

Assistant Governor Chu Wu updated us on the Burnaby and New Westminister Clubs on Sep, 2010.

Rotary Clubs in Burnaby and New Westminister are Engaging the Youths in the Communities with Rotary Service

The Rotary Clubs in Burnaby and New Westminister are very active in empowering the youths in the communities. The five Rotary Clubs in 2010-2011 are led by 5 very enthusiastic club presidents – **Burnaby (Rhino Rohrs)**, **Burnaby Metrotown (Sukhi Dhaliwal)**, **Burnaby Deer Lake (Janice Froese)**, **New Westminister (Don Michiel)** and **New Royal City (Monica Woldring)**. Youth programs are one of the differences the clubs are making in their communities.

First, all the clubs are involved in awarding scholarships to students in their respective communities who are going on to post-secondary education. Together, these scholarships total close to \$10,000 annually. Most of the clubs are involved with Adventures in Citizenship program, where it sponsors a youth in going to Ottawa for 1 week.

In addition, all the clubs participate in the RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) program. All five clubs sponsored at least 1 youth to the RYLA South Camp Jubilee. In the case of **Burnaby Metrotown** and **Burnaby Deer Lake**, each club **sponsored 5 youths to the latest RYLA**. The youths came back and spoke very positively about their experience. For Burnaby Deer Lake, the Rylarians spoke at the **Burnaby South Secondary Interact Club** lunch in May. For Burnaby Metrotown, four of the five Rylarians just visited their club July 28 and made a passionate and entertaining presentation about their respective learning. Most notably, **New West Royal City's** own **Angiola De Stefanis** is the RYLA Chair for District 5040. Angie and her family are deeply involved in facilitating the RYLA South Camp Jubilee – The Power of One.



The Rotary Club of **Burnaby Deer Lake** sponsors a very strong Interact Club at Burnaby South Secondary School – a service club for 14 to 18 year-olds. There are over 50 members with many worthwhile projects going on all the time. **For the Rotary year 2009-2010, Rotary International President John Kenny awarded the Burnaby South Interact Club with the Presidential Citation.**

Beyond high school aged youths, both **Burnaby** and **New Westminister** have their respective Rotaract Clubs – **18 to 25 youth in post secondary institutions or at the start of their careers – wishing to be engaged with fellowship and community service.** The three Burnaby clubs co-sponsored the Burnaby Rotaractors. Each club sends a representative to the bi-weekly meetings at South Burnaby Neighbourhood House. **Janice Froese** in

particularly has been extremely helpful in guiding the **Burnaby Rotaractors**. The Rotaractors in return participate in many of Burnaby Deer Lake events.



AG Chu and President Janice with 3 Burnaby Rotaractors at a Burnaby South Interact Event (Michelle, Edward, Rachel)



President Janice Froese and Assistant Governor Chu Wu welcomes 3 Burnaby Rotaractors (Stephanie, Joyce and Dekker) to the Burnaby Deer Lake Installation Dinner

Rhino Rohr, President of the **Rotary Club of Burnaby**, speaks about one of their members **Donna Scott** leading their club's **ROAR** program – sponsoring 10 to 12 youths at risk to Camp Jubilee and following up with tracking

their progress. Every December, the club members participate in cooking pancakes for about 100 kids participating in Vocational Day.

