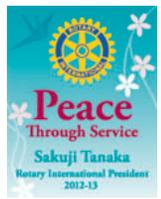




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Suzanne Jenny

### Thought of the Day:

Breane Martinez

## Club Events

### 2014 Incoming Board Retreat

Kingston CPA - Jerry  
Tellinghuisen's Office (In the  
Windermere Bldg)  
Apr 19, 2013 03:00 PM - 05:00  
PM

### Rotary Joint Club Fireside

White Horse Golf Course  
May 29, 2013 06:00 PM - 09:00  
PM

### 2013 District Conference

Sidney  
May 31, 2013 11:00 AM - Jun 02,  
2013 12:00 PM

### Kingston Swing for Rotary Golf Tournament

White Horse Golf Course  
Jun 21, 2013 12:30 PM - 08:00  
PM

## April is Rotary Magazine Month

**"Why Join Rotary" - Reason #1 - Freindship:** In an increasingly complex world, Rotary provides one of the most basic human needs: The need for friendship and fellowship. It is one of two reasons why Rotary began in 1905.

## Stories



### 150th Anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg Presentation

Posted by Isaac Anderson on Apr 16, 2013

The Kingston Rotary Club is very honored to have as our program speaker on April 17 a very distinguished Rotarian: our very own Rea Mowery. Rea is going to be talking about the Battle of Gettysburg and its 150th anniversary. The Battle of Gettysburg is the most famous battle of the Civil War. For three days the Union and the Confederacy engaged in fierce warfare, resulting in casualties somewhere between 46,000 and 51,000 men. The heroism and tragedies of this singular battle, as so poignantly expressed in Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, is still profoundly felt by Americans 150 years later. Please join us in what promises to be a very thought provoking program presentation!



### Polio - The Current Challenge

Posted by Meisha Rouser on Apr 16, 2013

Over the past two decades, tremendous progress has been made toward the eradication of polio. In 1988, when the World Health Assembly established the goal of eradicating the disease and the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) was launched, wild poliovirus was endemic in 125 countries and about 350,000 people, primarily young children, were paralyzed by polio annually. Since then, immunization efforts have reduced the number of polio cases globally by more than 99 percent, saving more than 10 million children from paralysis. Polio remains endemic in just three countries—Nigeria, Pakistan, and Afghanistan—and fewer than 250 cases were reported in 2012, compared to 650 cases in 2011.

The successes achieved through effective and safe vaccines and immunization campaigns, a global partnership, and a global mandate to eradicate polio are continually at risk, however. Since 2008, more than 20 countries have experienced outbreaks of polio imported from endemic countries—some of them multiple times. Efforts to reach unvaccinated children are often hampered by security risks, and geographic and cultural barriers. The high cost of vaccination campaigns—US\$1 billion per year worldwide—is not sustainable in the long term. Failure to eradicate this highly contagious disease could, within a decade, lead to a resurgence of as many as 200,000 new cases each year.

This information came from a wonderful website provided by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

[Click here to learn more... http://www.gatesfoundation.org/What-We-Do/Global-Development/Polio](http://www.gatesfoundation.org/What-We-Do/Global-Development/Polio)



### District Conference May 31- June 2 in Sidney, BC

Posted by Meisha Rouser on Apr 09, 2013

The 2013 District 5020 Conference is your opportunity to learn more about Rotary's growing emphasis on NEW GENERATIONS. A diverse roster of speakers will provide their perspectives on the importance of encouraging and inspiring tomorrow's leaders through our actions today. You'll also have a chance to rub shoulders with Interact and Rotoract members from the new District. This is your opportunity to be an inspiration to these future leaders, and to be



## Speakers

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[Rea Mowery](#)  
Gettysburg 150th Anniversary

Apr 24, 2013  
[Nick & Bobbie](#)  
Village Green

May 01, 2013  
[Club Assembly](#)

May 08, 2013  
[Sam Deliso](#)  
Carpenter Creek Restoration –  
Monitoring the Effects of the  
Stillwaters Fish Passage

May 15, 2013  
[Gary Jones](#)  
The First Tee program

May 22, 2013  
[Logan Reimann](#)  
Kingston High student to present  
music talents

May 29, 2013  
[Rea Mowery](#)  
Life Experiences with Rotary

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from the our District. This is your opportunity to be an inspiration to these future leaders, and to be inspired yourself by the accomplishments and aspirations of these exceptional young people.

Come for the fellowship, be inspired by our excellent speakers, and learn about the “Generations of Service” that Rotary engenders. Stay a little longer to enjoy the golf, wines and warm weather of [Sidney and the Saanich Peninsula](#). Sidney offers a picturesque setting with lots to see and do. We’ve organized the conference so that you will have plenty of time and opportunity to take in local attractions like the [Shaw Ocean Discovery Centre](#), local wineries and the world-renowned [Butchart Gardens](#). We will also be hosting a golf tournament at [Ardmore Golf Course](#), plus two special evenings complete with music and great food. We look forward to hosting you!



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### Rotary Now Accepting Youth Scholarship Applications

Posted by Jessica Larson on Mar 19, 2013



Kingston Rotary is making available up to \$4000 for Kingston High School seniors! This is double the amount awarded last year.

Rotary scholarships applications are now available through the counseling office at Kingston High School. **Applications are due Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup>.**

The goal of the scholarship is to reward students who have worked to make a difference in our community through service. Part of the application process is an essay question asking what the 4 way test means to the student. Also this year we will be conducting interviews with our applicants.

Jessica will be needing three individuals to review the scholarships. Let her know if you would like to be on the Scholarship Review Committee.

Thanks!

### SWING FOR ROTARY GOLF CLASSIC

Posted by Alisha Martinez

Save the Date: Friday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2013



This years golf tournament promises to be the best ever as it will be held in the new club house! This is a great opportunity to attract new sponsors and we encourage each Rotarian to reach out to a new potential sponsor. With all of us pitching in, we can make this next tournament our best ever!



### Videos Tell the Kitsap Story at new KEDA Website

Posted by Meisha Rouser on Apr 09, 2013

The story about life in Kitsap county is compelling", says John Powers, KEDA Executive Director and longtime Rotarian. "and we should tell it and sell it". That's the vision

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Executive Director and Pousoo Rotarian, and we should tell it and sell it. That's the vision behind Kitsap Connected, a website that offers an 8-part video series highlighting the character and characteristics of life in Kitsap. Important businesses, such as Harrison Medical Center, Port Madison Enterprises and Puget Sound Energy, have sponsored the videos, using single-word titles to tell so much: Innovation, Community, Trust, Family, Authenticity, Sustainability, Balance and Trust. You can visit this website and watch these 90-second videos, along with the longer "Work+Life", a 10-minute video featuring conversations with more than 40 Kitsap business and community leaders, at [www.kitsapconnected.org](http://www.kitsapconnected.org)



### A Note from Our President - Counting Our Blessings:

Posted by Donald Hutchins on Apr 02, 2013

Susan and I just got back from a cruise vacation (our first) which took us to Honduras, Guatemala and the Yucatan Peninsula of Mexico, in addition to the US town of Key West. While visiting those Central American destinations we had the opportunity to tour a bit of the countryside, see how the local folks are living, and visit some noteworthy historical sites of the old Mayan Civilization. Overall a very interesting and educational experience, as neither of us had ever been very far South of the US/Mexican border.

We took away a couple of impressions I'd like to share. The first was the remarkable sophistication and state of development of the Mayan culture, which reached its peak around the turn of the last Millennium, well before the Spaniards and other Europeans arrived. That of course was the beginning of the end, because those folks came not only to loot what treasure they could find, but more disastrously brought European diseases which decimated the local populations. We new-world Europeans tend to think "Civilization" began with our Greek and Roman ancestors and spread from Europe to the rest of the world. We need to review our World History a bit more closely and broaden our view, I think.

My second "take-away" was the remarkable lack of modern development in that part of our world. Even in the cities and towns, but particularly once you leave them, the countryside is clearly living in conditions which disappeared in the 19th century here in the US. We had a lengthy lesson on the history of modern-day Guatemala. It's clear that there are many reasons the country is so poorly developed. Most of them are related to the greed of North American fruit barons who connived with corrupt local governments to gain control of most of the country. Much of that control, by the way, apparently continues to this day. But whatever the reasons, the people of these regions are certainly in great need of much that we take for granted. Having seen that up close, I'm more than ever proud of our International Service Committee and our little Club's substantial efforts to make things better in Central America. It's one thing to read about the good that we are doing. It's another altogether to see the conditions we are helping to alleviate first hand.

I commend to you Gene's serialized adventures in Guatemala (continued below) and recommend you read it VERY carefully. As has been said a million times but remains 100% true: there but for the Grace of God go I. Let us count our blessings, and continue to share them with those less blessed...

Don



### What Our Club is Proud Of...

Posted by Meisha Rouser on Apr 09, 2013

During our clubs goal setting workshop in March, we shared what we are proud of about our Rotary club.

- We are the first ones to be asked when there is a need
  - Involvement with at-risk Youth
- Our International Projects
- Our Literacy Program
- Summer Youth Food Program
- Golf Tournament
- Beer Garden
- Growth of the Interact Club

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- Football Field Lights Project Success
- How the Community Sees Us - As a Valuable Contributor
- Our Sustainable Leadership
- Being the Role Model - We Get Things Done!
- The Members of Our Club!!!



### April is Rotary Magazine Month

Posted by Meisha Rouser on Apr 02, 2013

A month devoted to a magazine? Well, actually, yes. That magazine you receive every month is more than just an update on Rotary.

The Rotary World Magazine Press consists of 32 magazines from Africa, the Americas, Asia, Australia, and Europe that inform, inspire, and entertain in 23 languages. In addition to The Rotarian, Rotary's English-language flagship publication, it offers magazines such as Vida Rotaria (Argentina), Rotary in Bulgaria, and The Rotary-no-Tomo (Japan).

The primary purpose of The National Rotarian is to provide a means for the exchange of ideas between Rotarians throughout the world, not to give the national officers an opportunity to express their views. These messages are not written merely to fill space; nevertheless we look forward to the day when they will be literally crowded out by surging mobs of virile Rotarian ideas struggling to be heard. (Paul Harris, in The Rotarian, January 1912)

Each issue of The Rotarian contains feature articles, columns, and departments about, or of interest to, Rotarians worldwide. Seventeen Nobel Prize winners and 19 Pulitzer Prize winners – from Mahatma Ghandi to Kurt Vonnegut Jr. – have written for the magazine.

Following the action taken by the Council on Legislation April 29, 2010 in Chicago, Rotarians in the United States and Canada now have the choice between receiving a print or an electronic copy through the internet of The Rotarian magazine. But don't look for the print version to vanish anytime soon. According to RI Director José Alfredo Sepúlveda, supporting print magazines is essential to Rotary's communications strategy.

### Business Mentoring Begins in High School

Posted by Meisha Rouser on Mar 26, 2013

#### Rotary 5020 Career Pathways Initiative

Gary Nakamura, Rotary Club of Poulsbo-North Kitsap - [click here for full article](#)

#### Rotary Career Pathways Initiative goals:

1. Increase high school graduation rates with supportive career guidance and planning.
2. Support career and technical education programs that give students a real-world context for what they learn and alternatives to 4-year college immediately after high school.
3. Expand financial aid to help more low-income Washingtonians reach a "13th year" of education that leads to a living wage job.

#### In developing the Rotary Career Pathways Initiative program, I have kept the following in mind:

1. Complement and support existing career counseling and technical education programs, rather than create new ones.
2. Develop CPI activities and projects that do not take a great deal of extra effort by the counselors and teachers. We want to support them, not be a burden.

#### Rotary Career Pathways Initiative at the middle school level –

Complement ongoing middle school career counseling programs (Navigation 101) that apprise students of post-high school education/training opportunities (not just 4-year college) and technical careers.

Middle school is too early for most students to select a specific career, but they should be encouraged to keep their future education and career options open by taking core courses

required for entry into apprenticeships, technical schools, as well as 2 and 4-year colleges.

### Rotary CPI activities at Kingston Middle School –

1. Participate in Principal reviews of student academic and career development portfolios, as a community member. This will give Rotarians an idea of what is currently going on in career and education guidance, positively impact the students' growth and development by giving them an opportunity and reason to articulate their current interests and plans for their immediate future, and give the students an opportunity to interact with a community member not affiliated with their school or family.
2. Participate in a June 6, 2013 (tentative date) Job Fair at Kingston Middle School. Students will be surveyed prior to the fair as to their career interests and questions regarding those careers. E.g. typical day, best and worst part of the job, education requirements. Survey results will be shared with Rotarians to inform and engage the appropriate ones.
3. Volunteer at Kingston Middle School as a subject-matter tutor or mentor; at lunch to teach chess, card games, math games; other opportunities to interact with students, gain their interest and trust, and perhaps inform their education and career choices, answer their questions.



### A Rotary Travel Journal- Destination Guatemala Part II

Posted by Eugene Medina on Mar 26, 2013

And so our Guatemalan journey with Gene Medina continues. In this next segment of our journey we will visit two microcredit projects villages near Retalhuleu, Guatemala.

We had an opportunity to observe Solidarity and Development's {the Rotary sponsored Non-Governmental Organization (NGO)} microcredit program and the process of monthly repayment.

This program 16 microcredit groups each group comprised of approximately of 15-20 women. Each woman decides on the annual amount she wishes to borrow and then used the funds to prices products for resale (buy low, sell higher). For example, some women buy chicken eggs, young chicks, cosmetics, piglets, etc and then resale them. They then repay 12<sup>th</sup> of the loan amount at 1% interest. The monthly repayment calls for repayment on the loans principal (approximately 1 12<sup>th</sup>+ a portion for personal savings and a small portion (the 1%) for the group pool. The latter is used for group or member emergencies or special issues the group decides upon.

For example, the typical annual long is 8000 quetzals (8000/8= \$1000 USD) these funds are used to purchase and resale chicken eggs every week during the year. In the end, the 667Q (\$83) monthly can become 1200Q (\$150) and they can use the net profit (\$67) for family food and the education of their children.



*Typical village - Guatemalan Village Classroom*

It is important to know that “while public education in Guatemala is theoretically free, even public school students are required to pay relatively high registration fees, all material costs including textbooks, and any transportation costs. They are also frequently obligated to contribute to building maintenance funds. To make matters worse, many of the families sacrifice to send their children to public schools that offer only a sub-standard level of education. Students are likely to

find overcrowded classrooms in understaffed, poorly supervised schools". It can cost families up to \$100 per year for uniforms, books, supplies, school maintenance and transportation. . If the average male worker earns the equivalent of \$250 USD/month the additional.

On Tuesday, we visited the next village and attended a microcredit team meeting at Aurla's home and observed another team of 16 women involved in the process. This time we had an opportunity to hear from individual members of the group. They are incredible people, committed to their families welfare and the education of their children.

Their child's education is the central theme of their parental work and commitment.



*Aurla's Home where we attended a microcredit group meeting (note the turkey in the foreground)  
- Quite the contrast to the place where Rotarians stayed for the night.*

In the next segment or episode of our journey we will visit San Lucas de Toliman, a village on

Lake Atitlan, Guatemala (See bottom left of map). I hope you enjoy these brief snapshots of the journey and will "tune in" for the episodes to come: San Lucas de Toliman. Lake Atitlan and its stoves, eco-toilets and washings stations, the Wakami village of Concepcion and its necklace makers, the Rio Dulce villages of Cuarto Cayos, Aqua Caliente, Tablitas and Nacimiento. Enjoy your commitment, involvement and support of our Rotary mission.

Watch for our next segment of the journey—Lake Atitlan Villages

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### Supporting Children's and Adult Literacy in Laos

Posted by Eugene Medina on Mar 19, 2013

Kingston-North Kitsap Rotary supports childrens and adult literacy in Laos. The Laos Literacy Project is a U.S. non-profit, tax-exempt organization. It was created to increase literacy in Laos among both children and adults, and to increase access in Lao villages to books and information about health, nutrition, better agricultural techniques, and other subjects that will increase the quality of life in one of the world's poorest countries.

Do you remember when you discovered the joy of reading? The power of a book to open doors to another world?

Most children in Laos learn to read from a teacher with a blackboard. The school may have some shared textbooks, but many children have never seen a book. Certainly they've never owned one, and they've never had a chance to discover the fun of reading.

The Laos Literacy Project works closely with the Lao-based Big Brother Mouse project to make literacy *fun* for children in Laos. Laos Literacy provides funding for book parties in rural schools, which begin by getting students excited about reading, and end with each child getting the first book they've ever owned. Then the school gets more books, so children can trade their book for a new one after they've read it.

Reading a good book is a joy in itself. But books can provide much more than enjoyment. They can provide information and inspiration to help readers improve their quality of life.





We help make books available in rural schools, but we also support small, home-based libraries in villages. At these libraries, adults, young people, and children can all find information about health, nutrition, childcare, agricultural techniques, sanitation, and other matters that affect them. They can find books that are simply enjoyable to read, and books that help them learn about the world.

You can get additional information about this project from Fredrick Branchflower, our club's project coordinator. We are currently supporting this work with a \$400 grant from our club Foundation.

## Kingston - North Kitsap Rotary Projects

### Community Projects:

- Village Green Park and Community Center (Major Contributor)
- Scholarships for Kingston HS Students
- Food for Kids program
- Concerts on the Cove
- Stillwaters Environmental Center
- Kingston Seniors Association
- North Kitsap Food Banks
- Kingston Blood Drives
- KHS Interact Club

### International Projects:

- "Hug it Forward" Bottle Schools Program
- Wheelchair Foundation
- Clear Path International
- Arequipa Educational support
- Acercandonos Educational support
- Youth Summer Exchange program
- Inter-Club project in development