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If you want to know to how to Celebrate Rotary take a trip to Lulu Island or a drive through the tunnel and you'll see the spirit of Paul Harris is full bloom. The Rotary Clubs of Richmond and South Delta are an outstanding example of what can be done through the power of a dedicated group of individuals with the same ideals.



When Paul Harris said, "There can be no better introduction to the life a community than one that comes through the local Rotary club", he didn't realize at the time he was speaking of the city of Richmond and the four clubs there. Whether it's the Hospice House project, the Gala Auction evening, the Firemen climbing Mt. McKinley or the "Pirates" in the Salmon Festival, the clubs and their members are well known throughout the city.

And they have the connections to have already had the Mayor of Richmond proclaim that **February 2005 will be Rotary Month in Richmond**. They will also be flying Rotary Centennial banners on some of their street light poles.

Not to be outdone, the clubs in Ladner and Tsawwassen also are strong in their Municipality and the Rotary world. Ladner boasts a couple of Past District Governors, the District Membership chair and the Rotaract Program chair. Tsawwassen is the home club of yours truly and is this year's host of the Foundation Dinner (Friday, November 19).

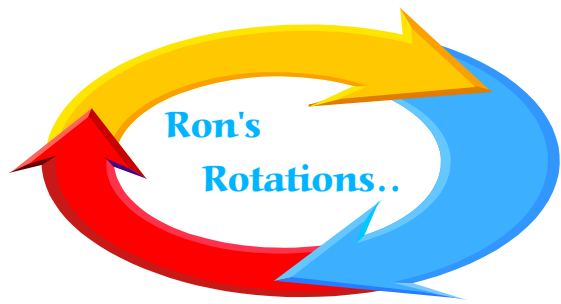
The clubs' enthusiasm for Rotary is unparalleled, the exuberance they bring to the meetings unrivaled. So if you want to do a make-up in a fun environment you have lots of choices. You can start the week by visiting the **Steveston Club** (Steveston Hotel) at 7 am and you'll have a few hours to relax before taking a quick trip through the Massey Tunnel for the **Ladner Club's** (Delta Town & Country Inn) noon meeting. Wednesday you can sleep in because the first meeting of the day is the **Richmond Club** (Four Points Sheraton) and they meet at noon. After a leisurely afternoon you can attend the **Rotary Club of Richmond Sunset** (Marriott Hotel) at 5:45 pm. They are one of only a handful of New Models clubs throughout the world. That leaves the two other morning clubs and you'll have to come back to see on of them as **Tsawwassen** (Beach Grove Golf Club) and **Richmond Sunrise** (Executive Inn) both meet Thursday mornings.

The dedication of this group of Rotarians allows thousands of people, locally and globally, to live better lives. The true spirit of Rotary is alive and well in Richmond and Delta.

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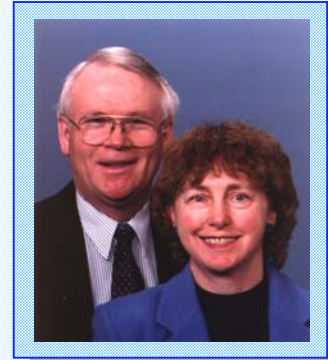
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Mid August saw Dee and I load up our new Camry with all kinds of Rotary paraphernalia.

The first stop was the **Sechelt Club** where one of the highlights was presenting past president Bob Crosbie his Paul Harris pin complete with a ruby, which reconfirms Bob's commitment to the Rotary Foundation. It was a great honour to also present Bob's wife Kathy with a Paul Harris Fellow. The Sunshine Coast -Sechelt Club supplied us with details on their waterfront Centennial Project.



Our first ever trip to **Powell River** was such an enjoyable experience, Terry McGarvey showed us many of the projects that his club has completed over the years. At the Club meeting I had the pleasure of presenting 15 Paul Harris Awards to members of the Powell River Club, the best part was that all of the recipients were in attendance.

Our visit to the newest club in our district, **Pender Harbour-Maderia Park Club**, was via boat thanks to the hospitality of club treasurer Gord Hall. After a tour of the harbour we pulled up to the dock at the Garden Bay Restaurant for the club meeting.

The following week saw Dee and I in the greater Vancouver area with meetings at both **North Vancouver Clubs, Vancouver South, Vancouver Sunrise, and Burnaby Deer Lake.**

It is so interesting to hear first hand about the projects that clubs are doing in our district. Goal number one that I set for the district was to have fun as we celebrate Rotary and we witnessed many examples of club members having fun at their meetings. Judging by the number of Happy Bucks paid by Rotarians at the North Vancouver Club I feel safe in saying a lot of fun was had by the attendees of their Persian dinner at the Caspian Royal Restaurant a couple of nights earlier.

While in Vancouver Dee and I had the opportunity to visit the **Croatian Cultural Center** which will be the venue for our Centennial Celebration Birthday Party on February 26th, 2005.

It was back to Prince George for a couple of days before heading down to Williams Lake to visit the **Williams Lake Daybreak Club**. Rotarians in both Williams Lake Clubs can be extremely proud of the great job they did in Lending a Hand when they hosted last year's district conference.

Please mark your calendars;

Friday November 19th will be the Annual Foundation Dinner at the Firefighters Hall in Burnaby.

Saturday November 20th will be a Foundation Seminar and a Membership Seminar, stay tuned for details.

Ron & Dee

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Youth Programs in the District

Once again, August and September see D5040 reporting overwhelming success in our various Youth Programs. As we move into the Fall, now is the time to start planning your Club's contribution to these for our Centennial year.

- ◆ Please endeavour to support our Interactors and Rotaractors - they are our Rotarians of the future;
- ◆ Start planning for both Long and Short Term Youth Exchanges - they are our Ambassadors of the future;
- ◆ Budget for, and start identifying, your RYLA potentials for 2005 - they are our Leaders of the future

Contact these program chairs for a presentation and further information:

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- ◆ Rotaract - Graham Witcher
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- ◆ RYLA - Sue Smith
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On **Saturday October 2**, come experience "**Wine Festival under the Stars at the Vancouver Science World**". From 7-11pm, the *Rotaract Club of Vancouver* and the University of British Columbia Global Builders presents a memorable night you won't want to miss!

Sample one hundred new and exciting wines and taste delicious deserts while strolling through the exhibits Science World has to offer. As the live music serenades you, bid on works by local artists through the silent auction.

Tickets are \$32.50 for general admission or \$37.50 at the door. This includes unlimited tasting of wines, appetizers, live entertainment, and dancing. For more information, visit <http://www.commercialelectronics.ca/event/>. Proceeds from this event go towards Kids Can Free the Children, in building schools for children in Kenya.

Serena Hoi-Yen Siow email: shsiow@interchange.ubc.ca
President - Rotaract Club of Vancouver



RYLA has built up an enviable reputation in D5040 over the years, and that was further enhanced with the two 2004 events. Pictured here, the Prince George (RYLA North) award winners get ready to head out for their Leadership Experience in August.

No one can say it better than the award winners themselves, "...I have gained much insight as to what true leadership means and how to integrate different kinds of leadership to produce great teamwork so that we can work to our maximum capabilities". *Josephine Wong.*

Sue Smith, Michael Jacobson
Co-chairs, RYLA



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Youth Programs in the District...



slamjam! for Interact!

The Interact Club of Richmond has served the community of Richmond for over 8 years, sending its youth volunteers to local events as well as performing service projects to benefit those at home and those abroad.

This year, we are proud to present the **Slamjam outdoor 5 on 5 basketball tournament** to be held at Thompson Community Center in Richmond on **September 11-12, 2004**, in coordination with the *Nibbles and Bites* festival.

It will be a two day tournament for youth ages 13-18 and all proceeds will go to the **"El Hogar de Amor y Esperanza"** orphanage in Honduras.

Adrian Khoo

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Slamjam Coordinator



Top Down Commitment to Youth Exchange

We've heard it from every RI President, we heard it from Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammer (RI President-elect) when he visited the Canada-USA Youth Exchange Conference in Vancouver in January this year. Our District Governor, Ron, is no exception.



Taking time out from his busy club visitation schedule, Ron welcomed Yu Ogura to Canada on her arrival from her home in Matsudo, Japan. Just one of 21 students coming to us this year, Yu, and her host parents Paul and Lynda Meyer, were delighted to meet Ron and Dee - and presented them with traditional Green Tea to refresh them during their strenuous travel program!

The Youth Exchange District team - Long Term and Short Term (ROSE) - is now starting to plan for next year's program, so please start to spread the word.

Interviews and selections must be complete for both programs by year end, so it's not too soon to start now! The District Team has representatives throughout the District and is always keen to promote the program. If you'd like a presentation or discussion about any of the aspects of Youth Exchange, please contact the YE chair, Lyn Stroschin.



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Youth Programs in the District...

The ROSE program - an undiscovered jewel in the Rotary Crown!

"I think ROSE is an absolutely amazing program but participation is still quite small in our District, only 6 clubs participated this year with a total of 12 students going overseas (and the Tsawwassen club sent 6 of these!)."

James Martin, ROSE Co-ordinator



Mark Bradshaw, ROSE student this year to France, improves his French, meet new friends, sees Normandy - and then reciprocates by hosting Guillaume in his home for a month.

Just what is the ROSE program?

- Rotary Overseas Summer Exchange - generally known as the "Short Term Youth Exchange Program"
- applicants must be 15 to 19 years old and cannot be full time employed or at school during the exchange (previous exchange students are welcome to go overseas again with this program)
- the local club youth exchange rep needs to meet with the family to make sure they will be good ambassadors for Rotary
- the application is sent to me and then I forward it to the requested country for a match
- when a successful match is found the families are notified of the details of their matching student and begin contact and making travel arrangements.
- All the travel arrangements are made by the families so they figure out what works best for them - **there is no cost to the sponsoring Rotary Club**
- The students do a direct family-to-family exchange, each staying with the other family for 3 to 4 weeks
- students can be from Rotarian or non-Rotarian families
- exchanges take place during summer break (July/August)

The deadline this year for applications to be received is December 31, 2004 for exchange in Summer, 2005.

More details, together with application forms, are available on the District Web Site at www.d5040youthexchange.ca

or you can contact James Martin directly at: james1@shaw.ca

Kelly and Saskia exchanged between Richmond and Stuttgart, Germany. They both attended their sponsoring clubs and gave an entertaining presentation about their experiences.

As Kelly says, "I'm back from Germany now with Saskia and we're just getting settled [back] into Canada. I had a blast in Germany and hopefully will be returning next summer. I'm wondering if and when Saskia must attend any Rotary meetings while she is here? Also, when do I have to present about my trip?

Thank you again so much for the opportunity for exchange, it's been life changing!"

And it's just as beneficial for the hosting parents - as Clarissa Tai writes,

"Today we just drop him off the airport back to France. It has been a very busy 2 1/2 weeks, very interesting to be a host family. We benefited so much; it is a such a worth event. Next year our club will have few candidates. Thank you again."
(mother of Nerissa Tai from West Vancouver)



From *THE ROTARIAN* of June, 2004

"Effective clubs start and end with training, which provides the base to make each element of an effective club a reality."

"The first element of an effective club is the ability to sustain and increase membership. Obviously, membership development is fundamental to Rotary's viability. I believe that the most detrimental thing that can happen to a new member is to not be given a job. When the member is not immediately involved, interest wanes and we eventually lose that member. Training and involvement must start from day one. We should all consider ourselves responsible for training and mentoring new members and ensuring that every individual is asked to participate in something meaningful to them."

"One of the ways to make sure members stay involved in Rotary is to implement successful service projects. This is the second element of an effective club. To sustain and increase membership, a club must have a reason to exist. Rotary clubs exist to serve, through projects at the local, district and international levels. An effective club will have a well-balanced program that affords every member an opportunity to serve. Such a program will sustain the membership of the club and attract new members who want to be a part of a positive, vibrant force in the community that is doing something visible."

Past RI Director, Ron Burton, a member of the Rotary Club of Norman, Okla., USA

WELCOME!



New Members for August 2004

Burnaby Metrotown
Gurmeet Kubicek

Ladner
Dan Maarsman
Peter Waycott

New Westminster
Hilda Cliffe

Vancouver
Kayo Otake
Ieva Cornford
Axel Christiansen
Zulfah Saripudin
Mindy Tulsi-Ingram
Joe Bowen
Lornell Ridley

Vancouver Chinatown
Felisa English (June)

Vancouver Fraserview
Dalbir S. Gill

West Vancouver
Marie Fraser

Williams Lake Daybreak
Erik Zwiers (June)
Christine Wagner (June)

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The Rotary Club of Kitimat presents An Evening of Scotch Tasting

Saturday, September 18th, 8 pm in the Riverlodge Recreation Centre, will see more than a few "wee drams" being sampled. In fact, there will be over 50 brands of Scotch for \$60 a ticket. With Light Cuisine, door prizes and draws, Wine for the non-scotch drinkers (who only pay \$30), Kitimat looks set for a great evening with *"the water of life"*.

Tickets and details from **Lynda at 250-632-4848 or 250-632-7275**

College Students Build Prince Rupert Rotary Club Website

College students at the Prince Rupert Campus have helped local not-for-profit organizations in constructing their own websites as community projects. Four learners created an anti-racism and multi-cultural site for the Coalition of Inclusive Communities (www.princerupertlibrary.ca/erace) and three learners prepared the Prince Rupert Rotary Club website (www.princerupertlibrary.ca/rotary).

The idea of involving college students in website design originated when the Prince Rupert Airport Authority designed its own website (www.ypr.ca) two years ago. According to John Shepherd, a member of the Prince Rupert Rotary Club, "The inspiration came from similar volunteer work done by the Prince Rupert Public Library for not-for-profit organizations. Two of my college students, reviewed existing airport websites, noting the features that they liked and disliked".

The latest website was prepared by Corinna Morhart, Jennifer Frank and Bess Leeson for the Prince Rupert Rotary Club, volunteering each Monday night after the classes ended in April. Their goal was a website that highlighted the Club's numerous achievements over its illustrious 83-year history and which provided information concerning Rotary International.

Much of the content for the website was provided by the Club Historian, John McNish, and the Prince Rupert City Archives. Consistent with the colours of Rotary International, the homepage uses gold lettering, against a dark blue background. According to John Shepherd, "We tinkered with the colour schemes and layout of the home page until everyone was satisfied with the end result". For consistency, the same "look and feel" was applied throughout the site.

The Club's home page includes a picture of the Rotary Waterfront Park, a project sponsored by both Rotary Clubs during the late 1990s.

In regard to future plans, "We want to keep the website current, posting the monthly Club's newsletter and photographs of Club events on the website. It will be a way for past members who have moved to other communities, to keep in touch with their Club and find out what is happening".

Thanks to John Shepherd for this article

RYLA North honours DG Ron Neukomm



As part of the final award presentations at RYLA North, students presented their own very special award to DG Ron. The plaque commemorates our Centennial and Ron's "Dedication to RYLA and Rotary".

Group Study Exchange: reminder...

GSE Team selection dates are:

- **Team Leader:** application deadline, Sept. 15; Interviews Saturday, September 18th.
- **Team Members:** application deadline, Oct. 1; Interviews Saturday October 9th

The exchange is with Rotary District 9570, Rockhampton, Australia, from April 6 to May 4, 2005.

Details:

www.rotary.org/foundation/educational/gse

Applications:

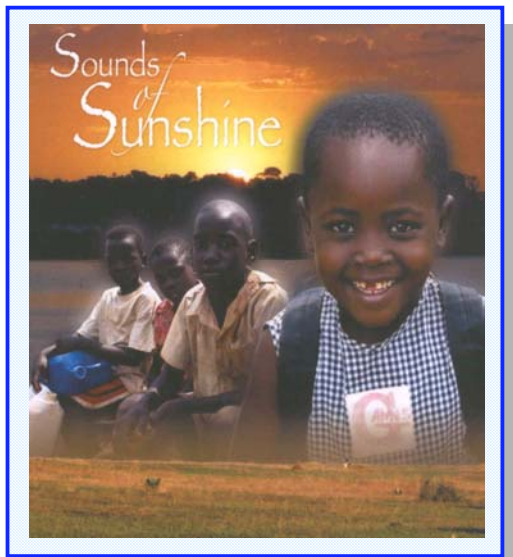
Esio Marzotto: esiom@shaw.ca

Ed's note:

Many of our clubs have websites - they are a great way to promote the club, distribute your weekly bulletin, and gain recognition of all the wonderful things the club is doing. But....only if they are up to date! Of the 21 clubs that are linked from our District webpage:

- **15 are excellent and completely up to date**
- **4 show 2002 details - and nothing after;**
- **1 shows 2001 details - and nothing after;**
- **1 link goes nowhere!**

If your club is there - check it out and update it, delete it, or if your website is not there, get your URL link added!! Contact roysinn@shaw.ca - our District webmaster - and he'll make the changes.



A Movie for every Rotarian to see

Anyone who is familiar with the work that our District Rotarians do for Rotary Foundation projects, must be familiar with the name of PDG Dr. Irwin Stewart. But even if you are not, here is an opportunity for you to see just what a difference Rotarians can and do make in the world.

A Premiere screening of "Sounds of Sunshine" - the Story of Dr. Irwin Stewart - will take place on **Friday, 10th September** in the Douglas Campus Theatre, New Westminster Campus, 700 Royal Avenue. The showing will commence at 7.30 p.m. and entry is \$10.00.

As this is an invitation-only event, you are asked to RSVP to 604-521-5249 or 250-539-5094. Irwin notes that "...seating is 'first come first served'" in the Douglas College Theatre. Any Rotarians who wish to come, are asked to phone 604-521-5249 so we know what to order for refreshments."

The film features Irwin's work with the Rotary World Help Network - amongst many other projects - and is presented by Coming Home Films. It is Written, Produced and Directed by Beverley Reid, Director of Photography is Peter Kellington with Editing and Location Sound by Michael Dowling.

Run For Rescue September 25 2004 Stanley Park. Lumbermans Arch

Presented by the Rotary Club of Vancouver Sunrise, and co-sponsored with Winram Insurance and 94.5FM The Beat, the proceeds from the Run will go to two main groups: The Firefighters and Paramedics Emergency Services Detail (ESD) and the African Village Project.

The run will commence on Saturday September 25th, 2004 at the Lumberman's Arch in Stanley Park. Sign in for pre-registered participants and walk-up will begin at 8:00am. The 10K run will begin at 9:30am and the 5K run at 9:45am. All proceeds will go towards these two projects.



If the participant is able to obtain \$150.00 in donations, their registration fee will be waived. All donations will be collected at the office of Winram Insurance or at the booth, before the run. A tax receipt will be issued for donations greater than \$20.

You can see all the details, and register on-line, at:
<http://www.rotaryvancouver sunrise.com/runforrescue/>

District 5040 Membership and Attendance for August, 2004

Membership		Club	Attendance (%)			
July, 2004	YTD		July, 2004	Aug, 2004	Sep. 2004	YTD
41	41	100 MILE HOUSE	65	56		60
51	57	BURNABY	65	60		62
18	18	BURNABY DEER LAKE	54			54
27	27	BURNABY METROTOWN	70	70		70
30	30	BURNS LAKE	75			75
14	14	FORT ST. JAMES	58	52		55
41	41	GIBSONS	66	47		56
14	15	KITIMAT	66	59		62
		LADNER				
21	21	MACKENZIE	59	71		65
50	51	NEW WESTMINSTER	62	62		62
37	37	NEW WESTMINSTER ROYAL CITY	72	72		72
47	47	NORTH VANCOUVER	79	76		77
28	28	NORTH VANCOUVER LIONS GATE	66	75		70
22	22	PENDER HARBOUR (MADIERA PARK)	37			37
45	43	POWELL RIVER	71	78		74
81	81	PRINCE GEORGE	81			81
70	70	PRINCE GEORGE NECHAKO	55			55
18	18	PRINCE GEORGE NEW CALEDONIA	88			88
61	61	PRINCE GEORGE YELLOWHEAD	61			61
60	60	PRINCE RUPERT	54	66		60
31	31	PRINCE RUPERT HECATE STRAIGHT	55			55
33	33	QUESNEL	89	89		89
27	27	QUESNEL SUNRISE	81			81
36	36	RICHMOND	70	57		63
42	42	RICHMOND SUNRISE	74	58		66
26	26	RICHMOND SUNSET				
33	33	SECHELT	74			74
19	19	SMITHERS	70	89		79
26	26	SMITHERS - ALPINE	65			65
55	55	SQUAMISH	50			50
31	30	STEVESTON	91	99		94
21	21	SUNSHINE COAST - SECHELT	55			55
49	50	TERRACE	58	71		64
31	31	TERRACE SKEENA VALLEY	66	74		70
		TSAWWASSEN				
156	154	VANCOUVER	55	55		55
42	43	VANCOUVER ARBUTUS	59	53		55
12	12	VANCOUVER CAMBIE	83			83
36	36	VANCOUVER CHINATOWN	72	72		72
14	14	VANCOUVER COLLINGWOOD	71			71
30	30	VANCOUVER FRASERVIEW	68	69		68
20	20	VANCOUVER QUADRA	70			70
27	27	VANCOUVER SOUTH	47			47
25	26	VANCOUVER SUNRISE	61	61		61
10	10	VANDERHOOF	60	63		61
34	35	WEST VANCOUVER	79	82		80
19	19	WEST VANCOUVER SUNRISE	83			83
43	43	WHISTLER	75	70		72
25	25	WHISTLER MILLENNIUM	71			71
50	50	WILLIAMS LAKE	93	51		72
15	15	WILLIAMS LAKE DAYBREAK	63			63
1794	1801	DISTRICT AVERAGE/TOTAL	66	65		66