

**SEATTLE INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT ROTARY CLUB
PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT
2009-2010**

I am pleased to submit this annual report on what our club has accomplished in the 2009-2010 Rotary year.

**PRESIDENT'S(MY) GOAL
To lead our great Rotary Club to the “next level”**

1. Focus on membership retention, especially the newer club members, with no dropouts due to lack of interest—***this goal was accomplished.***
2. Every club member is involved in at least one of our service areas/committees—***this was accomplished; in fact many club members were involved in two or more areas!!!***
3. Help groom and nurture future leaders of our club—***a number of newer members stepped up to positions of responsibility, including Dawn Anderson, Nancy Bennett Evans, Novelett Cotter, Adam Droker, Chris Lavin, Win Mitchell, Bill Nagel, and Vijya Patel.***
4. Do significant club projects that truly benefit all concerned—***this was accomplished via the great leadership of the Committee Chairs—see below for details.***
5. Continue our long range planning process to build on current successes—***this was accomplished via an all-club work session and each committee committing to taking the next steps.***
6. 100% of club members contribute to the RI Foundation—***85% of members contributed to RI Foundation—see below for details.***
7. Increase membership by 10% net—***due to circumstances beyond our control(ie. the local economy), this goal was not met.***
8. Every club member has a fun and meaningful experience in what we do.---***this goal was accomplished !!!***

**CLUB SERVICE
Bob McKay, chair**

- Organized the club's participation in the Seafair-International District parade
- Marco Polo dinner
- Weekly programs were provided for the club (thanks, Steve Mayeda).
- A booth at the Chinatown/International District Annual Summer Festival

Committee members were: Nancy Bennett Evans, Ray Connell, Novelett Cotter, Elie Dofredo, Barb Gregg, Robert Ha, Paul Mar, Steve Mayeda, Win Mitchell, Kathleen O'Connor, and Romy Protacio.

COMMUNITY SERVICE **Shannon Woodman, Chair**

The following Community Service projects were supported during this year:

- Columbia Court Cribs (LIHI). Donated \$728.5 to buy 7 cribs for families in need
- Treehouse (Foster kids program)-held a clothing drive for new school clothes and donated \$500.00
- Orion Center-Youth care dinner. Participated in 2 of these, with approximately 10 members at each. We spent \$200 on food
- Bailey Gazert Elementary School:
 - Rain garden-help plant a rain garden
 - Dictionaries for the 3rd Graders
 - Sponsored field trip to Children's Theatre
 - Sponsored a field trip to Giant Magnet
 - Donated \$800 towards a summer reading room
- Wing Luke School-donated dictionaries to 3rd graders
- Adopt a family-Worked with Washington Middle School to find families in need. We donated \$500 and we had additional donations from members
- Hockey Night at Showare Fund Raiser for Dictionaries-Earned \$132 towards 3rd grade dictionaries
- Legacy House-donated \$600 for Christmas presents and participated in their Christmas Party
- 4th of July Naturalization Ceremony-donated \$1000.00 and one Rotary participant
- Held men's and women's used clothing drive for St Francis House and Dress for Success
- Chinatown Clean-up-donated \$500 and had approximately 10 members to help clean-up our neighborhood
- Walk for Rice-donating \$500 and approximately 6 members will participate the day of
- Rotary First Harvest-held two member participation days and donated \$500
- Donated \$500 towards the renovation of the International Children's Park

Committee members were: Barb Andersen, Susan Beals, Allan Boyce, Novelett Cotter, David Della, Julie Hungar, Sharon Lee, Arnie Ness, Mardie Rhodes, Sally Schultz, and Dennis Su.

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE **Bill Nagel, Chair**

2009/2010 SIDR International Service Projects

Barbara's Kids Barb Gregg Vietnam \$2,000.00

The intent is to offer both short and long term assistance to the center and the children. This will include financial aid for basic needs such as rent, rice, clothing as well as assisting in purchase of wheelchairs.

Assistance will continue to meet medical needs for the disabled children as well as aid for educational needs.

Comido & Mcedo Scholarship Program Novelett Cotter Kenya \$2,625.00

This project is multi-year and the goal is to provide primary 1-8 education for children in the Kwan Jenga and Mathare Slums of Nairobi, by paying for tuition and uniform. It cost \$75 per child to attend school and that includes the one meal they have for the day. Children that do not attend school most often go without eating for days. Our goal for 2009-2010 is to sponsor 60 children @ \$75 per child for a total of \$4500. By helping to educate these children, we provide them with an opportunity to get a high school education and eventually be able to find a job to help support their families. We would continue to sponsor these children till they have completed the 8th grade at which time they take an exam and move on to high school.

Upgrading and Expanding Health Care Services in a Level I Health Care Clinic

Win Mitchell Jamaica \$3,000.00

The purpose of this project is to purchase equipment and medical supplies for a Level II Health care clinic in the District of Harry Watch, Jamaica. This clinic is now operating as a Level I clinic. A Level I health clinic only provides health education services, family planning services, well-baby checks and education, prenatal visits and six-week postnatal mother-baby check-ups. A Level II clinic will provide much improved and expanded services. This district is a rural, hilly region that includes eighteen communities, with approximately 3,000-4,000 residents. Most of the 3,000-4,000 residents are self-employed peasant farmers with very low incomes. The ratio of males to females is about 1:1. The unemployment rate among females is at 47 percent; and among males,

unemployment is approximately 59 percent. Farming is the predominant employment activity of the area. While information on average income levels of individuals living within the Harry Watch and surrounding communities are not available, the World Health Organization reports that 25 percent of individuals in Jamaica earn less than \$2.00/hour. Access to primary health care for the residents in the eighteen communities is extremely limited.

Kalang Grinding Mill Ray Connell, Elinor Dofredo, Bob McKay Uganda \$1,000.00

Kalang, Koch Amar Parish in Amuru District Uganda, is an IDP (Internally Displaced Persons) returnee community. There are no infrastructures available. They are remote from any trading centers. One of the needs is the ability to process locally grown food commodities for community consumption. There is no grinding mill for flour production. The community has to travel at least four miles to the nearest mill. This will eliminate the long tedious travel that the women and young girls of the community have to make every other day

**Hand & Burn Medical Trip to Vietnam for Children Heidi Behrens- Benedict
Vietnam \$850.00**

Hand and burn surgery medical trip for the children of My Tho, Vietnam, October 11 to 16, 2009. Approximately 60 to 70 operations and/or procedures will be performed on about 50 to 60 children. Following the medical trip, the Healing the Children medical team will continue communicating with the My Tho surgeons regarding outcomes, complications, and planning any needed future operations, for the patients.

**Training on Organic Soap Making to Differently Able Persons of Sindhuli Districts of Nepal
Judy Ginn Nepal \$1,000.00**

In Nepal persons with disability are marginalized and have great difficulty finding gainful employment. This project will train 60 people with disabilities in making and marketing organic soap. The project will take place in the province of Shinduli, which is located some 150 miles Southeast of the capital city of Kathmandu. There will be at least two types of soap made, both with locally available resources. It is a sustainable industry.

Support for Aids Impacted Orphans in Eldoret, Kenya Kenya \$1,000.00

AIDS is responsible for leaving significant numbers of children across Kenya without one or both parents. After the loss of a parent children often continue to live in the care of a surviving parent or family member, taking on the added responsibility of housework, looking after their siblings and perhaps caring for the ill or dying in the family. Sadly, children who have lost one parent to AIDS are at higher risk of losing the other parent as well.

Because of the demand from the community, Chebagogo Group Home would like to reach out to more children. To do this Chebagogo proposes purchasing an additional 20 cows and 1,000 chickens. The milk and eggs would be sold at competitive prices to local wholesalers and retailers. Profit from the milk and eggs would sustain from 30 to 36 children who join the Group Home. Additional acreage would be acquired by Chebagogo Foundation to expand the Group Home, and to increase the live stock area as well as vegetable gardens. Rotary International funds would be used for the purchase of cows, chickens and for the infrastructure needed to maintain the additional animals. A water pump and tank would be added to deal with the increased demand on water supply

Committee members were: Ray Connell, Novelett Cotter, Judy Ginn, Hillary Hamilton, Stephanie Ko, Jenny Lui, Reba McIntyre, Bob McKay, Stan Miner, Win Mitchell, Bill Oung, Vijya Patel, Tim Rogge, Harry Rutstein, and Donna Wolter.

VOCATIONAL SERVICE

David Clees, chair

Scholarships

This year we added a new essay requirement in the applications—how will the student apply the 4-Way Test in college. The committee awarded **six \$2,000 scholarships**.

Partners for Work

Building on the initiative of Stephanie Ko, our committee has become a participant with District's Partners for Work internship program. **Nicholas Duncan** is this Rotary year's intern helping out with room setup and teardown.

Our club has the opportunity to expand our relationship with PFW to have more club members act as advocates for job placements with their own businesses and those of friends/colleagues.

Committee members were: Adam Droker, Judy Ginn, Phil Ginsberg, Jim Johnson, Tish Johnson, Stephanie Ko, Larry Mar, Paul Mar, Sallie Neillie, Jim Osborn, Nathan Palmer, and Andy Yip.

MEMBERSHIP

Chris Lavin, Chair

Retention

Due to the state of the local economy and the resultant financial pressures on club members, we focused our energies on retaining the great majority of our members through our emphasis on full participation, involvement in at least one committee, and a commitment to mentoring our new members. Even in light of these efforts, we did lose some valued club members.

Most of the club's retention success should be attributed to the Club Leadership and one-on-one communications to members whose attendance dropped.

Diversity

We continue to recruit and attract people of great diversity in gender, age, ethnic origin and race. At June 30th, we had 32 men (60%) and 21 women (40%) in our club.

Growth

Our club added one new member during the Rotary year, but terminated 9 members by June 30th, thus ending the Rotary year with 53 members.

Committee members: Hwa-Tsun Feng, Elaine Ko, Jim Osborn, Lynell Smith, Jesse Tam, & Andy Yip.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION

Stan Miner, Chair

- Club participation as of June 30, 2010, was **85%**.
- Funds raised for the RI Foundation = **\$11,500**, a **27%** increase over last year.
- Average amount per giving member was **\$220**, a **26%** increase over last year.

Committee members were: Adam Droker and Lloyd Hara.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Barb Gregg, Chair

- purchased and installed Rotary plaque in restaurant.
- Publicized the Rotary club's 25th anniversary gala
- Installed a "Rotary meets here" A-frame sign at our meeting place
- Created "Paul Harris asks" standup sign
- Created Paul Harris booth figure

Committee members were: Ellie Dofredo, Jim Johnson, Charles Moure, Terry Pickering, Jesse Tam, Tim Wang, and Andy Yip.

OTHER

Secretary **Barb Andersen** maintained the signup sheets for our meetings; she took minutes for the board meetings; she delivered attendance reports to District 5030 and to Rotary International.

Treasurer **Novelett Cotter** kept the financial records; made timely reports to the board.

President-Elect-Elect **Susan Beals** worked with, and had overall responsibility for, this year's three-club auction.

Sergeant-at-Arms **Adam Droker** organized persons to be responsible for raising weekly funds for the three club foundation service areas and was responsible for instituting the weekly mini-classification talks.

Several of our members were and will continue to be involved at the District 5030 level.

Paul Mar
President

