centennial year of 2004-2005.



A Presidential Message

"In the year ahead, I am counting on Rotarians to focus their efforts in four key areas....."

First - the Family of Rotary. This includes our personal families and their involvement in Rotary activities, plus our extended family - Youth Exchange students, RYLarians, Interactors, Rotaractors, Scholars, Group Study Exchange Team members and others.

Our second area of service will be Health Concerns. During a visit to the United Nations, I was told that:

- 42 million people have the HIV virus - and the number is growing at a phenomenal rate each day;
- Malaria is a major problem throughout the developing world;
- Diabetes affects large numbers of people - and that number is growing
- Population development is a concern to many peoples;
- Avoidable Blindness is an effective program - the need is so great that we could be doing more
- hunger is a significant issue.

All these are concerns that Rotarians can address through service projects in their community and Internationally.

Our third area of emphasis will be Literacy. Two billion people in the world today still can not read. I encourage you to look right in your own communities, because I believe that in every single community in our world - in developed as well as developing countries - there are individuals who cannot read a "help wanted" ad, or the label on a prescription bottle and need some help to live a better life.

Our fourth area is new - and that is Water Management. UNICEF tells me that 1.2 billion people in this world do not have safe, clean water to drink. 6,000 people die every day because of that - many of them children. Water is critical - we need to address that issue today!

With a strong commitment to these four areas of emphasis, we will have many excellent reasons to Celebrate Rotary!"

Glenn Estess, Sr.

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A message from RI Zone 22 Director - John Eberhard

Greetings from the wider world of Rotary from Rotary International Zone 22!

As we begin this historic year, I extend my best wishes to the leadership team and Rotarians of District 5040. Many have "Lent a Hand" to prepare for a year of "Celebration" as Rotary reaches it's 100th anniversary and prepares for another century of success!

I congratulate District Governor Ron and his Rotary partner, Dee for having completed several years of intensive preparation for a year of great service to the district. With the cooperation from all clubs, they will lead us by taking on new challenges and achieve lofty goals as we continue to bring hope to people in need - in our communities and around the world.

So it is, with a new sense of commitment that we embark upon a new Rotary year - a special Rotary year! Our Centennial year will provide a wonderful opportunity, in each of our clubs, to raise public awareness of Rotary and its humanitarian mission. It will be very satisfying to see how the clubs respond to this unique opportunity. Many have already started their "Centennial Community Project" and many are planning a major birthday celebration for Feb. 23, 2005.

Rotary was born, one hundred years ago. Who could have imagined that its growth and reach would cover 166 countries - 529 Districts - as nearly 32,000 clubs join to make a mighty force for good around the world - Rotary International!

The Family of Rotary consists of over 1.2 million Rotarians, 175,000 Rotaractors, 218,000 Interactors and 125,000 Community Corps members. The spouses and "partners in service" more than double this to make the Rotary potential for service, a mighty force for good!

I feel privileged to serve as one of nineteen R.I. Directors during this year. The Zone from which I was elected comprises about two thirds of the northern circumpolar region of the earth. Much of it is frozen for much of the year - all of it is warmed by the splendor and the mystery of the Northern Lights. Clubs of this district are part of the world's largest zone. It covers 16.5 time zones. It consists of clubs from 23 Rotary Districts in four countries: Russia, (east of the Ural Mountains), the whole of the State of Alaska, Canada and the French Islands of St. Pierre et Miquelon. Fourteen are international districts with clubs in more than one country. Five Zones overlap along the international border of the continental United States and Canada with those international district clubs in Canada being in Zone 22.

As we begin this Rotary year, I am proud to be associated with the Rotarians in District 5040. As we all look back on a century of service, let all prepare to Celebrate Rotary during this year of 2004-2005. I thank DG Ron for the privilege of conveying these greetings in his newsletter.

Enjoy!

John Eberhard



A LOOK AT THE PAST - A LOOK AT THE FUTURE!

June 30th saw the end of the 2003-2004 Rotary year. It also saw the end of the 3rd year of the Global Quest. The following shows the gains and losses our District experienced in each of those years:

	New Members	Members Leaving	
2001-2002	328	95	= 233
2002-2003	224	121	=103
2003-2004	201	121	= 80

There are two unfortunate footnotes to this information:

First, we have never reached the goal set by the District Governor. Second, my figures are not the same as those reported to Rotary International by our clubs.

Since I get hard copies of the additions and deletions I can only conclude that the clubs are reporting different numbers to Rotary International.

July 1st saw the beginning of the Centennial year of 2004-2005. It is also the time when the club's new directors begin to clean house. Please make sure that any members removed from the roster are invited to return to Rotary when it is more convenient.

RI President Glenn Estess has said, "next to polio plus, membership is the highest priority."

We need to look for new qualified members to fill out our rosters. New members bring new ideas, new energy and a new outlook.

District Governor Ron Neukomm has set a goal of 100 net increase in membership. Surely we can do that in our 100th year.

I ask all of you to make sure new members and resigning members are reported to RI and to me in a timely manner.

If I can be of assistance please e-mail, call or write to me at:

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WELCOME!



New Members for June 2004

Lionsgate, North Vancouver
Terry Lehouillier

North Vancouver
Babak Shahbagi

Steveston-Richmond
Kate Anderson
Sally Houston

Vancouver Quadra
Jennifer Boorman
Gabbi Munger

West Vancouver
Orville Wright
Michelle Yu Mei Lan

**Want to know more about Membership in Rotary?
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<http://www.rotary.org/membership/index.html>

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Club News....

All Change!

July 1st, 2004, saw Past District Governor Mary Watson, with husband Sandy, hand over the District Governor's Banner to District Governor Ron Neukomm and his wife, Dee. The occasion was the Salmon Parade on Canada Day in Steveston. This annual event drew a crowd estimated over 75,000 (the parade - not the handover ceremony!!).



"Pirates of the Caribbean" was the theme chosen by the **Rotary Club of Steveston** for their Canada Day float in this, one of the largest such parades in B.C. Ron and Dee Neukomm joined in the fun - and got into the mood by dressing as a truly scary pair of pirates! That's them on the left of the photo - in case you didn't recognise them!

Youth Exchange students from 6 of our exchange countries also joined in and gave the crowd a hearty "OH AARRRR" greeting - in several different languages! Joined by Rotarians from Steveston and Richmond, they entertained the crowd, then joined the club for a well earned lunch on the waterfront. Below, Roger Cameron (Australia/ Prince George) practices a quick swashbuckle as he leaves for the parade!



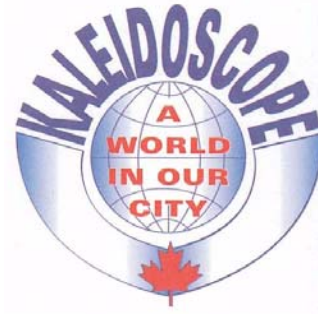
On Tuesday June 8, President Penny and International Director Dave of the **Rotary Club of Burnaby -Deer Lake** presented Judy Fujiki with a Paul Harris Fellow from the club at a wind up meeting for the **Interact Club at Burnaby South Secondary School**.



Judy is the teacher liaison for the Interact Club. Judy is recognized with the PHF for the wonderful work she has done with the Interactors over the past nine years. During the lunch hosted by the Interact Club the Interactors presented their activities in this past year. Their motto for the year serve beyond self was well demonstrated by their involvement in the community raising money for a school in Guatemala and in their many community projects to help others. It was an inspiring opportunity to spend some time with these active, involved young people and their dedicated leader Judy and to recognize the efforts of this special member of the Rotary family.

Thanks to Penny Offer for this article.

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The Cultures and Tastes of the World come to Richmond

Sponsored by the **Rotary Club of Richmond Sunrise**, for the 6th Year running, Kaleidoscope drew thousands from all over the Lower Mainland to Richmond on July 10th.

A day that started with torrential rain, soon gave way to brilliant sun as the colours of 33 different countries paraded around Minoru Oval. Add to that the tastes from a dozen delectable food stalls - representing everywhere from Turkey to Bali - and the recipe was complete.



Indonesia brings out the sun with a colourful display



Lunch was Donar Kebab for many of the audience!



The elegance of Turkish National Dress



Interactors joined in with enthusiasm!



Getting a bird's eye view from above

District 5040 Membership and Attendance to June 2004

Membership		Club	Attendance (%)			
July, 2003	Year End		April 2004	May 2004	June 2004	Year End
44	43	100 MILE HOUSE	63	54	70	68
51	51	BURNABY	67	56	56	59
22	22	BURNABY DEER LAKE	59	55		72
32	30	BURNABY METROTOWN	57	60	46	62
24	30	BURNS LAKE		78		73
4	4	DELTA 2000				82
16	16	FORT ST. JAMES	51	56	65	54
47	45	GIBSONS	62	65	55	61
17	14	KITIMAT	89	91	83	65
47	51	LADNER	72	63		79
19	23	MACKENZIE	70	64	65	62
52	49	NEW WESTMINSTER	66	76	63	66
34	38	NEW WESTMINSTER ROYAL CITY	71	76	71	73
30	47	NORTH VANCOUVER	62	61		67
32	31	NORTH VANCOUVER LIONS GATE	76	55		69
n/a	22	PENDER HARBOUR (MADIERA PARK)	68	59		55
50	44	POWELL RIVER	76	94	85	80
85	82	PRINCE GEORGE	60	64		63
74	70	PRINCE GEORGE NECHAKO	65			64
18	17	PRINCE GEORGE NEW CALEDONIA	83	95	94	86
63	62	PRINCE GEORGE YELLOWHEAD	70	65	62	72
53	61	PRINCE RUPERT	53	52	53	65
44	38	PRINCE RUPERT HECATE STRAIGHT	76			63
40	37	QUESNEL	75	68	76	71
34	29	QUESNEL SUNRISE	81	85		67
37	36	RICHMOND	89	87	63	71
41	42	RICHMOND SUNRISE	92	100	100	89
22	26	RICHMOND SUNSET				71
37	33	SECHELT	72	72	89	71
28	21	SMITHERS				74
23	26	SMITHERS - ALPINE	65	64		63
53	58	SQUAMISH	63	68		53
34	35	STEVESTON	100	93	83	87
28	23	SUNSHINE COAST - SECHELT	62	55	60	60
56	49	TERRACE	70	70	59	65
36	32	TERRACE SKEENA VALLEY	69	60	67	65
73	75	TSAWWASSEN	65			67
160	157	VANCOUVER	59	60	56	57
41	42	VANCOUVER ARBUTUS	61	69	64	65
22	12	VANCOUVER CAMBIE	75	83		65
45	41	VANCOUVER CHINATOWN	78	66		76
17	17	VANCOUVER COLLINGWOOD	73	75		81
29	30	VANCOUVER FRASERVIEW	50	53	52	56
19	22	VANCOUVER QUADRA	76	64		71
26	27	VANCOUVER SOUTH	60	59		58
25	28	VANCOUVER SUNRISE	60	69	74	70
12	11	VANDERHOOF	66	70	67	67
39	40	WEST VANCOUVER	74	86	72	72
21	19	WEST VANCOUVER SUNRISE	81	86	87	76
48	46	WHISTLER	64	68		69
25	25	WHISTLER MILLENNIUM	79	69		80
60	53	WILLIAMS LAKE	56	56	55	52
18	16	WILLIAMS LAKE DAYBREAK	70	87	79	74
2007	1998	DISTRICT AVERAGE/TOTAL	67	68	66	67