

Service from the Rotary Club of Chilliwack

(updated August 2017)

Rotary Club of Chilliwack – chartered March 15, 1934

Past District Governor – Harold Hicks (1945-1946)

Past District Governor – Fred George (1988-1989)

Past District Governor – Larry Stinson (2008-2009)

Past District Governor – Dave Robinson (1999-2000 transferred to CHWK after DG term)

Past District Secretary – Andy Purdy (1988-1989) (also served as District WCS Chair 4 years)

Past District Treasurer – Tony Roper (1988-1989)

Current AGs – Kevin Wood (since 2016)

Past AGs – Dave MacAulay (90-91), John Blessin (94-95), Sam Dunbar (97-99), Jim Gilbert (01-02), Larry Stinson (03-06), Ron Goldfinch (06-09), Carol Tichelman (09-11), Doug Wickers (11-14), Bob Plowright (14-16), Brad Whittaker 14-17)

Service Above Self recipient – Larry Stinson 2014-15, Carol Tichelman 2015-16

International Service Award for a Polio Free World – Carol Tichelman 2014-15

TRF Citation for Meritorious Service – Dave Robinson 2014-15

District Committee service:

Ron Goldfinch – Youth Exchange – 13 years, Visioning - 3 years, RLI – 3 years

Gary Cooper – Youth Exchange – 6 years (Gary now is in the CHWK Mt. Cheam Club)

Dennis Rook – Youth Exchange – 6 years

Harry Geddes – Canadian Insurance Liaison – for years!

Carol Tichelman – Training Committee – 9 years, District Trainer 2006-2009,

Visioning - 6 years, RLI – 1997-2017, Chair 2009 District Conference, International Projects (2 years),

CRCID Rep 2013-present, PETS Trainer 2012, 2013, 2014

Stan Rogers – did the Conference Friendship Room “brag booths” for 3 or 4 years

Wil Huitema – Co-Chair Friendship Exchange (2011-14)

Kevin Wood – District Trainer (or other confusing titles!) – 2012 – 2016

Mike Hamel – Vocational Training Team (since July 2013)

Brad Whittaker – RLI Faculty 2014-present

Larry Stinson – RLI Faculty 2015-present, PETS Trainer 2016

The Rotations (formerly the Rotary Discount Band) – whenever needed – every Friday meeting, District Conferences, District Foundation Dinners etc.

District 5050 Club Builder Award recipient 2010-11 – John Blessin

District 5050 Vocational Service Award recipient 2013-14 – Brian Minter; 2014-15 Ian Fenwick

District 5050 Public Image Award to the Club in 2014-15 and 16-17

District 5050 McLean Community Project Award: 05-06 (Central Community Park); 16-17 (Browne Creek Wetland)

District 5050 International Service Project Award: 16-17 (Peru Library)

Rotoplast and Alliance for Smiles volunteer – PDG Larry Stinson (been on 5 missions)

3-H Volunteer – Janet Demarcke – 3 trips to Honduras in 2005/2006 providing expertise for a Solid Waste Management program

District 5050 VTT Team members to Peru 2016: Mike Hamel & Doug Wickers; and Doug & Katie Wickers April 2017

Miscellaneous Stuff

Our officially registered “RI Twin Club” is the Rotary Club of Redding California with whom we annually partner on an International project and have done since we twinned in 2005. In 2012 7 members of our Club with partners and friends went on a 3-day inter-Club to Redding, and in 2017 5 members of the Redding Club came to Chilliwack for 2 days.

We usually host & send 2 Youth Exchange students per year...and have done for decades! We have 3 incoming Exchange students in 17-18.

We annually put forward a GSE Team member candidate (who were usually selected) and have had Team Leaders - Mike Hamel (2012 Korea alternate – did not travel), Fred Lewis (Japan 2001), Elaine Gray (Finland 2001), Dave MacAulay (Germany 1990), Harv Schroeder (Yorkshire, England 1989).

We annually hosted an incoming GSE Team (when allocated).

Anna Soper – **Ambassadorial Scholar 2012** was put forward by our Club.

Avenues of Service Citation Recipients:

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| - Andy Purdy 99-00 | - Archie Young 02-03 |
| - John Blessin 04-05 | - Rod Cooper 05-06 |
| - Fred George 06-07 | - Jack Ashdown 07-08 |
| - No candidate 08-09 | |
| - Ron Goldfinch 09-10 (refused by RI due to posthumous) | |
| - Larry Stinson 10-11 | - Carol Tichelman 11-12 |
| - Dave MacAulay 12-13 | - Harry Geddes 13-14 |
| - Wayne McAlpine 14-15 | - Kevin Wood 15-16 |
| - Doug Wickers 16-17 | |

Many members are **Major Donors** (three at level 2) (John & Carol Blessin, Fred & Pam George, Ron MacLeod, Carol Tichelman, Andy Purdy, Henry Miller, Larry Stinson, Bob & Joanne Plowright, Kevin & Marissa Wood and Dave & Bev Robinson), we have 7 **Bequest Society** Members (three at level 1, three at level 2, and one at level 4) and 10 **Benefactors**

62% the Club (87 of 141 members) are Paul Harris Fellows with 74 of those members being multiple Paul Harris Fellows.

Two members have more than 50 years in Rotary (Norm Williams 62 and Bill Towler 53), and 53 members have more than 20 years service in Rotary. Our average years of service is 16.9 years.

We are called “the old boys club” – but about 38% our members are under the age of 60. We have 16 members over 80. We have 26 members who are 50 or younger – and our average age is 63. 20% of our members are female.

The City of Chilliwack conferred “*The Order of Chilliwack*” (its highest honour for service) on the Club in 2002.

Polio Eradication – John Blessin has raised over \$35,000 for Polio Plus through the sale of his bird houses over the years. In 1998 and 2006 members participated in an NID in India (MacAulay & Inkman) – and we had 2 members participate in the **Polio NID to Ethiopia** in 2009, 2010 & 2013, 3 members went on the 2011 NID, 1 in 2012, 2014 & 2015. (Tichelman all years; Roy Gray 2009; Debora Soutar 2010; Wil Huitema & Andy Maarhuis 2011; Heather Godbout 2013).

By our own fundraising we have filled and sent out 3 containers of **Wheelchairs**. 7 Members went to Mexico (with family members bringing the group to 22) in November 2004; 2 members and one spouse went to Panama in February 2005 and 4 members went to Guatemala in 2017.

After the Haiti earthquake – we passed the hat and funded/sent over **17 ShelterBoxes** (not previously budgeted for in the Club annual planning).

Our annual Project budget indicates we raise/spend approximately \$170,000 per year including our TRF donations.

Literacy Project – we are very proud of a quiet “Breakfast and Literacy” program that we started in 2000 during PP Ron Goldfinch’s year. We supply breakfast to an inner-city elementary school. It provides a safe environment for those children who otherwise would come to school hungry to have something to eat, do their homework and be safe in the morning prior to school beginning. The literacy ratings at the school have jumped markedly since the program began – and we get periodic updates from the program volunteers and teachers at the school. In the past 4 years our Club has expanded this program to the other two inner-city elementary schools with the same wonderful results.

Over the past 5 years we have donated \$100,000 to the upgrade/new **Emergency unit** at the Chilliwack General Hospital as well as \$100,000 to the new Chilliwack Arts and Cultural Centre (we outfitted the “**Rotary Theatre**” – the smaller of 2 theatres in this beautiful new complex).

Annually we support and upgrade the **Rotary Trails** – a 16 km stretch of trails on the north shore of the Vedder River which was initiated in the early 1990s. In 2015 in cooperation with the City of Chilliwack we started a trail system on the south side of the Vedder in the Browne Creek Wetlands. In 17-18 we plan to “loop the Vedder” to connect the north and south side trails.

We give out over **\$33,000** per year in Scholarships. Additionally we monthly sponsor a “Leader of Tomorrow” (student-of-the-month).

Our Rotary Centennial project was a \$2.1 million **Central Community Park** we spearheaded in conjunction with the City, the RCMP and other community partners.

Our millennium gift to the City was a \$1.2 million **Blue Heron Nature Reserve and Interpretive Centre**.

Our recent international projects include:

- A global grant to establish a community library in Peru
- Cooperatively funded the District 5050 VTT Team to Peru
- \$12,000 to supply & construct a Rice Mill and Store in Northern Uganda
- \$15,000 to a blind school annex in Gulu Uganda to repair 2 dormitories and supply bunk beds, linens, mattresses, pillows, blankets and mosquito nets
- \$1,650 over the last 2 years to provide medical supplies to a Chilliwack medical team that travels to Haiti annually (medical kits are leveraged - \$550 obtains about \$5,000 in supplies)
- Over \$15,000 towards new and refurbished boreholes and a 4-stance latrine providing safe drinking water and sanitation to 2 villages in northern Uganda
- Collaborating with the Coquitlam Club to send a container of equipment to Yashar Kermati – our Ambassadorial scholar in South Africa
- \$2,000 to provide HIV training for a nurse in Eastern Uganda
- \$10,000 to the Canadian Afghanistan School (via CRCID)
- \$10,000 to the H2O Collaboration Water and Sanitation project in Ghana (TRF structured program)

- \$5,500 for a computer lab & school supplies in a small community in Ghana (via Anna Soper – who was subsequently selected as our District Ambassadorial Scholar)
- \$4,000 towards a Water and Sanitation program in Northern Uganda (which then received a 5 times match...a Rotary and World Vision collaboration that included a TRF 3H match of \$500,000)
- \$12,000 towards the cost of shipping \$150,000 of donated equipment to an Ethiopia YMCA
- \$1,000 to each of PDG Larry's 5 medical missions (Rotoplast & Alliance for Smiles)
- 3 rice mills in Costa Rica (in conjunction with our Twin Club in Redding)
- Computers in a hospital in Brazil
- Water projects in Afghanistan (we paid for the equipment and the CDN Military installed)
- We were a major financial supporter of the Canadian School in Afghanistan
- Life jackets for fishermen in Mexico, construction of an Orphanage in Columbia, outfitting a Rotoplast Team and construction of a handicapped playground in Mexico (all in conjunction with our Twin Club in Redding)