

District 5040



November 2008

newsletter

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Rotary International**

**Rotarians meet
Taliban supporter**

Hollywood in BURNABY???



Governor's Newsletter

After our long trip to the Northwest Judy and I had decided sometime ago that we would take a week off with our family at Kent's Beach which is at Saltery Bay near Powell River. It was a week of just decompressing after our 10 day 4500km trip.



At the same time we decided that we would visit the Powell River Club under the leadership of President Deborah Jenkins. We were not disappointed the warmth and fellowship given to us by the Powell River members was terrific. We were given a tour of the projects that the club has accomplished over the past years and I was very impressed with the memorial for community members at the viewpoint which looks across to Texada Island and Comox.

The photograph to the right is AG Wayne Roy – Deborah Jenkins – Bob Blacker.

After a great week and rest at Kent's Beach and lots of exploring by our lab Dallas we said goodbye to our favourite family vacation spot and returned to the mainland.

Before we started out club visits for October, I attended at the Seaforth Armouries for the handover of the Fire Trucks to El Salvador. What an impressive sight to see both the fire trucks, on a ladder and the other a pumper with the Rotary Wheel on each one to signify where the trucks came from. Brian Hutchinson of the Vancouver Fire Department and one of the architects of FIREFIGHTERS WITHOUT BORDERS mc'd the event. I was able to speak on behalf of rotary which was great PR for Rotary. Brian I am happy to say is a member of the newly chartered VANCOUVER YALETOWN club, I will have more on that next month.

October was our first visits to our lower mainland clubs. The ROTARY CLUB OF VANCOUVER was the first one; I met President Nick and the Vancouver Rotary Club board and was very pleased to hear about their fundraising and community as well as international community projects. One that got my attention is the proposed project with Rotary in Kampala, The Congo. This project would be working on clean water for three communities. This sounds like it is going to be a great project, however, over the past few weeks unrest has surfaced in The Congo I wish the Vancouver Club well and do hope that they can accomplish what they are setting out to do.

Next up was the VANCOUVER CHINATOWN club under the direction of President Frankie Kan. What a busy club! Here are some examples of what they are doing, Harbour Lights Fundraiser for the Salvation Army (\$25K) Projects such as ROTOPLAST, DGN Penny and PDG Chris have just returned from China after completion of this project. Sponsoring the ROTARY CLUB OF VANCOUVER – YALETOWN, handing out dictionaries to Inner City Schools, COPS for CANCER, RYLA, and Project ID for Kids.





The morning after CHINATOWN the BURNABY DEER LAKE club was next up on my visits. For a small club of 16 members they do a lot of work in the community and have to be congratulated. President Bob Davies and his members are very active and at the time of my visit were preparing for their annual HAUNTED HOUSE fundraiser that they have at Metrotown. What impressed me was the roll up the sleeves attitude of the club to volunteer to run the Haunted House; it took every one of the members to do it. They even have time to look at doing a clean water project in Uganda, plus support an Elementary School in Burnaby!

Next along the line was the BURNABY club. President Gabby asked that I induct a new member along with receiving a large donation to the Rotary Foundation from Rotarian Satwant Ginder. The good news coming from BURNABY is that they will be eventually moving to the new Grand Villa Hotel, the site of the old Villa Hotel which the club had been using for many years. VANCOUVER FRASERVIEW was the next club in line and I visited them at their temporary meeting location, the Howard Johnson Hotel at 12th and Kingsway. I am happy to report that the club will be going back to their preferred location, the Langara Golf Club, starting time will be 7.30am. The club is in the midst of rebuilding and I know that we are going to hear good things from President Gus in the next few months.

To finish off my southern club visits for the month of October I visited the very vibrant, exciting SQUAMISH CLUB. At the meeting I was given the honour of presenting a Paul Harris Fellow award to Daniel Nduati who founded the Emanuel Boyz Centre, in Kenya. The SQUAMISH CLUB has supported this wonderful group, who takes boys off the street in Kenya, providing a home and education. AG Sheri Davis and husband Ian Davis and family as well as the SQUAMISH CLUB International Chair Janet Gugins, ventured to Kenya and saw how remarkable Daniel has been in developing this special place. In addition to this very special presentation I inducted three new members into the club. Way to go SQUAMISH!

The last week of October Judy and I got into our car drove up to visit our Cariboo Clubs, Williams Lake, Quesnel and Quesnel Sunrise. Unfortunately I could not visit Williams Lake Daybreak but I will be returning in MARCH 09 to see the club. AG Bob Fish accompanied both Judy; it was great to get a commentary from Bob on the history of the Cariboo. Both Judy and I wish to thank Bob and Laurie for their kind hospitality shown to us.

The first club we visited was the Quesnel Sunrise Club under the stewardship of President Kit. She has a wonderful club of Rotarians who enjoy what they are doing and also the fellowship with each other. I met Geoff Ruffle the youngest (24) member of the club who joined the club June 2008 and has jumped right in and is now the Foundation Chair.

The highlight of our stay in Williams Lake was attending the CITIZEN OF THE YEAR dinner where the WILLIAMS LAKE CLUB presents the winner of this prestigious community award a PAUL HARRIS FELLOW award. I was also asked to be the speaker at the function to which I spoke about the foundation and how its magic works. It was a great evening both Judy and I felt very privileged to be invited to this function. Thank you President Mike for the kind hospitality given to Judy and I.



The last club to visit on our CARIBOO trip was the QUESNEL CLUB under the direction of President Liz. After a wonderful visit to the club, President Liz took Judy AG Bob and I on a tour around the town to show us what their Rotary



Club has done over the years. It is amazing what the club has done. One particular project that Liz showed us was the Rotary Access Room at the Homeless Shelter in Quesnel. The shelter, Seasons House, is managed by Shannon Croy and is a motel which has been renovated for homeless clients. Liz handed over to Shannon a cheque for \$10k for the access room.

Our final destination before our long trip back home was to attend the Prince George Clubs Foundation Dinner. What a great evening, the attendance was excellent and a great deal of money was raised for Foundation. Thank you to PP Lorne Calder of the Prince George Club and the kind hospitality of Gary and Betty Gurnsey allowing us to stay with them while we were in Prince George.



Editor's Notes:

Dear Rotarians,

Greetings! I hope everyone had a good month of October with many children walking the streets dressed as cute and scary beings, hunting every chocolate down. I sure enjoyed that Halloween. Too bad I had to work, but at least I got a glimpse of the adorable costumes both children and adults were wearing that night, even for just a bit.

As some of you know, this is the last issue that I will be working on as the Editor of this newsletter. I loved the job so much, but being in school, working full time, volunteering, and attending to my family's needs makes it really hard to concentrate on releasing an optimum-performance newsletter on time - which is why I did not get to write my Editor's Notes in the last issue or make it as nice as I usually would. I apologize for not making this last issue a great one as I am flooded with hands-on projects right now that have to be handed in this week.

I would like to thank everyone who gave me such positive feedback. You guys are my inspiration. Reading your comments just made me want to strive harder in what I do. Some words of gratitude: to Becky Tsukishima, for always having my back. I really appreciate it. To Bryan Kelly, you are such a wonderful friend. I am so glad that I "met" you. Thanks for being very understanding and for all the pieces of advice you've given me. To PDG Dean Rohrs, for being one of my greatest critiques. I would have done so much mistakes if it was not for you. To my Rotaract family, Nancy Nikolai, Simon Turner, DGE Gordon DalGLISH, AG Sue Godey, Angiola De Stefanis and her husband Paul Bean, and to everyone who has been actively sending articles, feedback, and reading my notes - a BIG THANK YOU! Lastly, to Dr. Ode lweh for accepting the position to be the next editor. You have no idea how relieved we are.

Although it is very unfortunate that I must leave this position to make way for my school, work, and family, I would like to say that if you guys ever need an event covered, a photo shoot done, an interview conducted, or simply an article written, please do not hesitate to contact me. I will try to fit you in to my busy schedule, for sake of Rotary and service. I wish you all the best to *make dreams real*. This is your District 5040 Newsletter Editor, now signing off.

Gareth Cj. Wee
Newsletter Editor



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Upcoming Events



Rotary Leadership Institute

The Rotary Leadership Institute is a recommended unofficial affiliate of Rotary International, but not an official program of R.I. nor under its control. Candidates must take RLI course in order, Part I, II and III.

Established in 1994 to assist in improving the Rotary knowledge and leadership skills of the future leaders of clubs and districts, the Rotary Leadership Institute is a multi-district program already functional in 110 districts around the world. The institute offers a training program in three full-day sessions, followed by graduate seminars. Trainers are carefully selected from among Rotarians with outstanding leadership abilities and prepared to conduct innovative and participatory course sessions.

The Institute offers a leadership development program in three full day sessions (Parts I, II and III). The courses are designed to provide Rotary knowledge and to develop leadership skills for voluntary organizations.



When: October 18, 2008 at 8am - 4pm
Where: Kwantlen Polytechnic University
12666 72 Avenue
Surrey, B.C. Canada
Fee: \$85
Contact: Penny Offer

Masters Level - This course is for Rotarians who have completed the first three parts of the RLI. The course will focus on presentation skills and public speaking. All participants in this full day course will receive a manual and be video taped giving practice presentations. The course is restricted to 15 participants.

When: October 25, 2008 at 9am - 5pm
Where: Vancity Training Centre
183 Terminal Ave
Vancouver, BC V6A 4G2
Fee: \$60
Contact: Penny Offer



A HOLIDAY HOME TOUR THROUGH TWELVE SEASONALLY DECORATED HOMES

When: Sunday, November 23rd, 2008 from 10am - 4pm
Where: Tour through twelve homes in the Deer Lake Area of Burnaby followed by refreshments at the Burnaby Art Gallery Fireside Room, Deer Lake.
Fee: \$50.00 per person. All proceeds to BC Cancer Foundation in support of ovarian cancer research. Tax receipt for \$35.00 will be provided.
Contact: Sacha Lehto
604-675-8242
slehto@bccancer.bc.ca or online at <http://www.bccancerfoundation.com/aholidayhometour>



Register early as there are limited tickets available.



Rotary Club of Burnaby Deer Lake



BC Cancer Foundation
Supporting research & care at BC Cancer Agency



Upcoming Events

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 21ST : BURNABY FIREFIGHTERS CLUB : 6:00 PM

HOLLYWOOD BURNABY

DIVA DINNER & SHOW

HOSTED BY ROTARY CLUB OF BURNABY METROTOWN

IN SUPPORT OF THE DISTRICT 5040 ROTARY FOUNDATION



HOLLYWOOD BURNABY DIVA DINNER & SHOW

For tickets call:
(604) 541-7581 x241
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Friday
Nov. 21st
6:00pm
\$70

Cocktails &
Martini Bar
Silent &
Live Auction

Diva Impersonater
Dinner Show
& DJ Dancing

Burnaby
Firefighters Club:
6515 Bonsor St.

Diva Impersonater
Bonnie Kilroe



Designed by Jorgina Thompson



News & Announcements

Education cheque up includes all students

"There are many in need in our community" according to Ted Johnson, Principal of South Delta Senior Secondary, "each year these funds get well used and the kids are very grateful for this support."

Principal Johnson, South Park Principal Elaine Greenhalgh and Bonnie Nelmes, Principal of Beach Grove accepted the \$1,750 contribution to all Tsawwassen schools by the Rotary Schools Assistance Program. The student support program ensures this year every Tsawwassen pupil will fully participate in all educational field trips.

"Thank you very much" Principal Greenhalgh said "this program allows all families to fully participate in our programs."

Each principal confidentially administers the funds, prorated among the six Tsawwassen schools. The program addresses the cost of sustaining student field trips by families under financial pressure.

"This program makes a tremendous difference for families enduring financial challenges" according to Principal Nelmes, "the support from Rotary assures every student has the best opportunity to learn from important educational field trips that are an essential part of a positive and rounded education experience."

"This year we are very pleased to again make a contribution to the future of our students" said Rotary Club of Tsawwassen President Marilyn Rafter.

"Our members are happy and proud to contribute the support" said, Alex Tappert, chair of Rotary Community Services Projects, "because it lets our students take maximum advantage of important educational opportunities."

Any parent can learn more about the program by contacting the Principal of their child's school.

Although Principals Doug Pready of Cliff Drive and Margaret Horvath of English Bluff were unable to attend the presentation, their schools are included in the program.

Sunrise 2000 Rotary Club of Quesnel's website is finally up! Peek in to see what they are up to, share your thoughts, engage. Keep our district fun and alive!

Visit them at <http://www.quesnelsunriserotary.ca/>

"Be a partner in passion"

It's the chance of a lifetime to join the team of Vancouver 2010 volunteers. As Canada prepares to welcome the world through the planning and staging of Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games, no job is too small. Every task and every contribution matters. Vancouver 2010 is now accepting applications, see detail <http://www.vancouver2010.com/en/work-and-volunteer/volunteer-opportunities/-/33922/w6niz7/index.html>



Rotarian Alex Tappert and Tsawwassen Rotary President Marilyn Rafter present \$1,750 funding to support student field trip participation to Principals Bonnie Nelmes of Beach Grove, Elaine Greenhalgh of South Park and Ted Johnson of South Delta Senior Secondary





Rotary International

November update on global financial markets

Dear Rotarians,

The crisis in global financial markets continues and the value of Rotary's investments has declined in line with the markets. The performance of our funds for the first fiscal quarter ended 30 September was as follows:

Rotary International

General Fund: -9.4%

The Rotary Foundation

- Annual Programs Fund: -9.6%
- Permanent Fund: -10.1%
- PolioPlus funds: 0.9%



Most of the losses to date are due to declines in the market prices of the securities held (often referred to as unrealized losses*) and would only be realized if the securities are sold. To date, this has not been necessary. Given the global economic recession, it may be some time before we can fully recover these losses. All money for the eradication of polio is invested in U.S. Treasury securities and generates positive returns.

Rotary's cash flows continue to be strong and have been sufficient to pay for all operating and program expenses without having to sell investment securities at a loss. Both the Rotary Foundation Trustees and the RI Board of Directors made decisions at their recent board meetings consistent with this year's budgets and plans. Additionally, they are monitoring the financial reserves closely and took the following actions:

At their October meeting, the Trustees restored the Foundation's operating reserve to its minimum required level and requested staff to prepare a contingency plan that includes options for reducing expenditures, if necessary.

At its November meeting, the RI Board restored the investment earnings reserve to its maximum level. This reserve covers operating expenses during periods when investment earnings drop below budget. Additionally, the RI Finance Committee identified several cost-cutting measures for consideration when preparing the budget for fiscal 2009-10.

As noted in my communication of 29 September, Rotary's senior leaders, the Financial Services staff, Rotary's investment consultant, and I continue to closely monitor the financial markets. We are taking all possible steps to ensure that Rotary remains financially strong in this difficult economic environment.

Sincerely,

Ed Futa

General Secretary, Rotary International





What is Rotary's role in disaster relief? Attend the third annual R.E.D.I. conference

Natural disasters can happen anywhere, anytime. Rotary clubs in disaster areas are often looked upon as secondary relief responders. Does your club have the tools to prepare for the worst? What is Rotary's role in disaster relief?

At the Third Annual North American Rotary Emergency Disaster Initiative (R.E.D.I.) Conference and Workshop in Nassau, Bahamas, on 5-6 December, 2008, Rotarians will learn from disaster relief professionals on ways to best prepare for natural disasters, as well as, how to best respond to community needs.

The conference is cosponsored by Disaster Relief Rotarian Action Group (DRRAG) & will be attended by all six North American RI directors. [Learn more](#) on how you can register for this important conference. [View workshop's schedule](#)



From left, Fary Moini, PDG Stephen Brown, National PolioPlus Committee Chair Dr. Ajmal Pardis, Imam Abdul Wakil, former Rotary Scholar Mohib ullah Israr, & Dr. Qahar Ludien gather after the meeting of Islamic leaders promoting Afghanistan's NIDs. *Photo courtesy of Stephen Brown*

Rotarians meet Taliban supporter of Afghan polio immunization drive

By Dan Nixon

On the eve of Afghanistan's 19-21 October National Immunization Days, Stephen Brown, past governor of District 5340 (California, USA), had an extraordinary opportunity to witness the country's drive to end polio in action. Brown and Fary Moini, a fellow member of the Rotary Club of La Jolla Golden Triangle, were in Afghanistan to help develop Rotary humanitarian and educational projects. They were invited by Dr. Ajmal Pardis, chair of the country's National PolioPlus Committee and a member of the Rotary Club of Jalalabad, to attend a 15 October meeting of Islamic leaders, or mullahs, in Jalalabad.

The meeting emphasized the importance of the polio eradication initiative and linked immunization against the disease to the duties of parents to protect their children, as explained in the Quran.

"The most interesting speech, to us, was from a powerful Taliban mullah, Imam Abdul Wakil, who talked very passionately about the importance of

this effort," Brown reported in his online journal. "He was clearly very well spoken, and everyone was on the edge of their seats listening to him. There were about 40 mullahs present, about 30 elders, about 10 students from the Taliban madras [Islamic] school, and local and national media."

On 18 October, Brown and Moini attended a kickoff event for the NIDs, attended by Nangarhar provincial officials, immunization supervisors, and the media. Brown gave a short speech and administered oral polio vaccine to a child.

Briefing

Pardis also invited Brown to a 20 October briefing on the status of polio eradication in Afghanistan. The briefing, which included two medical officers from the World Health Organization, covered the NIDs underway, aimed at reaching 7.5 million children under age five. "Approximately 50,000 workers [public health staff and volunteers] are involved. It is a massive undertaking," Brown reported.

According to WHO, a major focus of the country's polio eradication effort is the security-compromised southern region. "There is no evidence of poliovirus transmission in all areas in Afghanistan that have been safely accessed by polio vaccinators," said Dr. Tahir Mir, a WHO medical officer for the polio eradication initiative, at a September press conference in Kabul. "Only areas that are inaccessible to our teams have reported polio cases." In addition to participating in NIDs, Brown and Moini have led several Rotary efforts in Afghanistan since 2002, including helping to establish and equip schools and to coordinate Rotary Foundation scholarships and Group Study Exchange teams.

During their October visit, they briefed USAID staff in Afghanistan "about efforts of Rotary that tend not to show up on our government's radar," Brown reported. "I think those attending were surprised at how much we have been able to accomplish primarily through a volunteer network."



Rotary International

Quarters for Kenya helps orphans

By Tara Kalmanson

A project begun by a Rotarian to honor the memory of his friend is now helping Kenyan orphans who've lost their parents to AIDS.

David Maupin, a member of the Rotary Club of Redlands, California, USA, launched Quarters for Kenya in the spring of 2004 to honor the memory of his friend and fellow Rotarian Charles Kean, who died that year of a bacterial infection of the blood.

The project helps raise funds to build orphanages in Kenya through The Shepherd's Homes. Donations have helped feed, house, and educate orphans in the small town of Gilgil, a suburb of Nairobi where Kean went to primary school, and in nearby Sigona.

The project is sponsored by the Rotary clubs of Downey, Redlands, Redlands Sunrise, and San Bernardino Crossroads, California, USA. In addition, students from local elementary schools and universities in California raise money for the orphanages through various fundraisers.

Maupin modeled his project after Joseph Pulitzer's Pennies for Liberty campaign to bring the Statue of Liberty from France to the United States in the 1880s. He reasoned a quarter, with inflation, was the current equivalent of Pulitzer's penny, and set out to raise \$250,000, quarter by quarter.

Students became involved in the drive when a five-year-old agreed to raise \$50 in exchange for having his name painted on a Cessna that Maupin chartered for a fundraising flight to Kenya. The boy's teacher took notice, and began planning fundraisers at his school.

Global business professor Jack Osborn, a member of the Redlands club and a friend of Kean, also introduced the program to his students at the University of Redlands.

Student-run

Four years later, a Quarters for Kenya group on the campus is almost entirely student-run and has raised more than \$35,000. David Armstrong, who co-led the group with Kaitlin Moore in 2007-08, spent two weeks visiting the orphanages.

"They're so happy to be where they are, with the shelter they have and the love they're given," he says. "They're living comfortably and safely and are given a high-quality education. That makes every ounce of effort worthwhile."

Rotarians and Redlands students have worked side by side on the project. Students have held silent auctions, benefit concerts, and forums with local AIDS experts. Rotarians have used their connections to secure large raffle prizes. Maupin and Armstrong have visited church groups, Kiwanis clubs, women's groups, high schools, and universities seeking donations.

"Students can reach a different type of people than Rotarians can," said Moore. "Maybe they don't have the money that Rotarians do, but now Quarters for Kenya is recognized by the Redlands community."

"It's a fantastic tribute to Charles," says his widow, Susan. "He would be amazed. It wouldn't have occurred to him that people would be working so hard in his name."

Find more on Quarters for Kenya or make a donation at www.quartersforkenya.org



Quarters for Kenya honors the memory of Rotarian Charles Kean (right) who died of a bacterial infection of the blood in 2004. Bottom: students at an orphanage in Sigona, Kenya. Photos courtesy of David Armstrong



Feature Article

Our gift to Powell River Rotary Pavilion



During construction

Being used



The Rotary Club of Powell River was pleased to turn over the performance pavilion at Willingdon Beach to the City of Powell River on October 14.

Our deep appreciation to the following for their part in this community project.

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| Mayor Stewart Alsgard and Council, City of Powell River | PR Equipment Rentals Ltd. – tool rentals and fencing |
| CUPE Local 798 and the Parks crew | PR Tru Mix – concrete supply |
| – tree removal and site restoration | Gunther Concrete – Carl and Phil – concrete placement and finish |
| Regina Sadilkova – architectural design | City Transfer Ltd. and John Veenhof – trucking and crane |
| T.W. Hay Engineering – engineering and drawings | Grief Point Construction – Gus Klein – erection |
| Garnet Phillips Logging – old growth cedars | Compuwood Ltd. and George Ouellet |
| Edgehill Hauling and Barging – Terry Belanger – cedar transport | – ed-column fabrication, machining and erection |
| Western Archrib Ltd. – laminated beams | Raven Contracting – Steve Tipton – roof decking |
| L.E. Steel Fabricators Ltd. – galvanized connections | Coastline Contracting – the roof and flashings |
| Aoklands–Grainger Ltd. – hardware | John Brownsell Backhoe Service and Don Edwards |
| Rona Building Centre – building materials | – excavation, backfill and site finish |
| Valley Building Supplies – building materials | |



Service Above Self

The Rotary Club of Powell River



Feature Article



The Powell River Rotary Club built the pavilion as a part of a Rotary-built area of Powell River.

the person on the scaffolding is immediate past president, Jan Gisborne, who was key in the pavilion's progress.

Other projects in the Willingdon Beach area, within steps of the Pavilion include the Campground, which the club still maintains, a water park area, and many other smaller items.

It was turned over to the city on October 28th at the City Council meeting.

Phil Claxton, a Rotarian in our Club, was the clutch person that over saw and arranged all of the work. He called for work parties, negotiated a lot of donated work and/or materials from the local area, and really made the project go.

There was really no place to have skits or music, under a shelter, in the Willingdon Beach area. There is a large grass span right on the ocean, but nothing to protect and gather people for large (and small) events. Now, the pavilion overlooks the ocean, and creates an incredible arena for music venues, shows and lots of other events under cover. The pavilion has been officially renamed "The Rotary Pavilion" appropriately, by the City of Powell River.

Jennifer Salisbury

OH, I am updating our new website, almost daily with our club's long history. See www.prr Rotary.org for our progress!





Feature Article

Give Way for the New Editor of District 5040 Newsletter



We've been looking for someone to take over Editor Gareth Cj. Wee's position for quite some time now, as he has such a busy schedule. Fortunately for us, someone was up to the challenge. Find out more about him below.

With qualifications including a PhD in humanities and several years of experience in social intervention, Dr. Ode Iweh is highly knowledgeable in matters touching on human activities and efforts to resolve their challenges. **Ode is proudly a Rotarian.**

Through strong analytical skills and organizational abilities, he is also a very enthusiastic individual who enjoys working in a team environment and under pressure.

Until very recently he worked as a full-time **Political and Diplomatic Adviser** to the ECOWAS (Economic Community of West African States) Peace Mission in Côte d'Ivoire. During that period, he **Deputized** actively in monthly Meetings of the **IWG (International Working Group)** for the ECOWAS Special Representative and for the ECOWAS President whenever either of them or both of them were absent.

Before then, he headed the Translation and Interpretation Unit of the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire.

As **Linguistics Consultant** (As Editor/Reviser and Translator) for the African Development Bank (ADB), his concern involved covering ADB Boards of Directors and Boards of Governors Meetings, translating, editing and revising ADB project, programme and policy documents. In that capacity, he **Headed ADB photography missions** to ADB-financed projects in ten states of Nigeria culminating in a series of publications on ADB projects and programmes with the Communications Department of the African Development Bank. The dearth need for quick resolution to linguistic challenges, he personally **evolved a 77-page Terminology** for the Bank. Though unpublished, it was a useful instrument of reference for his colleagues.

As Précis-writer and covering meetings of ADB Boards of Directors and Boards of Governors, the ADB Administrative Tribunal as well as the ADB Annual General Meetings he exhibited his shrewd ability to participate actively in meetings and discussions.

Before then, Ode Iweh was several years at the University of Benin, Benin City, where he taught French and African Linguistics.

Since his arrival here in Canada in February 2008, he has been working for Collège Educacentre College in Vancouver first as a Project Coordinator to provide on-line benchmark tools, resources and support for French adult learners who wished to assess their literacy needs and develop a personal action plan to address these needs in British Columbia. Secondly, he was in charged of recruiting vocational teachers and registering students all across British Columbia. Thirdly, he is presently a facilitator and adviser for the Youth Employment and Orientation Programme of Collège Educacentre College which is the only French College in BC.



Adventures in Film by Rotary Club of Powell River

The Adventures in Film Camp is an exciting part of the Powell River Film Festival for young students aged 15 to 19.

In conjunction with the Powell River Film Festival Society and School District 47, the adventure camp will include workshops with **professional filmmakers**, **screening of films**, and **hands on production experience** utilizing School District 47's brand new cutting edge media arts facility.

For a **\$400 registration fee**, participants will be receiving practical experience from industry professionals, accommodation and meals plus access to all film festival events (travel costs are separate). The program will run from **February 20th to 22th, 2009**, with youth travelling Feb. 19th & 23rd.

School Districts across the province of British Columbia have been notified of the program and Clubs interested in sending a participant are urged to contact their local High School for students wanting to join. Once names have been selected, please submit the attached **registration form** to the Film Festival.

Deadline has been extended to the month of November.

For more information on "Adventures in Film" please visit www.prfilmfestival.ca or contact Michelle Hignell at 1-877-330-8118 or michelle@prfilmfestival.ca

