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Dee and I send you our warm greetings at this special time of year!

This is a time for sharing. As we prepare for the Holiday Season, we are mindful of the many in our world who are without the benefit of a family or those with whom they can share the comforts of home, security, good health or friendships. For Rotarians, **December is Family of Rotary month**

The Family of Rotary has many dimensions. Rotary clubs and districts reach out in efforts to pursue the first Object of Rotary, that is, "to encourage and foster the development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service." Friendship was the foundation, the rock on which Rotary service was built. Rotarians encourage clubs to care for Rotarians and members of Rotary's extended family (spouses, children, and parents) and remember spouses of deceased Rotarians. This is accomplished in many ways:

- ✦ Visit sick Rotarians in their homes and ensure any needs are met
- ✦ Promote membership retention
- ✦ Promote diversity of membership in clubs
- ✦ Encourage spouses, children, and parents of Rotarians to participate in service projects
- ✦ Send greetings to your Rotary friends around the world
- ✦ Encourage spouses and adult children of Rotarians to join Rotary
- ✦ Maintain relationships with the family of deceased Rotarians and spouses
- ✦ Support the family of deceased Rotarians in their times of need
- ✦ Encourage the family of deceased Rotarians to continue their involvement with Rotary

While "Family" is the focus this month, throughout the year Rotarians provide the gift of caring and sharing at an individual level and through our many "partners in service". Rotaract, Interact, Community Corps, Fellowship Groups and many informal Rotary entities reach out through the "menu of service opportunities" to extend the spirit of the Rotary family to so many around the world. We thank each of you for carrying this Rotary spirit into the lives of those in need of your time, your energy and your resources.

As we Celebrate Rotary at this time of year, we also add our Seasons Greetings to all as we Celebrate Family of Rotary Month!

Wishing you a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year

Ron and Dee Neukomm

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The D5040 Rotary Centennial Birthday Party

February 26, 2005

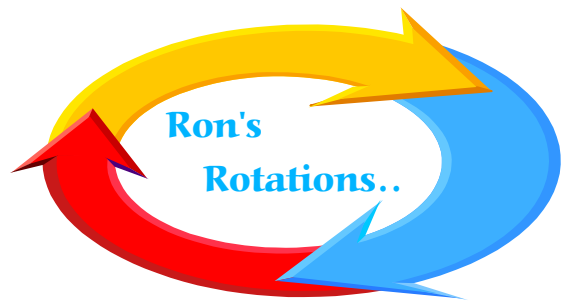
Croatian Cultural Center
3250 Commercial Drive

Tickets \$60 per person from Peter Benyon
604-434-5158 or peterbenyon@shaw.ca

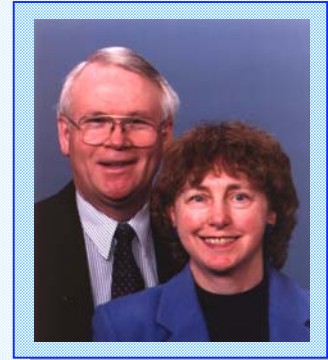
Guest of Honour:

Lt. Governor Iona Campagnolo

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The month of November started out with a visit to the "Little Club with a Big Heart", the Prince George New Caledonia Rotary Club, I am proud of this Club as my Club sponsored it in 1995.



Rotary is alive and well in **Quesnel** with two strong clubs who are making a big difference in their city, I was especially pleased to hear that the two Quesnel Clubs will be holding a combined Foundation Dinner and Centennial Celebration Party on February 19, 2005. On the evening of November 9th, we drove to Fort St James, it is hard to describe how beautiful the Rotary sign south of the city looks when the Northern Lights are dancing around the sky. **The Rotary Club of Fort St James** has only 14 members, however that did not stop them from putting in a water spray and playground for the children of their village.

Mid month saw us heading down highway 97 once again; first stop the **Vancouver Club**, the largest club in our District, a big thank you to Centennial President Jack Zaleski for making us feel so welcome. The two **New Westminster Clubs** have a great Centennial Project with their Cross-town Greenway that will provide new and improved walkways in New Westminster. We were really impressed by the New Westminster Rotary Club's seniors housing complex. A visit to the **Arbutus Rotary Club** afforded Dee and I the opportunity to formally thank PDG Mary Watson for being such a great mentor and friend. **Vancouver Quadra Rotary Club** has a number of members who have served on International Projects and they are to be commended for their service.

At the **Burnaby Metrotown Club** I had the honor of inducting long time Rotarian Sev Morin as an Honorary Member. Our visit to the **Vancouver Fraserview** was a delightful evening of ethnic food and culture, a big thank you to President Jasdev and his beautiful wife.

Club visit number 50 was at the **Tsawwassen Club** and I could not have planned it any better as it gave me an excellent opportunity to once again thank Centennial President Garry Shearer and his Committee for the outstanding job they did in organizing the most successful Foundation Dinner. One hundred and ninety four Rotarians and guests enjoyed the 1950's theme Dinner and Dance. A big thank you to all Rotarians who so generously supported "our charity" the Rotary Foundation.

The trip back to Prince George on November 25th was very slow due to the treacherous winter road conditions, it did not matter as it gave Dee and I chance to retrace our steps for the last 15 weeks. We have met so many new Rotary friends. We have seen so many great Rotary Projects. We have so many Rotary memories. Thank you for entrusting us with the District Governorship during our Centennial Year of Rotary.

Ron & Dee

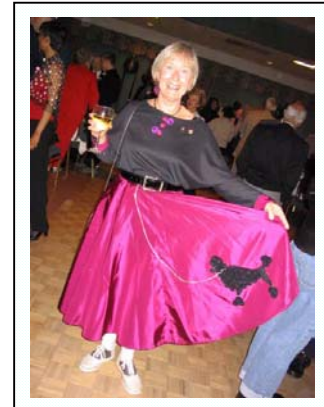
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Foundation Month goes with a Swing!

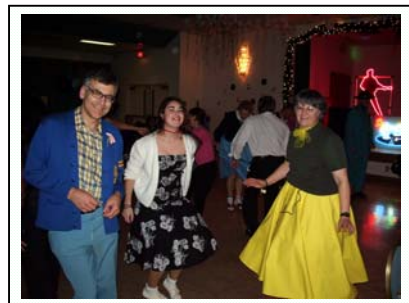


The 2004 Lower Mainland Foundation Dinner chose it's theme as "The 50's" - and true to the theme, guests were regaled with a colorful array of 50's Gear from DGs, PDGs, Rotarians, partners and guests alike.

Setting the mood (right) PDG Mary Watson shows off her "Poodle Skirt", while DG Ron (left) chats with - who else- but the legendary Elvis (i.e. Garry) and host AG Dave Hamilton.



Reminiscing on their Youth Exchange duties, Neil and Chris MacDonald (bottom) put themselves back a few years to their own youth with a groovy look, while everyone danced and pranced around the Fireman's Hall in Burnaby. A great evening that ended up with many thousands of dollars going towards the Rotary Foundation.



The Foundation at work

Ambassadorial Scholars from Russia study at BCIT

I invite you to visit the website

<http://groups.msn.com/RussianscholarsatBCIT>

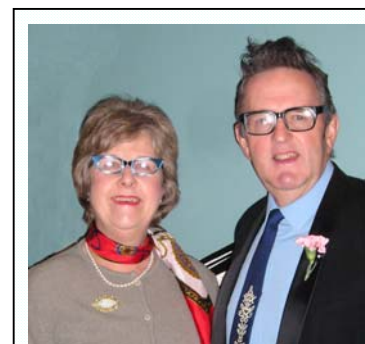
for a photographic record of Russian scholars at BCIT. Scroll down on the first screen to read the Welcome message, then click on Pictures, then on Album names, then on a photo to view an enlargement. View the Russia 2004 album to see photos of my visit in June.

A report by Ambassadorial Scholar Olga Yakovleva is shown on page 4 of the D5010 Governor's October Newsletter on the website www.rotary5010.org . Olga relates her experience during her term at BCIT and her appreciation for the scholarship.

I believe that this scholarship program has brought benefits to the Russian scholars and to Rotarians in Vancouver. It has been a busy but enjoyable and satisfying activity for me over the past eight years. Thank you for your help and support. I think that the program will continue to operate successfully for many years in the future.

David Ker PDG D5040

Rotary Club of Vancouver South



RYLA and Rotary and West Vancouver Youth join hands

In a typical "Rotary Moment", Sue Smith, RYLA Chair, received one of these calls last month that just set her spine tingling! Having just arranged for RYLA South to be hosted on the North Shore in 2005, at Camp Jubilee on Indian Arm, she heard of an offer that she simply could not refuse!

Camp Jubilee, on the shores of the sound, offers tremendous opportunities for a RYLA event - water, woods, trails, campgrounds, chalets, mountains - just about everything a RYLarian could ask for. So, how would Sue like a "Rotary Kayak" to be donated to RYLA?

The offer came from Janice Bosley, President of the West Vancouver Sunrise club. This club sponsors the Ambleside Youth Centre in West Vancouver. Over many months, members from the Centre had been building an ocean kayak, which was now complete - and looking for a "Rotary Home". What better than RYLA at Camp Jubilee! The result was a handover ceremony at the Centre in November.

The kayak was designed and built by Jan Furst - a highly respected veteran kayak builder, who wanted to see it go to a good cause. Youths from the centre tackled the task - which was a lot harder that it might have looked or sounded. Norwegian-born, and now living on Bowen Island, Jan used his years of marine experience to come up with classic design. The kayak will be stored by the Steveston Harbour Authority over winter, and have it's official launch in June when RYLA takes place.

The launch will be at Deep Cove, and it will then be taken ceremoniously over to Camp Jubilee at the start of the program. Permanently based at the camp, it will then be put to good use by all the Youth Programs run by them. With, of course, a Rotary logo right up front!

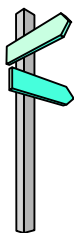


RYLA Chair Sue Smith (right) receives their brand new Kayak from Jan Furst. Pictured also are Blair and Janice from West Vancouver Sunrise, and Lawrence Chou - one of the head facilitators for RYLA South.

District Governor Nominations for 2007-08

Now is the time to start thinking about a successor for Kevin Conway, our 2006-07 District Governor. Nominations will be required by **1st March 2005**. Full details of the nomination procedure, and the duties involved, will be published in January's edition of *The Centarian*. [Ed.]

Moves.....



Effective on Thursday, November 18, 2004, the **Rotary Club of Whistler Millennium** changed from a Wednesday to a Thursday meeting. Same time - 12:15 PM, and same place - Boston Pizza, 110-2011 Innsbruck, Whistler (Creekside), B.C.



Celebrate!

The Town Councils of **Gibsons** and **Powell River** have officially blessed the Proclamation for **Rotary International Week** on February 20, 2005.

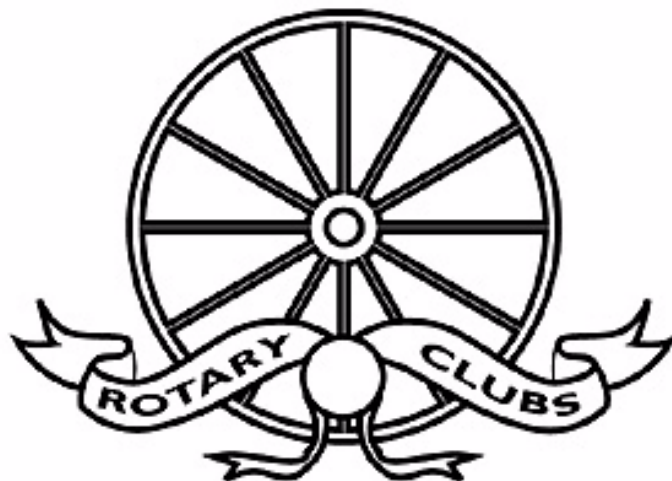
The 10 Most Important Milestones in Rotary's Development

PDG Chris Offer

Why has Rotary not just survived for 100 years but prospered and grown to a world wide organization? Rotary has had the right leaders at the right time in our history and we have been prepared to change Rotary. There are many significant milestones in our history.

Trying to select the critical turning points in our first 100 years is a challenge. I have selected what I feel are the ten most important steps in Rotary's development. From the call by Paul Harris to three friends in 1905 to the approval of a strategic plan at the 2004 Council on Legislation, Rotary has been shaped by these seminal events. Paul Harris suggested that Rotary needs to be evolutionary and sometimes revolutionary.

- 1. On February 23, 2005**, Paul Harris met three young business acquaintances - Silvester Schiele, Gustavus Loehr, and Hiram Shorey at Loehr's office and explained his idea of a different kind of businessmen's club, one in which the various businesses and professions of a community are represented. Rotary was born. Sometimes it is suggested that Rotary's development was not planned. There is a plan! Paul Harris wrote in an early article in the Rotarian "The plan was painstakingly wrought out and earnestly put into execution."
- 2. In 1910**, Ches Perry was appointed the first General Secretary of Rotary and remained so for 33 years. Paul Harris once said, "If I can in truth be called the architect, Ches can with equal truth be called the builder of Rotary International." Ches Perry was committed to Rotary perhaps more so than any other Rotarian. On becoming a Rotarian, he was quickly persuaded by Harris that Rotary had an international future and that future involved service. As Harris put it, in My Road to Rotary, Ches Perry seemed to be able to grasp and to fairly evaluate all essential features; he embraced Rotary intellectually as well as sentimentally. Much of today's Rotary structure was designed and first implemented by Ches Perry.
- 3. Arch Klumph proposed an endowment fund in 1917** which became The Rotary Foundation. The Foundation came into its own when the endowment grew rapidly as a tribute to Paul Harris after his death in 1947. Today the Foundation is both the financial and volunteer face of the international side of Rotary and a growing local face as district simplified grants become popular.
- 4. In 1922**, the standard club constitution and bylaws became mandatory for all clubs with existing clubs having the option of maintaining some clauses of their pre-1922 constitutions. This standardized Rotary around the world without inhibiting the individual personalities of Rotary clubs.
- 5. Resolution 23-34 was passed at the St. Louis RI Convention in 1923**, which enacted the rule that Rotary clubs are autonomous and that RI could not enforce Rotary-wide programs on clubs. This truly is one of the most significant resolutions passed by Rotary. The participation in Rotary or Rotary Foundation programs such as PolioPlus are at the discretion of the local club - they are not mandated by the RI Board.



The Rotary Wheel of 1910

- 6. James Davidson of the Rotary Club of Calgary and James Ralston of the Rotary Club of Halifax in 1921** set out on an epic quest to spread Rotary around the world. They started clubs in New Zealand and Australia. In 1928 Davidson set out again chartering clubs in Turkey, India, Egypt, Singapore and many places between these countries. Davidson has been called the Marco Polo of Rotary. He truly made Rotary "International." 7. The United Nations charter was signed in 1945 with 49 Rotarians as delegates, advisers or consultants in San Francisco. To this day Rotary has non-government organization status at the UN and remains active in many UN organizations.
 - 8. In 1982** the RI board passed a resolution to immunize "all of the world's children against polio." Rotary's commitment to polio dates back to our crippled children's work and the first 3H grant in the Philippines for polio immunization. Dr. Albert Sabin challenged Rotarians at the 1985 RI Convention in Kansas City, to rid the world of polio. A fund-raising goal for polio announced in 1985 of \$120 million reaches more than \$220 million in three years. We will reach more than US\$600 million by 2005.
 - 9. The Council on Legislation votes to admit women to Rotary in 1989.** In the 1970s and 1980s many resolutions to admit women into Rotary had been sent by clubs to the Council on Legislation. Each time the margin in support grew larger. In 1987, the US Supreme Court ruled Rotary has a business purpose and must allow women to be members. Rotary was well on its way to admitting women before the court intervened.
 - 10. In 2004** the Council on Legislation votes to support a strategic plan for Rotary that sets a path well into our second hundred years. This may prove to be the most significant change Rotary has ever made.
- The next 100 years will see even greater changes to Rotary. We can only guess at the evolutionary changes and occasional revolutionary changes that will be made. For a peek at what's maybe coming - see the next page!!***

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Looking Forward.... ...can Hi-Tech help?

How today's technology is working to improve the World

For almost 100 years now, Rotarians have prided themselves in alleviating pain and suffering through a multitude of programs and projects around the world. Today, we see the awful prospect of even more pandemics hitting us - HIV/AIDS is already upon us, Flu mutants are looming, Malaria, Smallpox - both still rampant. In our next 100 years, how can Rotarians hope to keep up with such events and continue to make a real difference, as we have done with Polio?

Traditionally, the solution always started with the need to raise money. Everything flowed from that. Together with the volunteerism that Rotarians provide, huge breakthroughs have been achieved - as Chis Offer points out on the previous page. But what if we could find a way to get this research work done without the tremendous task of having to raise millions - even billions - of dollars to get things off the ground. Enter Technology.

Technology has transformed the way we live and work over the past 50 years. Now, for the first time, the most recent advances in computing power and software are opening a whole new world of possibilities for Humanity. Enter the Technology of "**Grid Computing**".

Idle Hands

So what's that all about!! Well, if you can imagine that Rotarians, for example, use their spare time to help with all these projects, perhaps we can get computers to donate their "spare time" to do exactly the same thing? What if we could harness all the "spare" computing power in the world (from home PC's to Mainframes) and "donate" that power to the development of life-saving research? Today's medical - as well as climatic and environmental - research demands vast amounts of "number crunching". Even with the most powerful Supercomputers in the world today - that research can take years. And most PC's have "spare time" for at least half of their life!

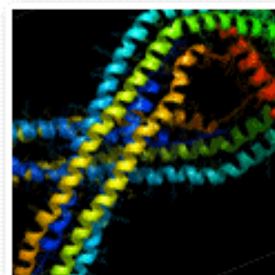
Changing Our World - Now

So is all this the stuff of "Star Wars"? Not at all - Grid computing is not a futuristic technology. The **World Community Grid** is at work right now applying this technology to exciting research projects that can benefit us all. In BC alone, institutions like UBC, SFU, UVIC are all using the Grid Computing technology to do amazing research. So what exactly can we do to be part of this revolution?

Grid Computing: The Basics

Grid computing joins together many individual computers, creating a large system with massive computational power that far surpasses the power of a handful of supercomputers. Because the work is split into small pieces that can be processed simultaneously, research time is reduced from years to months.

The **Human Proteome Folding** project is the current focus. It will provide scientists with data that predicts the shape of a very large number of human proteins. These predictions will give scientists the clues they need to identify the biological functions of individual proteins within the human body. With an understanding of how each protein affects human health, scientists can develop new cures for human diseases such as cancer, HIV/AIDS, SARS, and malaria.



In 2003, with grid computing, in less than three months scientists identified 44 potential treatments to fight the deadly smallpox disease. Without the grid, the work would have taken more than one year to complete.

The **IBM Corporation** has donated the hardware, software, technical services and expertise to build the infrastructure for World Community Grid and provides free hosting, maintenance and support. **United Devices**, the market leader in enterprise grid solutions for businesses of all sizes, developed the grid software platform that enables World Community Grid to operate.

Together with an Advisory Board drawn from the institutions that include the **Mayo Clinic, The World Health Organisation, United Nations, California Institute of Technology, National Science Foundation** and many others (all non-profit), the Community Grid is already a working reality.

How Grid Technology Works

Making a difference has never been easier! Grid technology is simple and safe to use. To start, you download and install a small program or "agent" onto your computer. When idle, your computer will request data on a specific project from World Community Grid's server. It will then perform computations on this data, send the results back to the server, and ask the server for a new piece of work. Each computation that your computer performs provides scientists with critical information that accelerates the pace of research! And it costs you nothing. And when you need the computer back - it automatically disconnects from the Grid. This is the New Centennial, without a doubt!

If you are interested to learn more, or if your Organisation wishes to consider "donating" the spare computing power of it's employees' PCs, details of the project can be found at:

<http://www.worldcommunitygrid.org/>

Article from:

Janice Bosley, President, Rotary Club of West Vancouver Sunrise
Gordon Dalglish, Past President, Rotary Club of Richmond Sunrise



update!

2005 presents a unique opportunity for Rotarians around the world to celebrate Rotary, and its many accomplishments worldwide over the past 100 years.

Prince George is honoured to be the host city of District 5040's Centennial District Conference. The host committee is planning a huge celebration worthy of this significant anniversary.

For four days in May of 2005, Rotarians will be treated to an invaluable mix of insightful programs, fellowship opportunities and social events that will leave Rotarians and their partners with an unforgettable experience. Here is a sample of some of what the host committee has in store:

- RYLA for Rotarians (limited to 40 participants - register early!)
- Rotary Golf Tournament
- Phantom Dinner
- Home Hosting Program
- Casino Night with Entertainment
- Extensive Partners Program
- Information sessions designed to offer fund raising ideas, membership building and other club development ideas

To find out more about the 2005 District 5040 Centennial Conference, visit our website at <http://www.rotary5040.org/conference/>. Starting January 1, you can register on line with your Visa or Mastercard to secure your attendance at this once in a lifetime opportunity to celebrate Rotary.

The Prince George Host Committee is committed to ensuring the 2005 District Conference is the best ever. So mark your calendars for May 26-29, 2005 and join us in Prince George to Party Hearty and Celebrate Rotary.

District 5040 Membership and Attendance for November, 2004

Membership		Club	Attendance (%)			
July, 2004	YTD		Sep. 2004	Oct. 2004	Nov. 2004	YTD
41	38	100 MILE HOUSE	68	65	51	61
51	56	BURNABY	71	86		70
18	16	BURNABY DEER LAKE	67	72		64
27	26	BURNABY METROTOWN	56	71	52	63
30	31	BURNS LAKE	72	70		71
14	14	FORT ST. JAMES	50	63	52	55
38	38	GIBSONS	58	61	69	60
14	17	KITIMAT	76	85	89	76
50	49	LADNER	69			73
21	21	MACKENZIE	67	75	74	69
50	52	NEW WESTMINSTER	64	71	68	65
37	39	NEW WESTMINSTER ROYAL CITY	76	72	76	73
47	48	NORTH VANCOUVER	70	72	68	73
28	27	NORTH VANCOUVER LIONS GATE	79	69	74	72
19	19	PENDER HARBOUR (MADIERA PARK)	81	68		62
45	42	POWELL RIVER	75	83	82	77
81	82	PRINCE GEORGE	61	77	72	66
70	71	PRINCE GEORGE NECHAKO	52	55		55
18	18	PRINCE GEORGE NEW CALEDONIA				90
61	65	PRINCE GEORGE YELLOWHEAD	72	72	71	70
60	58	PRINCE RUPERT	68	77	80	68
31	31	PRINCE RUPERT HECATE STRAIGHT	60	58		51
33	34	QUESNEL	65	69	70	76
27	25	QUESNEL SUNRISE	74	71		73
36	33	RICHMOND	63	69	65	64
42	42	RICHMOND SUNRISE	92	75	63	69
26	26	RICHMOND SUNSET	60	49		54
33	31	SECHELT	78	81	82	78
19	18	SMITHERS	69	78	86	78
26	25	SMITHERS - ALPINE				64
55	57	SQUAMISH	51	53		49
31	33	STEVESTON	96	99	100	97
21	24	SUNSHINE COAST - SECHELT	59	71		61
49	52	TERRACE	61	61		62
31	31	TERRACE SKEENA VALLEY	64	60	79	68
69	74	TSAWWASSEN	77	79		79
156	151	VANCOUVER	58	53	61	56
42	42	VANCOUVER ARBUTUS	62	60	62	59
12	13	VANCOUVER CAMBIE	69	62	72	70
36	36	VANCOUVER CHINATOWN	71	75	74	72
30	27	VANCOUVER FRASERVIEW	65	60	61	64
20	21	VANCOUVER QUADRA	74	70	64	70
27	27	VANCOUVER SOUTH	55			54
25	26	VANCOUVER SUNRISE	58	52		57
10	12	VANDERHOOF	74	69	73	68
34	34	WEST VANCOUVER	83	82	74	80
19	19	WEST VANCOUVER SUNRISE				83
43	46	WHISTLER	72			72
25	24	WHISTLER MILLENNIUM	66	65	81	68
50	49	WILLIAMS LAKE	58	62	63	65
15	18	WILLIAMS LAKE DAYBREAK	81	74	86	71
1893	1908	DISTRICT AVERAGE/TOTAL	68	65	70	67