



# The District 5040 CENTARIAN



## District 5040 Newsletter April 2005

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**April is Centennial Volunteer Month; I encourage all Rotarians in District 5040 to volunteer at least 10 hours during the month. Look around your community; surely there is someone or some organization that could use the benefit of Rotary's motto and 2005-2006 theme "Service Above Self".**

Early March saw Dee and I traveling to Prince Rupert where we attended the Foundation Fundraiser that was hosted by the two Prince Rupert Rotary Clubs. A big thank you to Assistant Governor Bill and Anita Parmar for hosting our District Foundation Chair PDG Del Paterson and us. The theme was "Gangsters", great to see many Rotarians joined in the fun by dressing in 1930's outfits. The following evening the three of us traveled to Terrace where we were hosted by PDG Art and Lesley Erasmus. The Foundation Dinner that is an annual event hosted by the two Terrace clubs and the Kitimat club was another fun filled evening. The highlight of the evening was a surprise roasting of PDG Art Erasmus.

Mid March Dee and I traveled to Seattle for the Pacific Northwest Presidents Elect Training Seminar. We had the honour of being Aids to Zone 22 RI Director John and Fran Eberhard, who are a delightful Rotary couple. Attending PETS is a great experience for the new class of Club Presidents. We were really impressed by the caliber of speakers at this years Seminar, if you ever get the opportunity to see the Langley Ukulele Band perform do not miss the opportunity as they are an inspiring group of young people.

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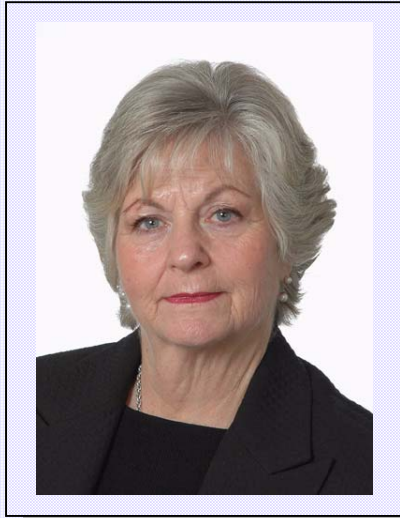
**The Prince George District Conference Committee has been working hard to ensure that all Rotarians and friends of Rotary who attend the Conference in Prince George May 26 to 29 have a fun filled weekend. Just a reminder that the deadline for early bird registration savings is April 15th. Check out the conference website and registration forms on our District website [www.rotary5040.org](http://www.rotary5040.org) follow the link to the District Conference.**



On April 5th our Centennial Group Study Exchange Team with Rotarian Bob Blacker as Team Leader departs Vancouver for District 9570 in Queensland Australia. Next month the inbound team from District 9570 arrives in our District. Both teams will be on our program at the District Conference.

A big thank you to those clubs who have submitted a 2004-2005 Presidential Citation Certification Form. The deadline for submissions is April 15, 2005. The form is down loadable on the RI website or contact me direct and I will fax you a copy.

*Ron and Dee*



District Governor Ron Neukomm is pleased to announce that **Dean Rohrs**, a member of the Rotary Club of Vancouver Sunrise, has been recommended by the nominating committee to be the District Governor Nominee who will serve as District Governor in 2007 - 2008.

At the International Convention in Sweden in June 2006, District Governors for 2007-2008 will be elected. District Governors also serve as officers of Rotary International during their year as Governor.

Dean Rohrs, her husband Rhino, their two daughters and their son, came to Canada from South Africa in 1991. Shortly after their arrival in Vancouver, Dean became the owner/manager of the Point Grey Cruiseshipcenter. She sold this very successful business in 2000. Currently, Dean works with her husband in his business, Rhide Technologies, which supplies soil stabilization products used in road construction.

Dean's Rotary history dates to her childhood. Her father was a Rotarian who later became a District Governor in Zambia. Her mother was an avid Rotary Ann. When Rhino joined Rotary in 1986, Dean became a Rotary Ann and was President of the Bruma Lake Rotary Anns in 1988-89. When women were allowed into Rotary, Dean joined the Bruma Lake Rotary Club becoming their President in 1990/91. Since moving to the Lower Mainland, she has been a member of the West Vancouver and West Vancouver Sunrise clubs. Currently, she is a member of the Rotary Club of Vancouver Sunrise and served as President in 2003/04. She led the Group Study Exchange Team to New Zealand in 1999. Dean has served District 5040 as GSE Chair and both she and Rhino were active members of the Youth Exchange committee for several years. Dean and Rhino are Paul Harris fellows.

Outside of Rotary, her interests include gourmet cooking, ceramics and travel, especially to South Africa where she has recently become a Game Warden.

# *The CENTARIAN*

## PETS and your 2005 - 2006 Leadership Team

**The 2005 PETS (President Elect Training Seminar)** took place in Seattle in March. This brought together over 700 Rotarians - more than 500 of them President Elects - from the Pacific North West in a weekend of Learning, Leadership and quite a bit of Laughter! One of the original Multi-District PETS in the world, this model is now endorsed by RI and many countries follow the North West's lead.

Bringing together so many Rotarians under one roof ensures that we network our experiences, meet a multitude of colleagues and share in the experience of listening and learning from world class Rotarian speakers. Not least of these, was our **RI President Elect, Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammer** - no stranger to D5040 (he visited Vancouver last January and charmed over 200 Youth Exchange Officers, students and guests with his humour and conviction).

Joining our D5040 PE's was our incoming District Governor, **Sonia Wolowidnyk** together with her Assistant Governor team for 2005 - 2006.

With the leadership of Carl-Wilhelm, John Eberhard (our Zone 22 RI Director), Sonia and her dedicated AG's and Presidents, District 5040 will be sure to reach the goals and targets being set by RI.

Over the next few months, you will hear more about these at District Leadership Seminars, as well as at your club level. The whole District Team, and all 52 Presidents, encourage you to contribute meaningfully to these goals - they include:

- ▶ a net gain of one (plus!) member per club for the year
- ▶ a per capita donation of US\$100 to the Rotary Foundation
- ▶ a global focus on Water Management Systems and Literacy
- ▶ and not least, completion of the Final Push for a Polio-free World, and....

District Assistant Governors for 2005-2006 spent many hours during PETS getting to know each other and learning what it's all about from our District Trainer!

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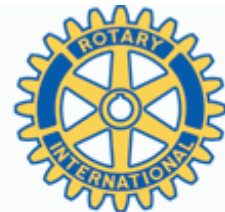
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- Randy Fowle (North Shore)
- PDG Chris Offer (District Trainer)
- Bill Sauer (Northwest)
- Phil Ramage (Prince George/North)
- Alex Coffey (Cariboo)

**Front Row, left to right:**

- Nancy Nicolai (New West/Burnaby)
- Sonia Wolowidnyk (District Governor Elect)
- Penny Offer (Vancouver)
- Bernie Lalor-Morton (Sea to Sky)
- Phillip Claxton (Sunshine Coast)



The Presidents Elect of District 5040 gather round our incoming District Governor to mark the end of PETS 2005. A weekend that inspired everyone who attended, and set us on the road to engage on our 2005 - 2006 Theme of.....



## SERVICE Above Self





Two articles from Kakamega, Kenya, passed my desk this month. Both Foundation projects, and both from D5040 Rotarians that we have featured before. Their insight shows the difference that The Rotary Foundation makes in this part of the Third World. Also included is news of a TV Documentary about to be broadcast on Polio Eradication - I urge you to tune in for yet another example of "Your Foundation Dollars at Work". [Ed.]

"Do you think we will be able to help our Kenyan partners get this project together in the month that we are going to be here?" I remember asking Wayne Crossen, my Volunteer partner from the Rotary Club of Langley Central, the day after we arrived in Kakamega.

"Yes, we are going to get both the computer and science labs established," Wayne replied enthusiastically, as he wiped his brow. The heat of the Kenyan sun had replaced the cold of Vancouver that we had left two days ago.

Earlier that day Wayne and I had met with Rotarians Vaghela and Pillai, of the Kakamega Club, and Zachary Mayaka, the Head Master of the Rotary High School. We stressed

that our goal was to assist them to get the computer lab and science classroom established in the school that the Rotary Club had built and opened in 2002.

The school is a one-story grey cement building that has an architectural plan for a second and then a third floor, plus a theatre wing, to be added as enrolment grows and donations continue. To this point, local Rotarians had financially supported the school's construction. The Head Master, who was retired from the public school system, deferred his salary while working at the Rotary school until they had enough students who paid school fees to cover operating costs.

Half of the residents of Kakamega District live below the poverty line. Only forty-two percent of the children go to primary school - equivalent of our Canadian elementary school with grades one to eight. The goal of the Kakamega Rotary High School is to keep fees low so that bright, but poor students can attend.

Our Canadian support started when Douglas Okera, from the Lower Fraser Valley Rotaract Club, contacted me in July 2003 when I was volunteering in Kakamega with A.C.C.E.S., an organization from Surrey awarding scholarships for post secondary education. He asked me if I would assist the Kakamega Rotarians so that a container of school and medical supplies could arrive in Kakamega to help the people in Kenya - the country where he had grown up.

Wayne arranged the delivery of the container which included computers, overhead projector, books, and teaching supplies for the school, through the **Rotary World Help Network** and with the financial support of the Lower Fraser Valley Rotaract Club and his own Club. Wayne's Club added in some additional funds to help with the cost of installing electricity to the school.

Early in 2004 my club, Vancouver South Rotary, organized a Matching Grant with the Kakamega Rotary Club to purchase the science equipment and all the other accessories that were needed to get the computer lab up and running. Desks and tables were also to be constructed from the grant. There were a lot of Canadians supporting this project

Computer technology is relatively new to this area of the world, but the Kenyan teachers are so eager to learn how to use the computer and the internet and to teach those skills to their students.

Without a team effort with the Kakamega Rotarians we could not have been able to get bids for construction and labour so efficiently. We did it - by working together. One morning a teacher dashed into the classroom where we were planning out what needed to be done. He just stood and watched us for a few minutes. He returned before he left in the afternoon and exclaimed, "What you are doing for our school is going to make me the best teacher of sciences that I can be. Thank you so much."

Every week, we went to the Rotary meeting in the Golf Hotel, where Wayne and I were asked to help the Assistant District Governor with the installation of new members.

We also attended the Interact meetings at the Rotary High School. Two Canadian volunteers, both strong Rotarians, Alinda Ware and Pat Crossley, organized an Interact club for the older students. As we got to know the students we found out the no student in Form One, equivalent to our Grade Nine, had any knowledge on how to use a computer. In Form Two, seven students said that they had used a computer. One of the five school staff had some computer knowledge. We recognized the challenge of training that lay ahead.

At the school when we looked at the piles of monitors, towers, keyboards and millions of wires that had to be matched together, the task looked monumental. However, the next day - just two days before we were due to leave - we went into the computer lab. In came the ever helpful school watchman, a teacher, the carpenter and his twelve year old son. Wayne taught us all how to assemble the computers while the electricians worked on installing the wiring and outlets in the table units. The carpenter's eyes sparkled with joy as he watched his son learn skills that could take him into a new world.



*Together we had made a difference for students and teachers at the school that the Rotary Club of Kakamega had built. As Rotarians we sometimes wonder if the funds and aid we provide through the Matching Grant Programme actually gets to and benefits the intended recipients. Having had the experience of working as Rotary Volunteers in Kenya and assisting the Kakamega Rotary Club in the implementation of such a programme, we can assure you it does. Working through and with a Rotary Club in a distant land is without doubt one of the best ways of ensuring that your dollars are spent wisely and benefit those who need our help the most.*

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***Professor Lynda Turner is studying at the Western University College of Science and Technology in Kakamenga, Kenya (Rotary District 9200). Lynda is an instructor/ founding member of Kwantlen University College, where she also developed Inter- disciplinary Degree Programs. Here is her Third report!***

I have spent the month with my 'nose to the grindstone'. All 3 of my proposals for the university are now finished and we are taking them through various levels to get them accepted. All 3 committees worked hard but especially my Committee on New Social Programs which developed Bachelor's degrees in Criminology, Social Work, and Social Policy. One has to develop a logical sequence of courses for 4 years along with their course descriptions. Also one has to develop a rationale, the objectives, assessments etc. in the proposal. The Learning Centre proposal contains a detailed description of the Centre, its physical set-up, personnel and their roles, plus suggestions about extending it into a Centre for Teaching Excellence and how it be self-supporting. The 3rd Committee is going through the approval stages. I'm hoping to get money from Soroptimist International to finance the first 6 months and then after an evaluation to try for money from bigger foundations.

I really didn't go anywhere in March with the exception of a trip to Kisumu. I had to renew my Visa. I went with a friend and she is the type that doesn't wait for anyone. She barged to the head of the line to get our applications signed, to pay, and to get our passports stamped. Her rationale was that the others were Kenyans applying for passports and that can take for ever. While I was embarrassed by going to the head of the line, I went along with her. If we had waited it would have taken all day not the 30 minutes that it did.

I went for a trip around Vihega District, particularly Marigoli. This area is the poorest in the province and probably all of Kenya. A local friend and I are setting up a Learning Centre. This is to provide a library and computers for the 16 local primary and secondary schools who generally have neither. We have located an old bank that has excellent security for it.

So far I have sent 14 boxes of books with 4 more boxes to come along with 10 computers. I understand that another container is coming in the Fall so I plan to sent a number of more boxes of primary and secondary books that are culturally relevant. By the way, if anyone has a printer that they're not using but is still in very good shape, I could send it to the centre. One way of making money is by printing for people. I gave my old printer to Western University.

The Centre needs approximately \$5000 Cdn. to start up and for the first year. I plan to talk to friends etc (Beware!!) about donations. I plan to make a significant donation myself. Yes, this is a hint but a gentle one. I continue to visit the Bukura Girl's AIDS Orphanage. I am getting letters of support from various groups here to back up my application to Rotary International to upgrade and expand the facility. What I am suggesting is a way to make the Centre more self-sufficient. Hope that Rotary agrees. Although all this takes a lot of time and work, it is still a drop in the bucket. But my attitude is that most of these projects will help the recipients 'learn to fish'. And if one gets enough drops the bucket becomes full.

A group of women held an International Women's Day luncheon. We held it on Kenyan time i.e. 10 days late but it sure was fun. There were Australians, Americans, Kenyans and Canadians there. It was pot luck by the Canadians.

## Our Ambassadorial Scholar in Kenya - Part 3

The container that I'd hoped would be sent last Fall is still in Canada. All the arrangements in Kenya have been made. I'm still not sure why it isn't here. I have to say that I am very disappointed that it didn't arrive while I'm here (I leave in 2 weeks), as a lot of the books and computers are those that I collected for the University before I left.

I hurt my right arm again while I was on safari in late Feb. I have been going to the local hospital to get physiotherapy. How they do physio here is quite different from what I've experienced in Canada. A typical treatment is as follows: heat my arm in a large semi-circular wooden 'thing' with heat lamps inside (I call it cooking my arm in the oven), then the physio puts deep heat rub and gel and uses an ultrasound which isn't too different from Canada except she does it for much longer and I've never had deep heat rub in Canada. She then adds glycerine to the mix and massages the affected are. Last but not least is the "rack". The machines in physio were provided by Spain. Every time I'm put in the rack I think of the Spanish Inquisition and their methods of torture. What happens is that I have spurs developing on my 7th cervical and they put me in a head harness to try to stretch my neck so the spurs don't bother the other bones. The harness goes over my head and under my chin. The pressure to pull the bones apart is bearable but I'm not convinced of the whole concept. While there, I have heard many children screaming. Parents often set a child's broken bone themselves and immobilize it. The result is a frozen limb.

Physio for kids under 5 is free so come parents bring the child to make the limb more mobile. This results in excruciating pain for the child. I gave the Dept. some candies for the kids so they have something else to think about besides the pain. My physio says that it works as it's easier to work with a child sucking on a candy. I gave out 4 full scholarships (tuition plus lunch) to 4 very bright but poor students at the local Rotary High School. One girl was number 1 student in her class. Her father is dead and her mother has become ill (I suspect AIDS) so the girl would have had to drop out without the scholarship.

Although there is a lot of talk about AIDS here and it is a horrible pandemic, the number 1 killer is malaria (which can largely be controlled with the use of bed nets) and number 2 is vehicle accidents. The wife of the President of the Kakamega Rotary and one of the members both lost their wives in car accidents last month. Aids though, is killing about 700 people per day in Kenya. Some villages have been so dessimated that they've been abandoned or there are only old people and kids left. The funerals are constant and with a lot in one family, they can end up pushing the family into poverty or deeper poverty. Generally here friends and family accompany the body from the mortuary to the church where a service is held. The body is then moved to the home for viewing and for tea and or lunch for the attendees. About 3 days later the body is moved to the shamba (very small farm) of the husband's side. Another service is held and the person buried, generally in the front yard. Another lunch is expected to be provided. It is VERY common for friends, colleagues and extended family to donate to the heavy expenses of the funeral.

Lynda



"The Last Child is a riveting documentary that shatters the notion that polio is a disease of the past." - Mia Farrow, actress and polio survivor.

The Last Child: The Global Race to End Polio, airing on KCTS Television  
Thursday, April 28, at 10:00 p.m.

**From KCTS TV, SEATTLE** - Since the Global Polio Eradication Initiative was launched in 1988, the number of polio cases worldwide has been reduced by 99 percent. Health workers are still struggling to eliminate the final one percent of outbreaks, trying to reach and vaccinate every child in order to end the wild poliovirus once and for all.

The goal is to reduce the number of polio cases to zero by the end of this year. If the campaign to eliminate polio is successful, it will be the second disease, after smallpox, to be eradicated by humankind. If polio isn't eradicated, the cost could be staggering; the disease could spread again, paralyzing up to a thousand children a day. And if we can't conquer the polio virus, what are our chances against more complex health threats such as HIV and other emerging diseases?

A behind-the-scenes exploration of the global campaign to eradicate the dreaded childhood disease that continues to cripple and kill is presented in the powerful one-hour documentary.

Led by the World Health Organization (WHO), UNICEF, **Rotary International** and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)-and involving scores of governments, thousands of health workers and millions of volunteers-the polio eradication campaign is the largest nonmilitary global enterprise ever undertaken. Even though the campaign has achieved remarkable progress, health workers still face major obstacles in defeating the virus completely.

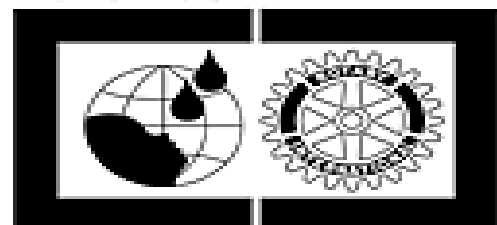
*The Last Child: The Global Race to End Polio* examines the challenges of finishing the largest public health initiative in history. The film captures the human face of a devastating disease and looks at the larger implications of the massive effort to conquer it.

*Emmy Award-winning filmmaker Scott Thigpen and his crew traveled to eight countries-including India, Nigeria, Angola, Somalia and Haiti-to capture the story of the pursuit to defeat polio against great odds-from confronting civil wars and dangerous virus mutations, to overcoming cultural misunderstandings and competing health priorities.*

"The importance of eradicating polio cannot be underestimated," says Thigpen. "The lessons learned from this effort will be of great use for combating other highly infectious diseases such as AIDS, malaria and measles."

Rotary International's part in the Eradication of Polio is prominently featured in the documentary.

**PolioPlus**



**Rotary International**



### Centennial Conference Update

**Register today!! Early Bird Deadline April 15**

<http://centennial.pgrotary.bc.ca/rotary/>

**Mark May 26-29 down in your calendar** and make plans to be in Prince George for the Rotary District 5040 Centennial Conference. This conference is a once in a lifetime opportunity to celebrate all that Rotary has accomplished worldwide over the past 100 years, and look forward to the bright future ahead.

Your conference committee has a jam-packed agenda that's full of fun and fellowship for Rotarians and their partners. Complete program details are located on the conference website, but some of the highlights include:

- **Rotary Golf Tournament**
- **Keynote presentations from Ron Burton, Rotary International President's Representative**
- **Dr. David Snadden, Associate VP of Medicine at the University of Northern BC**
- **RYLA for Rotarians (limited to first 40 registrants)**
- **Phantom Dinner & Home Host Dinner**
- **Black and White District Governor's Gala**

The conference will kick off with a Welcome Reception at the **Prince George Railway and Forestry Museum**. Home to one of the largest vintage rail collections in British Columbia, the Museum's varied collection dates from 1899 to the 1960s and includes numerous buildings, structures, locomotives, rail cars, and artifacts from the steam and diesel railway eras. Featured forest industry, fire fighting, and early communication equipment round out the distinctive collection.

The conference will take place at the **Coast Inn of the North in Prince George**. Visit the conference web site for information about how to book your accommodation directly. Space is filling fast, so book today. Hotels in Prince George such as the Ramada Hotel are offering special rates for Rotarians.

Many Rotarians from around Prince George have offered to billet conference delegates during their stay in Prince George. To find out more about staying with a local Rotarian when in Prince George, contact **Isabel Fleck at (250)564-202**. Rotarians interested in bringing an RV should know that complimentary space has been set aside in the downtown area. To find out more, please contact Steve Wagar at [stevewagar@telus.net](mailto:stevewagar@telus.net)

We look forward to seeing in Prince George May 26-29 for the Rotary District 5040 Centennial Conference.

**Kathi Travers, Conference Chair**





## **Camp Jubilee to host the Centennial RYLA South**

**Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) 2005** is an alcohol/drug-free weekend at Camp Jubilee Retreat/Conference Centre ([www.campjubilee.ca](http://www.campjubilee.ca)) which lies halfway up Indian Arm in North Vancouver! This unique facility, accessible only by a 15-minute scenic boat ride from Deep Cove, requires full time attendance at RYLA.

Please bring warm clothing, bedding (sleeping bag and/or pillow, quilt), and "portable" musical instrument. Most importantly, a positive attitude intending to have FUN at RYLA South 2005!

Further details will be sent to participants when completed application has been received and accepted. Ages are 18 - 25 (no younger - no older). The sponsoring Rotary Club will be responsible for the RYLA \$375.00 fee.

"The District 5040 Rotary Youth Leadership Award is an intensive leadership seminar involving young people from different home backgrounds, having different levels of education, different religions, involved in different kinds of activities, who are brought together to work, to learn, and to discuss the problems facing their generation."

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### **What's it all about?**

- It's all about Youth!
- It's all about Youth Leading Youth!
- It's all about tomorrow's Leaders!
- It's all about working together - leading and contributing!
- It's all about listening to, learning from and working with top class speakers, mentors and guides

### **What's the value to you and Rotary?**

- Enables every Rotary Club to acknowledge service to the community of two or more young people annually
- Enthuses young leaders, and provides them with enhanced leadership techniques
- Exposes a large number of young people, their families and their peer groups, to Rotary ideals of Service
- Is a complimentary program to other Rotary youth activities, and has been instrumental in the formation of Rotaract Clubs.

**Make contact NOW to ensure your  
Young Leaders are some of the  
"100 for the 100"**





### 10 Ways to Keep Your Club Members

1. After recruiting members, find or develop opportunities for them to get involved right away.
2. Have clear goals and expectations of what new will do as a member of your club.
3. Be flexible - have service projects on weekends and weekdays, morning and evenings. This kind of diversity of opportunity will enable members to balance work, family, and service.
4. Make sure club members understand the importance of the task they are doing, and how it fits into the overall service project and the goals of the club.
5. Never allow members to feel that you have wasted their time or that they weren't really needed.
6. Provide fellowship opportunities and refreshments after service projects.
7. Provide a structure so that those who want to can take on roles of greater responsibility.
8. Give honest and sincere praise, say "Thank You", make people glad they came and participated. Recognize members in speeches, media and meetings.
9. Make the project an "event" - make it more interesting than staying home and watching the weather channel.
10. Give out special shirts, or pins to members who participate in service projects or fundraisers. This is the project service medal.

## WELCOME!



### New Members for March 2005

#### **Burnaby**

Vladimir Pylypchuk

#### **Lionsgate, North Vancouver**

Ted Butterfield  
Paul Bhandari

#### **New Westminster**

Jennifer Peyton

#### **New Westminster-Royal City**

Fran McDougall

#### **Powell River**

Jurgen Crasemann  
Scott Randolph

#### **Prince George (Yellowhead)**

Ginger Ambrose  
Sheri Brown

#### **Prince Rupert Hecate Strait**

Trina O'Connor  
Danielle Dalton

#### **Richmond**

Ken Hui  
Dana Goedblood  
Neville Schneiderman

#### **Sechelt**

Doreen Hughes  
Isla Miles

#### **Vancouver Fraserview**

Ranbir Manj  
Marina June Kwok  
Niranjan Singh Dhanoya  
Ramesh K. Arora

#### **West Vancouver Sunrise**

Claudette Bouchard

#### **Williams Lake**

Ditty DeWitt  
Fred Wagner  
Allen Lehr

#### **Quesnel Sunrise 2000**

Karen Powell  
Clay Rasmussen  
Doug Mosby  
Malcolm McAskie

The April 2005 issue of **Membership Matters**, Zone 22's membership newsletter is now available at [www.rotaryzone22.org](http://www.rotaryzone22.org) and includes:

- Membership Matters has a new editor, Louise de Pokomandy.
- Meet Monty Audenart, Regional RI Membership Coordinator Zone 22 - 2005-2006.
- The Rotarian Garden, by Monty Audenart, RRIMC.
- A Rotary float from District 7790 will participate to the Rotary Centennial Parade at the International Convention in Chicago on 18 June 05.

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### Club Executive Training Seminars Rotary Centennial Service Award for Professional Excellence

*The purpose of the Club Executive Training is to develop Rotary club leaders to have the necessary skills, knowledge, and motivation to fulfill the various positions at the club level (previously called Distrct Assemblies).*

Ideally the club executive and interested club members should attend and learn specific and relevant information relating to roles and responsibilities of their position.

For example, **Club Administration:** the roles of the Secretary and Treasurer - absolutely the most important positions in any Rotary Club. Topics include:

- Understand and be able to carry out the tasks required to run a Rotary Club
- Dues collection and completion of SARS (Semi Annual Reports)
- Maintenance of attendance records and reporting
- What to do if a member is moving to a new area
- Report new and departing members
- Notifying RI of the names of the incoming club officers each year
- Know how to access resources
- On line reporting - practical training

Other sessions will cover:

- **Membership:** Related to recruitment, induction, orientation, and mentoring
- **Club Public Relations:** Developing a year plan to increase awareness in the community
- **Service:** Club, Community, International, and Youth Services
- **Foundation:** Training for Foundation Chairs
- **Beyond The Club:** Promoting and understanding positions beyond the club level; skill building in leadership and motivational techniques, team-building skills, problem solving
- **Fundraising:** Facilitating discussion of ideas and successful projects

Seminars are being held in the Sunshine Coast, Cariboo, Prince George/ North, Sea to Sky Corridor, the Northwest and Greater Vancouver.

Details of dates, locations and times are available from your President Elect, and your Assistant Governor.

**These Seminars will help set the goals, and operating structure for your coming Rotary Year, and for your Executive and Commitee members. Each is hosted by your incoming District Executive - be part of the plan for your club and your year of**  
***Service Above Self!***

The **Rotary Centennial Service Award for Professional Excellence** has been designed so that districts may administer a competition among clubs in their districts to recognize one candidate each from 10 clubs per district.

While the award is competitive within the district, it is intended to recognize exceptional community representatives, who may not have been exposed to the work and values of Rotary, yet their dignified ideals are similar to Rotary.

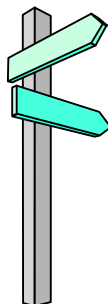
If you have a nomination for this award, please forward it to Leo Nimsick at [nimsick@telus.net](mailto:nimsick@telus.net) by 22nd April. The deadline for reporting awards to Rotary International is 1st May 2005.

You can download the award criteria from th RI website at:  
<http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/pdfs/104en.pdf>

#### Candidates should :

- be established members of their profession
- demonstrate high ethical standards
- have achieved professional distinction
- have experience training and/or mentoring others in their profession
- have a record of community service

The award is also open to non-Rotarians. The award will be presented by District Governor Ron Neukomm prior to the end of the 2004 - 2005 Rotary Year.



**The New Westminster Club** (Thursday's noon) have changed their meeting location effective immediately. We will now be meeting at:

**Old Bavaria Haus Restaurant at 233 Sixth Street, New Westmister.**

Yours in Rotary,  
Louise Perry , Club Secretary

### District 5040 Membership and Attendance for March, 2005

Membership		Club	Attendance (%)			YTD
July, 2004	YTD		Jan. 2004	Feb. 2004	March 2004	
41	38	100 MILE HOUSE	69	68	73	66
51	55	BURNABY	68	90	65	74
18	17	BURNABY DEER LAKE	82	81		70
27	28	BURNABY METROTOWN	65	69	63	63
30	30	BURNS LAKE	59			71
14	16	FORT ST. JAMES	57	62	44	54
38	35	GIBSONS	59	58	62	60
14	16	KITIMAT	69	78	60	71
50	49	LADNER	67	63		69
21	20	MACKENZIE	68	72	82	79
50	53	NEW WESTMINSTER	60	63	67	64
37	40	NEW WESTMINSTER ROYAL CITY	79	82	72	76
47	52	NORTH VANCOUVER	67	61	64	69
28	26	NORTH VANCOUVER LIONS GATE	62	80	80	73
19	20	PENDER HARBOUR (MADIERA PARK)	62	58		64
45	38	POWELL RIVER	87	76	78	78
81	82	PRINCE GEORGE				64
70	66	PRINCE GEORGE NECHAKO	59	58	59	57
18	20	PRINCE GEORGE NEW CALEDONIA	78			86
61	62	PRINCE GEORGE YELLOWHEAD	73	76		72
60	55	PRINCE RUPERT	76	68	67	68
31	33	PRINCE RUPERT HECATE STRAIGHT	54	61		56
33	37	QUESNEL	69	77	71	74
27	30	QUESNEL SUNRISE	79	89		79
36	30	RICHMOND	67	56		66
42	37	RICHMOND SUNRISE	81	100	94	79
26	26	RICHMOND SUNSET	86	23	60	59
33	36	SECHELT	71	79	80	79
19	18	SMITHERS	72	68	65	75
26	22	SMITHERS - ALPINE	71	63		64
55	55	SQUAMISH	51	53		50
31	33	STEVESTON	100	97	97	97
21	26	SUNSHINE COAST - SECHELT				62
49	50	TERRACE	66	55	52	62
31	29	TERRACE SKEENA VALLEY	58	66	66	66
69	71	TSAWWASSEN				78
156	147	VANCOUVER	62	58	62	58
42	43	VANCOUVER ARBUTUS	65	58	53	59
12	13	VANCOUVER CAMBIE	62	61	66	66
36	35	VANCOUVER CHINATOWN	68	68	62	70
30	27	VANCOUVER FRASERVIEW	63			63
20	22	VANCOUVER QUADRA	67	67		69
27	27	VANCOUVER SOUTH	49	63		54
25	23	VANCOUVER SUNRISE	51	52		57
10	12	VANDERHOOF	67	81	65	69
34	35	WEST VANCOUVER	92	82	82	82
19	19	WEST VANCOUVER SUNRISE				80
43	46	WHISTLER	63	66	79	68
25	25	WHISTLER MILLENNIUM	58	72		66
50	49	WILLIAMS LAKE	57	57	56	61
15	18	WILLIAMS LAKE DAYBREAK	80	84		77
<b>1893</b>	<b>1892</b>	<b>DISTRICT AVERAGE/TOTAL</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>67</b>