

Meetings: Tuesday 12 Noon, Virtual Meeting

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SEPTEMBER IS BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY MONTH

Happy Birthday

Oct 2: Clint Callison

Happy Anniversary

UPCOMING SPEAKERS:

Sep 28: Shashanka Vangari
Who's Who

Oct 5:

Oct 12: PDG Stuart Palmer / Julia Heemstra
Global Grant - Water Project Grahamstown, S. Africa

OUR CLUB LAST WEEK'S MEETING:

President **Patrick Dobbyn** presided.

Invocation by **Debbie MacRae**:

May those assembled here today enjoy the many offerings of Rotary. May we abide by the rules we have established: those of trust, fellowship and ethics. May we place Service above Self in our daily endeavours. May we always test ourselves in our efforts to be sure that they are the truth, fair and good for all concerned, a benefit to mankind, and provide peace and understanding.

Program: Rotary World Help – **Dale Shea**

About Our Speaker



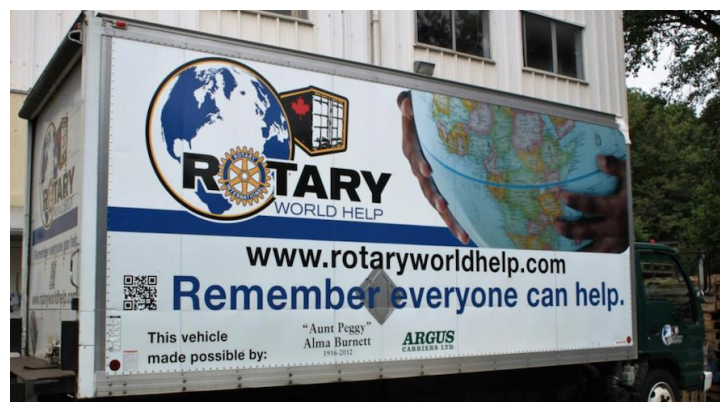
Dale Shea is a member of the Port Coquitlam Centennial Club. He was previously a member of the Pacific Northwest Passport Club and Port Moody Club. He is a director of Rotary World Help. He is a retired ESL Coordinator /ESL teacher. Besides his work in Rotary, he is a volunteer at Wildlife Rescue and Eagle Ridge Hospital Aux Thrift Shop.

Dale has collected 194,000 kids books (to establish a library or libraries in developing countries), and has travelled to the countries of Philippines, China, Zimbabwe, South Africa, Namibia, Mozambique, India, and Sri Lanka, among others. He has three children, and in October will become a grandfather for the first time.

Topic: Rotary World Help ("RWH")

To those of us who heard Dale's presentation, it was obvious that he is passionate about RWH. He talked to us about the history of RWH, the great work that it is doing, and how our Rotary club can

support it and become involved. As explained by Dale, and as summarized on the RWH and Vancouver Rotary Club websites:



It all started in 1992 when District 5040 sent a delegation of Rotarians to the former Soviet Union to assist with establishing the first Rotary Club in Kiev in the Ukraine. The delegation saw the state of the medical facilities and decided to find a way to help. In 1993, the late Ted Segodnia together with fellow Vancouver club Rotarians, Bill Richwa and Ralph Towsley, organized the first shipment of medical supplies and equipment to Kiev. Bill, Ted and their wives went to Kiev to oversee the distribution of the supplies. When they returned home, they found more supplies waiting for them, so they convinced the Vancouver Rotary Club to carry on the project as an international service project. By 1997, Bill and Ralph realized the project was becoming too big for one club, and needed to evolve to survive. As a result, the Rotary clubs of the Lower Mainland of British Columbia World Help Network was sanctioned by Rotary International, incorporated as a society in BC and received their registered charity status from Revenue Canada. Operating as Rotary World Help Network ("RWHN"), its membership was made up not by Rotarians, but by Rotary clubs. Originally, RWH mainly gathered and sent medical supplies to hospitals which had been built but couldn't fully operate because of a lack of supplies or equipment. Today, medical supplies and

equipment are still its main focus, but have expanded to include dental and optical, education, and sports equipment and disaster relief supplies. In 2012 it was decided to shorten the name to Rotary World Help or RWH and to update its branding with a new logo, and website.

RWH CONTAINERS SHIPPED AS OF 2021	
Total containers shipped	424
Estimated Value of Goods Shipped	\$145,600,000
Countries shipped to	61
Estimated number of people helped	12,480,000

The RWHN is operated by Board of Directors made up of Rotarians from 40 clubs and two districts in BC. Membership in this society costs Rotary Clubs \$10 per club member per year. These fees are used to cover costs such as local transportation, telephone, truck rentals and subsidies of shipments when required. One of the key features of the organization is that it acts as one central clearing-house for the province wide collection of usable materials and medical supplies. All donating hospitals and organizations are able to deal with one organization rather than numerous clubs. This makes the collection and distribution of supplies very efficient.

To make certain the shipments are properly distributed, RWH only ships to countries where there is a Rotary Club willing to act as receiver and distributor. This ensures that the goods get into the right hands and help build a worldwide supporting network. This security is very important since the replacement cost of the shipments range from \$250,000-\$1 million. The value of the average container is approximately \$350,000. It has shipped to 61 countries throughout the world.

The 40 Rotary clubs that are members of RWH all in Rotary Districts 5040 and 5050 are as follows:

Member Clubs - 40		
Burnaby	North Vancouver Lionsgate*	Sunshine Coast
Burnaby Deer Lake	Pacific Northwest Passport	Terrace
Coquitlam (5050) *	Pemberton (5050)	Tsawwassen
Coquitlam Sunrise (5050)	Port Coquitlam Cent (5050)	Vancouver *
Cumberland Centennial (5020)	Port Moody (5050)	Vancouver Fraserview
Ladner	Powell River	Vancouver Mountainview
Langley (5050)	Prince George Nechako	Vancouver Sunrise
Langley Central (5050)	Richmond	West Vancouver *
Langley Sunrise (5050)	Richmond Steveston	West Van. Sunrise
New Westminster *	Richmond Sunrise *	Whistler
New Westminster Royal City	Richmond Sunset	Whistler Millennium
North Delta	Sechelt	White Rock Peace Arch (5050)
North Vancouver	Strathcona Sunrise (5020)	
	Surrey (5050)	
	*Founding Members	

How our club can join Rotary World Help:

To join, fill out the membership form (found on the website) and submit it together with two cheques (fees for Current Year and Next Year). The amount owed is \$10 for each member in your club. The cheques should be made out to **Rotary World Help**. The membership fee helps off-set administrative and procurement

costs for Rotary World Help. Being a member helps a club meet the District objectives for International Service. Work parties such as pick-ups, sorting and shipment loading count as a make-up and are great fellowship builders for clubs.

Through Rotary World Help, a member club can sponsor all or part of a shipment of a 40' container to a partnering Rotary club in another country. You do this by covering the shipping costs plus a contribution to Rotary World Help of \$1,500 CDN. The \$1,500 administration fee per container helps Rotary World Help cover its administration costs, warehousing, pick-up and operation costs of its truck to gather the goods being shipped.

Happy and Sad

Patrick Dobbyn – “thanks to Toronto for choosing our Prime Minister”

Roger – “happy that the election is over”

Patrick O'Brien – happy to be back, and hopeful that he may be able to attend more meetings in the future

Sharon – happy and proud that her son was promoted to First Lieutenant in the Pitt Meadows fire department

Laurie – in recognition of **Eric** for stamping out fake news (contained in Laurie's statement last week that Tim Hortons had two drive through/take-out windows); – in recognition of **Adrienne** arranging some great speakers; – and in recognition of the spirit of adventure shown by **John and Holly Mikiluk** (last week's speakers)

Ineke – happy that the garage sale was not only fun but also raised \$431.70 which will go towards the Starfish Backpack Program; and a reminder that following next week's meeting will be the resumption of the packing of the food packs.



Announcements: financial Assistance needed for former exchange student

Ineke let our club know that a former exchange student, **Jhon**, from Peru is desperately in need of financial help. Jhon was sponsored by the Rotary club in Lima, and was hosted by the Meadow Ridge and Haney Rotary clubs. While in Maple Ridge, he lived with the families of **Mike Murray** of the Haney Club, and of **Angie Blanco** (a former member of our club).



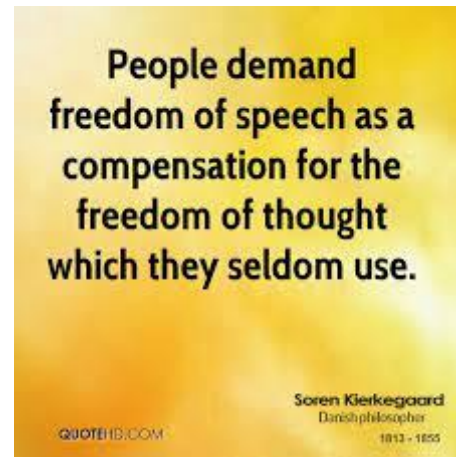
Jhon was here in Rotary Year 2015/2016 when **Mark Forster** was president.



Jhon is married with two children, and he and his extended family (apparently totalling 17 members) live in a dwelling (more like a shack) which he rents for \$300 per month. The economy in Peru is very bad, complicated by COVID, and it is difficult for him to find work, with the result that he is in need of financial assistance.

If any members are able and willing to make some financial contribution to help Jhon, please forward the money to our treasurer Walter.

President's Quote for the Week:



Submitted by Laurie Anderson