



Bridges

Team Rotary's Connector

December 2016

Monthly Newsletter of Rotary District 5030



Bo Darling
District Governor

Rotary International's Special Observance Month Disease Prevention and Treatment



Arboretum Foot Bridge



Bo's Corner

With the Elections and the Apple Cup now behind us, we can all celebrate the Holidays—as Rotarians.

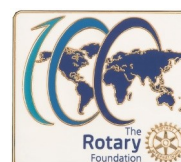
This is DISEASE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT month and our clubs are attacking this problem. Not only are we giving Polio vaccines, but we are providing Mosquito netting to prevent Malaria, supporting Rotary First Harvest, and School Back-Packs—to feed the bodies—and minds. We support many clean water and sanitation projects, as well as the check dams in India. The check dams provide longer growing seasons, so people can have good food for healthy bodies.

By the way, this busy, sometimes chaotic, time of year puts us in the midst of crowds of shoppers and travelers. So let us be mindful of our own health ... eat right, exercise, get your sleep, wash your hands ... you know, all those things Mom told you.

I hope you will consider joining Patricia and me on January 11th as we welcome RI President John Germ to Seattle. (see announcement). Let's show him how great Rotary District 5030 is.

My sincere wish for you, your families and friends is that you have a Season filled with Joy and Peace.

Bo Darling, DG



P.S. Make your gift to TRF - The Rotary Foundation by clicking on the 100 icon.

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The Bridge Deadline

Articles & Club Ads

Send to: carmamckay@gmail.com

Deadline: 25th of each month.

Submit text in the body of an email or as a Word.doc. Ads need to be in .jpg format.

MEET ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT JOHN GERM



Seattle #4 Rotary Luncheon

Wednesday, January 11

12:00 - 1:30 pm

The Washington State
Convention Center

Price \$38

Join Seattle #4 Rotary for their luncheon meeting featuring Rotary International President John Germ.

Members of Seattle #4 Rotary do not need to RSVP, but **guest tickets must be purchased in advance.**

Purchase Tickets Here

Please contact Mariah at 206-623-0023 or mariah@seattlerotary.org with questions.

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Bill McElroy Selected as District Governor Nominee for 2019-20

Congratulations to our District Governor Nominee Bill McElroy. Bill will lead District 5030 in the 2019-20. Keep reading to learn more about our future District Governor.



Rotary

Classification – Portfolio Manager
 Rotary Club of Kirkland 1986 - 1990
 Rotary Club of Mill Creek 1998 –
 Current Assistant Governor 2014-2017
 Current District Conference Chair 2016-2017
 Current District Leadership Council
 Past Membership Committee 2015-2016
 Past District Conference Committee 2014-2015
 Past President Rotary Club of Mill Creek – 2010-2011
 Past Community Service Chair
 Past Sargent of Arms
 Past Speakers
 Past Auction Chair
 Bequest Society
 Paul Harris Fellow
 Rotary Academy

Business

Founder and CEO of Guardian Plus Inc.
 Founder and CEO of Guardian Plus RS Inc.

Outside Organizations

Past Kirkland Boys and Girls Club Director
 Past Chairman Mill Creek Senior Center
 Past Chairman of Senior Alliance of Greater Everett
 Board of Directors of Phi Delta Theta at Washington Gamma
 Treasurer 12 years Hope Church at Silver Lake

Personal

Married to Sally for over 39 years with
 2 daughters and 1 grandson
 Played football and graduated from WSU
 Hobbies – Hiking – Photography– Stamp Collecting –
 Art – Computer A/V

Bill joins the current District Governor line of:



Bo Darling
2016-17



Alex Hopkins
2017-18



Alan Merry
2018-19

Young Professional (YP) Happy Hour... A Great Place to Network & Make New Friends



We had representation from the following Rotary Clubs: North Shore, University District, South Lake Union, Seattle #4 and International District. District 5030 Young Professionals,

Young Professionals

HOLIDAY

hobnob



ASSOCIATE, MIX, FRATERNIZE, SOCIALIZE.
 WHITE ELEPHANT GIFT EXCHANGE!

at Rigoletto

420 Pontius Ave. N., Seattle, WA 98109

Dec 14th

4:00 - 6:00 PM

Holiday hobnob is an event where Young Professionals from across Rotary District 5030 come together for holiday cheer! This is a casual social event, sweethearts and fellow young-at-heart Rotarians are also welcome.

Sip on happy hour dinks and food from an amazing Italian spot in South Lake Union while we do a friendly white elephant gift exchange. Bring a wrapped gift under \$15 - the cheezier the better. Re-gifts? Yes! Awkward Rotary shirt? Yes! A Chia Pet? Yes! The goal of this event is to enjoy friendship and fellowship with other Rotarians.

In case you would like a refresher...how a white elephant gift exchange works: <https://www.whiteelephantrules.com>
 Space is limited, RSVP as soon as possible.

Sign up: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/holiday-hobnob-tickets-2986293...>



Polio Update *by Steve Crane*

Since the October 25 case numbers in the November Bridges, there have been 3 new cases reported in Afghanistan, 4 in Pakistan, and none in Nigeria. In December 2015, Afghanistan had 3 more cases and Pakistan had 11. This month's numbers should be much lower, bringing total 2016 cases in those two countries to less than half the 74 cases they reported last year.



Country	Year-to-Date (11/30)		2015 Totals
	2016	2015	
Afghanistan	12	17	20
Pakistan	18	43	54
Nigeria	4	0	0
Global Totals	34	60	74

The Rotary Foundation (TRF) WORLD'S OUTSTANDING FOUNDATION FOR 2016

The Rotary Foundation earned top marks from the Association of Fundraising Professionals. "The award honors organizations that show philanthropic commitment and leadership through financial support, innovation, encouragement of others, and involvement in public affairs. Some of the boldest names in American giving." Check out the story:

[Association of Fundraising Professional's Website](#)



REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR THE 2017 DISTRICT CONFERENCE!

Join Rotarians from across the district to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Rotary International Foundation and the 30th anniversary of women in Rotary with a weekend of fun, fellowship, and inspiration. The conference will be held April 21-23 at the Hilton in Downtown Portland.

[Learn More and Register](#)

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION (TRF)

by Steve Solomon



TRF RESOURCE GUIDE

I want to share a new video that was created to introduce you the "TRF Resource Guide for Zones 25 & 26." This guide has been updated and will help you access information & resources about The Rotary Foundation.

[Watch Video](#) | [Download Guide](#)

GIVE THE GIFT

Show how giving the gift of Rotary makes a difference around the world. This webpage highlights the importance and impact of gifts of any size to The Rotary Foundation's Annual Fund.

[Give the Gift Website](#)

NOTEWORTHY GRANTS

TRF Centennial website has a new section featuring noteworthy grants with an interactive map of 20 grants from all over the world. [Noteworthy Grants Website](#)

CNBC RANKS ROTARY #3 IN TOP 10 CHARITIES CHANGING THE WORLD

CNBC has released their list of the "[Top 10 Charities Changing the World](#)" in 2016. This year The Rotary Foundation is [ranked #3](#), rising from [#5 in 2015](#) and is recognized for projects in the areas of focus and commitment to polio eradication.

Charities on this list must be large, global, with budgets exceeding \$100 million and net assets of at least \$65 million. These charities are all doing exceptional work both at home and abroad all while maintaining top-notch financial management and transparency standards.

YEAR-END IRA ROLL-OVER GIFTS

Individuals who are 70 ½ and older can now make tax-free charitable gifts directly from a traditional or Roth IRAs. You may recall this option was made permanent in the US in December 2015.

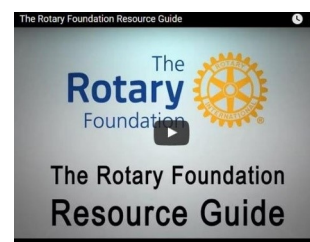
[Please click here for information on charitable IRA gifts.](#)

ROTARY YEAR END REMINDER

Find the [2016-year end deadlines for making contributions to The Rotary Foundation.](#)

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District Leadership Council quarterly meeting Dec 2016

Kirkland Rotary helps Kids

Keep kids warm at John Muir Elementary. On October 26th, students who might not be able to afford winter coats or coverings were invited to shop for jackets at no cost to them. The staff of Rotarians pictured were there to assist. All the coats remaining after these were distributed to other needy kids. Kirkland Rotary has sponsored the "Warm Coats" project for many years. The annual Kirkland Rotary Duck Dash generates funds each year and we like to put the money to work right here in Kirkland. The duck dash also helped with Scholarships for Kirkland students and many other local charities.



Shoreline Rotary's 1st Corporate Member and Sponsor, Dale Turner Family YMCA



pictured L to R: Shoreline Rotary President Micah Blair; Cindy, YMCA; Danishia, YMCA; Carolyn, YMCA; Stephanie Santeford, Membership Chair Shoreline Rotary; Ray Coffey, Shoreline Rotary Member & Sponsor



A visit to the Fremont Club with President Robert Hammer, AG Jean Withers and DG Bo Darling

Travel to Southern India May 2017 - Deadline Dec 30th

Prosperity Rings' micro credit staff, led by Rotarians Nancy and Derick Pasternak, invite you to travel to Southern India in early May of 2017. The timing will revolve around the exotic event of a lifetime, the annual Trissur Elephant Festival May 5.

You will participate in a work project with the micro credit borrowers funded by your grant. The tour will also include the bizarre and colorful Kathakali dances, the Madurai Hindu Temple, a stay on a houseboat, idyllic spice, tea and rubber plantations in the lush mountains of Munnar, and other activities that draw you into the charms of Southern India.

Please let us know of your interest so that we can keep you informed, and so that we can acquire the best airline and hotel rates. For more information contact Nancy Pasternak: nancypasternak@gmail.com.



Club Flexibility

Research and our members' experiences have shown that when clubs have more freedom to decide how and when they hold their meetings, who they'll invite to become members, and what member engagement means, their ability to attract new members and keep current members motivated increases. The 2016 [Council on Legislation](#) voted to give Rotary clubs more flexibility than they've ever had. The changes in policy affect when, where, and how clubs meet and the types of membership they offer.

5 ways to use the new flexibility

It's up to your club to decide how — and if — you want to use the new options. Start by reviewing the updated [Standard Rotary Club Constitution](#) to see which guidelines are flexible. Once you've decided what changes would benefit your club, edit your club bylaws to reflect them, and try them out. If you decide they aren't working, try something else. Here are some examples of how your club can apply the new flexible options:

Change your meeting schedule. Your club can vary its meeting days, times, and frequency. For example, you could hold a traditional meeting on the first Tuesday of the month to discuss business and service projects and get together socially on the last Friday of the month. You just need to meet at least twice a month.

Vary your meeting format. Your club can meet in person, online, or a combination. including letting some members attend in-person meetings through the Internet.

Relax attendance requirements. Your club can ease attendance requirements and encourage members to participate in other ways, such as taking a leadership role, updating the club website regularly, running a meeting a few times a year, or planning an event. If your club is dynamic and offers a good experience for members, attendance won't be a problem.

Offer multiple membership types. Your club could offer family memberships to those who want to bring their families, junior memberships to young professionals with leadership potential, or corporate memberships to people whose employers want to be represented in the club. Each type of membership can have its own policies on dues, attendance, and service expectations. Rotary will count these people in your club membership and will consider them active members if they pay RI dues.

Invite Rotaractors to be members of your club. You can invite Rotaractors to join your club while remaining members of their Rotaract clubs. If your club chooses to, it can make special accommodations for these members, such as relaxed attendance requirements or reduced fees, as long as they are reflected in the club bylaws.

Find examples of bylaw amendments that clubs might use to try these new flexible options below, and review our frequently asked questions for more information.

Resources & reference

[Frequently asked questions](#)

[Rotary's governance documents](#)

[Start Guide for Alternate Membership Types](#) (includes sample bylaws)

[Start Guide for Flexible Meeting Formats](#) (includes sample bylaws)

[Club meeting flexibility and format](#) (video)

[Membership types and attendance flexibility](#) (video)

[Membership Flexibility Overview](#)

A FRESH APPROACH ON CLUB MEMBERSHIP

Give your members a meaningful Rotary experience by offering them opportunities to make a positive difference and connect with others. The following resources can help:

[Identify club problem areas with Rotary Club Health Check](#)

[Develop a long-term strategy with Strengthening Your Membership](#)

[Find all membership resources at Rotary.org](#)

Rotary's International Convention

This is the first time in 4 years that the RI Convention has been in the US. Hotels are filling up fast, so register and book your room soon. This is a great opportunity to meet Rotarians from around the world. Imagine 40,000 + like minded Rotarians coming together to make the world a better place. Many from our district will be attending... How about YOU?!?

Register at: www.riconvention.org





Zone 25/26 Institute Well Represented by District 5030



President Cathy Gibson on a panel with PDG Rosemary Aragon tackling the hot topics in Rotary: large Clubs, Young Professionals and Women in Rotary at the Rotary Zone Institute.



District Governor Elect Alex Hopkins and spouse Julie
RI Director Elect John Matthews and spouse Mary Ellen



Connecting for Good by packing back packs for local Boys and Girls Clubs



The final product - Seattle 4 President, Cathy Gibson and Program Chair, Lisa Mayfield



Wrapping up final session at Rotary Institute Zones 25/26 in Santa Barbara. Had a blast being your emcee!!! ~ Penny LeGate



PDG Ezra Teshome with spouse Yobi and Zone Institute Chair and PDG Rosemary Aragon (both from University District Rotary catching some fun in the sun at the Zone Institute)

Presidential Citation 2016-17

We're almost half way through the Rotary year, Now is the time to check in to review your club's progress toward the Presidential Citation for 2016-17. To learn more about how to use Rotary Club Central and tracking your progress, simply click on the icon below and watch the 4 minute video.



Meanwhile... in Kent

Kent Rotarians and members of the community gather together to fill bags full of food for kids on the free and reduced fee lunch program at some of Kent's elementary schools. This month, we are packing more bags than ever before and need your help.

Volunteers will help sort food, fill bags, and prepare for distribution. Join us for this fun and impactful event. Contact Kent Rotary Club for more information.





Express Grants Rock



Twenty clubs have approved Express Grants since the program was introduced a year ago. Several smaller clubs have used them for their first District-funded grant project.

\$500 per club is available through your club's Assistant Governor. They are also available to Rotaract Clubs through Steve Crane: craneintl@aol.com. There is no matching requirement.

Approved projects involve several members and engage the local community. Joint club projects multiply the grant funds available. Let your AG or Steve know if you want to explore this new project funding opportunity.



Rotarian Malaria Partners

ABOUT US

According to the World Health Organization, 214 million cases of malaria were reported in 2015, with 438,000 people dying from the mosquito-transmitted parasite. Ninety-one percent of these deaths occurred in sub-Saharan Africa. Despite malaria mortality rates falling by 37 percent since 2000, a child in Africa still dies every minute from malaria.

IMAGINE A WORLD WHERE MALARIA IS REDUCED OR EVEN COMPLETELY ELIMINATED WORLDWIDE

We are a group of Rotarians and leaders of non-government organizations who are committed to foment a broad international Rotarian campaign for global elimination of malaria. We believe that malaria can be combated through a comprehensive Rotarian campaign similar to Rotary's successful Polio Plus campaign.

We can do that by working with Rotarian groups around the world. We advocate within Rotary in order to gain broad international support from other districts and clubs, and for the support of the Rotary Foundation.

OUR STORY

The project began as the Second Century Project for Seattle Rotary's Centennial. Bill Gates, Sr. suggested focusing on malaria. In order to launch the project, as the Centennial President, Nancy Osborne of Seattle Rotary and a small party of Rotarians went to Africa to meet local Rotarians.



OUR APPROACH

There are four pillars to our approach.

Direct Advocacy: Serve as strong advocates at Rotary District levels in malaria impacted countries and with Rotary International (to make malaria elimination the next 'polio' campaign)

Rotarian Partnerships: Collaborate with the Rotary Malaria Action Group and other players in global malaria work to create a strong unified infrastructure in the campaign to eradicate malaria.

Demonstration Projects: Provide support together with strong partners for multi-year, sustainable malaria control 'demonstration projects' in high endemic areas (that serve as models for scaled up campaigns).

Fund Raising: Raise significant funds to support advocacy work and demonstration projects through crowd-sourced campaigns, major events, Rotary and partner NGO grants and individual donations.

Stay informed by subscribing to the RMP Newsletter by sending an email to Carma.McKay@RotarianMalariaPartners.org. Visit our website at www.rotarianmalariapartners.org

Rotary Books for the World

What is it? A project that collects and ships lightly used books in English or Spanish, especially children's books and textbooks with teacher's guides to countries in the world hungry for books. We pack and ship them to Texas where they are loaded in a container and shipped to English or Spanish speaking countries.



Our book packing day is May 20, 2017 at Northwest Harvest Warehouse in Kent. 9 AM to 1 PM.

How can you help? Collect lightly used books. Have a used book drive. Help pack on Packing Day. Donate money for shipping.

What to do with the books between now and May? Keep them until May or take them in boxes to **Western Van Lines 8521 South 190 Street Kent, WA 98031 (425) 251-3400, Monday to Friday 8:00 – 4:00**

Questions? Comments? Judy or Rand Ginn
rjginn@juno.com hrginn@juno.com 206 232-7527

PS: If this project speaks to you, it needs a new champion. This is the last year for the Ginns.



Bellevue Breakfast Rotary Club pledges to end Malaria by supporting The Rotarian Malaria Partners Pin Campaign