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Rotary's 109th — Let's celebrate !

by District Governor Sue Foley

In honor of the first Rotary meeting that occurred on February 23, 1905, Rotary International designated February as World Understanding and Peace Month.

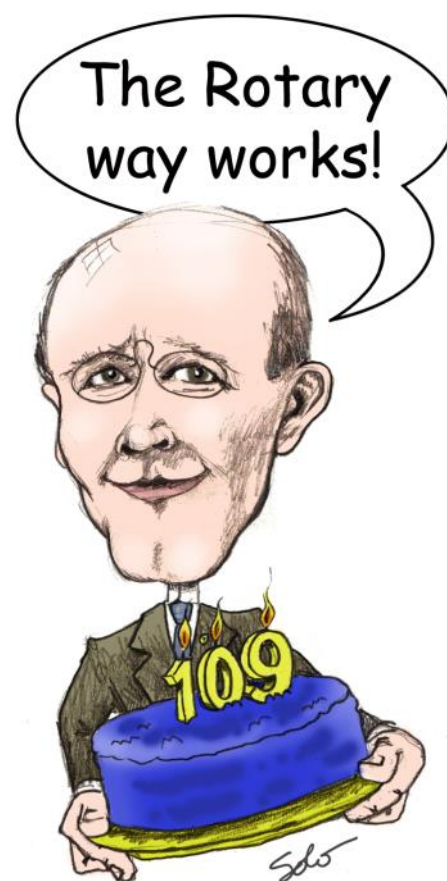
As Paul Harris said, "The Rotary way works! But Rotary has no patent on it, for it is but the Golden Rule in action. Any person, any nation can apply it by displacing negative hatred and fear with goodwill based upon understanding. Peace among nations is not impossible of attainment, they can find peace if they will."

"...a beacon of World Understanding..."

Rotary International is a beacon of World Understanding that crosses all political, religious and country borders. Rotarians have spread the message of World Understanding through acts of kindness, compassion, fellowship and a common theme: Service Above Self.

"I get goose bumps..."

You and I and 1.2 million others have seized opportunities to serve at home and abroad through hands-on and financial commitments. I don't know about you but I still get goose bumps every time I think about those two life changing drops of vaccine and our efforts to eradicate polio. Rotarians em-
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Cartoon of Rotary founder Paul Harris by Greg Solomon. Sue's photo by Clark Mischler. Both are Anchorage East Rotarians

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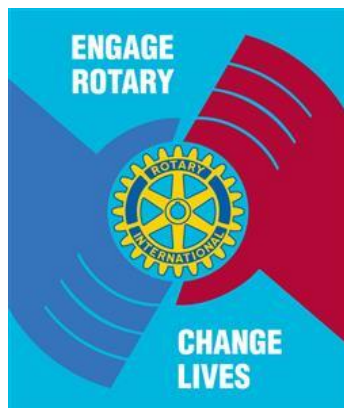
brace the dreams of a polio-free world and if that isn't World Understanding I don't know what is. In some cases it has brought peace, at least while the precious drops were administered to children.

"What can you do...?"

What can you do that will show your local community how Rotarians demonstrate practical support for international understanding in these times of potential tensions between various cultures and countries? Would you like to do something more to bring about better World Understanding? Make a contribution to a project, local or global. Give of your time, your treasure and your commitment to bettering the world.

"Think of ways to celebrate..."

Think of ways to celebrate Rotary's 109th birthday on February 23rd. Send your celebration pictures to Jan Ingram at impact@ak.net for the District 5010 Bulletin and Alana Bergh at alanabergh@gmail.com for the District website.



Welcome new Members*

Anchorage
Nicole Sheldon
Vickie Kelly

Anchorage Gateway
Neil Rodriguez

Anchorage International
Mark Stearns

Juneau
Robyn Long

Soldotna
Ian Andrews

Ketchikan
Matthew Eisenhower

Ketchikan First City
Benjamin Hofmeister
Greg Kalbaugh

Kenai River-Soldotna
Rachel Nash

Wasilla Sunrise
Donald Vieira

****December 1-31, 2013***

Upcoming events

Youth Exchange Schussout/Winter Orientation & Country Assignment
January 17-19, 2014
Millenium Hotel, Anchorage

Strategy & Leadership Conference for ALL 5010 Rotarians
February 1, First National Bank of Alaska, 1751 Gambell, Anchorage
To register: Click on the registration link on the Rotary 5010 website.

Pacific Northwest PETS
February 14-16
Double Tree Hotel Seattle Airport
(Required of all presidents-elect)

Rotary Bonfire Party
February 22, 2-6 p.m.
Chilkoot Charlie's parking lot
2425 Spenard Road, Anchorage

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA)
April 24-27, 2014
King's Lake Camp, Wasilla, AK

Rotary District 5010 Conference
May 15-18, 2014
Hotel Captain Cook, Anchorage
To register: Rotary5010conference.com or go to the District 5010 web site and click on the registration link

Rotary International Convention
June 1-4, 2014 Sydney Olympic Park, Sydney, Australia
To register: Rotary2014.com

INDIA: THREE YEARS WITHOUT POLIO

GLOBAL CITIZEN THE END OF POLIO



India's triumph over polio is a significant public health achievement, leaving a lasting impact on children's health.

Experts believe that we can see the End of Polio worldwide by 2018. Ending polio is a critical step toward improving the lives of the world's most vulnerable children.

For an update on the status of polio now, go to the End of Polio web-site.

Thanks,
Bob Weel and
the End of Polio team



Photos of the 2013 NID (National Immunization Day) in India by Jon Deisher, member of Anchorage "Downtown" Rotary



Grant Rants

by Will Files

District 5010 Grants
Committee Chair



Thinking of requesting a matching grant? Start getting ready now!

By April 15, you will need a plan. What new project will you and your club propose for the 2014-2015 Rotary year? How will it involve Rotarians? What is the Area of Focus addressed? In what way is this a new, creative and sustainable effort? What's the budget?

OK, enough of that.

Already have a grant?

If you received a District grant, has it been completed?

If so, it is time to submit your FINAL REPORT. This must be done by the person who created the original grant project.

Don't know where to find the report form? Go to <http://www.matchinggrants.org>. Find your grant, click on Administration. About halfway down the page is a "Project Contact" section. At the bottom of the Project Contact paragraph is the following: ">>> [Click here](#) to download a blank report form."

Click on that link to either open or save the "Individual Project Report" form that needs to be completed for your project. Save this file to your computer and fill it out completely for the project. It needs to be signed by a member of your club who can speak to the project; your president's signature is not necessary.

Once signed, the final report and a copy of all of the corresponding receipts must be saved into an

Adobe pdf file. If you do not know what an Adobe pdf file is, contact a technically competent member of your club for assistance.

To upload the final report and receipts:

1. Go back to the website <http://www.matchinggrants.org>. Find your project and select it. Go to the Documents tab of your project. Click on the Administration button. Enter a Name for what you are uploading. If it is the final report, please include that in the name. Browse for the document on your computer. Select "Upload". You can upload multiple pdf files if your receipts are in different files.
2. If you would like, you can also upload photos of the project but this is not mandatory. Go to the Photos tab to do this.
3. Once your final report, receipts and optional photos are uploaded, go back to the Description tab. You should still be in Administration mode, but if the Administration button is available in the top right part of the page, select it. Go back to the Project Contact section which is about halfway down the page. Off to the right is a "Reported" button. Select this button and an email will be sent to us that the final report has been submitted.

District 5010 Conference volunteer opportunities



The Dinner in the Home Committee is looking for volunteers in the Anchorage area to host visiting Rotarians the evening of Friday, May 16. Contact Kathleen Madden. kathmadden1@juno.com

If you would like to help with the conference theme decorations and special Saturday night dinner and dance, contact Alice Federenko. afederenko@yahoo.com



Membership – We're up by 28!

by PDG Bill Hopper, District 5010 Membership Chair

The December report from Rotary International shows us up 28 members for the year. Those clubs that increased membership—good job—those of you who lost members, make sure you find out why the members left and if they can suggest replacements.

We still have a ways to go to meet DG Foley's goal of net 52 new members for the year. Presidents, review your goals and your plan make it happen I know you can do it, but we have to work at

it. For all the clubs that inducted members this last month, make sure you make them feel welcome and get them involved.

Retention is a very effective way of keeping your club vibrant. Your presidents and membership chairs need to pay attention to these warning signs:

1. **LOW ATTENDANCE**—Check your attendance records and find out who has low attendance. Someone needs to contact these individuals as to why their attendance has dropped—illness, lack of interest or something else.
2. **NEGATIVITY**—Individuals

who are members but not engaged in the club projects or not being team players—meet with the individuals and discuss what they would like to see as club projects and activities and give them assignments.

3. **LACK OF INTEREST**—Involve the membership in things they have an interest in and like to do. A survey might help identify these interests.
4. **FINANCIAL ISSUES**—Younger members may have issues with the cost of dues and meals. Try to find ways to help them with these issues. Your older members on fixed incomes might experience these same issues as well.

Active Rotary Clubs in District 5010 - Membership as of 12-31-013

<u>Club Name</u>	<u>June 1, 2013</u>	<u>Net Change</u>	<u>% + -</u>	<u>Member Count</u>
Anchorage	247	2	1%	249
Anchorage East	123	8	7%	131
Anchorage Gateway	21	2	10%	23
Anchorage Hillside	30	-2	-7%	28
Anchorage International	74	2	3%	76
Anchorage Mid Town	16		0%	16
Anchorage Russian Jack	19	3	16%	22
Anchorage South	81	1	1%	82
Barrow (Nuvuk)	17	2	12%	19
College	44		0%	44
Eagle River Area	38	8	21%	46
Fairbanks	157		0%	157

(Membership chart cont'd. on p.6)

Active Rotary Clubs in District 5010 - Membership as of 12-31-2013 (Cont'd from p. 5)

<u>Club Name</u>	<u>June 1, 2013</u>	<u>Net Change</u>	<u>% + -</u>	<u>Member Count</u>
Fairbanks Golden Heart	9	3	33%	12
Fairbanks Sunrisers	56	-4	-7%	52
Girdwood	23		0%	23
Homer Downtown	15	-2	-13%	13
Homer-Kachemak Bay	55	-4	-7%	51
Juneau	72		0%	72
Juneau-Gastineau	54	4	7%	58
Juneau-Glacier Valley	59	-1	-2%	58
Kenai	21	6	29%	27
Kenai River-Soldotna	16	1	6%	17
Ketchikan	27	-1	-4%	26
Ketchikan (The First City)	36	7	19%	43
Kodiak	36	-1	-3%	35
Kodiak Morning	23	2	9%	25
Nome	26	0	0%	26
North Pole	12	2	17%	14
Palmer	24	1	4%	25
Petersburg	29	-3	-10%	26
Seward	23	-1	-4%	22
Sitka	30		0%	30
Soldotna	64	1	2%	65
Susitna	27	-1	-4%	26
Wasilla	40	-6	-15%	34
Wasilla Sunrise	35	-1	-3%	34
Whitehorse	29	-1	-3%	28
Whitehorse Midnight Sun	11	-1	-9%	10
Whitehorse-Rendezvous	15	2	13%	17
Totals	1734	28	2%	1762
2013-2014 3% net gain goal		52		

Your Council on Legislation proposals are due March 31



Has your club discussed changes it would like to see in the way Rotary operates?

If so, now is the time to consider proposing legislation to the Council on Legislation (COL),

Rotary's legislature. Meeting in the spring every three years, it considers changes to the policies that govern Rotary International and its member clubs, and holds the authority to amend Rotary's constitutional documents. The Council is made up of one representative from every Rotary district. These representatives are the voting members of the Council. The next COL will be held in April 2016.

Two years before each Council, proposed legislation may be submitted and districts select a Rotarian to represent them. This year, 2013-14, is the time for both actions to occur. The final date for your club to make a proposal is [March 31, 2014](#). We ask that you discuss the COL process at an upcoming meeting or club assembly, and consider submitting a proposal for legislation and/or nominating a qualified Rotarian to serve as the Council on Legislation representative for District 5010.

How does the Council work? It considers proposals by Rotary clubs, districts, RI officers and the RI Board for changes in the way Rotary operates at every level of the organization. At the district level, legislation may be proposed by a club or via the district conference. A club proposal must be endorsed by the district before it can be forwarded to the Council. Proposed legislation is submitted in the form of enactments or resolutions, and a club may also submit "petitions" or "memorials" for consideration by the Board at any time.

If your club would like to submit legislation to be considered by the 2016 Council or to propose a COL representative, complete details can be found at www.Rotary5010.org, under the Download link. As District 5010's 2013 Council Representative, I am ready to assist your club with your submission:

the type of legislation that should be proposed, development of the appropriate format or to answer questions your club may have about legislation or about serving on the Council.

...PDG Gayle Knepper, District 5010 COL

Representative 2013. (907) 351-8076

or (907) 345-2044 or rotary5010@ak.net



Anchorage International Santa Project – Christmas gifts for patients

On Christmas morning, teams led by Anchorage International Rotary members Bob Huston and Greg Wakefield distributed stuffed toys, candy canes and knit gloves to patients, visitors and staff at the Providence Extended Care and at Providence Transitional Care facilities in Anchorage. It was one of gift giving activities in the club's annual "Santa Project."

Above photo: Jan Ingram of Anchorage International Rotary, top-hatted Rick Goodfellow of Anchorage East Rotary, Providence staff member Pearlle, "Santa Project" organizer Bob Huston

College Rotary helps Mexican school get computers



So, you're wintering in the Pacific Coast city of Manzanillo, a Mexican port/resort city known as the "sailfish capital of the world."

Blue skies. Beautiful beaches.

But you can see that many people are poor and that children often work the streets. You discover a school called Casa MESE and learn about its efforts to keep kids in school. The school enrolls 44 kids ages 4-16 and among other services, provides a place where students can do their homework.

Problem: There's not any money for computer equipment. The city government pays the rent and the Mexican federal government pays employees, but everything else has to come from sponsors and private donors. You decide to help. That's what College Rotary Club member Gerd Wendler and his wife, Ruth, did.

Casa MESE now has three computers and desks, a printer for a computer lab, a projector and laptop for



after school activities, antivirus software, Microsoft Office and a laptop for a severely physically disabled child who is unable to attend school.

The \$5,694 cost of the project was shared by the Manzanillo Rotary Club, the College Rotary Club and a Rotary District 5010 grant.

It so happened that the day in April that President Pompeyo Tovar of the Manzanillo Rotary Club and others arrived with the computer equipment was the same day that scholarships were being awarded to the 44 children assembled at the school's new location.

"...the best present for them."

Later on, MESE Program president Maria Del Piar Varela de Seidel

wrote to the College Rotary Club,

"...we had the inauguration of the new address where

MESE house is now, we had too the celebration of the day of the children and the Computer Equipment was the best present for them."



Photos and information provided by College Rotary Club President Patty Merritt



Kodiak Morning Club sponsors “Coats for Kids”



Not every family can afford to buy coats heavy enough to keep kids warm during an Alaskan winter. To help address this problem, Kodiak Morning Rotary sponsors “Coats for Kids,” an annual program in which used coats are recycled to be given to families who need them.

Marita Kaplan is the Rotarian in charge of this year’s coat drive. In an interview with Brianna Gibbs of

KMXT-FM in Kodiak, Kaplan explained the program.

Community members are asked to bring lightly used coats, still in good condition, to collection boxes, said Kaplan. These are at Safeway, Kodiak College, Lindsay’s Gym and on the Coast Guard base. A local dry cleaner cleans the coats at no charge. Rotary members deliver the coats to the Salvation Army, which stores the coats and then gives them to individuals and families who request coats from the Rotary program.

Kodiak Morning Rotary Club President Diana Holt recalls that at one point, the club even collected coats to send to Russia, (when Russia was part of District 2010) but discovered that it took lots of help and two years to get the coats to their destination.

Information and photos provided by Kodiak Morning Rotary Club President Diana Holt



*Photo at left:
Coats for
Kids float in
the Memorial
Day Week-
end Kodiak
Crab Festival
Parade*

Fairbanks Rotary Club Christmas Giving Project—gifts for Boys and Girls Home and Love INC

The Rotary Club of Fairbanks supported two groups this year for Christmas. Each Rotary member was asked to pledge his or her time, talent or treasure. Everyone participated and enjoyed knowing they were brightening up the Christmas of a child.

By working with the Team Alaska USA Employees Association, which raised funds for holiday gifts to needy children at the local Boys and Girls Home of Alaska, we were able to provide over 70 children with gifts. The Boys and Girls Home of Alaska houses children ages 9-19 who are going through rehabilitation, mental illnesses and/or are wards of the State.

At 2:00 a.m. on Christmas Day, staff members set out the gifts in each wing of the home. The children went to bed not knowing that in the morning they would wake up to gifts. Their faces showed that they were stunned to see that people cared and thought about them.

Love INC was the second recipient of our Holiday Giving. (Love INC is a network of churches that provide help to the hungry, hurting and helpless.) We adopted three families who were in need this season. They were a single mother of three young children, an elderly couple and an elderly woman. We were able to supply almost everything on their wish list, plus more.



Photos and story provided by Rotarian Lisa Gentry, Area Vice President of Alaska USA Federal Credit Union



Sneaking around in the wee hours: Boys and Girls Home staff members set out gifts in each wing of the home. Left to right: Activities Coordinator Tim Wert, Nursing Director Mary-Ellen Kleppick, Executive Director Radine Himes.



Gifts waiting at the Boys and Girls Home



Love INC Executive Director Debra Cloninger (with microphone)



Fairbanks Rotary Club members wrap gifts for Christmas Giving Project

Rotarians gathered at Lisa Gentry's home to wrap gifts for the club's 2013 Christmas Giving Project for their three adopted Love INC families and for the 70 youth at the Boys and Girls Home in Fairbanks.

Photos above left to right: Gretchen Gordon, Club President Jo Kuchle, Mary Schrage, Doug Schrage



Bottom photo left to right: Jo Kuchle, Anna Gould, Joane Johnson, Lisa Gentry, Mike Cook, Doug Schrage, Mary Schrage

Photos are from the Rotary Club of Fairbanks Facebook page.



Anchorage International hosts Gingerbread Party

Anchorage International hosted a December 19th Gingerbread Party at the home of Celeste and Arnie Cohen on Government Hill in Anchorage. Clockwise: Hostess Celeste Cohen, Board members Nina Mann and Cathie Straub, Past Presidents Raj Barghava and Al Biss, lanterns marking the walkway through the snow, Esther Combs and Rotarian husband Allen Combs, German Rotary Youth Exchange student Indra Beehan.

Photos by Arnie Cohen, Anchorage East Rotary





The three Fairbanks Rotary Clubs stage "Shopping Spree" for kids who need help buying presents for their families

The annual holiday Shopping Spree for kids is the College Rotary Club's signature project. It's a great idea, so great that this year the Fairbanks Sunrisers and the Fairbanks "Downtown" Rotary Club decided to join the effort.

For the Spree, Rotary buys 100 gift cards valued at 50 dollars each and helps children shop for their family members. The kids are selected by the Salvation Army and the Fairbanks Native Association. Rotarians help them find the gifts and budget their money.

Greg's Groaner



I'm reading a book about anti-gravity and I can't put it down.

District 5010 Bulletin

The Rotary District 5010 Bulletin is a monthly publication of Rotary International District 5010, which encompasses Alaska and the Canadian Yukon. It is e-mailed mid-month to all members who have supplied e-mail addresses. Members can also access the bulletin through the District website. Jan Ingram is editor. Greg Solomon is Assistant Editor. Send your club bulletins, news items, photos, info about cool service projects and brilliant ideas to: impact@ak.net or to 836 M Street #109, Anchorage, AK 99501.

Submissions deadline: Last day of each month for the next mid-month publication. Please identify the people in your photos.

Mike's Musings

about The Rotarian Magazine and other things Rotarian



Rotary New Year's Toast 2014

Hear ye, hear ye, lend me your ear,
And raise your glasses in a toast to the
New Year.

For it's that time when we ponder
solutions
Through the time-tested tradition of New
Year's resolutions.

So let's resolve to live the values we
profess
Like Service Above Self and the Four-
Way Test.
Because they are the principles that bind
us together
In our heartfelt quest to make life better.

And let us resolve to combine our
energies
Because Rotary is a way to achieve real
synergies.
That our whole is greater than the sum of
our parts,
And together we can achieve the good in
our hearts.

Finally, let us resolve that through our
clubs and vocations

Each of us can reach out and touch
whole nations.

Because Rotary empowers people like
you and like me

To be more than we might otherwise be.

A Toast To Rotary...Hear, Hear.



Register for the Rotary District 5010 Conference in Anchorage May 16-18

To register, go to the District 5010 web site
and click on the registration link or go di-
rectly to Rotary5010conference.com

Problems using the web site?

Hitting some bumps while you're trying to
use the conference web site to register? Con-
tact friendly, capable, Rotary geek Micah
Shilansky, who will be glad to walk you
through the procedure: [mi-
cah.rotary@gmail.com](mailto:micah.rotary@gmail.com)

Registered but didn't pay?

Mail a check to dependable Russ
Minkermann, 4300 B #308,
Anchorage, AK 99503. He'll make sure the
money gets into to the right account.