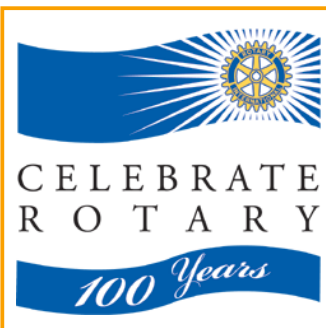




# *The District 5040*

## *CENTARIAN*



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## **Celebrating!**

**A message from RI Zone 22  
Director John Eberhard**



**Rotary Clubs and Districts in Zone 22  
are Celebrating Rotary! Much activity  
has been generated by President Glenn  
Estess' compelling centennial theme:**

### **Celebrate Rotary!**

"When I consider the possibilities of Rotary's second century, I have the audacity to believe that Rotary and its Foundation can help make it possible for people everywhere to have three meals a day for their bodies, education and culture for their minds, and dignity, equality and freedom for their spirits", says President Glenn. "That is why, first and foremost, we will celebrate Rotary this year by putting **Service Above Self** and showing the world what Rotary can do to up-lift millions of people who remain trapped in poverty."

Rotarians across our 17 1/2 time zones have the spirit! I have had the great privilege of seeing and hearing about so many magnificent projects and events in recent weeks, it makes me darn proud to be a "Fellow Rotarian"! It is a great year to be a Rotarian. As Rotary leaders each of us needs to continually encourage and recognize those who respond to our lofty Centennial goals. All of us should:

- **Invest in your Foundation** – a minimum of \$100 (US) and constantly remind our fellow Rotarians of our pledge – Every Rotarian, Every Year!
- **Grow Rotary!** Let every Rotarian know that everyone is on the membership committee! Show leadership! Invite a qualified friend, a colleague, a family member, a neighbour. For Rotary to continue to be a growing and effective force for good in the world, we must continue to grow our numbers.
- **Support your club and your district.** Your experience continues to be an invaluable resource for current and future leaders! Be a mentor – be a friend!

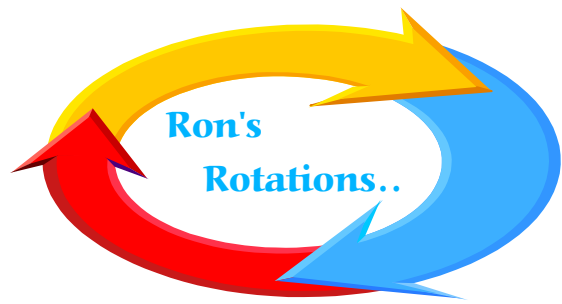
This month's **Centarian** gives you all the opportunities you need to do all these things - and more!

**Share Rotary – Enjoy Rotary - Celebrate Rotary!**

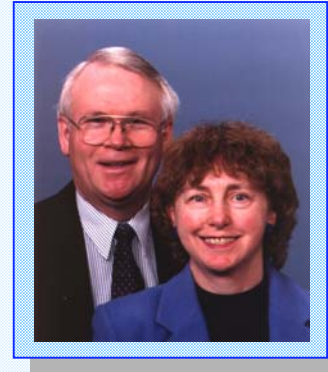
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***With November being Foundation Month I encourage all Rotarians in the Lower Mainland to support our charity The Rotary Foundation by attending the Dinner November 19th at the Firefighters Hall in Burnaby. I am thrilled that the Prince George Foundation Dinner November 6th is a sold out event.***



**October 2** we had the pleasure of attending the **Kitimat** Rotary Club's annual Hungai, you might ask what is a Hugnai? it was a great dinner cooked in the ground under the supervision of Redge Stowell husband of Rotarian Yvonne Stowell. Then it was off to **Terrace** where Dee and I were encouraged to learn that the two Terrace Clubs will be doing a joint Centennial Project on an Island in the Skeena River close to downtown Terrace. Rotary is alive and well in **Prince Rupert** as we heard of the great projects that the two clubs have carried out over the years. Great to hear that both clubs are looking forward to their annual Foundation Dinner.

**October 12th** we visited the **Prince George** Rotary Club, which was quite a highlight as my relationship with the Prince George Rotary Club, goes back to 1959. For many years I was a drummer in the Prince George Rotary Pipe Band, we traveled to many District Conferences including the 1971 Conference in Anchorage Alaska. It was great to once again visit the **Mackenzie** Club; a small club that certainly does make a difference in their town.

We departed Prince George for Vancouver on October 18th in a snow blizzard; untold numbers of cars were upside down in the ditches between Prince George and Quesnel. Visiting the **Steveston** Club was like returning home, as it was in Steveston that we had our first official function as part of the Salmon Fest Parade. What a dynamic young club.

At the **Chinatown** Club President Elect Linda Wong did a great job of filling in for President Matt Coenen, the highlight of the meeting for me was having a chance to chat with PDG Charles Loh, what a distinguished Rotarian, Charles has made a difference in our District. The **West Vancouver** Club under the guidance of President Chris Loat walks the talk when it comes to "The Family of Rotary", partners, Interactors, Rotaractors and Rylarians were in attendance at their meeting. It was a pleasure to welcome new Rotarian Andrew Robertson into the **West Vancouver Sunrise** Club; two days later he joined me at the very successful Interactor Conference that was held at Sentinel High School in West Vancouver. It was back out on the high seas to visit the **Gibsons Club**. The highlight was presenting Paul Harris Fellows to two exemplary community minded volunteers Gerry Tretick and Bill Hobson. The next stop was **Whistler** where there was fresh snow glistening in the fall sunshine. I was ever so pleased that Club Presidents Wendell Moore and Bill Janyk along with Stephanie Matches took the time to join PDG Mary Watson and I for a meeting with the **provisional Club of Pemberton Centennial**. We rounded out the month by visiting the **Squamish** Club, which included a bonus Fireside meeting with a group of Rotarians and partners the evening prior to our official visit.

Remember to Have Fun as You Celebrate Rotary.

*Ron & Dee*



## *Celebrate The Rotary Foundation*

**TRF is OUR Charity!**

## *Develop Your Membership*

**Membership is our Future**

## **DISTRICT 5040-5050 MEMBERSHIP & FOUNDATION SEMINAR**

Featuring **OUTSTANDING** Rotary Speakers. In the morning session, you will learn about new strategies to attract and retain members from some of the best Rotary minds in all of Zone 22. The Foundation session will feature ideas to increase Foundation Giving, access to Rotary Foundation Grants and how to set up an international project.

### **WHO SHOULD ATTEND?**

- \* Club Presidents and Presidents Elect
- \* Club Membership Chairs
- \* Club Foundation Chairs
- \* Assistant Governors
- \* District Foundation & Membership Chairs
- \* New Rotarians wanting to learn more about Rotary
- \* All interested Rotarians

**Saturday November 20, 9:00AM - 3:30 PM**

**(Registration from 8 am)**

**\$30.00 cash or cheque**

**payable to Rotary District 5040**

**Delta Town & Country Inn**

**6005 Highway 17 at Highway 99**

**Delta, B.C.**



Please e-mail district governor Ron Neukomm the attendee names and club name at [neukomm@mag-net](mailto:neukomm@mag-net) by November 17th.



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## *GSE prepares to go Down Under*

The Centennial GSE Team attended the initial orientation session on Saturday, Oct. 23. Session facilitators were Bob Blacker, Team Leader, Neil McDonald, last year's Team Leader and myself, District GSE Chair. District Governor Ron Neukoom met the Team after lunch and wished them well. Dawn Sadler, a member of last year's Team, provided an informed view of what to expect on an intensive month long vocational and cultural tour.

The day long session dealt with Rotary Basics, history and goals of the GSE Project and, a familiarization of the many things that can happen, some unexpected, on a tour that requires District Committee and Team planning literally hundreds of details. It was very rewarding to see five people, total strangers, develop over the day into good friends eager to begin an adventure they will never forget.

Rotarians will have an opportunity to meet the Team at the Foundation Dinner Nov. 19.



*L to R, Daniel Preto, Kimberly Ziegigansberger, Crystal Campbell (alternate), DG Ron Neukoom, Danielle Hay, Krisztina Pellet and Team Leader Bob Blacker.*



**Team Leader: Bob Blacker**

Vocation: Public Service  
Retired Law Enforcement Officer  
Past President Rotary Club of New Westminster Royal City,  
New Westminster, BC



**Danielle Hay**

Vocation: Counsellor  
Social Service/Mental Health  
Sponsoring Club:  
Rotary Club of Tsawwassen



**Krisztina Pellet**

Vocation: Physiotherapist  
Health Care  
Sponsoring Club:  
Rotary Club of Squamish



**Daniel Preto**

Vocation: Commercial Banking Manager  
Financial Services Industry  
Sponsoring Club: Rotary Club of Vancouver



**Kimberly Ziegigansberger**

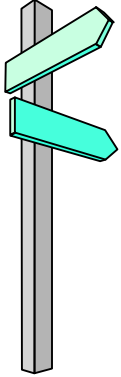
Vocation: Hospital Pharmacist  
Public Health Care  
Sponsoring Club:  
Rotary Club of Burnaby Deer Lake



**Rotary District 9570 consists of 50 Clubs and 1400 Rotarians who live in the area from Mackay in the North to Maryborough in the South and out to the Northern Territory border.**

***Esio Marzotto, GSE Chair***

### Moves.....



As of December 1, **Quesnel Sunrise 2000** will be changing their meeting time to 7:15 on Wednesday mornings at the Billy Barker Hotel. Their previous meeting time was 7:15 on Tuesdays.

As of November 18th, the meeting location of the **Rotary Club of Burnaby - Deer Lake** has changed to Burnaby City Hall, 4949 Canada Way, Burnaby. The Club still meets on Thursdays at 7:15 am.

### Interact Gift of words



**Brooks School InterAct president Jenna Purgavie** signs a French-English dictionary that includes all the names of the Powell River club members. As an international project, the students are paying annual educational fees for a young man in Africa who is the same age as them. They sent the dictionary and club tee shirt along with money.

Members are planning a recycling program and will hold a famine later this year to raise money for other projects.

### Celebrate!

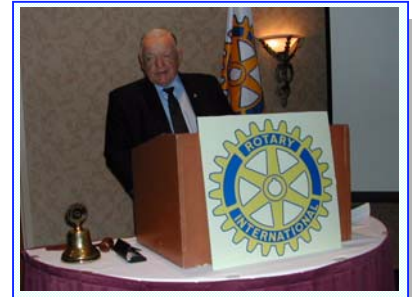
The latest D5040 City to join the list of "Celebrating" communities is **The City of Burnaby**. The Presidents of Burnaby, Metrotown and Deer Lake met with Mayor Derek Corrigan - and the agreement was reached. This included a commitment to give a 10 minute Rotary presentation to Council on February 7th.

Not to be outdone - we hear that the **City of Toronto** has also joined in, declaring a week of celebration! (But **we** were first!!)

### Seminar on Ethics and Rotary

On October 14th, 2004 the Rotary Clubs of Burnaby-Deer Lake and Burnaby Metrotown held a joint breakfast Seminar on Ethics and Rotary to attract new members. Each club member was asked to bring one or more guests who might be prospective members.

The seminar featured **former Chief Justice Allan McEachern** with a keynote presentation on Ethics. Following an historical perspective on ethics, the Chief Justice provided an analysis of the Rotary Four Way Test.



He encouraged us to listen to the still small voice we each have inside that tells us what not to do. This high profile speaker attracted more guests.



**PDG Leo Nimsick** gave a brief history of Rotary, its objectives, goals and programs and why our guests should consider Rotary membership. Club Presidents Karen Harrison and Bala Naidoo ended the

meeting with a few words describing the two sponsoring Rotary Clubs. Material on Rotary was available for guests to take away with them.

Guests were encouraged to complete a card expressing interest in potential membership in either club. The members of the two clubs had invited approximately 30 guests of whom over 50% expressed an interest to learn more about membership in Rotary. Both clubs are now busy following up on these potential members.

Besides the potential members, the event provided much awareness and respect for Rotary from a segment of the local business and professional community that should consider a their own role in service to others. In the words of the Chief Justice, it is important for good people to get involved in the community.

**Penny Offer**

**Past President Rotary Club of Burnaby-Deer Lake**

### 20 Ways To Boost Club membership

**1. Take turns inviting guests.** At least one member should be expected to bring a guest every week. This could be done alphabetically. After the last member in the order brings a guest, do it again. It's a sure bet that some of those guests will want to join. This format encourages members to identify prospects and ask them to join.

**2. Organize teams.** Organize teams of 4 or 5 club members. The goal of each team is to recruit one new member every 3 or 4 months. Each team needs one member who is active in the community, one knowledgeable about Rotary and one who is prepared to make cold calls to sell Rotary.

**3. Go public.** Ask one or two members to work on a public relations campaign, sending news releases about your club to local newspapers, radio and cable stations or put up a billboard or use truck ads to promote Rotary. Make sure to include a contact phone number, e-mail address or web site.

**4. Feature great programs.** Once you succeed in getting guests to a meeting, make sure they like what they see. Organize interesting club meeting programs that will make those guests want to come back for more.

**5. Educate members.** The more your members know about Rotary, the better they will be able to sell Rotary to prospective members. Make sure your club meetings feature regular Rotary education segments.

**6. Start a speaker's bureau.** Just as outside speakers promote their causes to your club, your members can visit other organizations and talk about how they are helping the community, eradicating polio and sending 7000 Youth Exchange Students around the world. While they're speaking, they can hand out your club brochure.

**7. Look up old friends.** Pull out some of your club's old membership rosters and circle the names of those who have left the club. Give those former members a call, their situations may have changed since they left and they may be ready to return to your club. If for some reason they are unable to rejoin, ask them for the names of some people they think would make good members.

## *WELCOME!*



### New Members for October 2004

**Burns Lake**

Beatrice Anderson

**Tsawwassen**

Gerry Beltgens

**New Westminster-Royal City**

Dr. Bill Panton

Renata Nowak

**Vancouver Quadra**

Simon Fulber

**Prince Rupert**

David C. Fisher

**Whistler**

Jorge Ravenna

Hugh O'Reilly (Honourary)

Norm McPhail

**Prince Rupert Hecate Strait**

Bill Rossi

Rosa De Leo

#### NOTICE TO CLUBS

When signing up a new member the following words should be added to the application form:

**"The clubs of Rotary District 5040 are committed to protect the privacy of your personal information and to comply with the Privacy Act, BC's privacy laws and the Personal Information Protection Act. We do not sell your personal information but, we do share it with Rotary District 5040 and Rotary International."**

**8. Make the most of your service projects.** Every time your club conducts a service project promote Rotary to those you are serving. If your club invites the parents of Roteractors, Interactors or outgoing Youth Exchange Students to club meetings, give them information on Rotary and encourage them to join. If your club makes a contribution to a local charity, ask the staff members to visit your club.

**9. Knock on doors.** Round up a few of your members on a weekday morning and visit stores and businesses in your community. Drop off a club brochure or newsletter and invite the owners or managers of those businesses to an upcoming meeting.

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### 20 Ways To Boost Club membership

**10. Set up shop.** Does your city or town have community fairs or trade shows? If so, consider renting a booth and handing out information on Rotary. Set up a television and VCR and play the "This is Rotary" video available from RI.

**11. Learn from others.** Scan your district newsletter and other publications for news of clubs that have recently grown. Pay those clubs a visit and find out how they increased their membership. Observe how they handle their meetings and welcome guests to the group. Also, attend the district conference, district leadership seminar and most importantly ensure your club is well represented at the district membership seminar. 12. Sing your praises. Don't be bashful about your involvement in Rotary. Whether at work or at play, talk up Rotary to those around you. You never know when you might strike a responsive cord with someone just waiting to get involved. Always wear your Rotary pin.

**13. Increase your circulation.** Does your club send a bulletin to members each week? Why not increase the circulation? Send copies to prospective members, to media professionals and to former members. Add a note inviting the recipient to attend the next meeting.

**14. Recognize recruiters.** When a member successfully recruits a member, publicly thank and recognize him/her for a job well done. Send a thank you note and publish his/her name in the club bulletin.

**15. Roll out the welcome mat.** Whenever guests come to a meeting, make them feel at home. Encourage your members to introduce themselves and talk up the club. Appoint greeters to meet the guests. First impressions are important.

**16. Use Rotary business cards.** When you hand out your business card include your Rotary card as well. Include an invitation to attend your club on the back of the card with details of when and where your club meets.

**17. Put prospects to work.** If your club is planning an upcoming service project, ask several prospective members to get involved. Why wait until they join the club? Perhaps hands-on involvement in a service project may be just the thing to prod some good prospects into making a commitment to Rotary.

**18. Plan a fun event.** Not sure you want to put prospects to work before they join? Then how about organizing a party or other fun event? Invite prospective members and partners along with club members and partners. While having a good time is the main objective you can also work in some Rotary education and even a soft-sell invitation to join.

**19. Just the fax or e-mail.** Ask your members to round up as many business cards from area firms as possible. Come up with a letter inviting the representatives of these businesses to a free lunch at your next club meeting. Then using the fax numbers or e-mail addresses from the cards send the letter to them and follow up the next day with a phone call.

**20. Put your club on display.** Are there any vacant storefronts on a nearby street or in a nearby shopping mall? If so, contact the owner and ask if your Rotary Club can use a front window to display a poster and other information on your Rotary Club. Make sure to provide the names and phone numbers of some club leaders who can be contacted for more information.

### .....Need even more ideas?

The November issue of Zone 22's membership newsletter, **Membership Matters** focuses on recruiting new members. You will find:

- How you can make a difference and why we miss the potential members we meet every day
- Extending the gift of Rotary - a personal centennial gift.
- A list of 100 ways to recruit new members
- Two recent reports suggest that the face of Rotary will change in the near future
- How special membership meetings can be used to recruit members
- The importance of a strategic plan before you go looking for members
- The essential Rotary membership library

**Membership Matters** is available on the Zone 22 web site at [www.rotaryzone22.org](http://www.rotaryzone22.org)

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***As Editor, I use a bit of editing license from time to time. Normally I would not include such a long article. But once you have read this, I think you'll realise why I simply could not edit any of this out. Miles Walker, from West Vancouver, attended RYLA in Taba, as a Rotaract "FAC" representative - and well, the rest you can read for yourself....Ed.***

**The last month has been one of the hardest most trying months for me in recent memory but as I explain in detail, you'll understand why.**

First up the RYLA conference in Taba, Egypt was much more difficult than I planned, I'm not quite sure how much news coverage of there was back in the west but the bombing that occurred in Egypt last month was in the city we had the conference in and we were quite directly affected by it.

It happened on the second day and really the conference wasn't the 'amazing experience' all of us had hoped for after the incident that killed over 40 tourists and wounded scores more.

The general atmosphere of the meeting started off great and there were Rotaract delegates from Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, the Philippines and of course myself. They take Rotaract much more seriously in this part of the world and every member has Rotaract business cards and they have weekly meetings (but after attending one I quickly learned that we get about as much done in one meeting a month as they do in 4).

At the conference we heard talks on Entrepreneurship, New Technology and a handful of other very interesting subjects and they were eager to hear about Rotaract in North America. I also was actively participating in the Entrepreneurship talks due to my business and capitalist (this is what the Egyptians called it) background. They were also thrilled to receive the West Vancouver Rotary Club Banners that I brought over.

The biggest positive I can take from the conference was meeting other like-minded Rotaractors and seeing how they operate their own clubs in different areas of the world. The American University Club in Cairo and the Giza-North Club are desperate to do a joint project and their enthusiasm alone is quite exciting, so far the ideas they have come up with involve doing a joint orphan project and family sponsoring schemes as well.

This email I wrote will probably give you the most insight into what I went through during the conference both before and after the bombing. I have to admit the conference seemed like a blur, with everyone in the hotel on edge and a virtual lockdown on the premises, most people's minds were not really focused on the talks and the main concern was our own safety and of course the loss of innocent lives so close to us.

I wrote this quickly after the incident and it best describes the mood we were feeling at the time.

### ***"This is the "Middle East!"***

I hated hearing those words right after the terrorist attack, the familiar catch phrase a reminder that this was an everyday occurrence here, as it is in many places. But it wasn't 'every day' for me. The Middle East doesn't have to be like this, I thought, and it made me feel sick. In a country where I have never felt even a hint of danger, all that changed in just a single hour following the attack on Taba (Egypt of course!). The death toll of the Taba bombings was at 30 with over 30 people still missing and hundred's more injured.

The last few days have to be some of the most heart-wrenching, emotional, saddening and horrific of my life. It's definitely not easy to explain to people the feelings you get when you think that your hotel might possibly be the next one to be hit. Despite experiencing a bombing in Phnom Penh, where a hotel was targeted just a block away from where I was sitting in a cafe having breakfast, I could never have anticipated something as huge as this. When I told friends and family that I was coming to this area, lots joked, "Don't get blown up!" I never imagined that this 'joke' would come so close to reality.

When I got the news I was in my hotel room enjoying a brief break in a busy program of the Rotaract Taba (Rotary for 18-30 year olds) Conference I was attending. I was watching television with my new Israeli friend, Corinne from just outside Tel Aviv. Karim, my roommate at the conference, runs into the room, wide-eyed and out of breath: "Have you heard the explosions?" he shouts.



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## *Rotaract/RYLA in Taba, Egypt*

"No! What explosions?" We threw on our sandals and made for the door, confused and scared, not knowing where or what the explosions were all about, and were immediately greeted by several Israeli girls, tears rolling down their faces. This is really no joke I thought. We broke into a run, chaos all around us, people shouting and crying, and we covered the several hundred metres to the lobby in record time.

When we got there rumours were already circulating: "Hilton Hotel Blown up by Water Tank", "Gas Tank at Hilton Exploded", "Two Hotels Hit, More to Come!" No one was saying who was behind the attacks but the most common explanation was that it was either an 'accident' or Palestinian suicide bombers. Everyone in the lobby was glued to the TV's watching either the Israeli or Egyptian channels depending on their nationality and trying to learn more about what happened. We heard that there were two attacks exactly 30 minutes apart and that the idea of an 'accident' had definitely been ruled out of the equation. These attacks were no accident, they were carefully planned and intended to kill as many people as possible.

The biggest question raised at this point was whether there would be any more attacks. My fellow Rotaractors had been sitting up on the roof patio and had actually seen the second explosion go off in the nearby town of Nuweiba, just 5 km's away. Already there was talk of a third 'unconfirmed' attack close by on the 'Taliban' beach camp just a km away. This increased the panic level even more. We all hurried to get out of the hotel and headed to the beach where we thought we'd be safer.

The TV reports hadn't even confirmed the second bombing, but it happened right beside us, so we sure knew that it happened! Not only were rumours flying on the TV but people on the beach were all getting different stories and information through friends and relatives on their phones.

It didn't take long to figure out that virtually all the broadcast news and info we were hearing was purely speculative and that we could have given a more accurate description of the horrible events ourselves. So we were left with 'what ifs'. What if they hit our hotel next? How many people would be killed? And, has anyone I know been killed already? I consider myself one of the lucky ones because I didn't actually 'witness' the bomb explode but hearing the graphic details from my fellow vacationers was enough for me. Even worse was seeing the pain on so many Israeli faces - so desperate and, of course, confused.

The rest of the night was very hard - nobody wanted to go inside the hotel and if they did it was to quickly go to the toilet or run to their room to get important papers. No one felt safe, even outside, and the huge crowds didn't help - everyone's nerves were on edge. I was continually going back and forth between my Israeli friends and my Arab friends who were both blaming this on the Palestinians. I spent the night 'on the fence' - with the Arabic Rotaract members on one side and my new Israeli friends on the other.

I saw firsthand how this problem is so much larger than just this one bomb attack. I learned that not being from the Middle East, and not having been educated in the 'grey areas' of the political disaster of the region, I have come from a place that has very black and white views of the conflict. This experience has changed by whole outlook on this and other political issues. The Israelis were obviously, first and foremost, coping with the loss of fellow countrymen and loved ones and trying to get home. The Egyptians, too, were distressed about the loss of life, but they were also very, very upset about the effects of the attacks on both their tourism industry and their position in the international community.

The atmosphere at the beach that night was sick and borderline eery. It was like nothing I have ever experienced - people with dazed and zombie-like expressions quickly appearing normal. I know that I was very fearful but at the same time numb and confused.

Even though I knew that over 100 people from my conference were concerned for my well being I still felt extremely alone. I don't think it would have mattered if a thousand people were taking care of me, I felt every ounce of energy both physically and mentally drained away.

When I woke up, the 'day after', everything was kind of a blur - I felt like I had been hit by a wrecking ball, my body hurt, my head was sore and I was in complete and utter disarray, to say the least. I'm sure it was partly due to my lack of Hebrew and/or Arabic that I just felt like a kid stuck in a well.

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## *Rotaract/RYLA in Taba, Egypt*

They put our hotel in a 'virtual lockdown' and weren't letting anyone in or out of the place. Finding a cab or a bus the next day was impossible. The majority of people thought the worst was over but the general daze of the vacationers was horrible to see, and every time I heard a loud noise or unusual sound I was immediately scared - was it another attack? I just couldn't erase the images of the previous night from my head - the constant yelling in Arabic, the screams in Hebrew.

One of the biggest things I have learned from these vicious attacks is that there is so much more to the story than counting the dead and wounded and getting it onto CNN or BBC. I have experienced the human cost in a way that no news report can ever convey. And, when the next 'world incident' occurs, yet another 'terrorist attack', I will feel differently than I did before.

Now that I've 'been there' I find the term 'body count' really offensive - the people who died in the bombings are not just 'bodies' to me now, not sacks of potatoes, or 'the dead' - they are real people with families and jobs; 60 less people in the world - people just like you and me, mothers and daughters, brothers and sisters, doctors and teachers. I don't care if it's the Middle East, Afghanistan or Cambodia, when innocent people lose their lives at the hands of terrorists, everyone feels the backlash.

I have lots of friends who read my stories from abroad and say I'd love to do this or that or I wanna see this or that. Well, after this experience, more than ever, I say "do it"! You don't know when a car is going to run a red light or where those attackers might hit next. To all of you who have been wanting to get away...go on that trip or try something new - just do it. Life is too precious to wait in the slow lane.

**My heart goes out to the families that have lost loved ones. Hopefully someday we will live in a world where we can look back on terrorism as just a 'dark part of our history.'**

*Sincerely,*

**Miles Walker**

**Miles Walker** is a founder member of the Hollyburn Rotaract Club - a 2 year old club based in West Vancouver. As International Director of the club, he has already traveled to Ethiopia amongst other countries, and this RYLA trip was partly sponsored by the West Vancouver clubs.

Miles was invited to attend the conference, and is currently in London, England. He has a standing invitation to join us at our District Conference in Prince George next year, if his commitments allow.



### **AUC Club History**

The idea started in 1999 when a group of students in the American University in Cairo (AUC) decided to establish the first University based Rotaract Club in the District 2450. With the efforts of the founders, the club began to accomplish many successful projects before being chartered.

At the beginning of year 2002, in an attempt to be chartered, the club members and PDRR Ahmed Mashour successfully collaborated with **Rotary Cairo-Zamalek** to sponsor the club and established the first university-based club in Egypt and the District 2450 in the American University in Cairo, namely **ROTARACT-AUC**. Started with just 6 members, the club has now more than 40 active members and members to be.

**District 2450** consists of seven countries which are: Bahrain, Cyprus, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Sudan, & UAE.

### **TABA**

Taba is an international border town. Majestic mountains overlook the only tourist facility facility, the Taba Hilton resort. The coastline here is the most picturesque in Sinai with bays, coves, lagoons, a fjord and an island. The most significant sight of the area is the Salah El Din fortress on Pharaoh's Island, which has been restored by the Egyptian antiques organization.

### Help Identify District Leaders

*- from DGE Sonia Wolowidnyk*

Calling all Club Presidents, Assistant-Governors, District Leaders, PDG's and Rotary Members to help identify District 5040 Leaders!

In putting a District team together, the geography does not allow the Governor-Elect, or Governor-Nominee, the opportunity of knowing all the individuals in each club. We are fortunate to visit at least once during our year and we do get to meet with the President-elects at PETS (President Elect Training Seminar). We need your help to identify, or come bring your own name forward, as an expression of interest in district positions.

Every year the President-elect of each club, in consultation with his/her new executive, completes a 'Planning Guide For Effective Rotary Clubs'. In that guide is a section called Future Rotary Leaders, asking each club to identify club members as potential future leaders and notify the district. It is not too late! Please look at the members in your club and put forth their name so we can establish a roster of names.

Past district governors also get overlooked sometimes and so we are asking them to also put forth their names and what positions they might want to fulfill as an expression of interest.

Please put forth all names and a bit of a bio with their talent or expertise (not too long) and send to Sonia Wolowidnyk, DGE soniawol@shaw.ca

As an example, your Newsletter Editor would like to hand over to someone new in 2005, while he moves on to other things. What do you need?

- pretty good desktop publishing skills and the technology to go with it;
- good knowledge of Rotary and District contacts and excited at the prospect of learning an awful lot more!
- patience, a sense of humour, ability to work a few late nights a month;
- a passion for communications!
- good editing skill.

Interested? Talk to Sonia or the current editor, Gord. You'll be amazed how much you learn about Rotary International at all levels of the organisation.

### December is Youth Exchange Student decision month!

To many clubs and members, it seems that our current Exchange students have only just stepped off the plane! But the time is NOW to start looking for our outgoing prospects for 2005-2006.

The selection, placement and orientation process takes well over 6 months so nominations must be with the District Chair in mid-December. The long-term program runs from August - July, and the short term program runs for two months in summer break (a one month term overseas and one month reciprocal visit over here).

Youth Exchange Officers (or Presidents) have now all received a CD with all the descriptions, advice, guidance, forms and schedules for next year. So please contact them if you think you have a prospective student (they don't have to be Rotarians, or from a Rotary family, and should be 16 - 18).

Want to know what it's like to be one? Have a look at what Natasha Wainwright (from Richmond and now in Japan) said in her latest report:

*"I just wanted to include a comment about the 'Rotary Smile' Simply put, it is my most valuable tool. Being an exchange student strips you of everything that is familiar, it removes all of the tools you have spent a lifetime developing. Tools like language, and social graces become useless. It is like having a hammer when you need a screwdriver.*

*At the Outbound Conference, I doubted the value that the speakers repeatedly placed on the **Rotary Smile**; however, much to my pleasant surprise, it is often my only way to make a positive impression. Fortunately, the Japanese people are quite fond of this body language. The recent class newsletter had a sentence, which read, "Natasha is so cheerful and clever." (I recognized my name in Katakana and translated the rest, it took an hour and half, but it was worth it.) Smiling makes a person approachable; this creates an open environment for new experiences. I am so thankful for the concept of the Rotary Smile. THANK YOU ROTARY!"*

Pretty Good advice for us all, I think!

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### District 5040 Membership and Attendance for October, 2004

Membership		Club	Attendance (%)			
July, 2004	YTD		Aug, 2004	Sep. 2004	Oct., 2004	YTD
41	38	100 MILE HOUSE	56	68	65	63
51	56	BURNABY	60	71	86	70
18	16	BURNABY DEER LAKE	65	67		62
27	27	BURNABY METROTOWN	70	56	71	66
30	31	BURNS LAKE	69	72	70	71
14	14	FORT ST. JAMES	52	50	63	55
41	41	GIBSONS	47	58		57
14	16	KITIMAT	59	76	85	72
50	49	LADNER	77	69		73
21	21	MACKENZIE	71	67		65
50	52	NEW WESTMINSTER	62	64	71	64
37	38	NEW WESTMINSTER ROYAL CITY	72	76	72	73
47	46	NORTH VANCOUVER	76	70	72	74
28	27	NORTH VANCOUVER LIONS GATE	75	79	69	72
19	19	PENDER HARBOUR (MADIERA PARK)	58	81		60
45	42	POWELL RIVER	78	75	83	76
81	81	PRINCE GEORGE	43			62
70	71	PRINCE GEORGE NECHAKO	61	52	55	55
18	18	PRINCE GEORGE NEW CALEDONIA	92			90
61	63	PRINCE GEORGE YELLOWHEAD	69	72	72	69
60	60	PRINCE RUPERT	66	68		62
31	31	PRINCE RUPERT HECATE STRAIGHT	33			44
33	33	QUESNEL	89	65	69	78
27	25	QUESNEL SUNRISE	69	74	71	73
36	34	RICHMOND	57	63	69	64
42	42	RICHMOND SUNRISE	58	92		70
26	26	RICHMOND SUNSET	53	60	49	54
33	33	SECHELT	77	78		76
19	18	SMITHERS	89	69	78	76
26	25	SMITHERS - ALPINE	63			64
55	57	SQUAMISH	43	51	53	49
31	31	STEVESTON	99	96		95
21	24	SUNSHINE COAST - SECHELT	61	59	71	61
49	52	TERRACE	71	61	61	62
31	31	TERRACE SKEENA VALLEY	74	64	60	66
69	70	TSAWWASSEN	85	77		79
156	150	VANCOUVER	55	58	53	55
42	42	VANCOUVER ARBUTUS	53	62	60	58
12	13	VANCOUVER CAMBIE	66	69	62	69
36	36	VANCOUVER CHINATOWN	72	71	75	72
14	14	VANCOUVER COLLINGWOOD				71
30	30	VANCOUVER FRASERVIEW	69	65	60	65
20	20	VANCOUVER QUADRA	72			71
27	27	VANCOUVER SOUTH	61			54
25	26	VANCOUVER SUNRISE	61	58	52	57
10	12	VANDERHOOF	63	74	69	66
34	35	WEST VANCOUVER	82	83	82	81
19	19	WEST VANCOUVER SUNRISE				83
43	46	WHISTLER	70	72		72
25	24	WHISTLER MILLENNIUM	60	66		65
50	49	WILLIAMS LAKE	51	58	62	66
15	17	WILLIAMS LAKE DAYBREAK	66	81	74	71
1910	1918	DISTRICT AVERAGE/TOTAL	64	68	65	66