



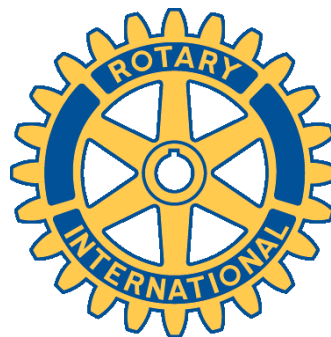
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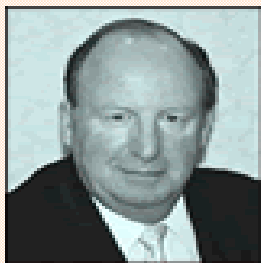
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Phil Ramage, AG, Prince George/North

The eight Rotary Clubs of Prince George/North have a history of combined service of 244 years and have 313 enthusiastic dedicated Rotarians Lending a Hand to their communities and to Rotary International.

Prince George, the place where roads, rails and rivers meet and a major transportation hub located in the heart of the province, is home to four active Rotary Clubs and to our next District Governor, Ron Neukomm.

The **Prince George Club** under the leadership of **President Norm Schmitz** completed a very successful TV Rotary Auction in December a tradition of this club for over 53 years. Over the years this Auction has raised over 2 ½ million dollars with every penny going back into the community. This Club has a lot to celebrate and their involvement can be seen all around the City in projects involving; The Rotary Hospice House; Rotary Skateboard Park; Rotary Soccer Fields, and the South Fort George Adventure Park, just to name a few.

The **Yellowhead Club**, "The Club of Champions", with **President Darren Masse** at the helm, was chartered in 1977 and started the vocational program *Adventure in Forestry* some 13 years ago, with students interested in careers in the Forest industry coming from as far away as Ontario to attend. Visit their web site at www.yellowheadrotary.ca.

A project completed in time for Christmas was "HERE'S THE BEEF!" The Club along with 12 Beef producers from Vanderhoof donated 5,000 lbs of ground beef to the Salvation Army Food Banks in P.G., Houston, Smithers, Terrace and Prince Rupert. 3lbs. of hamburger were added to each family hamper distributed at Christmas. The Club also collected non-perishable food at the Cougar and Spruce King hockey games for hampers a Christmas for the needy.

The **Nechako Club**, along with **President Rod Ferguson** was very busy with Operation Red Nose during the holiday season. This Club of some 69 members has made a very big impression in the short time that they have been chartered and have developed outstanding Rotarians to go on to serve the District in the capacity of PDG (Neil King) and DGE (Ron Neukomm)

The **New Caledonia Club** may be small in numbers but this club with **Darryl Brizan** as **President** is BIG in heart and spirit and as one of their projects erected a Gazebo for the Prince George Lawn Bowling Association. This club also does Meals on Wheels as one of their ongoing services to the community.

Located just over two hours north of Prince George is **Mackenzie**, the Gateway to Williston Lake, the largest man made lake in the province and home to the Worlds Largest Tree Crusher. **President J.D.Mackenzie** (How is that for planning? Having a President with the same name as the Town and the Club?) and members are heavily involved in the annual Alexander Mackenzie Day Events, with their Duck Drop, and during the festive season raised money toward a blood machine with their Tree of Lights.

Traveling West on Hwy 16, 226km from Prince George is Burns Lake, the Gateway to the Lakes District and Tweedsmuir Provincial Park, the largest in B.C. accessible only by air, water or foot. **President Angelika Posselt**, along with the 25 member of the **Burns Lake Club** and invited quests celebrated 50yrs of Rotary in June 2003. This Club has as one of its main Vocational projects the famous Tweedsmuir Park Trek and they are busy working on their Centennial Project providing Tennis Courts for the Community

As we turn back toward Prince George we travel to **Fort St James**, named New Caledonia by the famous explorer Simon Fraser, located 62 km north of Vanderhoof on Hwy 27 on the southeast shore of beautiful Stuart Lake. **Acting President, John Hiebert** and members along with the members of the Vanderhoof Club had a joint Radio Auction which these two Clubs do every year, on November 15th. It was a great success with the proceeds going back into the community. The club also had a Christmas Food and Toy drive and for a small Club have a lot of "get up and go"

Not far from Fort St James on our return to Prince George we come to **Vanderhoof**, affectingly called "Hooterville", for the banks of the Nechako River is considered a mecca for bird watchers where tens of thousand Canada Geese stop to rest on the small islands of the river. This was the site of the joint Radio Auction which Ron Neukomm and I had the opportunity to man phones. It was great fun and great fellowship. **President Rick Kowalewich**, along with the 13 members are dedicated hard working Rotarians committed to the ideal of "Service Above Self". The presence of Rotary throughout the North is every where to be seen and Rotary is strong "beyond Hope".

The men and women of the eight Clubs in the Prince George/North area wish you Success and Happiness throughout the New Year.

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Mary's Meanderings....

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.

My meanderings for our official Governor visits are now virtually complete with my three club visits in December. My visit to the New Westminster Royal City Club will occur mid January as earlier rescheduled.

Dec 2 - We visited the **Vancouver Club** at its Terminal City location and enjoyed the ambience and buffet luncheon. They have such a fabulous buffet that many members arrive 30 minutes prior to begin lunch! Their Executive Secretary, Pam, ensures that all the behind the scenes work is completed to assist President Don.

Dec 4 - Sandy and I had President Penny a little worried as we did not arrive until about 10 minutes before the meeting. We were hopelessly confused on getting the right exit to the Canlan Ice Sports Complex in the darkness of early morning. Their hospitality and cheerful welcome made us feel at home.

Dec 5 - Home at Last!! It was such a wonderful feeling to be presenting to my very own club. In the time that I have been on the road, our membership has increased by 3 and our projects are well underway. President Michael and Estelle Jacobson had a lovely dinner for the board members and ourselves that evening.

Dec. 6 to 16 - Sandy and I spent 10 relaxing days in the sun in Scottsdale before returning to spend a wonderful Christmas with our children and their partners in Rossland.

Partner Sandy's Comments:

"It has been an honour and pleasure for me to accompany Mary on most of her official club visits and other events to date. In particular I have enjoyed the diversity and fellowship of the Rotarians and partners. I have learned about clubs' accomplishments, interesting traditions, activities and their future plans."

Leadership - Rotary's Hidden Asset

As January is Rotary Awareness month, I want to bring to the fore an essentially hidden asset of Rotary. This asset is Leadership Strength - what Rotary has and what it does to develop it. We tend to equate Rotary with Humanitarian Service. I believe we should also equate it with Leadership - community and international.

In my travels around our District, my view on this was reinforced. I think this is no accident. The structure and functioning of the individual clubs provide opportunities for leadership as chairs of committees, and as officers. Also, there are leadership opportunities at the District level and beyond. Recently, Rotary adopted a District Leadership model creating Assistant Governors among other features.

The good news is that these opportunities are supported by RI's commitment (and that of the District) to leadership development as evidenced below:

- The three-day annual President Elect Training Seminar (PETS) program that includes elements of leadership and also includes the AG's who are part of the program.
- Club Leadership Seminars held around the District in the Spring
- Potential Rotary Leadership Seminar (PRLS) being held this January
- The multi-day Blue Denim and Zone Institutes for mentoring and training related to the leadership roles of the DGN, DGE, DG.
- The leadership training of incoming District Governors at the International Assembly

In addition to these formal activities, there is informal mentoring among individual Rotarians, many of whom are experienced business leaders.

I believe we should continue to capitalize on the attractiveness of Rotary in offering prospective new members an opportunity to gain valuable leadership skills, both in theory and in practice.

This year in District 5040, we are fortunate to have 3 well-qualified District Trainers. I am proud of the collective efforts of Rotary to support leadership development.

Mary
and
Sandy



RANDOM THOUGHTS ON MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT & RETENTION!

- We are good at inducting members but not good at keeping them
- Firesides work well - use them
- Include more fellowship in club activities
- Have new members act as greeters-helps to orient them
- Ensure that new members get involved quickly
- Take the new member to another club for a make up
- Get spouses and family members involved in club activities
- Ensure that newly approved members are inducted promptly
- Give new members the ABC's of Rotary, Rotary Basics & Frank Talk
- Ask acquaintances and co-workers to join Rotary
- Contact businesses about having a person join Rotary
- Send a get to know Rotary letter to a contact list
- Invite the replacement for a transferred Rotarian to join the club
- The Chamber of Commerce is a good source of new members
- Encourage new members to attend the District Conference
- Involve the membership in the operations of the club
- Promote Rotary in your community in newspapers, on TV & on billboards
- Use Past Presidents as mentors for new members
- Make up a check list for the mentor and new member
- Use the ideas from Rotary's website "Rotary.org"
- Use the District website "rotary5040.org"
- Phone members to find out why they are missing meetings
- Ask departed members why they left Rotary
- Make new members welcome-have them sit at a different table every week so they get to know the club
- Host an open house Rotary meeting - invite prospects to come
- Have the new member do a classification talk soon after induction
- Keep all members involved
- Keep committees active
- Make a list of possible community projects - publicize successes
- Encourage hands on projects - they are the best
- Use Rotary bumper stickers - "Good Bye Polio - Thanks Rotary"
- Wear your Rotary pin at all times
- Wear Rotary clothing in the community
- **HAVE FUN!**



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS December 2003

Burns Lake

Valorie Fehr

Lionsgate, North Vancouver

Sue Godey

New Westminster

-Royal City

Patti Gosa

North Vancouver

Bert Klaver

Gillian Carrigan

Ron Reader

Dr. Patrick McRoberts

Prince Rupert

Robin Bell

Bob Lipsett

Brent Patriquin

Bruce Wishart

Lonnie Wishart

Prince Rupert Hecate Strait

Marilyn Neaudorf

John MacArthur

Sechelt

Linda Brooks

Campbell Turner

Gloria Hoeght

Steveston-Richmond

Rob Nose

Ivor Holland

Sunshine Coast-Sechelt

Dr. Goze Vlasblom

West Vancouver Sunrise

Dr. David Bradley

Congratulations to **North Vancouver** for 8 new members since July 1, 2003

This was our **best month to date** with 21 reported new members. We are now half way through this Rotary year. We have 93 new members with 80 having left Rotary.

Congratulations to the **Pender Harbour (Madeira Park) Rotary Club** our 53rd club. The 22 Charter members brings our total to 115. Watch for details for the Charter celebration.

Happy New Year! May 2004 be all that you want it to be.

PDG Leo A.T. Nimsick

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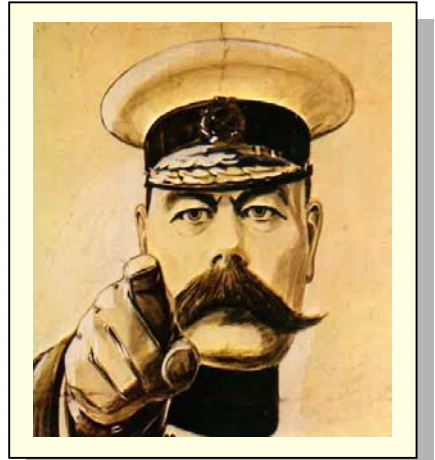
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YOU THERE!

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around the District.....

Books, Books and more Books!!!

The **Rotary Club of Steveston** began 2004 with a hard working physical effort of "Service Above Self" on no less than January 2, 2004. It was not from personal resolution to get "fit" but from a desire to enhance "literacy" in the world. Led by their **President Sue Smith**, ten members set to work salvaging the text books from a gutted Richmond High school. The club members along with their community partner, the Steveston Harbor Authority, worked diligently in heaving over 200 boxes of books each weighing between 75-100 pounds from rooms, down stairs and out to a waiting flatbed truck to be hauled to the SHA for storage until needy countries and communities can be identified.

Members worked in excess of two and one half hours in sheer delightful physical labor in achieving their goals. Those who "relished in the success" in the photo were (l to r), Bob Jones, Jim Toogood, Neville Atkinson, George Montgomery, Bob Morimoto, Peter Mitchell and top of book "stack" Bill McNulty and Don Pfeffer.

Congratulations All and Thank you!

If you think the District's Literacy Drive finished with last year's District Conference - think again! Clubs throughout the District are still hard at work bringing the Gift of Literacy to those in need. Here's just a couple of examples.



Thanks to Bill McNulty for the article, and Peter Mitchell for the photo



Serving 1000 pancakes, Jane Leporte, John George, Janice Froese, Nasim Jiwa



Janice Froese presents books to Edmonds school students

Burnaby-Deer Lake gives books and serves pancakes at Edmonds School.

In December, the **Rotary Club of Burnaby-Deer Lake** Rotarians and spouses delivered nearly 500 books and served a pancake breakfast to the students of Burnaby's Edmonds School. Edmonds is classed as an inner city school with a high number of ESL students.

The members of the club and spouses flipped more than one thousand pancakes and served them to the students. Santa Claus visited the breakfast. The club members then visited each classroom and presented each student with a book and a candy cane. The books were selected with the schools academic staff to be appropriate to each grade level. This is the third year for this hands on service project. This year it forms a commitment to President Jonathan Majiyagbe's goal to promote literacy.

The Rotary Club of Burnaby-Deer Lake has a long-term commitment to Edmonds school. An annual garage sale is held at the school by the club with all funds donated to the school. Club members also volunteer to assist with the school's hot nutrition program.

This project was supported in part by a \$1000 Rotary Foundation **District Simplified Grant** from District 5040.

Thanks to President Penny Offer for the article and photos

Community Service in the Philippines

John (Dr. Jack) and Aliza Hutchinson operate a dental practice in Richmond, BC. Since he joined the Rotary Club of Richmond Sunrise, the club has been keen to sponsor one his many "Outreach" projects - "Dentistry with Heart" - in a 3rd world country. This is the story of that trip.

On Thursday, October 8th, 2003, my wife Aliza, hygienist, Kathie Robertson, and I left Vancouver, B.C. on Philippine Airlines for Cebu, Philippines. Our hosts from the **Cebu West Rotary Club** greeted us, lead by **President Nonito Narvasa**, and they expedited our entrance into the country.

This trip was organized with two Rotarians from my club - the Rotary Club of Richmond Sunrise - Elena Agala and Lisa Muyco. Both were born in the Philippines and travelled to Cebu with us. On the day we arrived (Saturday), we attended a joint meeting of the clubs from Cebu to welcome their **District Governor Robert Dormendo**, who was attending their clubs for the first time. It was a wonderful chance to meet so many Rotarians, watch native dances and enjoy a wonderful buffet of Philippine food.

Our mission to the Philippines was to provide dentistry and pain relief to the unfortunate in Cebu and Manila. In Cebu, the Rotary Club made arrangements to have us go to The Department of Social Welfare and Development, which is a vocational centre, to help blind individuals train to become massage therapists and handicapped individuals train in radio and television repair. As well as working on these people, children were bussed in from an orphanage and then we opened up the facility to the community. These individuals were very poor and attended school here for one year, most without any source of income or family support. During our four days there, we managed to do 120 extractions, 110 silver fillings, and 88 composite (white) fillings. As well, we did a lot of cleaning and hygiene. We gave out toothbrushes, toothpaste, and all of the children also received a stuffed animal as a prize for being a good patient.

It was a privilege working on these unfortunate people who were not there by choice but simply because they had been born to a poor family in the Philippines. When doing dentistry in third world countries, I have discovered that the need is endless and you can get very frustrated if you dwell on the long lines of people waiting to see you. You must focus on helping the one who is in your dental chair, doing your best, not just an extraction which is quicker, but treating this patient like he is the most important person ever to get into your chair. By doing this, you can make a connection with the people. One small thing I always do is I do not wear a mask because I want the patient to look at me and see I really care and I am not afraid that he is going to give me some disease. I will always give a child a hug and take time to connect. We can see a lot of patients but we do not want it to be a production line.

Friday came too quickly and it was time to fly to Manila. This outreach was also for four days and was sponsored by the **Rotary Clubs of Panday Pira, Malate, and Pasay City**. **Presidents Romy Macatangay, Flordelisa Dabu and Jun deVera** were wonderful hosts. The Rotary Club of Panday Pira works closely with an orphanage which is in the rear of the YWCA which eighteen children call their home. As well as these children, the orphanage facilitates a drop-in center for street kids as well as a school.

We set our portable equipment up in the classroom and worked on the kids. On Sunday, we went to Pasay City and worked in the community in the middle of the street under a tent. It was great working in the community,

surrounded by approximately 60 children and adults. We were the main attraction and most of the people had never seen or had any experience with dentistry. **We gave them back their smiles!**

It was a wonderful day, we got lots of work done and people in motorcycles, and bikes were passing within 6 inches of the dental chair, as the road was very narrow.

On Monday, we were with **President Jun and the Rotary Club of Malate** and we set up our equipment in the community centre in Malata City. We were able to see over 160 people this day but had to turn away another 75. During our outreach in Manila, we were able to do 101 extractions, 81 silver fillings and 131 composite fillings as well as lots of scaling, hygiene, and cleanings.

As we finished our dental outreach, a few points continue to strike me:

- **The friendships we made.** It took no time to develop great friendships with Rotary Presidents and members of their teams. It was as if we had known them for a long time.
- **How accommodating and gracious they were as hosts.** These people could not have done more, from making sure hotel rooms were fine, getting us fruit and water and entertaining us every night.
- **The desire of the local dentists to help.** In Manila, the local dentists definitely wanted to help and offered their services. It seems there are lots of dentists but that supplies are limited and most people cannot afford treatment.

Our outreach lasted two weeks and it was a very busy and productive time. We worked eight days out of nine, with one day off which we used to travel between Cebu and Manila. The experience of working with fellow Rotarians who went out of their way to accommodate us reinforced why we do these outreaches. There is obviously a common desire and goal to help other men and women. Although we returned home very tired and run down, we knew we had done the right thing. We had made new friends, seen a new part of the world, and helped a lot of people.

We will return and do another outreach in the Philippines, to LEND A HAND to the less fortunate.

Jack and Aliza (left of picture) are welcomed by local Rotarians and patients alike on their arrival in Manila.



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around the District.....

Juvenile Diabetes - Vancouver Fraserview makes a difference.

Flanked by fellow Rotarians, and representatives from the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, Asst. Governor Otto Rieve and President Kelly Rai present a cheque for \$10,000 to the Foundation.



The total was helped in no small way by the marvellous feast of food, presentations, dance and music that the Club presented to hundreds of Rotarians and guests on 14th December at Fraserview Hall. Juvenile Diabetes has been a focus of Fraserview's fund raising efforts and this donation will go towards the Foundation's very focused mission - "To find a cure for diabetes and its complications through the support of research". see: <http://www.jdrf.ca/>

Brasilian Christmas Wishes

Spending the Festive Season away from friends and family can often be a difficult experience - especially for a teenager. But more that 20 of our BC youth did just that this year. But, as they always do, these Young Ambassadors take it in their stride! Here's one doing just that as our Youth Exchange student in Brasil:

"Dearest all family, friends, loved ones...

On a beach in a country with both beauty & poverty,

Never imagined contradicting images like this.

A third world & first world from where it is that you stand.

Third from the street side and first from the sand.

A short time has passed but a lifetime impacted,

Surprising myself in how I've reacted.

A new world of understanding for the one we inhabit,

A new perspective on life and how we must grab it.

Every moment a gift and silence a blessing.

Listening to your heart and never second guessing.

Never underestimate the power of your words,

Remember what you've seen and all that you have heard.

These sights and these sounds are unique to the moment,

However, will last as long as you hold it.

Merry Christmas!

Feliz Natal!

Joyeux Noel!

With love,

Robyn Savage"



Important Notice - District Policy Amendment

1. Resolutions proposing to amend the policy of the district may be submitted by:
 - Any Rotary club in the District, such resolution having been adopted at a general meeting of the club, or by the Board of Directors of the club at a regular meeting.
 - The District Governor.
 - The District Resolutions Committee or the District Advisory Committee, such resolution having been adopted by a majority of the members of the committee.
2.
 - All resolutions to be considered must be submitted to the District Governor at least 75 days prior to the opening date of the Annual District Conference.
 - b) The District Governor shall refer all resolutions received to the District Resolutions Committee which shall not less than 30 days prior to the opening day of the District Conference, forward a copy of such resolutions to the President of each club in the district, to the chair of each District Committee, and to each member of the District Advisory Committee.
3.
 - Resolutions submitted to the District Governor, unless withdrawn by the proposer, shall be submitted by the District Resolutions Committee together with the Committee's recommendation for consideration at the District Conference.
4.
 - Voting on resolutions may be done by a show of hands at the District Conference. Every conference registrant, provided they are members in good standing of a club in the District, shall be eligible to vote. However, should a roll call vote be called for by one elector, the provisions for conference voting as set out in the Manual of Procedure of Rotary International shall apply.

Note: the last day for resolutions to be received by the District Governor is March 1, 2004;

District Resolutions Committee

PDG Leo Nimsick

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The GSE Team from D4490, New Zealand - May 2004



Phyl Cameron, Team Leader. Rotary Club of Raetihi-Ohakune

Married to Don with two daughters, Christie aged 30 and Lisa aged 28. Primary teacher and sole charge Principal for 28 years. My main interests being drama and literacy. We now run 2500 acres of sheep and beef farm and also have a Luxury Tourist Lodge on the property which we own and manage. I am a published poet and author of short stories and have been involved in amateur theatre for some years, producing my first professional production in March 2003. An ex rep hockey player and coach I enjoy all sport both as a participant and as an observer.

My aspirations from this tour are to gain as much experience as possible from Canada so that I can apply some of it to my interests and occupations in New Zealand, especially in the area of theatre.

Brett Stott, age 31.

Born Te Awamutu, NZ in 1972. Raised and educated in Te Awamutu to 7th form, where I left school to undertake officer training with the NZ Army in 1991. I was commissioned in December 1991, and spent the next 6 years as a junior telecommunications manager in various camps around NZ. I left the Army in 1997 to travel and go to university where I completed a Bachelor of Information Science. I rejoined the Army in 1999 and am still there. I am married to Melissa, and live in Wanganui. I enjoy all sports, actively participating in rugby, golf and fishing.



Cherie St Just age 28.

I am a 28 year old female and come from a family of 5 (2 brothers plus a Mum and Dad). I reside in Wellington (Lower Hutt). My parents have always strongly encouraged all of us to participate in a variety of sports and still to this day I play Netball, Run and Swim regularly and am a crew member on 2 Sailing boats which race each week.

Professional - I left High School at 18 knowing exactly what I wanted to do with my life and went straight to University and Teachers Training College. Just as I turned 21 I got my first teaching job teaching New Entrants/Year 1. I continued teaching primary aged students for 5 years mastering the skill of teaching reading writing and arithmetic.

2 years ago I was offered a job at a middle to low socio economic high school in Wainuiomata teaching Physical Education and English. I enthusiastically accepted this job. Presently (2003) I am teaching remedial reading and other literacy programmes as well as Physical Education. To add to this I also now have the position as the Year 12 Dean which involves me being responsible for 180 students. Next year (2004) I will once again be involved in teaching literacy but with a different role which is assisting other teachers to incorporate literacy into

their programme plus the teaching of Reading and being the Year 13 Dean. I hope to be able to make comparisons between the diversities with students in British Columbia and those of New Zealand students. I would like to be exposed to Canadian best practice in Literacy with an aim to incorporate some of these practices in my own classroom.

Lisa Oldridge age 37.

I am an Early Childhood teacher.

I was born and continue to live in the capital city of New Zealand, Wellington. I am married with two teenage children and my interests outside of work are photography and reading.

I have taught in the greater Wellington region in multi cultural communities both as a teacher and a head teacher. I am currently employed at The Correspondence School where I teach children from three to five years of age by distance education. This involves working in a close partnership with parents to provide an individual educational programme for their child.

I have recently completed my Post Graduate Diploma in Education majoring in policy and leadership and am presently studying for a Masters of Education degree at Victoria University. Overtime I have explored and studied areas such as using information communication technologies to enhance learning, literacy, assessment practices and parent education. During the Group Study Exchange these are some of the areas that I plan to explore further with a particular emphasis on literacy and the Early Childhood Sector.



Peter Dixon age 24.

I live and work in the heart of Wellington, New Zealand. I have a passion for people, water, and creativity and fill my life up wherever possible around these things. My family is really important to me and I have the good fortune of living in the same city as both of my brothers (aged 23 and 20), parents and my sister (aged 14). My family shares a special bond as Jeff (23) is disabled. For us this means ups and downs but heaps of laughs and good times. We are very lucky to be able to hang out as friends as well as family. I enjoy fishing with my father in his little dingy -sometimes we even catch fish! Wakeboarding, water-skiing and surfing are also keen hobbies of mine. Living in Wellington provides ready access to all of these activities (but also means wetsuits, rash vests and thermal underwear are essential accessories).

On land I enjoy mountain biking, rock climbing and my work. I am self-employed and manage a quickly growing design company called The Church (www.thechurch.co.nz). The Church works with some of New Zealand's best young creative talent (in the form of design students), and seeks to provide commercial opportunities and learning for these students so that they are more readily employable. Graphic literacy is therefore of massive significance in my ability to assist students in learning and growing. I am hugely excited about coming to British Columbia and bringing back my experiences to share with the design students of New Zealand.

KAI ORANA!

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At the end of this month, the annual **USA-Canada Youth Exchange Network Conference** will get underway in Vancouver. If you have not already registered, please access our website where you can register for the conference and book hotel accommodation. We already have over 90 Rotarians from around the world registered for the event, including delegates from Brazil, Mexico, Taiwan, Germany, Belgium and Turkey.

The conference Program Committee has assembled a preliminary program covering the following Youth Exchange (YE) topics:

- Educating District Governors about Youth Exchange
- Sexual Abuse
- Understanding American Cultural Values
- Developing Intercultural Sensitivity
- Short Term Exchanges
- Using A Fixed Price Formula for Outbound Exchanges
- What is SEVIS? What You Really Need to Know
- New Generation & Graduate Exchanges
- Student Orientations and Interviews
- The Role of Rotex and Rebounders
- Summer Camps
- Crisis Management - Death of a Student
- Dealing with Student Electronic Communications Issues
- Learn from the Best - YE Program Management
- An Introduction to YE for the New District Committee Member
- Regional YE Perspectives - Europe and South America
- Organizing Small Scale Year-end Student Trips



2004 Conference
Vancouver, BC
Jan 29th - Feb 1st



It has just been confirmed that RI Presidential Nominee 2005-2006 Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar of the Rotary Club of Göteborg, Sweden, will be attending the conference!!

Also, for D5040 Rotarians, the Conference Committee has put together a **Special Offer not available on the website:**

Attend one, or two days of the conference, and/or the Saturday Evening banquet at these Special Rates:

- ★ Friday or Saturday only: C\$100.00 each day- includes all conference materials for that day + breakfast and lunch;
- ★ Attend the Saturday Banquet for only C\$60.00
- ★ Contact Janice Froese at jfroese@telus.net
- ★ You **MUST** pay and book with Janice by 24th January - no registration at the door, please

Neil McDonald
Co-Chair Vancouver 2004 Conference
USA Canada Youth Exchange Network

Book through the Conference website:
www.d5040youthexchange.ca/vanconf2004/index.html

In Celebration



Jill Ackhurst passed away last month. A long time enthusiast of our Youth Exchange Program, Jill will be sorely missed by everyone she touched. Perhaps the best way to remember and celebrate Jill's life is with words from one of these students:

"When Jill joined Rotary, I thought it was such a great idea...she was meant to be a Rotarian! She did a great job with all of us, the Rotary Exchange students that came to B.C. She was always willing to host the exchange student that was in Whistler. She loved to be in contact with people from different cultures. She had so much to bring us. And she did! Jill was devoted to others.

"Jill has changed my life. She enriched it and she made me want to follow her example of generosity and love. She did so much for the world...I admire her and will always love her."

Emilie "Mia" Merkenbrack
Exchange Student from France to Whistler 1999-2000

THE 5040 ROTARY "YEE-HAW" SPIRIT....

Williams Lake, the 'Stampede Capital' of British Columbia, will welcome hundreds of Rotarians from Clubs around District 5040 in the month of May.

For the first time since it was chartered 40 years ago, the Williams Lake Rotary Club will host the annual District Conference with the help of neighbouring clubs **Thursday, May 13th to Sunday, May 16th.** The Williams Lake Club is joining forces with the local Daybreak Club, the 100 Mile House Club to the south and the Quesnel and the Quesnel Sunrise Clubs to the north to stage the yearly event.

The City of Williams Lake, which is celebrating its 75th Anniversary during 2004, is a forestry and ranching community with a municipal population of more than 12,000. Named for the Shuswap First Nations Chief William, the city is the largest centre in the Cariboo-Chilcotin and is at the heart of the region.

- ◆ *The 100 Mile House Club will open the four days of activity with a dinner for northbound delegates in the South Cariboo community on the Thursday evening.*
- ◆ *A golf tournament will tee off Friday morning at the Williams Lake Golf & Tennis Club course. The popular Williams Lake Rotary Club 'Stampede Steakout' barbecue will kick off a "Western Experience" evening Friday night.*



***Williams Lake,
May 14 - 16, 2004***

- ◆ *Among the entertainers booked for Friday and Saturday are the Gold Pan City Can Can Dancers, Magician Clint Gray, the Alkali Lake Native Drummers & Dancers, the Home Brew Band, and the world-renowned Langley School District Ukulele Youth Band. It is hoped the City of Williams Lake Official Cowboy Poet Laureate will also perform.*
- ◆ *An interdenominational service will be held Sunday morning in memory of Rotarians who passed away during the last year.*
- ◆ *A tour of the Trans Canada cogeneration power plant which produces electricity by burning wood waste is planned for the conference delegates.*

***"Catch the Adventure!" Come to the 2004 District Conference.
"75 Years and Growing - Williams Lake - A Great Place to Hang your Hat!"
Look out for lots more details next month, including how your Club can
win \$1,000 towards your favourite Project!!***

CENTENNIAL POSTER CONTEST DEADLINE EXTENDED TO FEBRUARY 15, 2004

- ✦ We have extended the deadline for the receipt of Centennial Posters. Encourage the young people in your area to create an exciting poster expressing the concept of providing service to others in the community and in the world. The details are as follows:
- ✦ Children ages 10 - 13
- ✦ Separate competitions for various age groups
- ✦ Use chalk, charcoal, crayon, paint, pastel, pen or pencil
- ✦ No smaller than 12x18 and no larger than 24x24 inches

Submit artwork to:
Angy De Stefanis
Rotary Club of Burnaby
7880 Goodlad St.
Burnaby, BC V5E 2H6



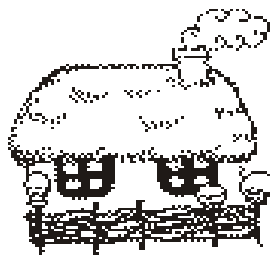
Presidential Reminders for January: Rotary Awareness Month

- ✓ Work with the club secretary to complete the Semiannual Report and send with dues to RI. Submit district per capita dues. RI dues become past due on 1 February.
- ✓ Monitor membership development goals and projects.
- ✓ Plan and conduct monthly board meeting.
- ✓ Conduct a semiannual checkup on all committee activities and objectives.
- ✓ Promote attendance at the district conference.

5040 ROTARY SPIRIT....

Membership and Attendance

District 5040 Membership and Attendance to December 2003						
Members		CLUB	Attendance (%)			
July, 2003	Year to date		Oct 2003	Nov 2003	Dec 2003	Year to date
44	44	100 MILE HOUSE	76	72	80	71
51	53	BURNABY	65	59	65	60
22	22	BURNABY DEER LAKE	89	78	81	77
32	31	BURNABY METROTOWN	79	70	48	64
24	29	BURNS LAKE	71	84	71	75
4	4	DELTA 2000	75	100	90	85
16	16	FORT ST. JAMES	57	48	44	51
47	41	GIBSONS	57	87	70	64
17	16	KITIMAT	50	92		55
47	49	LADNER	99	71	70	83
19	21	MACKENZIE	61	69	64	61
52	50	NEW WESTMINSTER	71	72	73	65
34	35	NEW WESTMINSTER ROYAL CITY	70	70	74	74
30	37	NORTH VANCOUVER	81	76	75	71
32	32	NORTH VANCOUVER LIONS GATE	65	73	69	69
50	51	POWELL RIVER	74	75	92	77
85	86	PRINCE GEORGE	63	56	77	64
74	69	PRINCE GEORGE NECHAKO	67	67	59	62
18	21	PRINCE GEORGE NEW CALEDONIA	82	100	89	85
63	61	PRINCE GEORGE YELLOWHEAD	66	70	70	69
53	58	PRINCE RUPERT	78	84	87	74
44	36	PRINCE RUPERT HECATE STRAIGHT	63	71	54	57
40	38	QUESNEL	62	85	78	68
34	34	QUESNEL SUNRISE				54
37	37	RICHMOND	70	65	71	68
41	41	RICHMOND SUNRISE	82	100	78	86
22	24	RICHMOND SUNSET				67
37	39	SECHELT	56	71	76	66
28	21	SMITHERS	74	71	78	74
23	24	SMITHERS - ALPINE	58	60	54	59
53	56	SQUAMISH	51	52	66	47
34	34	STEVESTON	88	88	96	87
28	28	SUNSHINE COAST - SECHELT	60	60	55	59
56	50	TERRACE	76	62	58	65
36	35	TERRACE SKEENA VALLEY	71	65	60	68
73	73	TSAWWASSEN	66	72	70	68
160	159	VANCOUVER	56	60	56	57
41	44	VANCOUVER ARBUTUS	66	67	60	64
22	21	VANCOUVER CAMBIE	66	66	38	64
45	41	VANCOUVER CHINATOWN	79	83	78	80
17	16	VANCOUVER COLLINGWOOD	81	82	85	83
29	30	VANCOUVER FRASERVIEW	60	61	60	57
19	19	VANCOUVER QUADRA	77	74	69	75
26	27	VANCOUVER SOUTH	60	63		54
25	23	VANCOUVER SUNRISE	67	61	92	70
12	11	VANDERHOOF	70	73	73	65
39	39	WEST VANCOUVER	70	69	79	71
21	22	WEST VANCOUVER SUNRISE	80	84	86	81
48	48	WHISTLER	58	72	68	70
28	25	WHISTLER MILLENNIUM	75	78		86
60	58	WILLIAMS LAKE	51	48		48
18	18	WILLIAMS LAKE DAYBREAK	79	79	63	73
2010	1997	DISTRICT AVERAGE/TOTAL	67	69	69	67



raising FUNDS for:

- * Ukrainian Hospital Equipment,
- * Uganda Club Foot Program
- * Mexican Indigenous School Dormitory
- * Monarch Place

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