



District 5040 Newsletter

District Governor
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The District Governor's Message

Now that Judy and I had finished the majority of our northern club visits it was now time to pay attention to our southern clubs. Both Judy and I had many fond memories of our visits to our clubs in the north.

The first Governor duty for November was the **chartering of the new Vancouver – Yaletown Club**. After much planning, President Carlos Esquivel along with Henry Fetigan (Governor's representative) of the Chinatown Club (sponsoring club), the club finally received its charter along with 20 new excited members. The event took place at the Sutton Place Hotel with over 100 Rotarians in attendance.



My first club visit for November started with the **New Westminster Club**. It was great to see many friends along with President Linda Baron. The New Westminster club is doing great work in the local community as well as the international community. They are very proud of their Rotary Clock which is in Moody Park at the corner of 6th Av and 8th Street. In addition, they are working on International Projects in Uganda under the tutelage of Mike Crean, Vietnam – Cataract Surgery, Dr. David Neima and Sponsoring a Rotary Club in Kolo nad Warta Poland – Rosemary Teliatnik. Also, the club is very much involved with the Rotary World Help Network (RWHN) through the guidance of George Sandwith. One interesting tidbit about the New Westminster Club, is that they were chartered on March 28, 1928 and are entering their 81st year of service to the community.

After New Westminster, it was off to the **Vancouver Arbutus Club** for a meeting on Friday. **President Malcom Ross** was his usual exuberant self. He and his board are doing a wonderful job of running their club. What impressed me about the club was its commitment to youth. Initiatives such as the Rotary Social Skills Program with the Learning Disabilities Assn. CALS (Computer Aided Learning System). The club is sponsoring 13 students to go through this amazing program. It will be interesting to see the results. The club is also supporting the Zany World Game for building self esteem and will be supplying it to 12 regional schools. One program the club is very proud of supporting is the Vancouver General Hospital IPF (Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis) research which is the only one in the world. My favourite project was the sponsoring of 19 terminally ill children to sleep with the whales. Wow, what a wonderful experience for the kids!!!

On Monday evening (Nov 17th) it was **President Norm Binion** and his **North Vancouver Clubs** turn. This club has been actively involved with all the North Shore clubs in getting projects done in the community. Along with Operation Red Nose, supporting our youth programs, Youth Exchange & RYLA and community projects, the club also organizes the Adventure in Adaptive Snow Sports, the Terry Fox Run, The Great Canadian Duck Drop (fundraiser) and partners with the other three north shore clubs in organizing the famous north shore Wine & Food festival. When do you guys come up for breath! Finally the club is looking at an international project to give themselves more to do.

Vancouver South was the next club on my visits and Judy and I were graciously hosted by *President Sandra Harper*. Many of you may not know but Sandra has been awarded a University Teachers Grant from the Rotary Foundation with the monies coming from our District Designated Fund (DDF). She will be going off to Kenya in early 2009 for three months. The club is also active in the Marpole Area and has been assisting the Abbey Field Seniors Home. One of their fundraisers is Aunt Leah's Xmas Tree lot on Granville near 57th Avenue.

Our final trip to the north took place in mid – November with a trip to the **100 Mile Rotary Club** and President Konrad Schmid-Meil. We both enjoyed our stay with the 100 Mile members and were graciously hosted by Konrad & Hannelore. The club consisting of 35 members is doing very well under the direction of Konrad and, as I found out, has been very innovative with community projects. One of which is the Rotary Agriplex which is a project converting the old skating rink into an Agriplex that will be used for Horse and Dog Shows amongst others. The Rotary Agriplex is now putting in a fully functioning kitchen so that the club can rent out the facility for functions. The other innovative project was the design and construction of a Rotary Mobile Stage (see photos below). This project began as a millennium project and after construction of two prototypes, the club has now made a stage which is second to none. The club is now ready for the third model which will be constructed mainly of high strength aluminum which will help in the weight of the trailer. The size is 30' x 18'.

As with many of our clubs in the district, the 100 Mile Club has had a great year in fundraising with just over \$36,000 being raised in their small community. If any clubs are interested in the mobile stage, please contact President Konrad as the stage is for sale and for remote communities, would be an ideal addition.



Our final visit of the month was with the **West Vancouver – Sunrise club**. President Claudette Bouchard (see above photo) and her club are doing wonderful things in their community. They have been actively involved in Operation Red Nose fundraisers, such as the North Shore Wine and Food Festival; Spring Fling for which they have raised money that can be invested in their youth program such as sponsoring two Interact Clubs amongst other youth programs. The club also sponsors a Seniors Xmas Dinner which Judy and I will be attending and I will report on that in my next newsletter.

All in all, both Judy and I had a great month with all the visits and functions we truly are beginning to appreciate the work that our Rotary Clubs are doing in their communities as well as international communities.

As I am writing this newsletter in December, Judy & I would like to take this opportunity to send to all members in our district, wishes for an enjoyable Festive Season and a prosperous New Year. I look forward to leading and serving you in the final 6 months of my term.

DG Bob (the bandit)

Merry Christmas

Editor's Corner



Dear Rotarians

This month ushered me in as your new District Newsletter Editor. For those that I have yet the opportunity to meet, my name is Ode Iweh. I became a Rotarian in May 2008 and since then, it has been a great joy to be a member of the big ever-growing Rotarian family throughout the world. It is that great joy and the enthusiasm to

serve humanity that spurred me to take up the editorship of Rotary District Newsletter.

As a relatively new member, I will rely very much on your advice and experience to assist me in ventilating to a very wide readership, your programs, projects and events as we go along contributing to enhance our service to humanity and improving her lot.

I have travelled far and wide and acquired a lot of experience in social intervention. [More...](#)

Permit me to express my gratitude to all those who made this first edition possible, especially to Becky Tsukishima, who took all her time to guide me through the rigours of District Newsletter editing and preparation.

Subsequent editions to this one promise to be more exciting in line with the standard I have set for myself as the New Editor. In addition, and as we go on, more time will be given to it to reflect your aspirations and goals.

Let me use this opportunity to please remind you that any submission for the district website, be sent separately to Becky at editor5040@hotmail.com

May my greetings of goodwill for 2008 and for the New Year 2009 reach you and your loved and beloved ones in good health and joy.

Thanks,

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Did you say you knew Liz Scott?

Liz Scott is the new District 5040 ROSE Coordinator. She has been on the Youth Exchange Committee for the past few years as the Inbound Coordinator. Rotary ROSE program 2009 sets February 28, 2009 as the deadline for applications. [More...](#)



Seven Richmond Sunrise Rotary Home Club members go District. Who are they and in what capacity.

[Find out ...](#)

Hints and comments to enhance...

Your voice, your solution for encouraging fellowship among new members. [Read more...](#)



“Our Foundation”

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The pictures that follow are most humbling, more so than any words.

It's hard to tell a child dying from HIV, malnutrition, or abuse, or someone working 20 hours a day just to survive, that they are free and that they determine their own destiny – how arrogant is that; how shameful are we to think we are different.

We are each a member of the human race and therefore each other's guardian. We must revitalize that flame within each of us that truly cares for others and puts into action those good deeds that made us worthy to be human. We must start from our very hearth, from our home, from our communities, from our very being, to want change, to want to make a difference in the world and mean it.

It's not good enough to see pictures like these and feel how we feel. The money that is spent on War could feed the planet many times over, could provide education and healthcare for everyone and could provide a new age of enlightenment. [More](#)

- Robert Blinch-Edwards



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We can help to make this a better world.
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The Rotary Foundation Canada [Site](#)



Can you still go hunting?

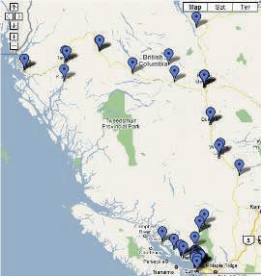


Is there a person in your community that should be a **Rotary World Peace Scholar**? Can this person and your community benefit from a two year graduate studies scholarship? District 5040 is currently accepting applications for Rotary World Peace Fellows nominated by Rotary Clubs in our district. The **deadline is March 31, 2010**. For information contact district Rotary World Peace Fellow committee chair, **Gloria Tom Wing Staudt** at gloria@peaksuccesscoaching.com.

Rotary World Peace Fellows are leaders promoting national and international cooperation, peace, and the successful resolution of conflict throughout their lives, in their careers, and through service activities. Fellows can earn either a master's degree in international relations, public administration, sustainable development, peace studies, conflict resolution, or a related field, or a professional development certificate in peace and conflict resolution.

Each year, up to 110 Rotary World Peace Fellowships (60 master's degree fellowships and 50 professional development certificate fellowships) are offered on a competitive basis at seven Rotary Centers, which operate in partnership with eight leading universities (centers offer master's degree unless noted otherwise).

See detail and download Application in the [D5040 website](#).



District 5040 Online Map

Do you know where your clubs are located? Find out as...
We invite you to visit one of our 53 clubs in British Columbia, Canada.
Click on blue markers to see club info [here](#)

Rebecca rides on with a new District Role

Rebecca MacPherson of the Quesnel Rotary Club is the newly appointed District Interact Chair. [More...](#)

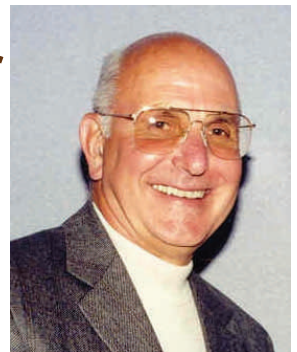


Here comes the New District Governor for 2011/2012

Congratulations to Assistant Governor **Hans Doge**, a member of the Rotary Club of Quadra, on his selection as the District Governor for District 5040 for 2011/2012. [Read more...](#)

Northern Area chooses a GSE Team leader for the Exchange to Nebraskain April 2009.

The new team leader Ken Pendergast is a member of the Nechako Rotary Club of Prince George. Ken brings with him extensive traveling experience including the U.S., Korea, and Russia. Ken is a long time Rotarian and is excited to be leading the team to Nebraska. We all wish Ken and his wife Anita a huge success.



It was almost 2 years of making, the Rotaract cookbook is finally here. Thanks to D5040 Rotarians and friends who had contributed. Purchase the first edition for \$25.00, all proceeds go toward building a PlayPump, which is a merry-go-around that pumps clean water, in South Africa. Purchase online [here](#).