



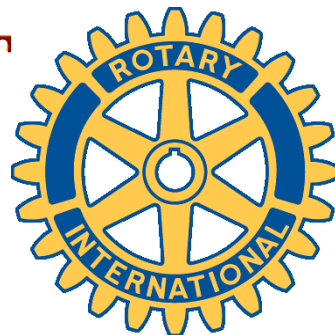
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# 5040 ROTARY SPIRIT

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**!Ed's Reminder! - Please get articles to the District Editor by the last day of the month.**



## Doing Rotary "Sunny Side Up" on the Sunshine Coast.

*Asst. Governor Rose Moon*

Ah! Rotary Sunshine Coast style. Come on over for a visit. A forty-five minute scenic ferry ride from Horseshoe Bay and you will enter the home of the world famous BeachCombers. Have some fun and experience our version of "four way" fun. Stay four nights, visit four clubs, get four of the best most fun make-ups you will ever have, yell "four" at over four splendid golf courses, beach comb for four hours at sandy Davis Bay, watch four/for cruise ships and birds sailing by on the spectacular Strait of Georgia.

August is a great month to leave the concrete canyons behind. Nothing over three stories high over here...the only thing high over here is...well we just won't go there will we? We get far too much media attention for our horticultural prowess over here. We have sunny dispositions and yes in general it is sunnier. Tell everyone you're going to the Sunshine Coast to "find yourself", and then lose yourself in our scenery, culture and activities. From world class mountain biking, to hiking, swimming, sailing, arts, culture. You name it, we've got it!

Meet some real local characters at the Tuesday night 6 p.m. Sechelt Rotary meeting at the Driftwood Inn. They love to laugh, poke fun at one another and fine their guests. A totally irreverent bunch. Stay the night then head to Powell River and poke around some of the most interesting historical and scenic sites on the Coast. You will love Wednesday nights live with the Powell River Rotary club that meets at 6 for refreshments at the "the Inn at Westview". This group of Rotarians loves to surprise guests, play little practical jokes and in general have you laughing till you cry. After spending the night in Powell River take the ferry back to the lower Sunshine Coast and spend the morning touring the spectacular "Venice of the north" AKA Pender Harbour, who incidentally are in the process of getting their Rotary Club Charter. They meet Fridays at noon at the Garden Bay Pub. "Twist your arm.", you say? Plenty of dock space for your yacht or dinghy.

Lunch on Thursday will be with the "nooners" as we affectionately call the Sunshine Coast Sechelt Club that meets at Keeper's Restaurant on the water over looking Sechelt Inlet. They love to have fun and socialize. Did anyone say, back to work? Next head to world famous Beachcombers territory...Gibsons and spend the afternoon exploring Molly's Reach, Molly's Lane and the rest of the sea shanty town. Then saunter over to the Gibsons Yacht Club for the 6:00 refreshments and dinner gathering of the Gibsons Rotary Club. Now there's a wild bunch if I ever did see one!

Rotary will never be the same for you once you've experienced it Sunshine Coast style. You might just join the long list of us who came to "play" and decided to "stay". We love the lifestyle. We love to play, so come on over and give us an excuse to book off work early. We love this place!

Whoops...did I mention that we have done a lot of great Rotary work here? Let us tell you about our world class skateboard park, grand piano, parks, gazebos, walkways.....etc. etc. Rotary is alive and thriving on the Sunshine Coast and we are all in our places with our sun shiny faces. **Come see for yourself!!**

## ***5040 ROTARY SPIRIT....***

Mary's meanderings will capture the adventures Sandy and I have this year as we meet the District 5040 Rotarians on our official District Governor visits and other Rotary sponsored events.

To serve District 5040 as District Governor is indeed a privilege. Our training began in Anaheim at the International Assembly where 529 incoming District Governors from around our Rotary world met to share ideas and become more familiar with many excellent Rotary programs. We have formed friendships with several of these dedicated Rotarians with whom I know we will correspond over the upcoming years.

One exciting event for our District occurred at the final banquet. My name was drawn from the cards of all the Governors-elect to win \$5000 US to be used within our district. We were delighted and upon our return I talked to our District team about how this money could be used by clubs in our district. We have selected the "Literacy Box" project which was unveiled at the Whistler Conference. Individual clubs can request a literacy box to be used by the parents and children of a low-income community preschool. The club will have to make a commitment to work with the teachers of the school to ensure that the mothers understand how to use the books and creative games that are loaned to them from the special box. Any clubs that are interested can contact Pat Porter of the Vancouver Quadra Club.

Sandy and I were honoured to be the Vancouver hosts for RI President Jonathan Majiyagbe who came here to preside over the first of his Presidential Celebrations. RI informed us that he had to be at the American Consulate at 8:30 a.m. on Friday to renew his multi-entry visa. This can only be done outside of the US. We were surprised to find that an 8:30 appointment meant that you waited in line with the other 30 people doing the same thing.

## ***Mary's Meanderings....***

After he completed the protocol, we drove to Coquitlam to tour the site of our Rotary World Help Network. Jonathan was most impressed that our district had actually loaded and shipped 33 containers last year. Having come from Africa, he realized how valuable the medical equipment, computers and books would be to the lucky recipients. Following our tour, we stopped for lunch, unannounced, for the regular meeting of the Burnaby Rotary Club. President Sal and the members did a wonderful job of making Jonathan feel welcome. A new member installation and a classification talk were part of the program. This was very appropriate considering that he was in our community for a Vocational Service Celebration the next day.

We are very proud of our 31 Club Presidents who were installed by President Jonathan at a special dinner on Friday evening. It was indeed a memorable occasion for all participants. On Saturday, the conference attendees were treated to an informative day of interesting speakers providing a wealth of knowledge on projects and ways to focus on vocational service at the club level. The 4-way test took on new importance throughout the day.

With the Club Leadership Seminars behind us, the district directory in circulation, we now begin the first of our visits over on the beautiful Sunshine Coast. The itinerary includes a tour of Gibsons, Sechelt and Powell River to see first hand the club projects which have benefited the local communities. We understand that lots of excitement is planned. Stay tuned to the September edition of the Rotary Spirit to get the details.

*Mary and Sandy*

## **5040 ROTARY SPIRIT....**

### ***Lending a Hand in Vancouver***

***More than 350 Rotarians from North America met at the Delta Vancouver Airport Hotel in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, to discuss the importance of Vocational Service in Rotary, as well as ways to help improve job skills and job training.***

The first of 15 RI presidential celebrations planned for 2003-04, the 19 July conference was also aimed at sharing information so that successful Vocational Service projects can be replicated in other communities in Canada and the United States.

RI President Jonathan Majiyagbe reminded participants that Vocational Service is a key element of Rotary's identity. "There has never been a better time for us to serve as role models and to renew our commitment to Vocational Service," he said in a keynote address. "This includes adhering to - and promoting - the highest ethical standards."

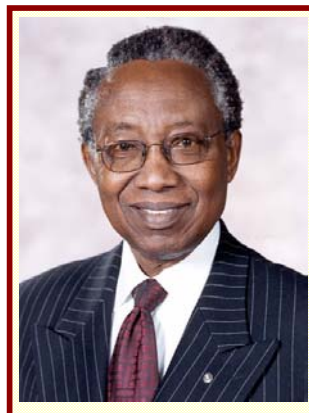
The future of the Group Study Exchange program, the significance of the 4-Way Test, promotion of the 4-Way Test, extending vocational service to youths, and the importance of vocational service to the future of Rotary, were among the topics discussed at plenary sessions and breakaway sessions.

Past RI President Cliff Dochterman set the tone of discussion with a presentation about Rotary's early years, explaining how significant vocational service was to the flourishing of Rotary. "Vocational Service is what makes Rotary different from other service clubs," he said.

Outstanding vocational service projects such as adventures in aviation, youth mentoring, and an integrity awards dinner, were highlighted alongside the following efforts.

The Rotary Club of Prince George Yellow Head demonstrated how they offer mock job interviews to high school students. The program enlisted high school students to create their own resume and go through the interview process with a Rotary club member.

The Rotary Club of Vancouver Chinatown presented their "Pulling Together" cultural awareness program. The project took 25 Native Canadians and 25 Vancouver area police officers on a canoe trip down the Fraser River for a week staying on reservations throughout the journey to learn and understand more about their community.



**RI President  
Jonathan Majiyagbe**



**RI President-elect  
Glenn Estess**

President Majiyagbe presented Vocational Service Awards to Peter Luongo of the Rotary Club of Langley (D5050) for his work with a youth orchestra, oriented around the ukelele; and to Gordon Coburn of the Rotary Club of Vancouver Chinatown (D5040) for his work with First Nation (Native Canadian) youth through canoeing. He also installed 130 club presidents and 13 district governors were installed as leaders of their clubs and districts at a pre-celebration banquet.

Past District Governor Chris Offer, chair of the Vancouver Presidential Celebration, said that the short concentrated program and active Rotarian participation helped to enliven the one-day event. "The highlight of the day was the group discussion session," he said. "The buzz and level of debate at the tables was incredible and the number of creative new ideas of how to implement vocational projects in clubs was impressive."

Senior Rotary leaders who attended the celebration included Past RI Presidents M.A.T. Caparas and Richard D. King; RI President-elect Glenn Estess, Sr., RI Vice President Frank Collins, RI Director John Eberhard, and four past directors.

Following are the themes, venues, and dates for the next four celebrations: Twin Clubs/World Community Service in El Paso, Texas, USA/ Ciudad Juárez, Mexico, on 26 July; Health Concerns in Johannesburg, South Africa, on 2 August; Population Concerns in Abuja, Nigeria, on 8 August; and Peace and Tolerance in Stockholm, Sweden, on 13 August.



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## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

**July 2003**

### **Terrace Skeena Valley**

Brendan J. McKenna

### **Richmond Sunrise**

Christine Pughe

Sabina Harpe

## ***Lend a Hand - for Membership Development***

Imagine if your club were to lose 10 percent of its members. How would that affect your service program? What projects might not get finished? Which ones might never have been started?

Now consider what your club could accomplish with 10 percent or 5 percent or even 2 percent more members. Think about the professional expertise you could add to your club's overall profile simply by making sure your classification system incorporated all business and professional interests within your community and that all open classifications were filled. Think about the new ideas and new club service projects that could be initiated. Think about the additional people to take on leadership and committee roles.

Every new Rotarian brings a range of personal and professional resources and knowledge that can greatly strengthen your club's ability to serve throughout the community and the world. The continuation of Rotary International and its local clubs depends on continued membership growth and development efforts. Membership provides continued support for the many programs of The Rotary Foundation. Membership is our primary resource and what builds and maintains strong and healthy clubs.

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## ***The Rotary Spirit of Adventure!***



Clara Croft of Texada Island, BC, travelled to Ottawa to participate in **Adventures in Citizenship** where she met with West Vancouver-Sunshine Coast Member of Parliament **John Reynolds**.

Members of The Rotary Club of Powell River heard about the bilingual student's exciting experiences upon her return when she presented a program. Clara is now considering attending the University of Ottawa after she graduates.

**The Adventure in Citizenship program**, now in its 53rd consecutive year, was instituted by the Rotary Club of Ottawa in 1951. In the spring of 2003, 220 outstanding senior high school students from across Canada spent four days in the National Capital in a program designed to develop their potential as leaders in their communities and in the Canadian society.

To date, over 10,000 students have participated in the program including Governor General Adrienne Clarkson, the Right Honourable Joe Clark and the Honourable Edward Broadbent.

While the program is focussed on governmental processes and institutions at the federal level, it is founded on the premise that the most important attributes of citizenship are determined by Canadians individually and collectively.

You can read the full details of the program on the Ottawa club's website at:

<http://www.rotaryottawa.com/Adventure/index.html>

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The RWHN is operated by a board of directors made up of Rotarians from thirty (and counting) clubs and two districts in British Columbia. Membership in this society costs Rotary Clubs \$10.00 per club member per year. These fees are used to cover costs such as local transportation, telephone, truck rentals and subsidies of shipments when required.

The concept for the RWHN started in 1992 when a group of Vancouver Club Rotarians were in Kiev, Ukraine helping to set up a club charter. This group from Vancouver saw the poor state of the medical facilities in Kiev and decided they had to find a way to help.

In 1993, Bill Richwa, Ralph Towsley and Ted Segodnia organized the first shipment of medical supplies and equipment to Kiev. By 1997, the project was so successful it became too large and complex for one club to handle. From this beginning, the RWHN was born under the leadership of its founding President, Bill Richwa, a Rotarian from the Rotary Club of Vancouver. It was established as a registered society in September 1997.

One of the key features of this organization is that it acts as one central clearing-house for the province wide collection of usable materials and medical supplies. All donating hospitals and organizations are able to deal with one organization rather than numerous clubs. This makes the collection and distribution of supplies very efficient.

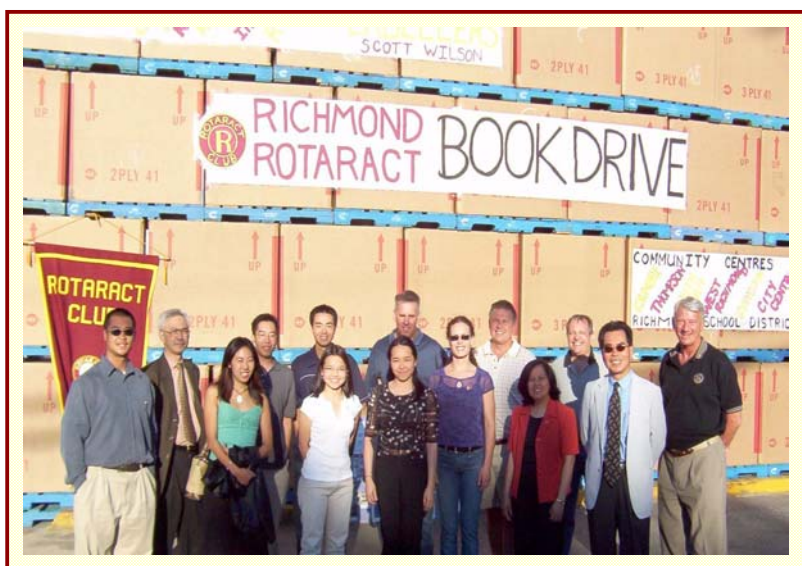
Since its incorporation, the RWHN has sent 36 container shipments to 20 different countries throughout the world. To make certain the shipments are properly distributed, the RWHN only ships to countries where there is a Rotary Club willing to act as receiver and distributor. This ensures that the goods get into the right hands and helps build a worldwide supporting network. This security is very important since the replacement cost of these shipments range from \$250,000 to \$1,000,000. The value of the average container is approximately \$300,000.

*In 1997, a group of dedicated Rotarians from the Province of British Columbia, Canada established the **Rotary World Help Network (RWHN)**, a non-profit, registered charitable organization that coordinates the shipment of used and donated educational, humanitarian and medical supplies to countries in need throughout the world.*

One of the amazing facts about RWHN is that they have managed, through the cooperation of many organizations, to ship most of their containers to various parts of the world for \$3,000. This is remarkable considering such shipments work normally cost considerably more. The Rotary World Help Network is a wonderful example of the power of Rotary and how individual Rotarians can make a difference. The RWHN offers an ideal opportunity to help people in need throughout the world. It does not get any better than that!

### ...and in 2003?

The RWHN just keeps growing - and delivering! The latest shipment left Richmond at the end of July bound for Port of Spain, Trinidad. This was a specially significant container, as it held thousands of books from the Literacy Project organised by the **Rotaract Club of Richmond**. This project resulted in their President, Stephanie Brodie, being one of the recipients of the Paul Harris Award for Literacy at our recent District Conference.



*Accompanied by Rotarians from Richmond and Steveston clubs, the Rotaractors from Richmond admire their handiwork as the totes are filled and loaded at General Labellers on Viking Way, Richmond, who generously donated the storage space*

### **Membership and Attendance details**

These will still be published every month; however, July figures are currently very sparse due to vacations and Secretarial handovers. Current details can always be accessed through the district web page. The July details will be published in the September Newsletter.

### **Emails, Spam, Scams, Viruses....etc! Yes, we all get them.**

Most of us have access to the emails of our club members - and many of our District and Zone officers. Always remember to ***Apply the Rotary Four Way Test*** when you are sending to any Rotarians...

- ★ Is it the truth?
- ★ Is it fair to all concerned?
- ★ Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
- ★ Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

- Consider the audience - thousands of Rotarians from around the world with different native languages, cultures, religions, and customs. Many of these Rotarians are using their second or third languages. Differences in expression and interpretation are inevitable.

- Respect the rights of others to hold different opinions.

- Be tolerant, understanding, and polite - just as if you were meeting face to face at Rotary

From "Rotarians on the Internet (ROTI)" Email Etiquette Guidelines

<http://www.roti.org/faqs/5001.htm#tenc>

### **Presidential Reminders for July: **Membership and Extension Month.****

- ✓ Conduct club activities to support membership development and extension efforts
- ✓ Plan and conduct monthly board meeting.
- ✓ Send monthly attendance report to the district secretary by accessing online at: [www.rotary5040.org](http://www.rotary5040.org)
- ✓ Send monthly new members reports (including addresses) and the names of deleted members to:

**Rotary International and**

**Membership Chair, Leo Nimsick at: [nimsick@telus.net](mailto:nimsick@telus.net)**