



# District 5040 Newsletter

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## The District Governor's Message

### DISTRICT CONFERENCE!!!! Late breaking NEWS!!!!!!

Folks, we need to see you in Victoria May 22nd (golf) thru May 25th. Our conference Hotel is the Empress; our conference will be held at the Victoria Convention Centre. As of April 13<sup>th</sup>, we have only 76 registrations from 26 of our 53 Clubs. We need to see you at Victoria, please register as soon as possible!!

This is going to be an outstanding conference. No other conference will ever have two Lt.Governor's speaking to a Rotary Conference. Now is your chance to hear from former Lt.Governor Iona Campagnolo and present Lt.Governor Steven Point.

Register online or download the registration form mail or fax in registration. Website link <http://www.rotary5040.org>

I am a bit late this month for our Newsletter; the problem is that I have been extremely busy with club visits and district meetings! It has been



hard to catch my breath after 7 club visits, attending PETS in Seattle, the last day and a half at RYLA, strategic planning meeting, chartering a new Interact Club at McMath Secondary School as well as the Interact Club of Steveston - London Secondary School in Richmond, Rotary Foundation Conference, Assistant Governor Training, giving a presentation in Nanaimo for the Government House Literacy Project, Conference [McMath Interact Club Committee Meeting](#) in Victoria, D5040inc Board meeting, meeting with the District Treasurer, attend the 2008 GSE Team to Tanzania's fundraising event premiering their documentary of their tour, Vancouver Quadra Bid for Books Gala evening, Royal City Rotary's (my own club) Heart of the Matter fundraising event and one of my favourite visits was to Prince Rupert for the Founda-

cy Project, Conference [McMath Interact Club Committee Meeting](#) in Victoria, D5040inc Board meeting, meeting with the District Treasurer, attend the 2008 GSE Team to Tanzania's fundraising event premiering their documentary of their tour, Vancouver Quadra Bid for Books Gala evening, Royal City Rotary's (my own club) Heart of the Matter fundraising event and one of my favourite visits was to Prince Rupert for the Founda-

tion dinner of both Rotary Clubs. You would think I would take another breath, right? Not a chance, I will talk more about that next month.

I would also like to thank all of my bandits that I visited for making both Judy and my visit a memorable one; thanks goes to Doug Nielsen Steveston Rotary, Peter Podovinikoff Ladner Rotary, Linda Coyle Richmond Sunset, Marilyn Rafter Tsawwassen, Nicole Chetwynd Vancouver Quadra, Albert Wong Richmond, Harvey Knotts New Westminster Royal City and Carlos Esquivel Vancouver Yaletown.

As you know I like to highlight some of the community projects that I have come across in my visits. One particular project was the Tsawwassen Rotary Club's Peace Square. Even though the water was not running (too cold & winter of course) I could imagine that during the warmer months it would be a great place to go and relax while shopping at the Tsawwassen Mall. This project has been the pride and joy of the Tsawwassen Club and is a great way to focus the community on what Rotary is and does.



Peace Park



President Marilyn and DG Bob

## Editor's Corner

### Relevance of Mentorship:



It is a general knowledge that most living and animate beings undergo transmutation in one way or the other to ensure perennial sustenance of self. Plants grow and go thru the renewal of self. Snakes and other animals either change their skin or colour by replacing the old skin or hair with a fairly new one. Though less visible in human beings, the process of perennial sustenance of self steadily goes on... Whether the transmutation process is abrupt, sudden, gradual, latent, tangential or simply invisible to the naked eye, the replacing skin is usually strong enough to guarantee the protection of the host body over time. Procreation is yet another instance of ensuring perennial sustenance of self. The bottom line is that most living and animate

beings, cooperate bodies, institutions strive to guarantee continuity, permanence and stability.

Rotary, around the world, is permanently renewing herself thru recruiting new members basically for the same reason. As older members are anxious to ensure permanence and stability, steps and measures are being taken to see that those who come on board are properly mentored. When properly mentored, a new member carries the torch with greater sprints and enthusiasm than his predecessor. Mentorship should be consistent, and the mentor should be trained to be spontaneous. Is it possible to include mentorship training in the RLI to draw at least five persons from each Rotary Club for training in the art of mentorship? That way, no member will feel left behind in the quest for perfection.

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### Dean Makes Paul Harris Law and Lo

On March 18, 2009 PDG Dean Rohrs and President Albert Wong of the Richmond Rotary Club presented Paul Harris Fellows to Ian Law and Eiston Lo, two Rotaractors responsible

for the success of the Zenith Conference last year. The Zenith Conference brought together 400 local youth, and introduced them to how they could get involved with various local community organizations. This endeavour took a great deal of effort and organization. [Read more](#)

# As The Rotary organization Marked 104th Anniversary

## Landmarks lit up with End Polio Now message

A number of iconic landmarks, including the British Parliament, the Roman Coliseum, and the Sydney Opera House, provided a dramatic backdrop for an equally dramatic message: **End Polio Now**.



The British Parliament



South Africa's Table Mountain



The Roman Colosseum



Sydney Opera House

## Community Service Award

Christy Kennedy, President-Elect, Quesnel Sunrise 2000 received the Community Partnership Award from the BC Principals and Vice Principals Association, March 6, 2009 in Richmond, BC. Christy was nominated by the Principals and Vice-Principals in Quesnel for her direct involvement in facilitating a partnership between Breakfast Clubs of Canada and Quesnel School District #28. This partnership will provide approximately \$500,000 for in-kind food donations, funds and equipment to feed approximately 250 children in local area schools 5 days a week over the next 3 years.

## **Guest Speaker Shall Returns to BC**

**He has spoken to more than 90 clubs in nearly 20 Districts in 5 countries on 4 continents. His spouse Pramila, has spoken to more than 20 Rotary clubs. Her experience of two and half years work for Peace in Sri Lanka is of good interest to Rotary clubs. Their tentative plan is as follows:**

- > Greater Vancouver: May 4-15,
  - > Squamish-Whistler area: May 18-22,
  - > Prince George area: June 1-5
  - > Prince Rupert area: June 15-19.
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## **Have you tantalized your dancing skills lately?**



The Spring Gala Charity Auction provides  
the opportunity to do so.

[Read more](#)

## Great grants for the grab!!!

BC150 Volunteer Incentive Program Grant. [Details](#)



District 5040 Donates US\$ 136,000 To Polio

[Details](#)

WHY IS THE ROTARY FOUNDATION THE ONLY  
AUTHORIZED VEHICLE IN ROTARY TO SOLICIT FUNDS?

[Read more](#)

Did you mark your calendar for World Health Day, 7 April?

[More story](#)

**PowerPoint Presentations**  
 used at the  
**Regional Rotary Foundation Seminar**  
**Zone 22 (24) West, January 30-31, 2009.**  
**Vancouver (Richmond) B.C. [click](#)**

## **Club Announcements**

The Rotary Club of Vancouver South is pleased to announce that it has changed its meeting location from Marine Drive Golf Club to the Fraser Arms Hotel located at 1450 South West Marine Drive, Vancouver (corner of Granville St., and SW Marine Drive) starting March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009. This location is actually where we used to meet over 10 years ago. The meeting day has also been changed from Tuesdays to Mondays at the usual lunch time of 12:13pm.

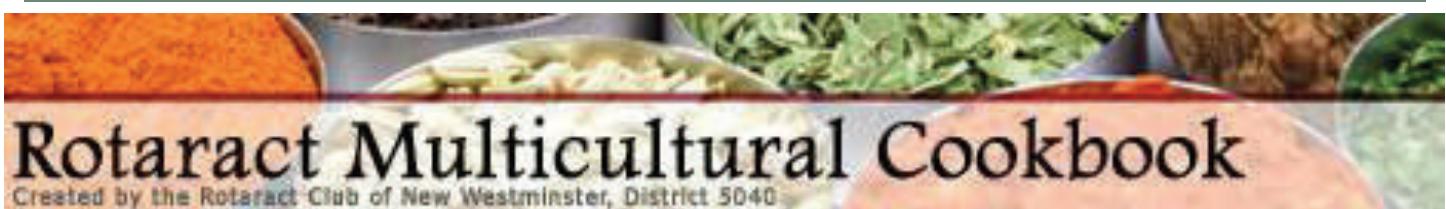
Friends and fellow Rotarians are invited to visit us and to do make ups every Monday.

### **The Rotary “Hole In One”**

### **Charity Golf Event**

### **To end polio now**

At the Rotary International Assembly in January, Microsoft founder Bill Gates Jr. spoke to the incoming Rotary officers on the Bill & Melinda Gates foundation's involvement in Polio Plus, an on-going Rotary program to eliminate polio around the



**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](#).**

at the announcement that the Gates Foundation would commit an additional \$200 million of funding over and above its initial \$100 million contribution. Rotary agreed to raise an additional \$100 million match by June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

Each of the 33,000 Rotary Clubs around the world has been challenged to come up with a special fund raising activity to help match this generous donation from the Gates Foundation.

#### Local Rotary Responds:

The Gibsons and Sechelt Rotary Clubs are teaming up to run a “Hole in One” charity golf event on Saturday June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at the Sunshine Coast Golf & Country Club.

Each of the eighteen holes will be played as a par three with the opportunity on each hole to win cars, trips, cash and many other fantastic prizes by scoring a hole in one. Prizes will be awarded for the best overall scores by individuals and teams of four and closest to the pin contests.

The entry fee of \$150.00 will include golf, dinner and a \$75.00 donation tax credit. So mark June 20<sup>th</sup> on your golf calendar and come out and join the fun all in a good cause.

#### How can you participate?

**As a golfer:** contact any Rotarian and sign up as an individual or a team of four.

**As a worker:** Rotary needs volunteers to assist in running the charity event.

**As a sponsor:** insurance can be purchased for the “Hole in One” prizes on each hole.

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