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The countdown is on until the District Conference in Prince George May 26th to 29th, just a reminder that you can register on line by going to our District website at www.rotary5040.org and follow the link to the District Conference. The conference committee has been working hard to ensure that we have an informative and fun filled Celebration of Rotary achievements.

If you have not already registered for the International Conference in Chicago in mid June it is too late to register online, however registrations can be done at the conference site. Word is that there is still ample hotel accommodation available in downtown Chicago including the official hotel the Hyatt. Clubs are encouraged to draft a centennial letter for placement in the Rotary time capsule, which will be sealed for 100 years.

I am pleased to report that Professor Lantana Usman from the University of Northern British Columbia has been approved for a Rotary Grant for University Teachers. Professor Usman who is sponsored by the Prince George Nechako Rotary Club will be traveling to Laria, Nigeria where she will pursue her passion and commitment to women adult literacy. At the District Conference attendees will be able to hear first hand from Professor Lynda Turner who recently returned from Kakamenga Kenya where she was also on a Rotary grant for University Teachers.

I encourage all Rotarians to promote the **Rotary Youth Leadership Award** program, you can do this by encouraging your club to sponsor a Rylarian for the upcoming **RYLA SOUTH** which will be held at Camp Jubilee June 3rd to 6th or **RYLA NORTH** August 10th to 14th in Prince George. The \$375.00 registration fee is a great investment in helping the future leaders of our country prepare themselves for what lies ahead. For further information contact the RYLA Chair Sue Smith at 604-244-2135.

April 28th saw Dee and I on the road again for Vancouver where we were the guests of District Governor Kathy Johnson at her District 5030 Conference in the historic Vancouver Hotel. It was a great weekend of fellowship and Celebrating Rotary. I managed to find time to visit the **District Interact Conference** where I had the honor of presenting the David C. Lam awards to 8 very deserving Interactors. A big Rotary Thank You goes out to Interact Chair Jim Ling and incoming Chair Chris Loat for all of the time and energy they put into Interact.

Ron and Dee

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Club News

A new partnership is underway between some Rotary clubs in the Lower Mainland and Steps Forward, an organization that supports young adults with intellectual disabilities.

From Pam Rickey (rickeyp@telus.net)
Rotary Club of Vancouver-Quadra Club.

STEPS Forward: An Inclusive Post-secondary Education Society was incorporated in 2001 by a group of parents concerned that there was no place in society for their children with intellectual disabilities as they reached adulthood, no place for lifelong education, no place for employment, no place to participate as citizens.

STEPS Forward is creating opportunities for the total inclusion of young adults with intellectual disabilities in those places, activities, and experiences that are characteristic of young adult lives in our society. It sees these young adults engaged in the spheres of education, work and personal relationships in similar ways to their fellow students, coworkers and friends.

Currently STEPS supports a small number of these students at UBC and the Emily Carr Institute of Art + Design (STEPS-Campus), to take regular courses of interest to the individual and to participate in a wide variety of campus activities.

The work of STEPS-Forward has expanded to include a partnership with local Rotarians to find paid meaningful employment for students (STEPS Co-op) and other young adult with intellectual disabilities. STEPS-Forward has taken the building blocks of the incredibly successful Rotary Employment Partnership in Alberta featured in The Rotarian in October 2004 to set up a steering committee here in BC.

In January 2003, STEPS Forward hired a senior facilitator to work with Rotarians and students. The priority for the senior facilitator has been to co-ordinate a Rotary steering committee. STEPS-Forward is delighted with the enthusiasm of the Rotarians on this committee-Pamela Rickey, Erlene Woolard, Gerry Beltgens and early support from Dean Rohrs.

The Steering Committee is developing a process to set up a network of Rotarians interested in hiring a young adult with an intellectual disability. With the advice and cooperation of the Steering Committee, the facilitator co-ordinates presentations to Rotary Clubs and prepares information packages for interested Rotarians and Rotary Clubs.

The facilitator identifies potential jobs and assists the employee, coworkers, and management to create meaningful and successful paid employment. The facilitator is permanently available to assist with challenges in the workplace. We encourage you to contact our senior facilitator, Angela Ranogajec at co-op@steps-forward.org for more information or to visit our website at www.STEPS-Forward.org. Not all Rotarians are in a position to hire people directly but, through their business and community relationships, they have opened the doors to employment opportunities in other enterprises. There are many ways to be involved in the Partnership.

As these young adults begin to go to colleges and universities and/or work in real jobs, young adults with intellectual disabilities and their parents will begin to exercise their right to participate in society as full citizens.

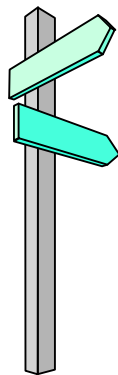
A GREAT WAY to wrap up a great Day after the May 14th Leadership seminar is to:

Come to the energetic
Royal City Rotary Spring Fling
Queensborough Community Centre
929 Ewen Street, New Westminster
Sat, May 14
8:00 to Midnight
(doors open at 7:30)

**Dance to the Rockin music of Rotary's own
Michael Crean and Red Line**

- ★ Tickets \$35.00 per person
- ★ 10pm snacks
- ★ Dress Casual to jive and groove with the fun crowd!
- ★ Live auction of a few GREAT items.
- ★ Proceeds to the 'Rotary Crosstown Greenway'

To get tickets
call Donna at 323-4550 or Nancy at 524-2144
Dancers guaranteed to have FUN!



**The Rotary Club of Burnaby
Metrotown** no longer meets at the
Best Western Kings Inn &
Conference Center.

With effect from the meeting on
Wednesday May 4th at 12:15pm,
our new location is

**The Boardwalk Gaming Center –
VIP Community Room**
7155 Kingsway
Burnaby BC

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Club Awards



This month has seen several awards being given to clubs in our District. As always, the Centarian is proud to publicise the evidence of D5040's "Service Above Self".



SERVICE Above Self

Accepting from Mayor Sharp, on behalf of Lions Gate Rotary is Shirley Robertson, President.

"It is with great pleasure that the City bestows the **Outstanding Supporter of Youth Award to the Rotary Club of Lions Gate** which has made a significant impact in the lives of young people in our community. Due to their commitment and financial support the North Shore Youth Safe House became a reality.

The Rotary Club has also provided financial support for Youth Week allowing agencies to provide a host of fun and meaningful youth events which acknowledge and celebrate the value of youth in the community. The Rotary runs many other youth projects such as Interact Clubs in the high schools, Adventures in Citizenship and they provide scholarships and international student exchanges. Thank you to all the Rotarians for their support and dedication."

Craig Amundsen,

Executive Assistant to Mayor Barbara Sharp, City of North Vancouver



Members of **The Rotary Club of Steveston** received the prestigious **Richmond Chamber of Commerce Safety Partner Agency Award** at the Annual 911 Awards Ceremony in the Best Western Richmond Inn. The award was presented to **President Jim Toogood by the Mayor of Richmond, Malcolm Brodie** (far left of photo), the award recognizes the major contribution the club has made in the last year to Community safety.

"President Jim, I want to congratulate you and all of the community spirited members of the Steveston Rotary Club for being recognized by the Richmond Chamber of Commerce Safety Partner Agency Award. Your club truly demonstrates Rotary motto and soon to be theme "Service Above Self"

Ron Neukomm, Centennial Governor

"In celebrating Rotary 100th Anniversary, District Governor Ron Neukomm congratulated 7 Interactors of Burnaby South Secondary Schools who received **The Honourable David C. Lam Interact Leadership Award** on April 30, 2005."

Jim Ling, District Interact Program Chairman



Club Extension

District Governor Ron Neukomm proudly announced that we have now received confirmation that the **Rotary Club of Pemberton Centennial** has now been accepted as our newest club.

Pemberton will be Presided over by
President Paul Edgington
pedgington@slrd.bc.ca
and their Secretary will be **Trudy Ann Frew**.

Take the opportunity to drop in to this exciting new club, when in the area. President Paul and his 20-member club will be meeting at:

- **Meeting Day: Wednesday**
- **Meeting Time: 0715**
- **Meeting Place: Pemberton Trails Steakhouse, 1392 Portage Rd., Pemberton, BC, Canada**
- **Sponsor Club: Rotary Club of Whistler Centennial**



Congratulations from all of us in District 5040 Paul, and Welcome to the Team!

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 Lynda's Valedictory as she returns to B.C.

This is my last newsletter from Kenya as I fly home starting Wednesday, April 20. This month although not a complete month, has been a full one. I have spent most of my time at the University trying to get the various proposals through. 'Once they go thru' one level, they have to be revised before they go to the next.

- ✓ The proposal for the **Learning Centre** has gone through the Committee for Research and Extension and the Dean's Council with just minor changes.
- ✓ The proposal on **Outreach** (literacy for mothers in the villages) has gone thru' the same Committee. Both proposals will be going before the Academic Board on Tues.
- ✓ The **3 Degree proposals** went before the Faculty Board with no major damage.
- ✓ The excitement around about the **Criminology Degree** is such that I developed a Certificate (1 year) and a Diploma Program (2 years). They can then go up the ladder to the degree program if they wish.

The program hasn't been hurt by the announcements of the head of the Kenyan police, Major General Ali, that the force needs better educated people.

This is the first Bachelor's program in Crime in all of Kenya. To help them put the programs into action I've written to the Crime Dep't at Kwantlen asking if someone there is interested in coming out for a year. The head of the programme must be Kenyan but that person needs a lot of experienced help. They've also asked me to come back to put at least 2 of the programmes on. I am very tempted but I don't want to be away from my family for 1-2 years.

It is great for the old ego to be asked and told that they would make a special contract for me to cover the airfare and a regular salary BUT I'm worn out again. I seem to work harder as a volunteer than I did when I was being paid. At KUC there were very busy times but there were also slack times. Here it seems to be VERY busy ALL the time.

The Faculty Board was very interested because other items on the agenda indicated that universities are the same all over. I could have been back at Kwantlen as the teachers here talked about the poor English of the students and not being paid enough. One difference is that the Dean provided lunch to everyone. This is done regularly. Another difference was

the meeting was suppose to start at 9 and finally started at 10:30. The Dean also told the faculty that some of them hadn't shown up for their classes yet (this is month 2) so he wanted them to show up. Also they have an attendance officer for classes held off campus to make sure the teachers show up. They complain a lot about overwork but if one doesn't show up, where is the work? Also their maximum teaching load is 9 teaching hours per week - mine at KUC was 16 hours plus 4 office hours. I did my prep and marking at home.

Hope to see many of you soon. Best Wishes to All, Lynda

Note that Lynda will be a keynote speaker at the Prince George District Conference. Ed

Rotary District 5040 Centennial Conference Update

There's Still Time to Register. Register Today!!
<http://centennial.pgrotary.bc.ca/rotary/>

The Rotary District 5040 Centennial Conference is just a few weeks away. If you haven't registered, you are encouraged to do so right away. More information about the conference and registration information can be found on the conference website - <http://centennial.pgrotary.bc.ca/rotary/>

The conference takes place May 26-29 in beautiful Prince George. 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's 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

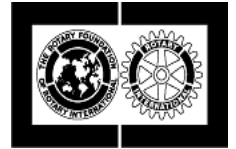
The conference will take place at the Coast Inn of the North in Prince George. Visit the conference web site for information about how to book your accommodation directly. Space is filling fast, so book today. Hotels in Prince George such as the Ramada Hotel are offering special rates for Rotarians.

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

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

Kathi Travers
Conference Chair





My experiences as a Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholar in Vancouver

At last it's the end of term! I'm wondering how I ever made it through. I feel rather like my brain has been disassembled and put back together again. The two courses I studied this term were amazing. I can't possibly sum up everything I've learnt, but here's a taster:

Contemporary Social Theory

This term I have been thinking about the 'taken-for-granted', in other words why is our society the way it is?

For my term paper I thought about the education system - particularly the gulf between private schools and most state-maintained schools in Britain. (One academic described it as "educational apartheid"). Why do children from private schools tend to get the better university places and jobs?

One thing I realized is that some skills and attributes have a 'market value', such as leadership skills and self-confidence. But there are few careers for which these are a sufficient qualification! Other attributes, such as the ability to relate to people from diverse social backgrounds, aren't given the same value.

"It takes many parts to make a single body...in fact, we cannot get along without the parts of the body that seem to be the weakest....God put our bodies together in such a way that even the parts that seem the least important are valuable."
(from the Bible, 1 Corinthians 12, Contemporary English Version)

I found myself asking why some people are perceived to be worth more than others. Perhaps we can help to tackle inequality in society by appreciating the value of a wider range of skills, attributes, and life experiences.

Race, Ethnicity and Immigration in the City

In this Geography course I learnt about immigrants' experiences in several different places: California, Sweden, London and Vancouver. For my term paper I focused on the way that multiculturalism has become a consumer commodity - music, food and festivals rather than a genuine engagement with other cultures.

The course made me think about what it means to be an "Ambassador" and promote international understanding through the sharing of cultures. It's easy to present cheerful stereotypes and simplifications of one's culture - consumer commodities, if you like. This term I hosted a "pancake" (crepe) party for International students on Shrove Tuesday (Mardi Gras). Although this is a traditional festival, the event showed very little of what my country is like day-to-day. I decided that what matters is whether or not friendships grow from these social events. It is friendships that lead to greater understanding and goodwill.

Outside of the classroom

The never ending onslaught of readings and new theories this term meant it was difficult to escape the books. But my fellow "grad" (post-graduate) students reassured me that first year MA is the hardest of all university years. I certainly hope that's the case!

Annemarie Hulbert is one of our incoming Rotary Foundation Scholars, currently studying at UBC, Vancouver. Here is her Spring Term 2005 report

In my limited spare time, I've enjoyed a few events on and off campus. I'll tell you about some of them below.

(Ice) Hockey

It's ironic that the year I come to UBC, the National Hockey League is cancelled! Meanwhile 'my team', Coventry Blaze, became the undisputed champions of the UK ice hockey scene! However, I did get treated to two fantastic games in the local kids' league. I actually enjoyed these games more, because there are fewer stops and starts for penalties. I'm now looking forward to the 2005-06 season.

Choir

I really missed my choir in Coventry, so in January I was happy to find a choir here. I've taught a song, which is something I've always wanted to do. I found conducting 2-part harmony a real challenge - I wonder how I'll cope if we add a third part.

Lectures

One of the great things about UBC is the multitude of Open Lectures. I've attended several talks about refugees and migration, a few talks on China, and one on Cambodia.

Looking Forward

UBC's summer term is almost upon us. The system seems strange to me; it's optional whether or not to take a course in the summer, and not many are available. I'm hoping to find a professor willing to supervise an individual reading course over May and June (after which time I have to leave my accommodation on campus). I have no idea what to do in July and August: perhaps travel or do some voluntary work.

I'm hoping to organise some more presentations at Rotary Clubs. I gave a talk in January in Tsawwassen, which was a very fun and friendly club. ***If anyone wants me to give a Rotary presentation, just email me: ammi@interchange.ubc.ca***

I also want to enjoy the fabulous Vancouver outdoors - beaches, mountains and parks. The sun shined continuously for the two weeks I was writing up my papers. Now that I've finished, it's raining again! But I have faith that the weather will improve again so I can go hiking and exploring.

Annemarie Hulbert

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THE FAMILY OF ROTARY

The family of Rotary ideal can be carried out in three main ways:

- ◆ Treat your Rotary club members as if they are family.
- ◆ Include other important people (Rotary spouses, program participants) in your Rotary family
- ◆ Include Rotarians' families in Rotary activities.

Enacting the family of Rotary objectives is a great way to increase member recruitment and retention in your club. People want to get involved and stay involved in a club where they feel appreciated and where their families are welcome.

As President Glenn Estess has said, "When clubs promote an atmosphere of concern and caring and include family members in social events and service projects, Rotary becomes a satisfying and viable way for members to enrich their lives." The following family of Rotary strategies can be used to enhance your club's membership development program:

Treat your Rotary club members as if they are family. This could involve visiting sick Rotarians to show concern and insure that their needs are being met. Your club might establish a greeter program, if one doesn't already exist. The club should take notice of the important events and achievements of members at your meetings (including birthdays, anniversaries, promotions, birth of child/grandchild).

It might also be helpful to inquire after those members who have missed several meetings to let them know that they were missed and see if there is anything the club can do to help them attend every week. You could also encourage newer Rotarians to serve on a club committee or spearhead a project to make sure they feel they are part of the Rotary family.

Include other important people (Rotary spouses, program participants) in your Rotary family. This includes maintaining relationships with the family of deceased Rotarians. Keeping the spouses of deceased Rotarians involved in Rotary activities is an important way of building a support system for them and repaying them for their years of dedication to Rotary.

Another important group to include is current program participants and program alumni. Current and former participants in programs like Interact, Rotaract, Group Study Exchange (GSE), and Ambassadorial Scholarships have already shown dedication to Rotary's ideals through their participation in Rotary programs. Embrace them as members of Rotary's family, and keep them involved in Rotary activities.

Include Rotarians' families in Rotary activities. Clubs should plan at least one family event per year. In Canada and the United States, many parents bring their children to work on national "Take Our Children to Work" day to teach them about their jobs. This year, consider holding a "Take Our Children to Rotary" day to teach children about the volunteer work that club members do through Rotary. Spouses and children of Rotarians could be regularly included in service projects and activities. Your club might also encourage members' children to participate in Rotary programs such as Interact, Rotaract, RYLA, and Youth Exchange.

WELCOME!



New Members for April 2005

One Hundred Mile House

Mike Cannon
Steve MacPhail
Debbie Hollowell
Lana Johnson

Burnaby

Gerald (Gerry) Parfeniuk

Gibsons

Greg Ratch
Ralph Schilling

New Westminster

Brett Paskar

Prince Rupert

Sonu Sandhu
Ronald J. Beaulieu

Prince Rupert Hecate Strait

Kim Morrison

Quesnel

Dave Wawryk
Jill Fowler

Quesnel Sunrise 2000

Mike Enemark
Jasu Kotak
Fraser Bell
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Squamish

Jens Rolinski

Tsawwassen

Alex Tappert
Barrie Wilde

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District 5040 Membership and Attendance for April, 2005

Membership		Club	Attendance (%)			
July, 2004	YTD		Feb. 2004	March 2004	April 2004	YTD
41	39	100 MILE HOUSE	68	73	64	65
51	54	BURNABY	90	65	71	74
18	17	BURNABY DEER LAKE	81	78	81	72
27	28	BURNABY METROTOWN	69	63	66	63
30	27	BURNS LAKE	70	59		70
14	16	FORT ST. JAMES	62	44	56	54
38	35	GIBSONS	58	62		60
14	15	KITIMAT	78	60	78	71
50	49	LADNER	63			69
21	20	MACKENZIE	72	82	76	70
50	56	NEW WESTMINSTER	63	67	65	64
37	40	NEW WESTMINSTER ROYAL CITY	82	72	75	75
47	51	NORTH VANCOUVER	61	64	58	68
28	28	NORTH VANCOUVER LIONS GATE	80	83	74	73
19	20	PENDER HARBOUR (MADIERA PARK)	58			64
45	38	POWELL RIVER	76	78		78
81	82	PRINCE GEORGE				64
70	66	PRINCE GEORGE NECHAKO	58	59		57
18	19	PRINCE GEORGE NEW CALEDONIA	74	95		86
61	62	PRINCE GEORGE YELLOWHEAD	78	78	76	73
60	56	PRINCE RUPERT	68	67	72	68
31	34	PRINCE RUPERT HECATE STRAIGHT	61	54	49	55
33	38	QUESNEL	77	71	72	74
27	32	QUESNEL SUNRISE	89	82		80
36	30	RICHMOND	56			66
42	37	RICHMOND SUNRISE	100	94	100	81
26	26	RICHMOND SUNSET	23	60		58
33	36	SECHLT	79	80	88	80
19	18	SMITHERS	68	65	69	74
26	22	SMITHERS - ALPINE	63			64
55	58	SQUAMISH	53	63	61	52
31	33	STEVESTON	97	97	98	97
21	21	SUNSHINE COAST - SECHLT	62	66	68	62
49	50	TERRACE	55	52		62
31	28	TERRACE SKEENA VALLEY	66	66	78	67
69	71	TSAWWASSEN				78
156	147	VANCOUVER	58	62	58	58
42	43	VANCOUVER ARBUTUS	58	53	56	59
12	13	VANCOUVER CAMBIE	61	66	61	66
36	36	VANCOUVER CHINATOWN	68	62	68	70
30	27	VANCOUVER FRASERVIEW				63
20	22	VANCOUVER QUADRA	67	66	72	69
27	27	VANCOUVER SOUTH	63			54
25	21	VANCOUVER SUNRISE	57	69		58
10	11	VANDERHOOF	81	65	57	68
34	35	WEST VANCOUVER	82	82	83	82
19	19	WEST VANCOUVER SUNRISE				80
43	46	WHISTLER	66	79		68
25	24	WHISTLER MILLENNIUM	72	56	60	64
50	48	WILLIAMS LAKE	57	56	55	61
15	18	WILLIAMS LAKE DAYBREAK	84	79		77
1893	1889	DISTRICT AVERAGE/TOTAL	70	67	68	67