

**NEW CLASS OF ROTARY FOUNDATION AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLARS SELECTED
TO SPREAD GOODWILL AND UNDERSTANDING**

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More than 500 university students from 29 countries have been selected to study abroad as Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholars during the 2010-11 academic year. Designed to bridge cultures and encourage goodwill, the Ambassadorial Scholarships program is one of Rotary's leading efforts to promote world peace and understanding.

Ambassadorial Scholarships provide undergraduate and graduate students the opportunity to study at participating universities in the 200 countries and geographical areas where Rotary clubs are active.

While abroad, scholars participate in community service projects and speak at local Rotary club meetings and conferences, schools, civic organizations, and other forums where they serve as "goodwill ambassadors" for their home countries.

In 2009-10 nearly 700 scholars from some 70 countries studied in more than 80 nations, at a program cost of approximately US\$16.2 million.

Top U.S. universities sending Rotary Scholars abroad for the 2010-11 academic year include:

- United States Naval Academy (11 scholars)
- United States Military Academy (eight scholars)
- Harvard University (six scholars)
- University of California-Berkeley; University of Pennsylvania (five scholars each)

The Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarships program is one of the world's largest privately sponsored international scholarship programs. Focused on humanitarian service, personal diplomacy, and academic excellence, the program has sponsored more than 40,000 scholars since 1947.

Alumni include former U.S. Federal Reserve Chairman Paul Volcker Jr., former U.S. Ambassador to the United Kingdom Philip Lader, Goucher College President Sanford Ungar, former US Ambassador to India David Mulford, and Pulitzer Prize-winning film critic Roger Ebert.



The Four Way Flasher

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March is Literacy Month

INVOCATION

April 6	James Rogers	April 13	Michael Serry
April 20	Alphonse Seward	May 4	Bob Shantz



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

April 6: Robert & Maureen Goodrick

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

April 7: Karen Riddell

TODAY'S PROGRAM: Sandy Blue - Business Development

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM: Kathleen Goodin – GSE Presentation

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
April 10	7:00 pm	Wine Festival	Rotunda – Thomas Haney S.S.
April 20		New Members Meeting	
May 13-16		District 5050 Conference	Tulalip Resort Casino, USA
June 20-23		Rotary International Convention	Montreal
June 29		Executive 2010/2011 Installation	Heather Hills Farm

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$809.50 + 1/2 of today's sales, 24 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Jim introduced our guests, Deb Noseworthy and Ian Black. Ian is from the Ottawa Club who is hosting the Adventures in Citizenship which Peter and Lise's son is attending. Ian told us some of the adventures the group will be participating in.

Kevin sampled us with Family Feud questions in his preparation for the Foundation Fundraiser – he fined us all. Ineke brought us up to speed on the fundraising for the Family Feud team - \$1025. So far – we need \$2000. She circulated the form for us to choose which Charity we would be playing for if we win.

Peter Tam brought two flags that he received from 2 clubs on his travels.

Lynda introduced Darrell Burnham (Assistant D.G.), Executive Director of Coast Mountain Health since 1987. Coast is one of BC's largest organizations dedicated to the recovery of persons with Mental Illness. He has a Masters of Business Administration and a Bachelor of Arts from SFU. He is currently the Vice-Chair of the Health Employers Association of British Columbia representing all community affiliate agencies in the Province. Darrell has been past president of the Rotary Club of Vancouver, Youth Chair of the Rotary Club of Port Moody and has been Assistant Governor for Rotary District 5050 since 2009.



Darrell is here to make us more aware of the challenges of housing those with mental illnesses. The last homeless count in Vancouver last week revealed 2660 people in 2008. The average age is between 45 and 55. During the mid '90's there has been a noticeable increase in people living on the streets. Homelessness outside of the City of Vancouver increased by 35%.

Aboriginal people are at a greater risk of becoming homeless. 3% of the 2660 homeless are in PM/MR – 86 people.

Some costs of Homelessness – 644.3 million per year – the costs are \$55T per year/per homeless compared to \$37T per year when they are in housing.

Darrell showed us many social supported housing complexes currently in the GVRD and the new transitional housing project at Riverview. The province is building a 46 unit building in Maple Ridge.

Darrell told us to stay tuned to the announcement from Courage to Comeback

Awards on May 6th. There will be a recipient from Maple Ridge this year – he is not able to announce it, so told us to stay tuned.

Marco thanks Darrell and donated a book to the Guatemala Mobile Library in his name.

Submitted by Terry Becker

MESSAGE FROM THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR



I have just returned from PETS (President Elect Training Seminar) at the Double Tree Inn near SeaTac airport. Your District Governor Elect, Wayne Wiebe, and his trainers have done an outstanding job of working with our incoming presidents. They were able to listen to a bevy of outstanding speakers to motivate, educate and entertain them. The future of Rotary is in very good hands.

I am now in the process, as I write this, of heading to Guatemala for my annual trip. There will be fourteen of us this year to build two schools in two villages in the mountains of Guatemala. We have a few new members going this year. We also have a few young adults attending with a family member. I look forward to working with these new team members. Their experiences are something that they will never forget. By the time that you receive this, we will have returned and we will have a lot of new stories to tell.

April 17, 2010, is our District Assembly at Kwantlen University in Surrey, B.C. It is a time to educate leaders in your clubs and a great time to socialize with other Rotarians in the district. Please go on the district website and sign up to attend.

That is also the day that we will be meeting our GSE Teams from Brazil and India. They will be arriving at SeaTac airport to begin their journey through our district. Please be sure to see these teams at your Rotary club or a nearby Rotary club. They will also be at the District Conference next month.

Please take the time now to fill out your district conference registration form to attend. One is located in this month's Peace Arch Journal. They are also available on the District 5050 Website.

Thank you for all of your hard work. Remember, "THE FUTURE OF ROTARY IS IN YOUR HANDS."

Your Governor,
Larry

Get Registered Now!



Don't Miss The Fun!