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2011
May 6 - 8, 2011
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May 2011 is a month of celebration. Starting with the District Conference May 6 to 8 in Richmond we will present many awards including the Outstanding Club of the year and Rotarian of the Year. The conference is a time to celebrate the success of our many service projects and the hundreds of volunteer hours the Rotarians from District 5040 put into their community locally and internationally. Rule #1 for the conference is "have fun". I hope you will join us.



May 21 to 25 the Rotary world celebrates in New Orleans with President Ray Klinginsmith our theme Building Communities Bridging Continents. Come to New Orleans and Let the Good Times Roll!

Chris and I are looking forward to celebrating with many District 5040 Rotarians this month at these two important events. We have all worked hard this year and had lots of fun. Let's enjoy the party!

Penny

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District Conference 2011 - Conference chair Darcy Long and the committee have put together a truly great conference. I know you are going to enjoy, be motivated and challenged by our keynote speakers. The River Rock has prepared marvellous menus for you. The entertainment includes Vancouver Theatre Sports, Langley Ukulele band and the dance music of March Hare. There is still time to register at www.RotaryEvents.ca. Download the printed program click [HERE](#)



Rotary Legacy Project - Bring a children's book to the district conference and leave a Rotary legacy in the host community. District 5040 is partnering with the RC of Richmond Sunrise on a legacy project for the District 5040 Conference. During the District Conference we challenge all Rotarians to donate new books for children at the beginner level to 16 years old. If your travel plans won't allow you to bring a book, we will provide you with a giving opportunity on site. Rotary has been instrumental in increasing the number of new books for children registered with the Richmond Christmas Fund. In keeping with our Rotary mandate to increase literacy, we can increase support this year. [read more](#)



Future Vision Workshops at the RI Convention

Attending the 2011 RI Convention in New Orleans, Louisiana, USA? If so, check out these Future Vision workshops and networking opportunities:



[Upcoming Club & District Events](#)

Please visit our District Conference sponsor's web sites



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1. Future Vision Update: Includes an overview of the Future Vision Plan and a progress report. Monday, 23 May, 14:00-15:00. Open to all Rotarians.
2. Future Vision Networking: Provides an opportunity to network with other pilot districts and generate project ideas based on the areas of focus. Monday, 23 May, 15:30-16:30. Open to Rotarians in pilot districts.
3. Future Vision Pilot District Discussion: Provides an opportunity to share experiences from the pilot. Tuesday, 24 May, 10:30-11:30. Open to Rotarians in pilot districts.

RC of Vancouver - 100th Anniversary - The first Rotary Club in BC was chartered in Vancouver in April 1913. The RC of Vancouver is actively planning a series of special events for their centennial celebration. All Rotary clubs in BC will be invited to join the club in celebrating 100 Years of Rotary in British Columbia. Watch for details over the next few months and opportunities to participate.



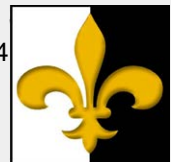
RYLA Lakelse - Here's your club's chance to save! We are extending the deadline for low cost registration until Friday May 7th. Yes, you still will be able to register a youth for the remarkably low cost of \$395.00, after this date the costs will increase to \$425.00. We hope you all have been looking for one or two worthy youths to join us for this RYLA experience, one that youth will remember for their lifetimes. RYLA Lakelse - June 29th to July 3rd For youths who have completed Grades 8, 9 or 10 in June of this year. [read more](#)



District 5040 to host Rotary Zone Institute - Vancouver has been selected as the location of the 2012 Zone 24-32 Institute. Rotary leaders from across Canada, USA and Russia will attend the conference in October 2012 at the Westin Bayshore. DG Penny Offer has been appointed the chair of the Institute. Many senior Rotary leaders including the RI President or Vice President, trustees and RI board members will attend the Institute.

Why Join Rotary - one of the questions prospective new Rotarians need to have answered is "what's in it for me". This is an important question for someone who does not know anything about Rotary. The simple answer is that there is a lot of personal benefits for all Rotarians, including friendship opportunities, leadership training, networking and professional development. [Download](#) a sheet with 10 reasons why someone should join their local Rotary club.

Zone Breakfast New Orleans - If you are attending the RI Convention in New Orleans you do not want to miss the Zones 24 & 32 annual 'Beyond Borders Breakfast', Monday, May 23, 2011 at 7:00 AM. Located at The Foundry, New Orleans (two blocks from the convention center), 333 St. Joseph Street. Renew old friendships and make new ones. Enjoy music by the Storyville Stompers and get in the mood for a wonderful international convention. This is where Rotarians from across Canada meet during the convention. We join with Rotarians from all parts of Zone 24 and 32. This event has replaced the Northern Lights Breakfast - [read more](#)



RI Recognition of Membership Development Initiatives -- MDI The district deadline has been extended to May 8 for submission to the District Governor. This district-level certificate recognizes clubs for the development and implementation of a creative plan or strategy to support one of the three primary foundations of membership growth and development: retention, recruitment of qualified new members, or the organization of new Rotary clubs. [Download nomination form](#)