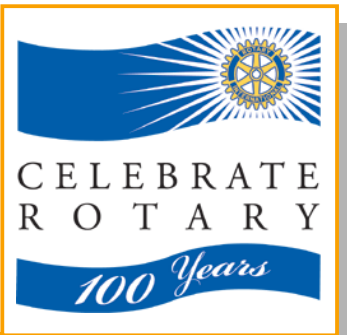




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## District 5040 Newsletter February 2005

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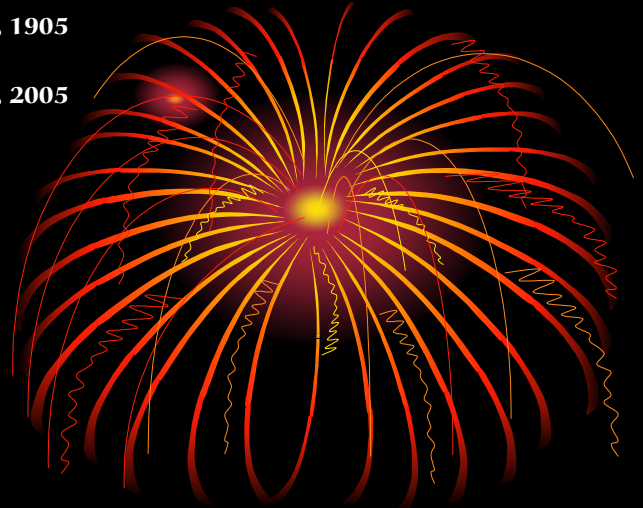
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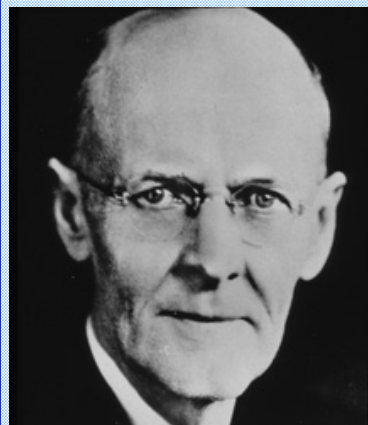
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## Happy Birthday, Rotary!



Paul Harris is an example of how one man can change the course of history. His pioneering vision gave rise to the concept of volunteerism at a time when there was little concern for the "common man".

That initial group of four has grown and expanded across borders to form an international organisation dedicated to humanitarian service and peace - *Rotary International*

"One Hundred Years ago, Paul Harris took these first steps on our journey of service. As we enter our second century of service, we must continue to evolve and grow as an organisation.

I encourage Rotarians worldwide to raise the bar and reinvent the Rotary wheel. With more than 1.2 million members in 166 countries, we have incredible potential to change the world"

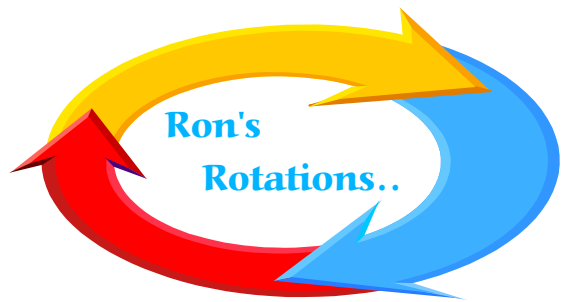
Glen E. Estess Sr,  
President, Rotary International



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I must say that I was overwhelmed with the generosity of Rotarians in District 5040 when it came to donating money to the "Solidarity in Asia Fund" to help with the rebuilding of water supply infrastructure in countries affected by the tragic tsunami.



Ironically February is "**World Understanding Month**" on the Rotary calendar when Rotarians are encouraged to reach across borders and cultures through service and fellowship. One might say that February came early in 2005 as many Rotarians did reach out to help those in need.

**February truly is a time to Celebrate 100 Years of Rotary Service.** Plan on attending the Celebration in Victoria, B.C. on February 16th where the week of February 20th will be proclaimed Rotary Week in B.C. by Premier Gordon Campbell, or attend the District Centennial Birthday Party at the Croation Cultural Center in Vancouver where the Honourable Iona Campagnolo the Lieutenant Governor will be our guest. Many Clubs throughout the District will be having Centennial Celebration gatherings on February 23rd , plan on joining in on the celebrations.

As May 26th draws closer you will be hearing more about the **Centennial Celebration Conference**, which will be held in Prince George May 26 to 29.

Rotarians and guests can find the golf tournament and conference registration forms via a link from the District 5040 website at [rotary5040.org](http://rotary5040.org) The conference committee is putting together a program that will be very informative with a lot of emphasis on the number one goal for our Centennial Year and that is to have FUN as we CELEBRATE ROTARY. **Plan to "Party Hearty" in Prince George!**

On **January 28th** Dee and I traveled to Seattle to attend Blue Denim, which is a training session for future District Governors from the 10 Districts that are a part of the Pacific Northwest Presidents Elect Training Seminar. This was our third and final Blue Denim; over the years we have made so many great Rotary friends.

It was through Rotary that we were able to connect with a long lost relative Past District Governor Hans Neukomm (2003-2004) and his wife Adele from Corvallis Oregon District 5110. We are pleased to advise that Hans and Adele will be joining us in Prince George for the District Conference.

*Ron & Dee*

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## *Club News*

### **Rotary District 5040- North Shore Area**

These are the 7 stars in the North Shore constellation of D5040:

- ★ The Rotary Club of Whistler, led by President Wendell Moore.
- ★ The Rotary Club of Whistler Millennium, led by President Bill Janyk.
- ★ The Rotary Club of Squamish, led by President Sheri Davis.
- ★ The Rotary Club of Lionsgate, North Vancouver, led by President Shirley Robertson
- ★ The Rotary Club of North Vancouver, led by President Bud Fast.
- ★ The Rotary Club of West Vancouver, led by President Chris Loat
- ★ The Rotary Club of West Vancouver Sunrise, led by President Janice Bosley



**Kevin Conway,  
Assistant Governor, North Shore  
District Governor Nominee, 2006-2007**

Rotary is thriving in **Whistler!**

In the 25 years since it was chartered, the Whistler club has undertaken a wide variety of community and international projects. Locally Rotarians have built avalanche dog houses on Blackcomb Mountain, and in association with the Whistler Adaptive Sports Program, built and furnished a cabin at the Olympic Station on Whistler Mountain.

Last year more than 400 disabled people enjoyed the mountains thanks to the 80 instructors and volunteers in the Whistler Adaptive Sports Program. In addition to hosting an exchange student, the Whistler Rotarians organize a long weekend of skiing, snowmobiling, song and laughter for all the exchange students in District 5040. Recent international projects included the supply of a mobile aid station after the devastating earthquake in Turkey.

The next time you plan to visit Whistler, include a stop in **Squamish** and experience wonderful Rotary hospitality and a delicious lunch. The club meets Thursdays at the Sea-to-Sky Best Western Hotel. The club's many local projects include a focus on programs for youth; Bike Safety for elementary school children, and sponsoring two Interact clubs in the last two years.

This year Rotarians and Interactors volunteered for the O-Zone Youth Leadership Camp where 70 students from Squamish, the Squamish Nation, the downtown eastside of Vancouver, and from sister cities in Japan and Italy were taught leadership skills in the context of Olympic principles. Squamish Rotarians are also very active in providing support to the underprivileged in their community by hosting Big Brothers/Sisters events, delivering Christmas hampers to 300 needy families, and serving turkey dinners to many who would not otherwise have a traditional Christmas dinner; *"Christmas would have been just another ordinary day, but you made it special"*.

Internationally, the club has taken a leadership role in partnering with **"Adopt-a-Village Guatemala"** in building infrastructure for the displaced Mayan people; more than fundraising, this is a hands on project involving the construction of roads, buildings, and currently, a health centre.

The four Rotary clubs in **North and West Vancouver** work closely in a number of community projects and fundraisers. Each October the clubs stage a very successful Wine Festival the proceeds from which help to support the North Shore Safe House and other Rotary projects.

In December Rotarians from the North Shore participate in *Operation Red Nose*, the program which promotes road safety by driving partygoers home in their own vehicles. This year 130 volunteers responded to 280 calls, drove 8,000 kms., and raised \$13,000 in donations towards youth programs. Youth programs are a major focus on the North Shore, including an Ethics Essay Contest and the Four Way Test Ethics program for high schools students, as well as thriving Interact and Rotaract clubs.

Community housing projects include Klahanie House, a housing development for low income families, and Capilano Towers for seniors. The Rotary emblem can be seen all over the North Shore, marking over 50 years of Rotary involvement in the community.

Recently, these four clubs have banded together to develop the traffic interchange at the north end of the Lions Gate Bridge, a highly visible commemoration of Rotary's centenary in 2005. Internationally these clubs have participated in eyesight programs in India, a mobile eye clinic in Uganda, emergency housing in Honduras, the Rotary World Help Network and many more, each making a positive difference in the lives of the less fortunate.

Rotarians may never know the full extent and impact of their caring and commitment to the alleviation of suffering and building of world understanding and peace. But it is because of ordinary Rotarians everywhere that this great organization has emerged as the pre-eminent service organization in the world, able to undertake the largest public health initiative in history, and to provide hope and dignity to the impoverished and disadvantaged through organizing clean water in a small village in Cambodia.

***I salute each and every Rotarian in the 7 stars of the North Shore constellation of Rotary's District 5040.***



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## D5040 Centennial Celebrations

### District 5040 Celebration Dinner

At The Croatian Cultural Centre  
3250 Commercial Drive, Vancouver  
Saturday, February 26th 2005  
Tickets: \$60.00

#### Special Guest:

Her Honour Iona Campagnolo  
Lt. Governor of British Columbia

#### Keynote Speaker:

Peter Legge  
International Best Selling  
Author and Speaker

Tickets from: Peter Beynon 604-434-5158  
peterbeynon@shaw.ca

You are invited to  
**A CELEBRATION AND READING OF THE  
PROCLAMATION OF ROTARY WEEK IN BRITISH  
COLUMBIA**

FEBRUARY 16, 2005

3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

WEST HARBOUR BALLROOM  
HARBOUR TOWERS HOTEL  
VICTORIA

This prestigious Reception and Celebration will be attended by Rotarians, Guests, Members of the Legislative Assembly and the Premier of British Columbia, the Honourable Gordon Campbell.

A Smorgasbord Dinner will also be held in the Hotel from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at which everyone is welcome. Tickets are \$40.00 per person

Contact Penny Offer for either of these events  
PennyOffer@telus.net

### *"Arriving on Carousel one...."*

An innovative centennial project by the Terrace, Terrace Skeena Valley and Kitimat clubs will display a poster in their local regional airport.

It shows some of the great international posters of Rotary's great work and also highlights the three clubs, when they meet and when they were chartered. It is put up just behind the luggage conveyor belt so that people have no choice but to look at it. It will be up for the month of February and be a great tool for getting the Rotary word out to the general public.



[Thanks to Linda Hammerstrom for the story and photo - Ed.]

### Recruiting 101- Basic Steps

*RRIMC Chris Offer*

Decide the message you want to communicate to potential members. Why should anyone join your Rotary club? Unless Rotarians can answer this question, they will not be able to persuade new members to join. Discuss what you can offer new members and how you will persuade them to join.

- **Set up a team:** The task of recruitment is challenging. No person can do it alone. A team of people (between 3 to 5 for a small club and 5 to 10 for a large club) should work on the development of the recruitment plan and implement it. Other members should also be encouraged to recruit new members whenever they can.
- **Gather necessary resources for recruitment:** It is important for the club membership team to ensure that before recruitment starts, all resources like pamphlets, a club brochure, copies of the Rotarian, etc. are available.
- **Time recruitment well:** Recruitment can happen at any time and should be an ongoing part of your work. But it is an especially good time when you are running a hands on service project, having a high profile speaker, holding public events and during Rotary's Centennial year.
- **Targeting Organizations:** If you want to recruit through other organizations such as the Chamber of Commerce, Golf Club or other groups, make a list of all the organizations, the name of a contact person and the telephone numbers where they can be reached when needed. Write to them or meet with them and ask if you can come and address one of their meetings or set up recruitment tables at their events.
- **Target key people for recruitment:** Your club will also need additional skills and talents and may want to target specific individuals for membership. You could also target someone who has influence over others and will be able to popularize your club. Make a list of key individuals in your community that you would like to have as members and contact them individually.
- **Door-to-door:** Identify a target area in your community and send recruiters from door-to-door to discuss your club and to try and persuade people to join.
- **Information tables:** Tables staffed by Rotarians can be set up in public places like malls, sport events or community events. You should always have a table at all your own public events. Make posters or order from RI and decorate the table so that it attracts attention.
- **Personal contacts:** The best recruitment method is through personal contacts. We all know people who share our interests and members should be encouraged to bring their friends to meetings.

## WELCOME!



### New Members for January 2005

**100 Mile House**  
Brad Marsh

**Burnaby-Deer Lake**  
Pat Law  
Ursula Ruckstuhl

**Ladner**  
Manny Masongsong

**Richmond Sunset**  
James Westmacott  
Helgard Itot

**Sechelt**  
Suzanne Jorgensen  
Mike Hoffman  
Dr. Bruce Etches

**Tsawwassen (Delta)**  
Aninta Hanay  
Barrie Wyld

**Vancouver (Arbutus)**  
Frederick Dyck  
Sam Zeitoun  
Jim MacKinnon

**West Vancouver**  
Nicole Garton

### Rotary International

**Members worldwide: 1,219,532**

- USA/Canada 416,584
- Latin America 98,439
- S. Africa, Middle East 31,352
- Asia 298,478
- South Pacific 46,583
- Europe 256,945

**Clubs worldwide: 31,936**

- USA/Canada 8,440
- Latin America 4,701
- S. Africa, Middle East 1,197
- Asia 8,369
- South Pacific 1,491
- Europe 6,051

\* Country totals are approximate

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### **Commitment to Service Award**

R.I. President Glenn Estess Sr. to celebrate our centennial year has established the **Commitment to Service Award** to recognize Rotarians who have been members of Rotary for 25 years or more, with a record of unwavering support for the club and the ideals of Rotary.

While many Rotarians may have reached the milestone of 25 years in Rotary, this award is intended to recognize those who have served quietly and consistently throughout the years, and whose efforts may have gone unnoticed.

Eligible candidates should meet the following criteria:

- Have been members of one or more Rotary Clubs for a total of 25 years or more
- Demonstrate the ideals of Rotary through service
- Have served in several club committees or board positions
- Participate consistently in club service activities
- Add to the fellowship of the club
- Welcome newer and younger members to the club

Each District has five handsome certificates that will be presented at the Centennial District Conference in Prince George, B.C. May 26 to 29 2005.

Please e-mail the name of your nominee to:

**PDG Leo Nimsick at nimsick@telus.net**

by May 1, 2005. Include details how the candidate fits the criteria as mentioned above.

Ron Neukomm, Centennial Governor

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### **(Edited) Summary of Key RI Board and Trustee Decisions**

#### **October - November 2004**

##### **Rotary Youth Exchange Program and RYLA - Protecting Students from Sexual Abuse and Harassment**

The Board endorsed changes to the Youth Exchange and RYLA programs and requested the general secretary to develop and implement a Youth Exchange club and district certification program aimed at protecting students from sexual abuse and harassment, with full implementation effective 1 July 2006. *[D5040 already has this - Ed.]*

##### **Reducing the Minimum Number of Members for a Sponsor Club**

*The Board agreed to reduce the minimum number of members in sponsor Rotary clubs from twenty-five to twenty.*

##### **Club Leadership Plan**

The Board approved a new administrative structure for Rotary clubs. The Club Leadership Plan helps Rotary clubs develop standard procedures to ensure continuity, communication, and Rotarian involvement. The major change in the new Recommended Rotary Club Bylaws is the recommended committee structure. The bylaws now recommend only five committees, as compared with 18, and the focus is on club operations: club administration, membership, public relations, service projects, and The Rotary Foundation.

##### **Site for the 2011 RI Convention**

The Board has tentatively selected Salt Lake City, Utah, USA as the site for the 2011 RI Convention.

##### **Reinstatement of Annual World Fund Group Study Exchanges**

The Trustees agreed to reinstate annual Group Study Exchange (GSE) awards funded by the World Fund effective immediately, and to consider applications from districts for GSE team travel beginning with the 2005-06 program year. The Trustees also agreed to a one-time extension of the application deadline to 1 March 2005 for 2005-06 GS

##### **Rotary Award for World Understanding and Peace**

The Board agreed to discontinue this award, effective immediately.

##### **Reinstatement of the 3-H Program**

The Trustees acknowledged the importance of Health, Hunger and Humanity grants (3-H grants) in achieving the mission of The Rotary Foundation and lifted the moratorium on new 3-H grant applications effective 1 January 2005.

##### **Recognition of New Rotary Fellowships**

The Board recognized the following new Rotary fellowships:

- Doll Lovers Fellowship
- International Fellowship of Rotarian Dental Volunteers
- Rotary International Fellowship for the Prevention of Drug Abuse
- Football World Fellowship of Rotarians
- World Fellowship of Rotarian Gourmets
- Fellowship of Literacy Providers
- International Fellowship of Rotary International Convention Goers

*[See next page for an article on Rotary Fellowships]*



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## Rotary's Global Reach



**From: Zanaida Tocora-Rabago,  
Consul General to the Philippines  
Vancouver, BC  
To: The Rotary World Help Network**

"Dear friends,

For all the gentle kindness and charity you have given to the less fortunate people in the Philippines particularly in Catanduanes, Rotary World Help Network (RWHN) will always be remembered with affection.

Everyday you comfort and make a difference in the lives of the sick and the indigent people using the hospital beds and medical equipment RWHN donated to the hospital; and you give the young, bright, poor students the hope and inspiration to read, learn and excel with the books Rotary have provided the public schools.

I thank you for them and I remember your names.

Sincerely,  
Zenaida "

February 10th, 2005

Thinking of travelling to any of the countries listed opposite? Thought about a home exchange with fellow Rotarians in that country?

The Rotary International Home Exchange Fellowship has been operating for many years to bring Rotarians together in a safe and inexpensive way. Since 1977, over 5,000 Rotarians have arranged wonderful vacations using the scheme.

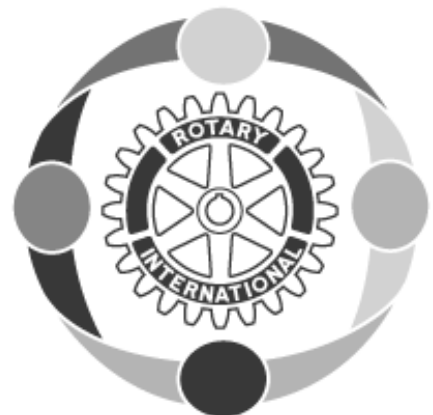
This month, the Fellowship has launched an exciting new webpage that lists all the countries and home exchanges available. And a special introductory joining fee of US\$50.00 will get you registered. For that annual fee, you are entitled to unlimited exchanges with no additional charges. Check it out! You can browse the listing free [Ed.]

Australia  
Canada  
Denmark  
England  
France  
Germany  
India  
Italy  
Mexico  
Monaco  
Netherlands  
New Zealand  
Norway  
Philippines  
Polynesia (Fr.)  
Scotland  
Spain  
Sweden  
Taiwan  
Turkey  
USA



Rotary's list of "Fellowships" groups can be browsed at <http://www.rotary.org/programs/fellowships/index.html> where you will find everything from Doll Lovers, to Dentists to Astronomers. In fact, something for everyone!

For those of you going to Chicago, look up the many Fellowships who will have displays in the Convention Centre's "House of Friendship". There you can meet Rotarians from many Fellowships - such as the Home Exchange one. The International Chairman of the Home Exchange network is Joe Donachie, a Rotarian from Amherst in Nova Scotia. You're assured a warm Canadian welcome from Joe - and his many contacts across the world!



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## Our Ambassadorial Scholar in Kenya

***Professor Lynda Turner is studying at the Western University College of Science and Technology in Kakamega, 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 first fascinating report!***

Hi All

It's hard to believe that I've been here nearly a month. The time has passed so quickly; so much has happened. I am in Kenya until April 20 on a Rotary International Teacher's Exchange Grant given through Vancouver Arbutus R.I.

The first thing I did was to top up my Grant so that I flew business class. On such a long journey (over 20 hours in the air), I am more than willing to personally pay the difference. I found the jet lag much more bearable.

En-route I stayed in Nairobi for 3 nights. I visited the U. of Nairobi and Kenyatta U. where I talked with Faculty and visited their bookshops looking for books that might relate to the 3 degrees that I'm helping to develop at Western University College of Science and Technology in Kakamega; Social Policy, Social Work, and Criminology. Nairobi had a few books but both shops were notable for their lack of up-to-date texts that were, in any way, relevant to Africa in general and Kenya in particular. The shops were also notable for the dust. Do not venture into a Kenyan U. Bookshop with clean clothes on!

While there, I also had a chance to have lunch with the Nairobi Rotary Club. The District Governor was visiting that day. If any DG in Canada complains about the size of his/her District, I will remind them of DG Mohamed Abdulla's area which encompasses Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Ethiopia and Eritrea!

I also went to the Masai Market on the outskirts and looked at local crafts. I went to the Central City Market which you might have heard of. It's the one where they claimed to have cleaned up tons of garbage and killed 6,000 rats. The joke going around here is how do they know the number, who counted, and how many got away? On the plane from Amsterdam to Nairobi, I sat beside a US Secret Service Agent. He never said this but I surmised it. He believed that the Market was cleaned up because his boss, Colin Powell, was going to visit the Market while in Nairobi for the Sudan Peace Signing.

I then flew onto Kisumu. I was immediately driven to Kakamega. Sheywe Guest House, where I am staying, was having an all day party celebrating its 10th Anniversary. The speeches were mercifully short (Kenyans love to make speeches so some are 2-3 hours long), and the dancing and singing was very entertaining. I had lunch and dinner at the party. The owner and a couple of other "mature people like myself" left early in the evening so the young people could turn up the music and party!

My room at the Sheywe is what the Brits call a 'bed sit'. By CDN standards it's very (!) basic but by Kenyan standards it is a palace. It's approx. 10' by 20' with a large bed and mosquito net at one end, a small TV (2 channels - 1 often in Kiswahili and the other with Arabic ads and subtitles). The movies are in English though. There are also 2 chairs with cushions, and a small table. At the far end from the door is a dining table with 4 chairs, an under the counter sized fridge, a kitchen sink with a sideboard and a shelf underneath for groceries. The stove (cooker) is lovely - 1 electrical element and 3 gas elements (the electricity goes off regularly here). It will be even lovelier when they finally hook up the gas. The room also has 2 toilet rooms. The toilet that works also has the shower. The shower has the luxury of an attachment that produces instant warm water. The sinks only have cold water. I need to boil tap water for over 20 minutes for drinking and rinsing my dishes. The room has windows at each end so I'm occasionally able to get a cross breeze. My best investment has been a fan. I have it on when I'm 'home' and nearly every night when I sleep. It's been very hot here!

I arrived in Kakamega Jan 8 and started at Western University Jan 10. My mentor is Prof. Asenath Sigot, Vice-Principal for Academic Affairs. She and the Dean of Social Science and Education took me on a tour of the campus. The large 3-storey building that I saw in its very early stages of construction last Feb is now nearly complete and is being occupied. The new residence for 750 students that was started last summer will be ready for new students when the new U year begins in Sept.

The Library is still very sad. It's located next to the Metal and Wood Shops so it isn't very quiet. It's also small. A max of 30 students can be accommodated at one time. They have approx 5-6 library shelves of reference books and 2 of circulating books (none of the shelves are full). It made me happy to know that soon they will be receiving the 70 boxes of Textbooks that I collected. It will more than double their number of books. The Book Shop is a converted 40' container. When I first visited they only had 2 books, in total, and 1 package of notepaper for sale. I re-visited the Shop last week and now they have about 10 books, 2 packages of notepaper and WUCST T-Shirts etc.

As I am volunteering my time at WUCST, I asked for 2 'perks' - an office and someone to drive me to and from the U. My office is large, about 10' by 15'. I have a desk, a comfy executive chair, a side table, 6 chairs and a small round coffee table. One problem is that every afternoon very tiny bugs infest my desk, and crawl on my skin. I hate that! I use my office for all my Committee Meetings because of its size.

I am driven in a Corolla or a 4-wheel drive. 3 times a week I'm driven to a computer 'café'. The cost is 2 Kenyan shillings a minute (60KSh=1CDN \$). I go because the Internet Service at WUCST is virtually non-existent. They're paying for a Service that takes over 30 min to connect to Hotmail (I gave up) and a Prof said that sending 1 Email per hour is normal. Ugh!! I pay over \$30 per week for the Internet but it is well worth it!

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## Our Ambassadorial Scholar in Kenya

My week days have been dominated by going to the Computer Shop generally M/W/F and often Sun. I am also preparing for and having Committee Meetings at U. I am facilitating (AKA chairing) 3 Committees. One is the Committee for New Social Programs (CNSP) which is moving ahead quickly. Although my plan was to develop 2 Degree Programs, we are now developing 3. We went to Kisumu to the Kenyan Book Depository which is sponsored by CIDA (Canadian International Development Agency) and has books for pennies on the dollar. We asked the U to purchase 52 books for about \$160. Every time we go to Kisumu we cross the Equator going from the Northern to the Southern Hemisphere.

I find that I am good at delegating. On the CNSP I have 3 members each developing a different program outline, another to find relevant courses already being offered at WUCST, and the 5th is to back up the 3 Program Developers. My job is to be a resource person to the other members, organize the Agenda, prepare example programs, keep the Meetings on track and speeding along and, most importantly, to order the tea, water and mandazies (a delicious doughnut-like bun). All proposals have to go to the Faculty, Academic Board and the Senate. We expect to present to the Faculty the beginning of March, and the A. Board by mid-March - well ahead of my departure date.

My second Committee is to establish a Learning Centre on Campus. The Learning Centre (TLC) is a small committee so I'm more active. We have divided the major parts of a proposal format among the members. Because Gladys was coming, I sent out my parts early. I'm doing the budget and figure that TLA can be physically setup for about \$1,500.

The third Committee has to do with Outreach - teaching Literacy (Kiswahili) to Mothers in the villages. Kenya used to do this but it stopped a number of years ago. We are talking with local organizations about partnering with the U. on this.

My friend Gladys arrived yesterday (29th). I will be touring with her off and on in Feb.

I presented my cheque for 4 Scholarships for Rotary Secondary to the Kakamega R.I. I will check out the recipients in the middle of Feb. I also presented money from my White Rock Soroptimist International Club to the Kakamega S.I. I asked my home Club to switch their support from 2 Primary school girls (our original girls have now been adopted by their foster parents so new girls are needed) to helping to support a local orphanage that is home to 11 girls, ages 8-13, who've been orphaned by AIDS. All are in school.

The Centre knows of many more orphans but don't have the space to accommodate them, or the money. My Club agreed. On the 27th I visited the orphanage with 2 local S.I. Members. It's called the Bukura Girl Child Care and Support Centre. It's licensed by the Dep't of Social Services. It's usual for the government to charge an organization to get registered but then give the group absolutely no financial help.

The Centre is a Community Based Organization (CBO) and is supported by local donations largely in kind, e.g., maize. They have a small garden in the central courtyard where they raise beans. They also use gunnysacks and put holes in the sides to grow a number of plants in one sack. Although the Centre often runs out of food and money, the girls' lives are light years away from their lives on the streets.

On the 26th I visited a local troop of Girl Guides. My local Guide District asked to be twinned with a troop in Kenya. (If anyone knows of another troop or District that would like to be twinned with a Kenyan troop, please let me know as I know of 1-2 other troops here that would like to be twinned). I went to the Amalemba Primary School Girl Guides. They have 30 in the troop. Only 9 had some part of the uniform. I'd asked to attend a regular meeting but the girls sang, danced and recited poems about the problems girls encounter in getting an education, AIDS, and being over-worked. They also talked frankly about being molested. These are all problems Kenyan girls face. Our kids are largely protected from these problems but they are very real for Kenyan girls.

Cheers, Lynda

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## Current facts on Rotary's PolioPlus Program

### *Rotary International's contribution.....*

By the time the world is certified polio-free, Rotary's contributions to the global polio eradication effort will exceed **US\$600 million**. In addition, millions of dollars of 'in-kind' and personal contributions have been made by and through local Rotary clubs and districts for polio eradication activities.

### *Number of children immunized.....*

As a result of the efforts of Rotary International and its Foundation and those of our partners, **more than two billion children** have received oral polio vaccine."

### *Children that live in polio-free countries.....*

In 1988, 10% of the world's children lived in polio-free countries; as of 1 July 2004, over **70% are living in polio-free countries**.

### *Rotary's advocacy efforts.....*

In 1995, Rotary International launched a task force to advocate the cause of polio eradication to donor governments. This task force, later to be part of the Polio Advocacy Group, has resulted to date in more than **US\$1.7 billion in polio-specific grants** from the public sector.

### *Vitamin A during polio National Immunization Days....*

Since 1998, the inclusion of Vitamin A supplements on NIDs has **averted an estimated 1.25 million childhood deaths**.

### **PolioPlus**



**Rotary International**

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

Membership		Club	Attendance (%)			
July, 2004	YTD		Nov. 2004	Dec. 2004	Jan. 2005	YTD
41	35	100 MILE HOUSE	51	82	69	64
51	50	BURNABY	77	91		74
18	17	BURNABY DEER LAKE	77	71	82	69
27	26	BURNABY METROTOWN	52	54	65	62
30	30	BURNS LAKE	83	74	59	71
14	14	FORT ST. JAMES	52	51	57	54
38	39	GIBSONS	69	62		60
14	16	KITIMAT	89	53	69	71
50	49	LADNER				73
21	20	MACKENZIE	74	63	68	68
50	53	NEW WESTMINSTER	68	66	60	64
37	40	NEW WESTMINSTER ROYAL CITY	76	83	79	75
47	53	NORTH VANCOUVER	68	74	67	72
28	26	NORTH VANCOUVER LIONS GATE	74	65	62	70
19	20	PENDER HARBOUR (MADIERA PARK)	74	76	62	65
45	39	POWELL RIVER	82	73	87	78
81	82	PRINCE GEORGE	72	56		64
70	66	PRINCE GEORGE NECHAKO	60			55
18	20	PRINCE GEORGE NEW CALEDONIA	85	78		86
61	62	PRINCE GEORGE YELLOWHEAD	71	68	73	71
60	57	PRINCE RUPERT	80	61	76	68
31	34	PRINCE RUPERT HECATE STRAIGHT	72	55		51
33	37	QUESNEL	70	72	69	74
27	30	QUESNEL SUNRISE	83	88		78
36	30	RICHMOND	65	81	87	67
42	37	RICHMOND SUNRISE	63	100	81	75
26	26	RICHMOND SUNSET	65	71	86	63
33	35	SECHLT	82	80	78	78
19	18	SMITHERS	86	81	72	77
26	23	SMITHERS - ALPINE	65	58		64
55	53	SQUAMISH	50			49
31	34	STEVESTON	100	100	100	97
21	26	SUNSHINE COAST - SECHLT	61	65		62
49	51	TERRACE	73	68	66	65
31	29	TERRACE SKEENA VALLEY	79	63	58	66
69	71	TSAWWASSEN	77	74		78
156	148	VANCOUVER	61	58	60	57
42	44	VANCOUVER ARBUTUS	62	65	65	60
12	13	VANCOUVER CAMBIE	72	62	62	67
36	36	VANCOUVER CHINATOWN	74	72	68	72
30	27	VANCOUVER FRASERVIEW	61			64
20	21	VANCOUVER QUADRA	64	71	67	69
27	27	VANCOUVER SOUTH	52	53		54
25	26	VANCOUVER SUNRISE	59	64	51	57
10	12	VANDERHOOF	73	73	67	68
34	34	WEST VANCOUVER	74	83	92	82
19	19	WEST VANCOUVER SUNRISE	82	84		80
43	46	WHISTLER	66	68	63	67
25	24	WHISTLER MILLENNIUM	81	67		67
50	46	WILLIAMS LAKE	63	58	57	63
15	18	WILLIAMS LAKE DAYBREAK	86			74
1893	1889	DISTRICT AVERAGE/TOTAL	69	69	69	67



# Annual Chinese New Year's Dinner

## *The Rotary Club of Vancouver Chinatown*

**Celebrating the year of the Rooster**

Friday, March 4, 2005

6:00 PM No Host Bar - 7:00 PM Gourmet Chinese Dinner



Floata Chinese Seafood Restaurant  
400-180 Keefer Street (at Quebec/Columbia)  
In Vancouver's Chinatown



**Tickets \$65 per person**

Tables of 10 \$650.00

- q Lion Dance q Entertainment q Fabulous Food
- q Silent Auction q Dancing q Raffle Draws
- q Ample Free Parking - walk directly into Restaurant from P3 or P4

For tickets call Chris Offer at  
604-434-5774 or [offer@telus.net](mailto:offer@telus.net)

Proceeds help fund

Community Rotary Projects & Salvation Army "Cooking & Caring Project"

## **Gung Hay Fat Choy**

The year 2005 is the year of the Rooster. If you or any member of your family were born in 1921, 1933, 1945, 1957, 1969, 1981 or 1993 - this is your year. It is important to start the year off in an auspicious manner by attending the Rotary Club of Vancouver Chinatown's annual dinner.