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CONFERENCE PROGRAM
2014 Conference | District 5040

WELCOME!

Welcome aboard the Rotary Express.

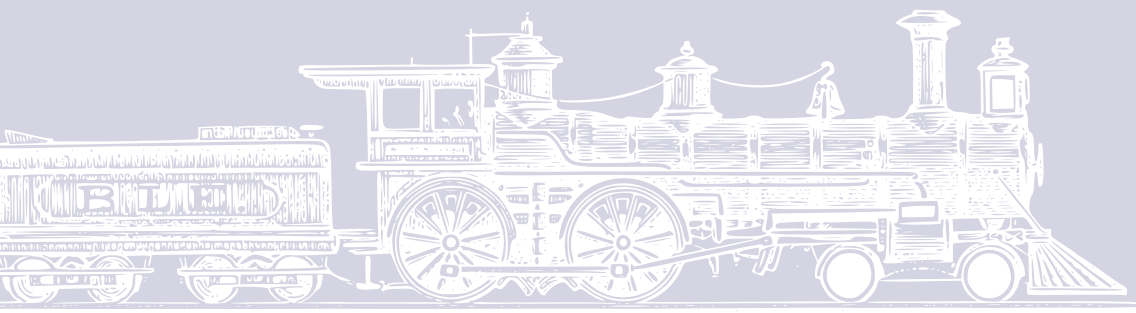
I would like to thank the Squamish Nation for welcoming us to their territorial lands. The City of Squamish and the Squamish Rotary Club for hosting the first Rotary District Conference held in Squamish. The West Coast Railway Association for providing this outstanding venue that you will be enjoying over the next few days.

This District Conference would not be possible without the great Sponsors that have supported us this year. CN Rail – our Platinum Sponsor connects many of the communities where our Rotary Clubs serve throughout the province. Our Gold Sponsor – Squamish Terminals provides the international outlet for many of the goods produced in our northern Rotary communities. Our many Silver and Bronze Sponsors – who represent local businesses, many of whom are Squamish Club Rotarians. And finally, to our other Special Contributing Sponsors of in-kind goods and services that will be offered this weekend. I thank you.

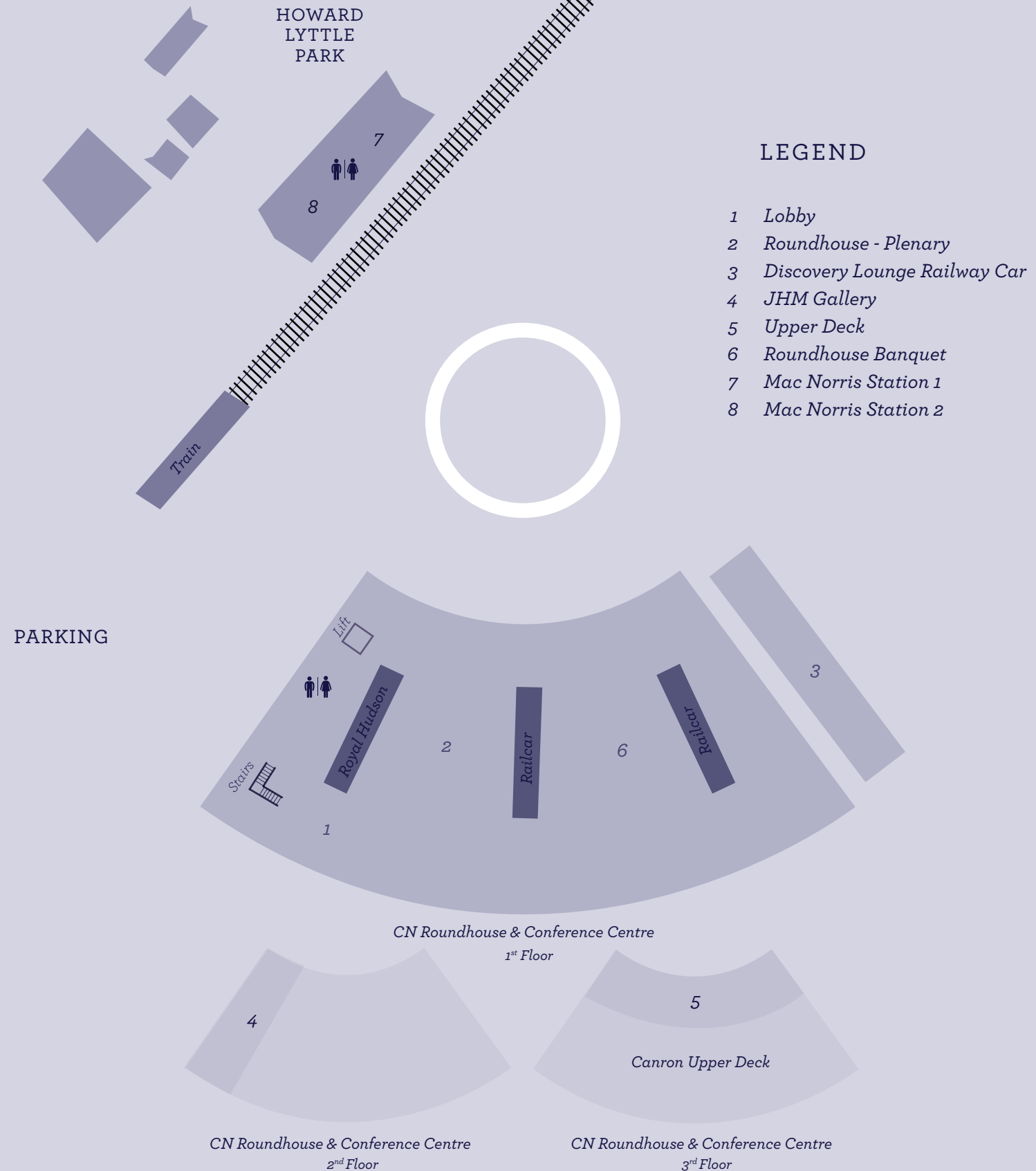
Our conference this year has a theme around youth. We have invited the youth of Rotary District 5040 to join us for this celebration of Rotary in our District. It has been a very successful year for our Rotary youth. Five new Interact Clubs were chartered this past year. The future of Rotary is in good shape for our District. Please take the opportunity to meet our young people at the Friday night BBQ and during the breaks on Saturday morning.

Please enjoy this opportunity for fellowship, learning and entertainment. We have a great program designed to inspire you and make you feel proud to be a Rotarian. Please let us know if we can do anything to make your District Conference a success. Thank you for coming.

Garry Shearer
Governor 2013-2014
District 5040



EVENT MAP



EVENT ITINERARY

THURSDAY MAY 22ND

- 1pm** Golf
Squamish Golf and Country Club
-
- 3pm** Registration
Lobby
Fellowship in Discovery Lounge Railway Car
-
- Club project displays
Upper Deck
-
- 3pm - 6pm** Heritage Park Attractions Open
Heritage Park

FRIDAY MAY 23RD

- 7:30 am - 8:45 am** Registration
Lobby
-
- 9:15 am** Procession and plenary seating
Roundhouse - Plenary
-
- 9:30 am** Welcome - MC Garry H
Roundhouse - Plenary
-
- 9:35 am** Flag Ceremony - Youth Exchange Students
Squamish First Nations Welcome & Blessing
-
- 9:50 am** Official Opening — Lt. Governor of BC,
DG Garry, MP John Weston, Mayor Rob Kirkham, & RI Rep Eric Adamson
-
- 10:15 am** Break
JHM Gallery & Upper Deck
-
- 11 am** Plenary Speaker | Deepa Willingham
Roundhouse Plenary
-
- 12:15 pm - 2 pm** Lunch & Speaker | Don Evans
Roundhouse Banquet
-
- 2 pm - 6 pm** Discovery Lounge Car Open
-
- 2:15 pm** AGM & Awards
Roundhouse Plenary
-
- 3:15 pm** Next Year's Conference Presentation
Roundhouse Plenary
-
- 3:30 pm - 6pm** Free Time
-
- 6 pm** Beef BBQ Hosted by the Squamish Rotary Club
Howard Lyttle Park
-
- Heritage Park Attractions Open
Heritage Park

SATURDAY MAY 24TH

- 7:30 am - 8:45 am** Registration
Lobby
-
- 9 am** Welcome by MC & Choir of Interactors & Rotaracters Singing "Get On Board"
Roundhouse Plenary
-
- 9:10 am** RI Rep's Presentation
-
- 9:40 am** Plenary Speaker | Dr. Paul Dhillon
-
- 10:10 am** Youth in Rotary Presentations
Roundhouse Plenary
-
- Rotaract Interact
-
- 10:45 am** Break
JHM Gallery & Upper Deck
-
- 11:10 am** Youth Exchange
Roundhouse Plenary
-
- 11:30 am** Plenary Speaker | Bridget Sangster
Roundhouse Plenary
-
- 12:05 am** Plenary Speaker | Alvin Law
Roundhouse Plenary
-
- 1 pm** Lunch (Lunch Box on the Train)
Train at Mac Norris Station
-
- 2 - 6 pm** Discovery Lounge Car Open
-
- 2 BREAKOUT SESSIONS:
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- 2:30 pm** Foundation Projects
Mac Norris Station 1
-
- 2:30 pm & 3:15 pm** Membership (Surrey Young Professionals club)
Mac Norris Station 2
-
- 3:15 pm** Public Relations
Mac Norris Station 1
-
- 4-6:30 pm** Free Time | Discovery Car Lounge Open
-
- 6:30 pm** Cocktail Hour
Roundhouse Reception Area
-
- 7:30 pm** Dinner, Entertainment & Some Awards
Roundhouse Banquet

SUNDAY MAY 25TH

- 9 am** Memorial Service
Mac Norris Station 1
-
- 10 am** Pancake Breakfast with Interactors & Rotaracters
Roundhouse Banquet
-
- 11 am** Closing Remarks & Passing of the Banner
-
- 12 pm** End of Conference
-
- 12 pm - 3 pm** Heritage Park Attractions Open
Heritage Park



SPEAKERS



The Honourable Judith Guichon

The Honourable Judith Guichon was sworn-in as the 29th Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia on November 2, 2012. Prior to this appointment she owned and operated Gerard Guichon Ranch Limited in the Nicola Valley in the British Columbia Interior. The Guichon family has ranched in the area since 1878 and Her Honour's father-in-law was awarded the Order of Canada in 1974 for his leadership in Cattleman's Associations

and his contribution to agriculture in Canada. Her four children now manage the ranch with a 700 head cow calf and 700 yearling operation.



Deepa Willingham

Solvang, CA resident Deepa Willingham is a naturalized citizen of the United States. She was born and brought up in Calcutta, India where she obtained her primary secondary and undergraduate education, followed by graduate degrees in the US. Prior to her entrepreneurial endeavors in the energy sector, Deepa served as the Administrative Director of Ancillary Services in the hospital industry.



Bridget Sangster

Bridget was the first of the ICFE team to establish development ties in Masaka, Uganda, in 2008. She has traveled to over 10 African countries, as well to much of South-East Asia and Europe. Bridget studied biology at the University of Victoria before qualifying as Diagnostic Medical Radiographer through the British Columbia Institute of Technology. She is currently furthering her education at Simon Fraser University, with the hope of applying for a masters or doctorate

degree in physical therapy. She has worked in England, Yellowknife, and with the Canadian Department of Defence on the Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan. Her passion for traveling is only surpassed by her enthusiasm to help others. She believes that addressing the key determinants of health and wellness, including but not limited to equity, education, and access to employment opportunities and health care should be the fundamental areas of focus in development work.



Dr. Paul Dhillon

Global citizen Paul Dhillon speaks four languages and already has travelled to more than 90 countries. His career goals are to practise rural and remote medicine in Canada and conflict, disaster and humanitarian medicine outside of Canada. A political science graduate of the University of British Columbia, he studied medicine at the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland and graduated in 2009. In 2011 he received a Certificate in surgical science by the University of Edinburgh, and in

2012 he was awarded a European Masters degree in disaster medicine by the Università del Piemonte Orientale, Novara, Italy, and Vrije Universiteit Brussels, Belgium. This year he completed the Diploma in Tropical Medicine at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.



Don Evans

Don Evans has been a Rotarian for more than 27 years. He is a Past President of the Rotary Club of Vancouver (2002-2003) and has held many different positions with the club. He is also active with District 5040 as Strategic Planning Chair, a member of the District Foundation Committee and is a 2014 PETS Trainer. Don is also President Emeritus of the West Coast Railway Association, and has been active with the group for 40 years - it would be fair to say that

railroading is one of Don's passions. Don also serves on the boards of both businesses and other non profits. He was awarded a Queen Elizabeth II Golden Jubilee Medal in 2002 for his active community involvement and was named 2005 Business Person of the Year by the Squamish Chamber of Commerce for his work with the West Coast Railway Heritage Park.



Alvin Law

Over 13,000 babies around the world were deformed in the early 1960's because of a morning sickness drug, Thalidomide. Alvin Law was born without arms after his birth mother, thinking it was completely safe, used just a couple of the tiny pills and their lives were forever altered.

Yet, what may have become a tragic life-story did not turn out that way. Today, Alvin is not only a completely independent, remarkably successful

professional speaker, but proof that out of nothing can arise one of the most inspiring stories you will ever witness.



Eric Adamson

Eric Adamson has been a member of the Front Royal, Virginia Rotary Club since 1974. In 1973, he earned a law degree at University of Virginia, putting himself through school as Virginia's youngest real estate broker and coach of the Gymnastics Team. He earned a post-doctoral degree in tax law at George Washington University.

A retired attorney, Adamson is a member of the Virginia Bar and has also been president of the

Warren Bar Association, member of the Tax Committee of the American Bar Association, adjunct professor of Business Law in the Graduate School of Shenandoah University Graduate Business School, and the Town attorney for Front Royal. Eric continues his business interests as owner of Dominion Health Club, a tennis, swimming, and health club, and is a managing partner for Adamson Land Trust, family real-estate development firm and rental partnerships.

Adamson served as president of the Front Royal Rotary Club in 1980, has been the Assistant Governor, has attended and been a member and chair of the Youth Leadership seminars in Blacksburg since 1980, and led a GSE team to Argentina. He was Governor in 1995-6. At the Zone level, he has been a Foundation Advisor for the Annual Fund, National Advisor for the Permanent Fund, Zone Task Force Chair, and founder and chair of the Zone 33 Rotary Leadership Institute. At RI, he has been a Training Leader at the International Assembly, member, Vice-Chair and Chair for RI Committees, COL member at Large, and is Director of RI, for 2008-10.

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*Strive not to be a
success, but rather
to be of value.*

—Albert Einstein

