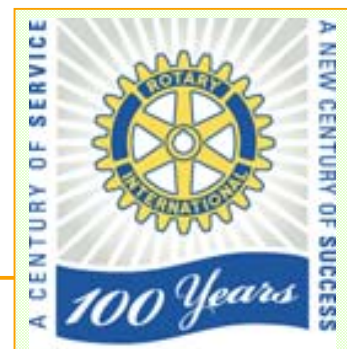




The District 5040 CENTARIAN



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This is the final edition of RON'S ROTATION, what a ride it has been for Dee and I this past year as we put 27,000 km on the Camry traveling around the District Celebrating Rotary.

June 11th I had the honor of visiting the **Quesnel Sunrise Rotary Club** where I welcomed two new Rotarians into the Family of Rotary. May 19th while enroute to the charter night of the **Rotary Club of Pemberton Centennial** I inducted three new Rotarians into the **100 Mile Rotary Club** and presented a Paul Harris Fellow.

The **Charter night in Pemberton** was a special evening and the culmination of a lot of hard work and guidance from District Governor's representative Stephanie Matches so ably assisted by membership extension chair PDG Mary Watson. Inducting 20 new Rotarians under the leadership of President Paul Edgington was the highlight of the evening.

For all of the Rotarians and friends of Rotary that attended the **District Conference in Prince George**, Dee and I want to say thank you very much. Hosting and organizing a District Conference is a huge undertaking, the Conference Committee did a great job. What a surprise to have our son Curtis travel up from southern California to take in the Saturday gala. It was a pleasure to present Curtis with a Paul Harris Fellow. The Conference Committee took a leap of faith when they put on "RYLA for ROTARIANS" which turned out to be an over whelming success. We now have over twenty Rotarians who will no doubt become advocates for the RYLA program in our district.

To all the presenters a big thank you for sharing your wisdom and knowledge. To the GSE Team from District 9570 Queensland Australia, you are great ambassadors of goodwill and better friendships. To Bob Blacker outbound Group Study Exchange leader you and your team did District 5040 proud. To Lyn Stroshin and her committee thank you for the energy that is generated being in the company of the youth exchange students. Thanks to Chris Loat and Jim Ling for all that they do for Interact and Rotaract. A special thank you to all of the committee chairs and members of the leadership team that give so generously of their time and energy for the good of Rotary in our district.

We were so fortunate to have Ron and Jetta Burton from Norman Oklahoma as our Rotary International Representative, what a delightful Rotary couple. Copies of Ron's keynote speech have become a hot item for District 5040 Rotarians. I do believe that Ron & Jetta enjoyed their visit to Prince George.

A year and a half ago I set three goals for the Centennial Year of Rotary.
Have fun while celebrating Rotary. COMPLETED
Grow membership by a net of 100 new members 50% COMPLETED
Rotary Annual Giving US \$110,000 85.5% COMPLETED as of April 30th
Charter a Centennial Rotary Club COMPLETED in Pemberton May 19th

Yours in Rotary,

Ron and Dee Neukomm

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Your District Communications Team for 2005 - 2006

As we move into the first year of a new Centennial for Rotary, a brand new District Communications Team will be taking over. As of July 1st, this team will be up and running, so please take note of your new contacts for District Communications.

The District Newsletter

After four years, Gordon Dalglish will be standing down, and the Newsletter will be taken over by Becky Tsukishima.

No one is better suited! Becky has been editing the Rotary Club of Richmond's club newsletter for many years, and has won the District award for "Best Club Newsletter" for each of the past four years. You can be sure Becky will keep you well informed of everything going on.

Please sent all items to Becky from now on at:
editor5040@hotmail.com

On a personal note, I want to say a huge "Thank you" to all contributors over the years. The newsletter content is only as good as you have made it. I've learned a tremendous amount about our District and about Rotary in that time and, though I may never have visited your club, I feel I know you all as friends in Rotary. **Gord the Ed.**

District Public Relations

The new position of **PR Chair** was started last year, with Jacci McTavish taking over that role. As we move into Sonia's year, **Graham Witcher, of the Rotary Club of Ladner**, will be assuming that position.

PR is one of the major focuses in the New Club Structure Plan, announced this year and Graham has put together a committee which includes media professionals, to ensure we get maximum exposure for our District activities.

Many clubs have already established a PR committee, and your Committee Chair should keep Graham informed of any events you require publicity for, or events you have got publicity for.

You can reach Graham at:
gvwitcher@dccnet.com

The District Webpage and Webmaster

Our Webmaster, Roy Sinn will be stepping down - also after four years - and that position will be now be taken by Linda Metcalfe.

Linda is already an experienced Webmaster (I believe that is non-gender specific computer jargon!) and manages several sites already. At the same time we will be having a complete new look to our webpage. The URL will not change, so you will not need to learn a new address - the existing one will be linked to the new site. Full details of the new site will follow.

For Webpage articles please now send these to Linda at:
linda@metcalfe.org

I'm sure you will all join me in appreciating Roy's hard work over the years in bringing our website to a new high of professionalism, content and structure. Roy has, without fail, always been responsive to our requests for web entries - not least, his immediate posting of this Newsletter - often in the early hours of the morning!

Thanks, Roy!

Gord the Ed

The New District Directory

Copies of the new Directory are being made available to every member of the District this year - thanks to the sponsorship work of **Magdalen Leung, Past President of the Richmond Sunset Rotary Club.**

The Directory contains a vast amount of information about all District and RI contacts - take the time to read it through!

Copies have been given to all Assistant Governors, and these will be distributed over the next week or so. Please check you entries, **and let your AG know of any errors.**

We will publish an Erratta list early in July.

Ethics in Rotary and in our Communities

Anyone who went to PETS, or to one of our Area Leadership Seminars, will know that ETHICS is a focus area within Rotary. Indeed, our Vocational Service district chair is now renamed "Ethics Chair". The position will be filled this year by **Garth Edwards, of the Richmond Sunrise Club.**

Several clubs focussed on this aspect of our service in the last year, and the latest of these is the **Lions Gate North Vancouver Club.**

Recently the Rotary club of Lions Gate North Vancouver ran a highly successful "**Ethics Essay Contest**" in the North Shore High Schools. The business community came forward and supported this project with prize money, free printing of posters, free advertising and even providing judges!! The School Districts were very enthusiastic, encouraged their students and really welcomed Rotary's interest in highlighting "Ethics" as an important topic.

Thanks to Shirley Robertson, President, Rotary Club of Lions Gate North Vancouver for this article and Ezio Marzotto for the photo.



L to R are: Rotarian and Essay Contest Chair Neil Mort, Midori Kaga (First Prize winner), Rotarian and prize contributor Terry Lehouillier, Coast Capital Savings and Susan Jackson also of Coast Capital Savings.

The students' submissions were all first class. It was very hard to pick the winners. We did narrow it down to 6, First, Second, Third and 3 Honourable Mentions. All received cash prizes and all six were invited to our Friday meeting to read their Essays and receive their prizes. What was really special was that their families came, their teachers and even their Principals. It was the best meeting we have had all year!!!

You can read the winning entries on the Club's website at: <http://www.rotarylionsgate.org/>

Walk for the Foundation

For the past 5 years The Rotary Club of Vancouver Quadra has hosted the Rotary Foundation Walk around False Creek in Vancouver as a fellowship fundraiser for all Lower Mainland Clubs.

Quadra will again host this event, The 6th Annual Walk for Rotary Foundation, and requests your participation.

It is an easy event to organize for your club and our walk coordinators, Simon Fulber and Dawn Sadler, have set up a web site:

www.rotarywalk.org

with all of the information. They have even recruited a virtual walker, named Quentin, to walk for those who can not make the event....

The date of the walk is **Sunday June 19th** and you will find a map of the walk, pledge sheets and additional information on the web site.



- All funds raised go to Rotary Foundation
- All funds raised by your club are collected by your club and sent into RI to **your club's Foundation Account**
- Quadra is the host of this event for your club to raise additional funds for Foundation
- Come and join the fellowship!

The Rotary Club of Pemberton finally received it's charter from Rotary International, just in time to get the right to use the name "Centennial" as part of their title.

District Governor Ron Neukomm, together with District Governor-elect Sonia Wolowidnyk and Past District Governor Mary Watson, gathered with the club's 20 members to present the Charter.



Welcome, Pemberton Centennial!



Rotary World Help Network

Our Mission is to Help Communities Help Themselves

Containers have been shipped to 41 developing countries around the world from 1997 to 2005.

RWHN shipped medical supplies to the following countries:

| | | |
|--------------|--------------------|-----------|
| EL SALVADOR | GHANA | |
| UKRAINE | SAMOA | |
| BRAZIL | VENEZUELA | CONGO |
| CHILE | DOMINICAN REPUBLIC | ROMANIA |
| COLUMBIA | GEORGIA | SERBIA |
| GUATEMALA | CAMBODIA | THAILAND |
| PHILIPPINES | HONDURAS | INDONESIA |
| TADJIKISTAN | SOUTH AFRICA | HONDURAS |
| TONGA | PERU | CUBA |
| ZIMBABWE | VIETNAM | GRENADA |
| BOLIVIA | ESTONIA | |
| COOK ISLANDS | GUYANA | |
| ECUADOR | KENYA | |
| UGANDA | NICARAGUA | |
| NEW GUINEA | PANAMA | |
| ARGENTINA | TRINIDAD & TOBAGO | |

The Scorecard:

Total containers shipped for 2005: 19

Total containers shipped since 1997: 153

Grand Total: 172 containers

- There are 31 Rotary Clubs around British Columbia who are members of Rotary World Help Network.
- Annual membership dues are \$10.00 per club member.
- A member club can sponsor the shipment of a 40 foot container to a partnering Rotary Club in another country for only \$2,500.00 per shipment.
- Value of contents...*priceless!*

If you have any question feel free to call me at 604-321-4214.

Yours in Rotary Service,
ELENA AGALA, Director
Rotary World Help Network

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A group of 21 very excited students got together with all our Inbound Youth Exchange students in Abbotsford in May. They are our Outbound students - going to 16 different countries throughout the world.

This year, we are including Russia for the first time, with a student exchanging with Novosibirsk.

This orientation weekend brings together all our Exchange students, together with the outgoing parents, for an intensive weekend of information exchange. Youth Exchange committee members brief both parents and students about the program, and our inbound students tell them all about what they will experience when they arrive overseas.



Little wonder that our Youth Exchange Program is so popular. District 5040's program was voted the **Outstanding Program of the Year** at the recent Canada-US YE Conference.

Program Chair, Lyn Stroshin, proudly displayed the plaque she received to attendees and students alike at this year's District Conference in Prince George.

As always, our inbound students showed their usual enthusiasm and humour to the Conference delegates by putting on a skit depicting their "Year in BC". They also joined in to assist the Sergeant at Arms collect loonies and toonies, and joined delegates round their lunch tables. And their stamina on the dance floor left most of us gasping!!



Conference Kudos

PDG Del Paterson received **The Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service** for his exceptional service to the Foundation. Del was also nominated as our representative for the **RI Council on Legislation**, which amongst other things, will be looking to propose changes to Rotary's structure based on recommendations from our New Models clubs (Richmond Sunset is one of these).

PDG Chris Offer received **The 2004-2005 Service Above Self Award**. The RI Board of Directors created this award to recognize those Rotarians who truly embody Rotary's motto of Service Above Self. A maximum of 150 Rotarians receive this award per year.

Late news: District Governor Ron Neukomm is pleased to advise that **Ms. Melanie Bennett of Cornwall**, Ontario has been awarded the 2005-2007 Charles and Carol Loh Named **Rotary World Peace Fellow** to study at the International Christian University, Tokyo, Japan.

Congratulations everyone!



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Gladstone Interact plants the seed



Interactors from the Gladstone Interact club were joined by members of the Vancouver Club to commemorate Rotary's Centennial.

The Interactors presented the tree and plaque to their sponsoring club as a lasting tribute to our 100 years of service.



RYLA South burst on the scene in North Vancouver, testing out its new base at Camp Jubilee on Indian Arm over the weekend of 4th June.

55 Participants, sponsored by Lower Mainland clubs, got together to hear and share "Best Practices" in leadership with a range of distinguished Rotary, community and business leaders.

A highlight of Sunday's program was the handover of the **RYLA Kayak** - brought up to be presented to the Camp for use of both RYLAians and other groups. In true RYLA drug and alcohol-free style, the kayak was gently christened with good old BC water. And there was plenty of that around as the North Vancouver skies emptied their rain-laden clouds!

For new District Chair Sue Smith it was, ".....a dream come true - exceeding my wildest expectations!" That sentiment was shared by delegates, presenters, camp staff and several guests who dropped by to attend the ceremony.

The RYLA ROAR echoed from the mountains around the camp for three days - surprising a few of our local feathered friends - but sending a group of totally enthused future leaders back to their sponsoring clubs and communities with a renewed vision for their future. Ask them about "The Story of Bob" (opposite) when they visit your club!



RI Boosts our Image with new billboards

A new brochure "Five Easy Steps to Rotary Billboard Advertising" has just been released by PDG Mary Margaret Fleming, World Chair of the RI Public Image Resource Group.

As you know, RI President-elect Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar has placed Water, Literacy, and Rotary's Public Image as his three focal points for the 2005-06 Rotary year.

Therefore you will see there are now ten graphic designs to choose from. And, there are two each for water and literacy.

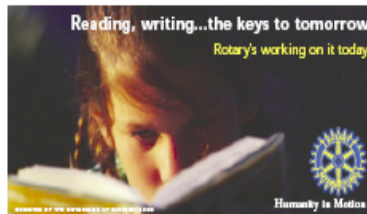
The Public Image Resource group hopes the designs will inspire you to continue your valuable work and **install Rotary billboards in your community** during the 2005-06 Rotary year.

If you will be attending the Centennial Convention in Chicago in June, do stop by the RI Public Relations exhibit booth, as the resource group would love to see you and give you a hard copy of the Billboard Brochure.

Rotary can reap a lot of goodwill from the public exposure received during the yearlong activities marking its centennial. "Therefore, I am planning for a Public Image Resource Group to capture this opportunity and help clubs use it as a platform in our continued efforts to enhance our public image," said Stenhammar

PDG Chris Offer
Zone 22 Public Image Resource Group
Contact him if you wish more information
(offer@telus.net).

The billboard designs: select the design(s) that work best for your district or club's focus



Literacy #1



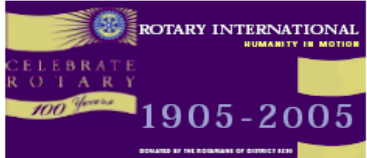
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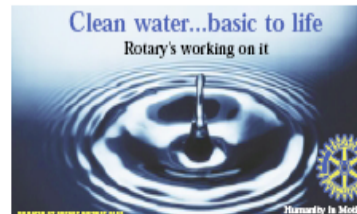
Rotary Cares



Centennial #1



Centennial #2



Clean Water #1



Clean Water #2



Polio #1



Polio #2



Polio #3

District Leadership Seminar focusses on PR



Over 80 District Rotarians, an all time record attendance, were at this year's Leadership Seminar in North Vancouver on May 14th. In addition to reviewing all our roles for 2005 - 2006, Kevin Evans a well known broadcaster and Rotarian, gave an invigorating presentation on our plans for Public and Media Relations. This committee is chaired by Graham Witcher (gwwitcher@dccnet.com) and will be working with all clubs to enhance our visibility within our communities.

WHERE TO FIND NEW MEMBERS

People You Know

- Spouses/partners of current members
- Former members of the club, club secretaries can access a list of former members at Rotary.org
- Program speakers
- Government employees, city, province or federal
- Volunteers involved in other organizations, such as United Way and Cancer Society
- Customers and vendors of current members
- People who are involved with you in leisure activities (tennis, golf, curling, bridge)
- People you see in church, synagogue, mosque or temple
- People with whom you work
- Your relatives, friends, classmates and neighbours
- Fraternity/sorority brothers and sisters
- Recent retirees
- People from organizations supported by your Rotary club

People You Don't Know

- Chamber of Commerce membership list
- City or community directories, residential and business
- Parents of Youth Exchange Students
- Rotary Foundation Alumni, a list of all known alumni living in your community is available from RI
- Classifications not represented in your Club, update your classification list
- Promotions that have been announced in the newspaper
- People who work in town but live in other communities
- People new to the community
- People who want to do service

Use this list in your club bulletin. All it takes is to prompt members to think beyond the walls of the Club.

**** Note: As of July 1st, the new Membership Chair will be Henry Fetigan, of the Rotary Club of Vancouver Chinatown. email: hfetigan@shaw.ca**

WELCOME!



New Members for May 2005

New Westminster

Nick Cheng
Patricia Thomas

Pemberton Centennial

Lisa Ames
Serge Cote
Rob Eberhard
Paul Edgington
Hugh Fisher
Trudy Frew
France Lamontagne
David MacKenzie
Linda Marshall
Shelley Mathews
Cam McIvor
David Midgley
Peter Pocklington
Lisa Richardson
Suzanne Robert
Mike Rochon
Sandy Ryan
Marnie Simon
Peter Vandenberg
Elinor Warner
Brian Young
Lizz Kelly

**NEW
CLUB!**

Pender Harbour

Rick Smalley
Jon Paine
Rick Harmer
Jay Deyman

Quesnel

Gabrielle Hadden

Quesnel Sunrise 2000

Leslie Johnson
Dale Joyal

Sechelt

Bill Acheson
Taylore B. Sinclair
Tom Pinfold
Patricia Anderson

Terrace-Skeena Valley

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District 5040 Membership and Attendance for May, 2005

| Membership | | Club | Attendance (%) | | | |
|-------------|-------------|-------------------------------|----------------|------------|-----------|-----------|
| July, 2004 | YTD | | March 2004 | April 2004 | May 2005 | YTD |
| 41 | 37 | 100 MILE HOUSE | 73 | 64 | 74 | 66 |
| 51 | 54 | BURNABY | 65 | 71 | 86 | 75 |
| 18 | 17 | BURNABY DEER LAKE | 78 | 81 | 81 | 73 |
| 27 | 27 | BURNABY METROTOWN | 63 | 66 | 62 | 63 |
| 30 | 23 | BURNS LAKE | 59 | 86 | | 71 |
| 14 | 16 | FORT ST. JAMES | 44 | 56 | 47 | 53 |
| 38 | 37 | GIBSONS | 62 | 78 | | 62 |
| 14 | 14 | KITIMAT | 60 | 78 | 69 | 71 |
| 50 | 49 | LADNER | | | | 69 |
| 21 | 20 | MACKENZIE | 82 | 76 | | 70 |
| 50 | 55 | NEW WESTMINSTER | 67 | 65 | 66 | 64 |
| 37 | 40 | NEW WESTMINSTER ROYAL CITY | 72 | 75 | 68 | 75 |
| 47 | 49 | NORTH VANCOUVER | 64 | 58 | 60 | 67 |
| 28 | 30 | NORTH VANCOUVER LIONS GATE | 83 | 79 | 69 | 73 |
| 19 | 20 | PENDER HARBOUR (MADIERA PARK) | 75 | 55 | | 64 |
| 45 | 37 | POWELL RIVER | 78 | 84 | 87 | 79 |
| 81 | 83 | PRINCE GEORGE | 58 | 60 | | 65 |
| 70 | 66 | PRINCE GEORGE NECHAKO | 59 | | | 57 |
| 18 | 19 | PRINCE GEORGE NEW CALEDONIA | 95 | | | 86 |
| 61 | 62 | PRINCE GEORGE YELLOWHEAD | 78 | 76 | | 73 |
| 60 | 56 | PRINCE RUPERT | 67 | 72 | 80 | 69 |
| 31 | 33 | PRINCE RUPERT HECATE STRAIGHT | 54 | 49 | 53 | 54 |
| 33 | 38 | QUESNEL | 71 | 72 | 69 | 73 |
| 27 | 38 | QUESNEL SUNRISE | 82 | 77 | 84 | 80 |
| 36 | 32 | RICHMOND | 58 | 63 | 59 | 64 |
| 42 | 37 | RICHMOND SUNRISE | 94 | 100 | 100 | 83 |
| 26 | 26 | RICHMOND SUNSET | 60 | 45 | 48 | 56 |
| 33 | 40 | SECHELT | 80 | 88 | 81 | 80 |
| 19 | 18 | SMITHERS | 65 | 69 | | 74 |
| 26 | 20 | SMITHERS - ALPINE | 63 | 78 | 60 | 65 |
| 55 | 58 | SQUAMISH | 63 | 61 | 63 | 53 |
| 31 | 33 | STEVESTON | 97 | 98 | 99 | 97 |
| 21 | 21 | SUNSHINE COAST - SECHELT | 66 | 68 | 72 | 63 |
| 49 | 43 | TERRACE | 52 | 60 | 67 | 62 |
| 31 | 29 | TERRACE SKEENA VALLEY | 66 | 78 | 76 | 68 |
| 69 | 75 | TSAWWASSEN | 77 | 77 | | 77 |
| 156 | 147 | VANCOUVER | 62 | 58 | 57 | 58 |
| 42 | 43 | VANCOUVER ARBUTUS | 53 | 56 | 51 | 58 |
| 12 | 13 | VANCOUVER CAMBIE | 66 | 61 | 62 | 65 |
| 36 | 36 | VANCOUVER CHINATOWN | 62 | 68 | 66 | 69 |
| 30 | 27 | VANCOUVER FRASERVIEW | | | | 63 |
| 20 | 22 | VANCOUVER QUADRA | 66 | 72 | | 69 |
| 27 | 27 | VANCOUVER SOUTH | 47 | 50 | | 53 |
| 25 | 21 | VANCOUVER SUNRISE | 69 | 52 | 54 | 57 |
| 10 | 10 | VANDERHOOF | 65 | 57 | 70 | 68 |
| 34 | 35 | WEST VANCOUVER | 82 | 83 | 85 | 82 |
| 19 | 19 | WEST VANCOUVER SUNRISE | | | | 80 |
| 43 | 43 | WHISTLER | 79 | 69 | | 68 |
| 25 | 24 | WHISTLER MILLENNIUM | 56 | 60 | | 64 |
| 50 | 48 | WILLIAMS LAKE | 56 | 55 | | 61 |
| 15 | 18 | WILLIAMS LAKE DAYBREAK | 79 | 82 | | 78 |
| 1893 | 1885 | DISTRICT AVERAGE/TOTAL | 67 | 68 | 69 | 67 |