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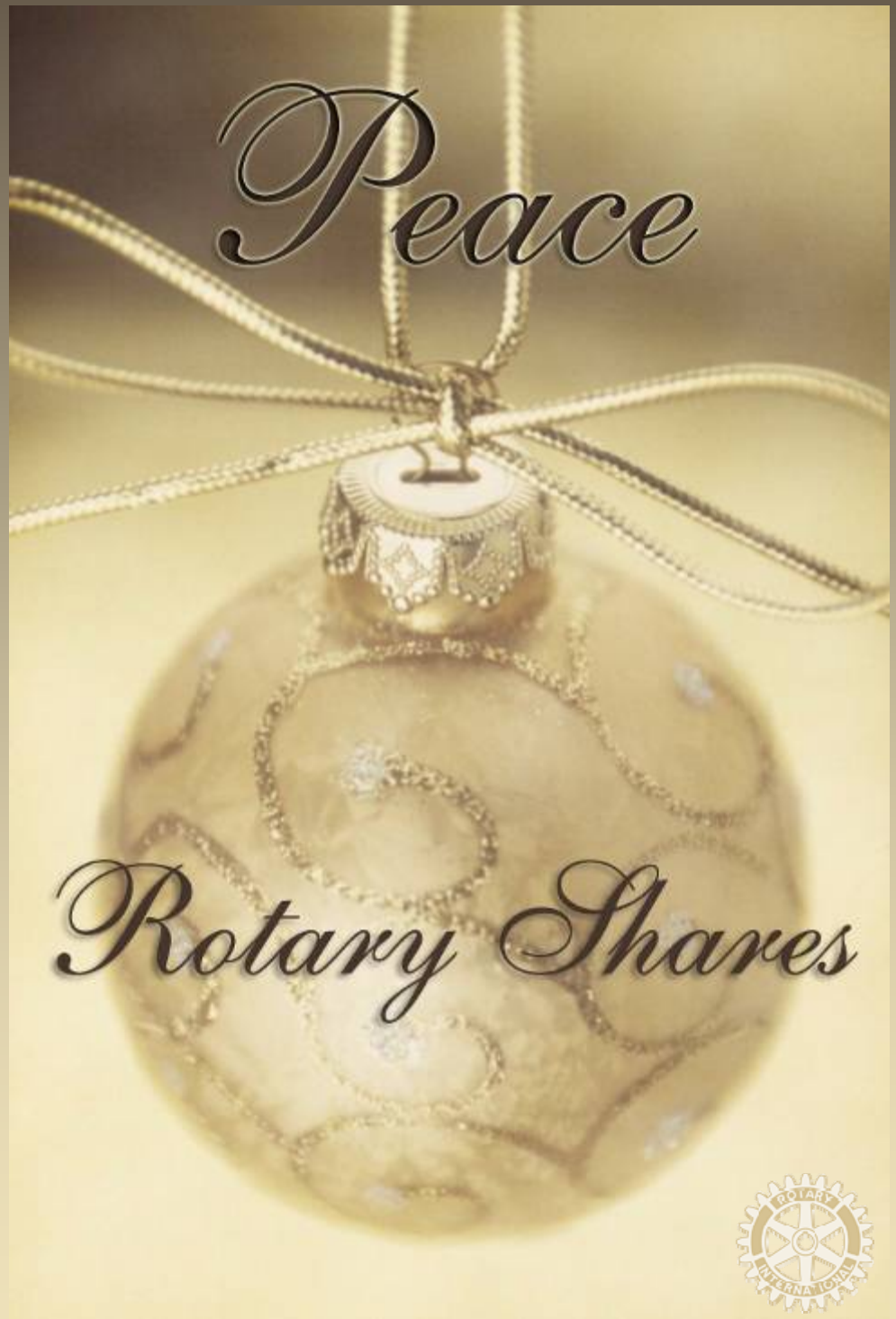
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DEAN & RHINO ROHRS



November saw the last of my travels and official visits to the Clubs in the North and Central BC. The changing seasons, and the weather, made for some exciting and spectacular traveling. I also enjoyed the experience of flying with various airlines from the standard larger aircraft and typical service of Air Canada; the fun and inclusive meal service of Hawk Air and having the 2nd pilot stow my luggage and no reserved seating of Central Mountain Air (pic 1). Each Airport also had its own "Security" memory. Quesnel were super thorough - down to a body search and opening of each compartment of each bag I carried. I felt extremely safe boarding that particular flight and had visions of the security line-up if this was to take place in Vancouver with every passenger!

The Billy Barker Casino and Hotel in Quesnel (pic 2) was such a fun place to stay and what a fun meeting it was with the Rotary Club of Quesnel Sunrise. That same day we traveled to Williams Lake - my able chauffeur being Assistant Governor Bob Fish (pic 3) where we met with the Williams Lake Rotary Club. I was fortunate to be given a tour of the new Information Center that recently opened in Williams Lake. This is an amazing building - stunning architecture and innovative design. Don't pass it by when next you are up there. 100 Mile House and the Rotarians in their cowboy gear welcomed me with an amazing meal and lots of "gemutlichkeit" before I returned to Vancouver.

When one starts this DG journey you set yourself some milestones. One of mine was the official visit to the Rotary Club of Vancouver. I have no idea why I thought this would be an intimidating experience - I guess because they are the oldest, largest and probably the most independent of all the clubs in D5040..... but what a fun experience it was! I was just blown away by the volume and scope of the projects they undertake and their sheer commitment to Rotary.

The remainder of my visits passed in a flash - each one memorable and an amazing experience - just too many to mention or list individually. Suffice to say that Rotary is in good hands in D5040. I am proud of what the Rotarians do and so impressed by their commitment and energy. I have only one club still to visit - my own club - the Rotary Club of Vancouver Sunrise. I cannot believe that this part of my journey is now complete. It really has been the most amazing adventure.

November is The Rotary Foundation month and we had our Lower Mainland Foundation Dinner on the 23rd November ably hosted by the Rotary Club of Vancouver. With our own James Bond at the helm it was an unmitigated success. My most sincere thanks to AG Don Kavanagh, PDG Mary Watson, Peter Beynon and the Rotarians that worked so hard. (pic 4 Chinatown at the dinner)

Rhino and I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a festive and blessed Holiday Season. Thank you for all that you do for Rotary and may your commitment continue in the new year of 2008.

Keep safe until we meet again next year.

Dean and Rhino





BBY Deer Lake - Karen Harrison received her Paul Harris Fellow pin and certificate from DG Dean.



Richmond - John Costello, the club's long time friend was recognized as Paul Harris Fellow for faithfully supporting the club.



Van Arbutus - Malcolm Ross was recognized as Paul Harris Fellow for his contribution to the Rotary Foundation.



Bby Deer Lake - Janice Froese received Rotary Shares award for her work and contribution to Youth and various services



**“If one strong
Common thread
exists among
Our 1.2 million
members, it is
our willingness
to *SHARE.*”**

*Wilf Wilkinson,
RI President 2007-2008*





BBY Metrotown - Vivian and Karol Geyer received Rotary Shares award during the DG Official visit.



Gibsons - Doug Kelman received Rotary Shares award for TV auction, Treasurer & making a difference in the community.



NW Royal City - Kelly Lum received Rotary Shares award for years of service as Director and great job as Community Serv. Chair



Richmond - Barbara Duggan received Rotary Shares award for her exceptional service to the club.



Van Arbutus - Shail Mahanti received Rotary Shares award for serving the club tirelessly and 19 years of perfect attendance



Vancouver Sunrise - Abigail Turner and Robert French received Rotary Shares award for their contributions to Rotary.



DECEMBER IS FAMILY MONTH



Burnaby - Marguerite Kohnke, the club is delighted to have her as a member especially one who is committed to service.



BBY Deer Lake - Vasant Lakhani is an active supporter for multicultural, community and humanitarian projects.



NW Royal City - Tej Kainth, inducted by DG Dean and assisted by AG John.



BBY Metrotown - Gloria Tom Wing Staudt and Antonia Beck received sponsor pin for sponsoring the 4 new members.

“Our family is strong because it’s close, and because it’s always forming new ties. We need to ensure that Rotary keeps growing - in all the branches of our family. We should always be looking for and inviting qualified men and women to join our clubs.”
*Wilf Wilkinson,
RI President 2007-2008*



“MGM - Member Get Member is our slogan”
Our goal is for every Rotarian to proudly wear President Wilf’s sponsor pin and to have every Rotarian sponsor a new member every year!



NW Royal City - Kathy Kerricher received sponsor pin for sponsoring Tej into the club.



Burnaby - Marcel Newell, owner of his own firm and a healthcare organization to provide services to those in need.



BBY Metrotown - Presidents Gloria with new members Priscilla Nunez, Dawn McKenna, Sharon Ladret and Garth Evan.



Richmond - Margaret Evans from Salvation Army was sponsored by Barbara Duggan and formally inducted by DG Dean.



Richmond - Gary Rudin received sponsor pin for sponsoring Bob Light to the club.





AG BILL SAUER

The theme of ROTARY SHARES is very appropriate for the Rotary Clubs here in the Pacific Northwest. The Clubs are all very visible in their respective communities and one does not have to look very hard to see a Rotary wheel attached to a successful and worthwhile project. All of the Clubs actively participate in International projects as well.

Membership growth is a factor in the success of Rotary, recognized throughout Rotary International from President Wilf Wilkinson on down. Involvement in service clubs in the Northwest is on a downward trend and I am pleased to report that Rotary in the Northwest is growing. In a number of the 4 communities that I represent, Rotary is the dominant and most recognized service club.



THE ROTARY CLUB OF SMITHERS is the senior Club in town. The Club holds evening meetings which allows time for fellowship after the formal meeting. The Club has 2 major fundraising events. Smithers hosts a very successful Fall Fair and the Rotary Club has a food booth which is open from morning until close. The other is an annual auction. Both these events require full participation of all members and create awareness of Rotary within Smithers and the surrounding area.

The Club sponsored a student to Adventures in Industry in Kitimat and hosts an annual ski party for all exchange students throughout Northern B.C.



A multi year project the Club is working on is a community trail that will eventually link the town to the ski hill. The dual-purpose winter ski run and summer trail will be 75-metre-wide and cover 3,700 vertical feet. Both Rotary Clubs and the entire community are getting involved. The estimated cost is \$50,000 and over half of the funds have been raised. Still in the grant approval stage they do have a completion target date of 2008. PP Jos Konst's vision is getting closer to becoming reality.

Details at: www.smithersskirun.com



THE ROTARY CLUB OF SMITHERS ALPINE is a breakfast Club. Both of the Smithers Clubs were forced to change venues this year and both are happy in their new settings. The Smithers Alpine Club has 2 fundraisers as well. The Club provides security at the annual fall fair and hosts a golf tournament during the summer months. In the spirit of Rotary Shares, they assist the other club in the annual auction. Internationally the Club has participated in a Malaria Project, a Water Well Project and a Dentist project. Fellowship is encouraged within the Club.



THE ROTARY CLUB OF TERRACE is the senior Club in town and is a lunch Club. They have just completed one of their major fundraisers, the annual Rotary Auction which netted approximately \$50,000. The other fundraiser is their duck race held during Terrace's Riverboat days.

Past District Governor Art Erasmus is spearheading a second water well project in Ethiopia. This year the Club will be hosting the Annual Foundation Dinner.

This year the Club initiated a Skeena River cleanup Project. The Club cleaned up garbage along the banks of an area of the river. Along with the Skeena Valley Club a section of highway 37 has been adopted and twice a year the Clubs jointly pick up garbage.

The Club participates in Youth Exchange and RYLA.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF TERRACE SKEENA VALLEY is a breakfast club. The Club major fundraiser is setting up the annual Chamber of Commerce Trades Fair.

The Club is involved in many community events throughout the year. During Riverboat Days in Terrace in August the Club holds a Treasure Island event for kids and grown-ups alike as well as entering a pirate float into the parade. After Halloween a pumpkin fling is held and before Christmas the Club assists with the Special Olympics party. The Club assists the seniors in weekly bingo and has a booth at the annual dry grad.

The Club is involved in Youth Exchange and is the sponsoring Club for the local Rotaract Club. The Club has sponsored students to Adventures in Citizenship in Ottawa and Adventures in Industry in Kitimat.





THE ROTARY CLUB OF KITIMAT is a small vibrant group that seems to always be doing something. This year the Club started off by sending Michell Wakita to RYLA North. As fundraisers, the Club hosts an annual silent auction in December as well as their ever popular wine tasting in January.

Internationally the Club has contributed to the Ethiopian Water Project and has a "Cinco de Mayo" event to raise funds to assist in getting children off the streets. The Club participates in the Foundation dinner with the two Terrace Clubs.

Their Service projects this year will be a brand new Vital Signs Monitor for their local Fire and Ambulance services and also a brand new Kitchen for Youth Soccer Club house.

"It is such an amazing experience and it's hard to put into words," Michell says "It's just five days filled with speakers and learning these leadership skills as well as meeting new people."

"One good quote that they gave us was that 'You have two ears and one mouth for a reason' and people need to listen more than they speak." a quote that will carry forward into her daily life.



Michell Wakita



"Oct 24 to 26, 2007, the club welcomed 20 students to the re-launch of their Adventures in Industry program. Ten students from Kitimat were joined by ten students from out-of-town for three action packed days of activity. Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Rio Tinto Alcan, Eurocan Pulp and Paper, and SMIT Marine opened their doors for this in depth learning experience. The program is designed to provide the youths with a better understanding of different workplace opportunities. The students found themselves: clipping fins of cut-throat trout, marveling over the engine size and capacity in a tugboat, seeing the efficiencies of workers handling a full crucible of molten aluminum, and amazed over the size of a paper roll in the pulp mill. A highlight for out-of-town visitors was staying in the homes of Kitimat students or with Rotarians. Social aspects

were also included in the program: floor hockey, a house party and a recognition banquet.

Without exception, the feedback from students attending was positive. Much credit and thanks go to the Terrace, Skeena Valley, Smithers, Smithers Alpine, Hecate Strait, Prince Rupert, Burns Lake, Prince George, and Royal City Rotary Clubs for their sponsorship of students. As well, sincere appreciation goes to the industries and their employees who took the time from their busy workday to share their knowledge with the students. By doing so, the teens were enlightened and in many cases charged with enthusiasm. Information learnt for this year will be used as a platform toward An Adventures in Industry 2008."



THE ROTARY CLUB OF PRINCE RUPERT is the second oldest Chartered Club in District 5040 and is a lunch Club. The club is very involved in the Community, they are currently working on getting the tender out on the Rushbrook Trail which is a \$350,000 project that the club has been working on since late 2004 (completion date expected to be mid 2008). They also completed a hospital walkway project and continue to work with the other Prince Rupert Club on their Centennial Project.

The major fund raiser is their annual radio and T.V. Auction. Their 43rd Annual TV/Radio Auction on Nov 19-21 raised a record \$67,000 to go towards community projects.

They are now working on doing Christmas Tree Sales from December 7th to the 22nd. The club used to harvest the trees

on Digby Island for over 20 years but now purchase farm trees from Terrace so no more "Charlie Brown Trees".

The Club participates in RYLA and Youth Exchange. Their exchange student Stacy Jeffrey from Australia is due to return home in January and will be missed.

They sponsored the "Polar Bear Swim" and offer free hotdogs and hot chocolate at this popular event. The Club also provided funds towards the Water Projects. The 2 Prince Rupert Clubs join together to host an annual Foundation Dinner and fellowship is emphasized throughout the year.

Visit their websites:

- www.princerupertrotaryclub.ca
- www.clubrunner.ca/princerupert
- www.princerupertlibrary.ca/rotary





The Rotary Club of Prince Rupert Hecate Strait is also a lunch Club. Fundraisers are the annual golf tournament which this year raised about \$5600.00. A garage sale was held which raised \$650.00. In conjunction with the Annual All Native Basketball Tournament the Club will once again hold its "Basketball Rolloff" fundraiser.

The Club had a Haunted House during Halloween and in excess of 200 kids went through. The money raised went towards the "every kid can play program", which enables kids who can't afford to participate in sports to get involved. At DG Dean's suggestion to Clubs to think outside the box, the Club moved their lunch meeting to the Playhouse so that all the members could see the effort put into the project and tour the facility. The Club also is assisting in installing two picnic tables at the

Rotary Park and Centennial Park. The Club works with the local elementary schools providing backpacks at the beginning of the year and has an ongoing apple program.

The Club encourages the fellowship aspect of Rotary. Members and their families go away to Oona River for a weekend retreat. During the winter months they have an event called Rotary After Hours. Each Rotarian is encouraged to open their business to other Rotarians and families to highlight their vocation. The Club also has monthly potluck dinners.

The two Clubs come together for an annual Christmas Party and a Foundation Dinner. Internationally the Club participates in the Water Project and is working on establishing a sister Club. The Club participates in RYLA and is working towards establishing a RYLA north here in the northwest.



I would be remiss if I submitted an article to the Newsletter without mentioning THE DYNAMIC ROTARACT CLUB located here in Terrace. A very energetic group of young adults who have embraced the Rotary ideal and are striving to make a difference.

shelter and held a global youth forum for grade 11 and 12 students. They also assist the Rotary Clubs in various projects and emphasize fun and fellowship.



A list of accomplishments in a little over a year of existence is astounding. They have: painted at the Youth Emergency Shelter, had a public skate during Rotaract week with a food bank admission charge, held a recycle-a-thon on earth day, raised \$1000.00 for the Canadian Cancer Society at the relay for life, adopted a trail and painted and posted signs, have an annual sock drive filled with toiletries for the Men's emergency

"This is my last year as Assistant Governor for the seven Northwest Clubs. I must say that it is a very eye opening and rewarding experience. It gives one a deeper insight into Rotary at the District level as well as the individual Club dynamic. I have had an enjoyable time and meet a lot of fantastic and committed Rotarians. Although I am looking forward to the end of my term, I am sure that I will miss the interaction between DG's , Presidents and myself. I would like to wish everyone in the family of Rotary a joyous holiday season and a Happy and prosperous 2008." – Assistant Governor Bill Sauer

ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE PART I & II ON JAN 26, 2008



First graduates in Terrace



www.Rotary5040.org

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.

On Saturday, January 19, 2008 you have a unique opportunity to join Rotarians from nine districts at the Zone 22 Regional Rotary Foundation Seminar. This event will be held in Metro Vancouver (Richmond). Rotarians from western Canada, Alaska and the Pacific Northwest of the USA will attend this seminar. Rotary Zone 22 (West) includes Districts 5010, 5020, 5040, 5050, 5060 5080, 5360, 5370 and 5550.

Like most Rotarians, you joined your Rotary club to help improve the quality of life in your community and make a difference in the world. For more than a century, Rotary clubs have been providing vital service within their local communities throughout the world. Their achievements are the result of dedicated member action and participation.

The Rotary Foundation is the ideal way to get involved and change lives. That is what this seminar is about, how to use the programs of

The Rotary Foundation to make the world a better place.

The keynote speaker at the seminar will be Rotary World Peace Fellow, Jose Tenga. Special Guest will be Sean Allen from The Rotary Foundation in Evanston, IL.

The cost of the seminar is \$50.00. Rooms at the Delta Hotel are available for \$99.00. Registration, agenda, link to hotel and speakers bios are at www.RotaryEvents.ca.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- District Foundation Chair, DG, DGN
- District Foundation Committee Members
- Club Foundation Chair, Club President, Club President Elect
- ALL INTERESTED ROTARIANS



Jan 19, 2008
Regional
Rotary
Foundation
Seminar
at the Delta
Airport Hotel
in Richmond

www.RotaryEvents.ca

NEWS AND VIEWS 2008 RICHMOND DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Public Relations Panel will feature leaders in PR Saturday May 17, 2008



Senator
Larry W.
Campbell

Larry W. Campbell one of Vancouver's best-known and most admired citizens, moved to Vancouver in 1969, working for the RCMP and later becoming a member of the force's Drug Squad. In 1981, he began work for the Government of British Columbia's Ministry of Attorney General and was instrumental in the establishment of the first Vancouver District Coroner's office. He was elected Mayor in 2002. His experiences as the city's Chief Coroner inspired him to become a scriptwriter for the television series Da Vinci's Inquest, which is loosely based on his own career. Larry W. Campbell sits in the Senate as a member of the Liberal Party of Canada.



CTV's
Vicki
Gabereau

Vicki Gabereau is one of Canada's best interviewers. With her sharp intellect, quick wit and genuine interest in people, Vicki has turned her television series, VICKI GABEREAU, into something more than just a "talk" show - it's a daytime conversation show. Now in it's 8th season, CTV's VICKI GABEREAU is a Canadian standard for quality and Vicki herself is a national celebrity. With two Leo awards in 2004 for Best Talk Show and Best Host In A Talk Series, added to her list of accomplishments, awards and recognition that include four previous Leo awards, three Actra awards and multiple Gemini nominations.



PDG5050
Gary
Hollick

Gary Hollick is currently a member of the North Delta Rotary Club; he has served as Club President 1999/2000. In 1996 he received a District award for Public Relations and also served as the District Chair for RYLA. Gary has served as Assistant Governor for 3 years and District Governor in 2004/2005 in District 5050. Gary has been an active member in each community he has lived in. While in the Lower Mainland he served as a Scout Leader for seven years and sat on a local health board. He has also served as a chair for numerous business associations and organizations in the area and won the 2002 Business Person of the Year Award for Surrey and Delta areas.

Plan now to attend the 2008 District 5040 Conference in Richmond BC May 16 to 18, 2008
To register online and for conference detail, visit district website at
www.rotary5040.org



Rotarians worldwide have an opportunity and an obligation to help those less fortunate to achieve good health and be free from hunger. By our very involvement and presence, we have put the "face and heart" of Rotary on this mission in our own communities and around the world. Rotarians have made a difference in the lives of many during 2007-2008! Let us continue in our service to others, by giving selflessly when opportunities are put before us. Remember only a world free from "Hunger and Poverty, and in Good Health", will lead us to World Peace and Understanding.

-Dr Eileen Gentilcore, General Coordinator, RI Health & Hunger Resource Group



To qualify for the GOLD Health & Hunger Award, your club must participate in:

1. One Community project in Health AND one in Hunger.
2. One International project in Health AND one in Hunger.

To qualify for the SILVER Award, your club must participate in:

1. One Community project in Health OR Hunger.
2. One International project in Health OR Hunger.

Health and Hunger Activities Ideas:

1. Invite speakers to present programs about aspects of Health and Hunger at a club meeting.
2. Organize a community project such as a health fair, perhaps in conjunction with other local organizations.

3. Volunteer to serve at a soup kitchen or food bank individually or as a Rotary Club.
4. Develop a project to improve health in the workplace, a prison, or an organization in your community where a need exists.
5. Conduct a project in which every new mother, at a local hospital, receives a package of information, regarding good health and nutrition.
6. Promote a contest, whereby children write, draw, paint, or use some other type of materials, to present their rendering of Health and Hunger needs.
7. Become involved in an international Health or Hunger project either hands-on, shipping supplies or grant supportive, (i.e. AIDS, World Food Program , Polio Plus Partners, Operate Heart Surgery, or Hunger Plus).

DOWNLOAD FORM FROM WWW.ROTARY5040.ORG FORMS & RESOURCES AND SUBMIT TO DISTRICT GOVERNOR.
DEADLINE: APRIL 15TH, 2008



SHOW OFF YOUR CLUB PROJECTS AT THE L.A. CONVENTION



More than 40,000 International members are expected to attend the 2008 RI Convention from June 14 to 18, 2008.

The Projects Exhibition gives Rotary clubs and districts the opportunity to showcase their ongoing 2007-08 humanitarian service projects. The exhibit will be a place where the clubs and districts share information with fellow Rotarians from all over the world.

Only one 10' x 10' exhibit booth space per Club & District Project may be requested at this time. When all booths have been allocated, applicants that have not received an exhibit booth space will be placed on a waiting list. The first eligible Club & District Project will be notified if exhibit booth space becomes available.

1. Describe your project including the purpose, how and when it began, and the

results of the project to date. Include the number of Rotarians, Rotaractors, Interactors, and RCC members involved. (This information will assist us in the booth allocation process.)

2. Describe how the project will be displayed, including use of posters, brochures, photos, videos, etc.

Exhibition Application form and guideline can be downloaded on D5040 website at www.rotary5040.org [event page](#).

Booth space is limited, see the floor plan and who is already exhibiting from the Convention website [House of Friendship Exhibitors page](#) .

Not yet registered for the Convention? Register online [HERE](#). Deadline to register at the \$265 rate is December 15, 2007 and \$305 from December 16, 2007 to March 31, 2008.

Show off your club's successful projects in the HOC Region Commemorative Directory! it's called a "Brag Book!" Contact Jan Lindsay at rotaryjan@pacbell.net or 805.650.5915 to get a copy of the "Brag Book" flyer for detailed information and specifications.





District 5040 is now accepting applications for the Rotary Centers for International Studies in Peace and Conflict Resolution. Submit by March 31, 2008.

- Is there a young committed person in your community who should receive a two-year fully funded scholarship to a leading University to study peace and conflict resolution?
- Would your Rotary club like to nominate someone from your community for this scholarship at no cost to your Rotary club?

Rotary Centers provide Rotary World Peace Fellows with the opportunity to pursue a master's degree in conflict resolution, peace studies, international relations, and related areas.

Each year, up to 60 Rotary World Peace Fellowships are offered on a competitive basis at six Rotary Centers in USA, Japan, Argentina, England and Australia. The fellows are chosen based on their ability to have a significant, positive impact on world peace and conflict resolution during their future careers.

Coursework at the Rotary Centers focuses on preventing and resolving conflict by addressing its root causes – for example, re-

sponding to hunger with food security, disease with health care, illiteracy with education, poverty with sustainable development, and environmental degradation with conservation. Fellows put classroom lessons into practice through an applied field experience, when they work with a variety of governmental and nongovernmental organizations worldwide.

Eligibility criteria

Applicants must:

- Hold an earned undergraduate degree from an accredited college or university or its international equivalent (based on a four-year curriculum).
- Be proficient in a second language (including the language of the proposed host university).
- Possess excellent leadership skills.
- Demonstrate a commitment to peace and international understanding through service, academic, or professional achievements.
- Be a citizen of a country where there is a Rotary club.

For information on how to nominate a candidate contact PDG Dave Ker at 604-261-4461 or dker@telus.net. For program detail, visit RI website, [Rotary Centers](#) under Students & Youth, Educational Programs.

ROTARY GRANTS FOR UNIVERSITY & COLLEGE TEACHERS

We are delighted to announce that D5040 has set aside funds in the 2008/09 year to sponsor a worthy candidate to receive a Rotary Grant for a University or College instructor wishing to teach in a developing country. This grant will provide \$12,500 US for a 3-5 month period.

The purpose of the Rotary Grants for University Teachers program is to build international understanding and development while strengthening higher education in low-income countries.

The program blends two of Rotary's most important emphases: volunteer service and education.



The program helps to expand the educational horizons of students and professors while supporting the goals of The Rotary Foundation through person-to-person contact. It also helps to build stronger ties between educational institutions around the globe.

If you are interested or know of someone who might be a suitable candidate, please contact Foundation Chair, Mary Watson at marywatson7@gmail.com



"The experience of a Rotary Foundation-sponsored Grant for University Teachers offers one of the greatest challenges available to university-level instructors." - *Dr. Raul Alberto Hillar, Argentina to Bolivia*

"I am happy to report that the Rotary Grant for University Teachers proved to be an extraordinarily positive opportunity and resulted in many invaluable contacts, teaching experiences, and much scholarly collaboration."

- *Albrecht Classen, USA to Austria*

THE VALUE OF "PEACE ON EARTH"

On November 11th we honored the soldiers killed in wars that were said to be "wars to end all wars". These soldiers voluntarily paid the ultimate price for the freedom and the peace we, living in Canada and the U.S. have enjoyed so liberally. These young men and women were hardly old enough to realize the value of the peace and freedom they so eagerly fought to preserve.

They volunteered to stand on guard for you and me to ensure that we would not be subjected to the tyranny and cruelty of those who would by force if necessary rob us of any concept of freedom based on some obscure philosophy.

So we gather at our military cemeteries, cenotaphs and other places where lists of names of young men and women are posted. Men and women who did not

return from those conflicts and paid the ultimate price so that their families, friends and country men could continue to live according to the principles of peace and freedom they have come to know so well.

In a few short weeks we will be celebrating another event that marks the birth of a man who came to characterize everything we think of when we think of the concept of peace. We call this day, Christmas, and we celebrate it by giving gifts and sending greeting cards and attending office parties and family gatherings. This year, when you send a simple Christmas card containing the traditional message of "peace of earth", think for a moment what that might look like and then tell someone else what you thought about. It is only when we communicate our thoughts on a topic that others can

truly learn what that idea might mean. So, a very Merry Christmas and a peace filled holiday to each of you as you spend the time of this precious season with your loved ones.

In April 2008, Rotary International will celebrate "Peace" at the Peace Summit in Windsor. Please help by sponsoring a student to attend the Summit so that this new generation who will take our place in society, soon, can learn the value of "peace on earth" and how fragile that concept really is. Peace starts within each of us and takes diligent nurturing to grow and flourish.

*Orville A. Nicke
D5040 Rotary Peace
Challenge Coordinator
Pres. Tsawwassen & Point Roberts*



We are one step closer to have "Peace on Earth" by sponsoring a Youth Leader to attend the Peace Summit in Windsor this April.

IT'S ALL ABOUT FELLOWSHIP...

For the benefit of our newer Rotarians - and for our readers with short memories - here's an update of a previous article.

Rotary Fellowships offer Rotarians the opportunity to make friends with others in Rotary who share a common vocation, hobby, or recreational interest. It's all about Fellowship!

Considering a Rotary Fellowship is like walking up to a well-stocked top quality smorgasbord:

- Where do I start?
- That looks interesting but what is it?
- My favourite!
- Have you tried that one over there?
- This is great - I have to tell my friends about this!

Some examples from the Smorgasbord of Rotary Fellowships

- Rotarians on the Internet (ROTI): www.roti.org - We all depend heavily on the internet - why not learn how to maximize its possibilities?
- Computer Users: www.icufr.org - Great web site - complete with language translation! Exchange problems and solutions.
- International Travel and Hosting Fellowship: www.ithf.org - Ideal for Rotarians who like to travel, meet people, host people and make friends all over the world. Arrange "connections" at your mutual conveniences. Promote international understanding.
- Rotary Int'l Home Exchange Fellowship: www.rotaryhomeexchange.com - Arrange a mutually convenient exchange of your home with another Rotarian family. What better way to learn about another culture or to pur-

sue your hobby or recreational pastime in another country?

- The Int'l Golfing Fellowship of Rotarians: www.golfing-rotarians.com - Activities are organized by clubs in different countries, whenever possible, all within the scope of Rotarian friendship. Objectives include: promote worldwide friendship in a sporting, relaxing way and, serve the community and humanity, through golfing.

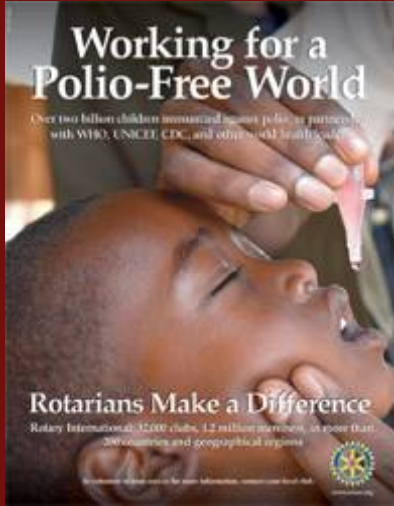
To view a complete list of visit Rotary Fellowships and Rotarian Action Groups visit [Global Networking Groups database](#).



Already a member? Let's hear about your experiences and adventures with Rotary Fellowships and Rotary Action Groups.

Please submit articles for publication to: PDG Dave Kirk, District 5040 Fellowships Chair
email: dbkirk@telus.net Member, International Travel and Hosting Fellowship





Isn't it wonderful news that the Rotary Foundation has received a \$100-million Gates Foundation challenge grant? Rotary has pledged to match dollar-for-dollar over the next three years, and we are now one step closer to fulfill the dream of Polio-Free World.

To date, 210 countries, territories, and areas around the world are polio-free, and 134 of these have been certified. As of June 2007, Rotary have committed nearly US\$620 million to global polio eradication. Each year, it spends about \$33 million toward the effort.

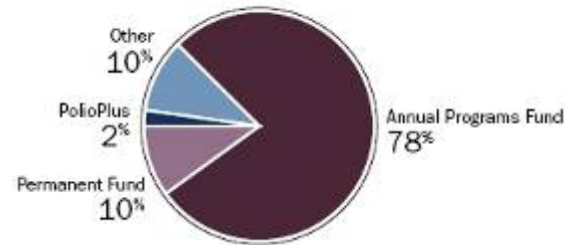
Rotary International encourages Rotarians to spread the good news to our local media. You will find useful [PR tools](#) to help us publicize this challenge grant.

[Contribute to the PolioPlus Fund online](#) or by [mail](#) to support Rotary's dream of a polio-free world.

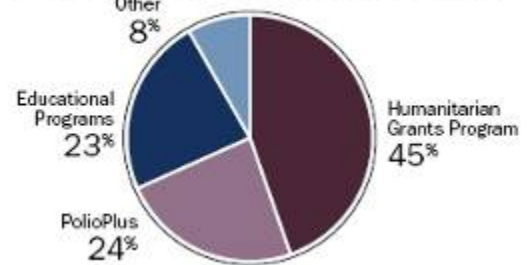
From Dec 10, 9am EST to Dec 12 noon EST Lou Piconi, TRF Trustee and co-chair of the PolioPlus Partners Task Force will participate in a 51 hour online discussion to answer questions about what the grant really means for Rotary. He will cover annual fund giving, the need to raise more money, and more. You can register to participate or just view Forum thread. Details can be found in [District website](#) or [ICUFR Community Forum](#).

Rotarians can also help by participating in NIDs and using every opportunity to create [public awareness](#) of the importance of and need for polio eradication and of Rotary's contribution to the effort in your community.

2006-07 TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS (\$133.1 million)



2006-07 PROGRAM AWARDS (\$100.2 million)



DONORS RECOGNITION

With the important contributions of the generous donors, The Rotary Foundation is able to carry out various programs to make this world a better place.

RI Totals as of Oct 31, 2007

- Arch C. Klumph Society Members -- 194
- Major Donors -- 9,001
- Bequest Society -- 5,726
- Benefactors -- 75,537
- Paul Harris Fellows -- 1,080,267

Donors may direct their gifts to three main funds: the Annual Programs Fund, which supports the Foundation's humanitarian, educational, and cultural exchange programs worldwide; the Permanent Fund, which provides an endowment; and the PolioPlus Fund.

District 5040 Rotarians have been great supporters to The Rotary Foundation. Congratulations and thank you all who help to make a difference. Some recent recognitions are:

- Vancouver Arbutus, PDG Leigh Higinbotham was recognized as 4 sapphire Paul Harris Fellow.
- Vancouver Centennial Rotarians Albert Tseng became Paul Harris Fellow, Daniel Cheng, Quentin Li and PP Harrison Lin became multiple Paul Harris Fellows at the November Foundation Dinner.
- Ladner, at the Foundation Dinner Rotarian John Thomas, Peter Podovnikoff, Mike Storey and Pres Chu Wu contributed to name 6 more Paul Harris Fellows. In addition, Past President John and Lindae Thomas have agreed to join Chu and his wife Ruby to be Major Donors (\$10,000 US or more) to the Rotary Foundation within the next couple of months.

RI information:

- [Rotary Foundation Funds](#)
- [Individual Recognition Opportunities](#)
- [Make contribution to TRF Canada](#)



ROTARY AUCTIONS - WHAT A FRUITFUL EVENT



ROTARY CLUB OF FORT ST JAMES AND VANDERHOOF

The annual Rotary Radio Auction raised about **\$20,500** on Nov 7 weekend. The monies raised goes back to the communities for local projects.

The Rotary Club of Fort St. James has unanimously agreed to implement a new program called "Random Acts of Kindness". Every week, one or more Rotary members will do a Random Act of Kindness with no expectation of anything in return.

ROTARY CLUB OF LADNER AND TSAWWASSEN

On Sat. Nov 3rd, almost **\$27,000** was raised during their 17th Annual **Rotary TV Auction** on Delta Cable TV 4. The 147 donated items had a retail value over \$50,000 so some outstanding values were realized by successful bidders. The 12 most valuable items were segregated into the Diamond Lot and for the first time were listed on-line with Go Bid (www.gobid.ca). By the time the TV Auction opened for telephone bids the on-line bids already exceeded \$5,000 to start the day. (Photo L to R: Denis Denischuk, Paul Arcand, Tom Siba and Candice Malcolm)



ROTARY CLUB OF QUESNEL

This year the Radio and TV auction was able to raise **\$29,914.00**, money will be used to complete the upgrade of the sound system at the Senior's Centre, as well as other community projects.

This year marked the 50th Anniversary of The Rotary Club of Quesnel Auction. From a one night event in 1957 that was broadcast on radio only, their auction has grown to a 3 night event that is broadcast on Radio and TV. (Photo: Rotarians Frank Burns, Ed McAneeley, Peter Gook at the 1957 Radio Auction)



ROTARY CLUB OF GIBSONS AND SECHELT

Their major annual fundraiser was estimated to net over **\$48,000** from a \$79,000 donations by local business. The funds will be used for major projects. 50 to 60 Rotarians and Elphinstone Secondary Interactors were on duty.



ROTARY FUNDRAISER EXCEEDS GOAL BY 100,000!

"Gift for the Impossible to Buy For" Fundraiser

Squamish Rotary raised more than \$30,000 over the past four years. For a \$50.00 donation to Squamish Rotary projects, donors will receive a Christmas card and tax receipt detailing the donation and the recipient's name.



ROTARY CLUB OF SQUAMISH

Things got a bit out of hand on November 24th, 2007 when the Squamish Rotary Club's Fundraising Tribute to Dr. LaVerne Kindree almost doubled the fundraising goal of \$100,000 and raised \$190,000 instead. Final number including auction items and balloon sales should approach **\$200,000**.

All proceeds will be donated to the Squamish Health Care Foundation Society in Dr. Kindree's name.

The Gala Dinner was attended by 340 guests, tables of eight sold for \$2,000 each. Visit Squamish Rotary club [website](#) to learn details of the incredible evening.



ROTARY FUNDRAISERS

ROTARY CLUB OF BURNABY

The Club raised approx. **\$17,000** from the Las Vegas Wine fest. Proceed goes to Burnaby Hospital Foundation to purchase a Phacomulsification Unit for the Ophthalmology Dept. Credit goes to Teresa Lung, Pam Gardener, Kaz Nakamoto, Steve Godoy, Bob Silvester and the rest of the team to make it the most successful winefest.



ROTARY CLUB OF VANCOUVER FRASERVIEW

The club headed by President Ajit Thandi raised over **\$34,000** on their Nov 16 fundraising dinner. All proceeds will be donated to the Cancer Society, The Canadian Disabled Individual Association and Shelter Box. The success of the event was due to a team of committed and hard working Rotarians.



ROTARY CLUBS ARE MISSING OUT ON E-DONATIONS

Does your club have a registered charity?
Do you know you can raise funds via the internet through Canada Helps.org?

Canada Helps is a charity web portal through which individuals can make donations to any registered Canadian Charity. More than 300 Canadian Rotary charities are currently registered and take advantage of this free opportunity to publicize their Rotary work and raise funds.

The donation process is simple, quick and secure. Donors go online, search by name or categories, select as many charities

as they wish, make their donation and receive a tax receipt for each donation in minutes.

Each registered charity has their own page to list their work and contact information. The charity pays a 3% transaction fee. This charge is only charged when a donation is actually made.

Take the time to check out the [CanadaHelps](#) Plug Rotary into the search function and look for your club's charity.



By Richard Clarke, PDG D7070
Summary from Northern Lights Nov/
Dec 2007 www.rotaryzone22.org

Donations are the way of the future - one more way to share rotary

ROTARIAN RECEIVED AWARD FOR HER EFFORTS WITH RWHN

Richmond Sunrise Rotarian Elena Agala, travelled to the Philippines in October to receive an award from the City of Tacloban for her efforts with the Rotary World Help Network.

Elena also attended the official opening of the Sunrise Rotary Library in the village of Eastern Samar. The library is the only library along the river and serves a population of 10,000.

Elena was instrumental in distributing books to the libraries along with the shipment of medical supplies that accompanied RWHN's recent containers to the Philippines.

"The surplus of hospital equipment, medical supplies, educational books, education supplies, computers, toys, used clothing, sewing ma-



chines used as Livelyhood Rotary program, vocational training for housewives and more are greatly appreciated to those who benefited the donations." - Elena

"We, as a Club, are so proud of Elena's achievements on behalf of our Club, on behalf of Rotary International, and the Rotary World Help Network. Her award is well deserved." - Rotary Club of Richmond Sunrise

"The Rotary World Help Network coordinates the shipment of Educational, Humanitarian, and Medical supplies to countries in need. For an annual fee of \$10 per member, your club can sponsor a shipment to a partnering Rotary Club in another country at a low cost. Find out more from their website at www.rwhn.org



SOME NEWS FROM OUR CLUBS



RICHMOND SUNRISE

The Richmond Public Library Ralphy Card (kids library card) Campaign that the club sponsored was a huge success. During the campaign period, there was a 27% increase in the kids cards for ages 5-12 and 20% increase for ages 0-18. The increase in the cards meant that for the past six months, the Richmond Public Library has increased their circulation and become the library with the highest circulation in all of Canada! The library will be applying for several awards for the Ralphy Card Campaign with these impressive numbers.

For the past two years, the club has adopted the tree next to No. 2 Road bridge through the city's Adopt A Tree program. PP Doug Nightingale and his staff from his company Nightingale Electric lit up the tree with lights. There is a Rotary wheel plaque at the base of the tree to acknowledge the club's involvement.



The club sponsored the educational kits for the Copersville Primary school, Haniville, South Africa. The official handover of the kit took place on November 22. District Governor from D9270 and representatives from Pietermaritzburg Rotary were present. The 1200 students were delighted.



BURNABY DEER LAKE

Proudly present The 10th Annual Festival of Lights at Brentwood Town Centre from November 20 to December 27, 2007. Please check them out.



PROVISIONAL VANCOUVER YALETOWN

The provisional Rotary Club of Vancouver Yaletown hosts their first community speaker event on November 8. Brent Toderian, Director of City Planning for the City of Vancouver provided an enlightening presentation to a crowd of over 50 people on Vancouver's waterfront efforts to create a sustainable and liveable downtown area.



The Yaletown Rotary Club meets every Thursday at 5:30 pm at the FDU Vancouver Campus. For more information, contact Neil Mort at 604-682-8112 or nmort@fdu.edu

VANCOUVER CHINATOWN

On Saturday, November 17, 2007, Rotarians and volunteers from their partner organizations registered, photographed, measured, weighed and fingerprinted more than 100 children. In addition the parents were giving literature that explained strategies to keep their children safe.

Each child received a passport with the fingerprints, photograph and physical description that can be used in an emergency to assist in identification of the child. The arrival of the Vancouver Police mounted squad and the Vancouver Police motorcycles were a big hit.



PRINCE GEORGE NECHAKO



PDG Ron Neukomm's wife Dee was the Head Coach of Team Canada Rhythmic Gymnastics that competed in the International Special Olympics Summer Games in Shanghai October 2-11. Her five athletes cleaned up in the medal department, 12 gold, 9 silver and 4 bronze. Great job!



During their stay, Ron had the opportunity to visit the Rotary Club of Shanghai and met ex-Canadian Rotarians.



RICHMOND CLUB

Canada best known Political Commentor **Rafe Mair** will be speaking at the Richmond Club on **Wednesday, December 12th 12:15pm**. His talk shows were always controversial and entertaining. Come to hear him live at the Four Point Sheraton Hotel. Call Gary Gudin 604-214-0888 or email at gary_rudin@fourpointsvancouverairport.com to register.



UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS



POWELL RIVER - ADVENTURES IN FILM

The adventures in Film program for students aged 15 to 19 will run from February 7 to 9, 2008. Application deadline is Dec 19. As of today, only a few registrations has been received but numerous interest from Clubs in BC and Washington. If necessary, deadline will be extended. 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).

If you are planning to send a participant, don't delay and apply now. Visit Powell River Film festival [website](#) for details or contact Michelle Hignell at 1-877-330-8118 or send her [email](#). Forms can be downloaded at www.rotary5040.org.



NEW WESTMINSTER—ROYAL CITY - THE 10th ANNUAL "To The Heart of the Matter"

Raising FUNDS for

- International Projects in developing nations including the Mexican school project for Indigenous Youth, Health Projects in Eastern Africa, Medical Missions in the Philippines.
- Monarch Place Safe house for victims of violence here in our own area.

Date: Feb 8, 2008 evening

Ticket: \$125.00

Place: The Inn at Westminster Quay, 900 Quayside Drive, New West

Program:

- Great fun, music, champagne reception
- Gourmet sit-down dinner
- Win \$1000 in reverse draw
- Spectacular silent & live auction items: crafts, trips, spa packages, door prizes

Call Harvey Knotts 604-888-4200 for tickets.
Limited seating - expect a sell out, get your tickets soon!

Sponsored by the
Rotary Clubs of New Westminster-Royal City & Burnaby,
and by Monarch Place.



EDITOR'S CORNER



Rotary Foundation Canada Notice:

The TRF Canada website will be unavailable De-

cember 13 and 14 for service, check back to make donation on December 17.

District Website:

- Have you changed your club website address recently or no longer has a website? Please login to district website and update the information.
- A contribution logo has been placed on the sponsorship column and link to the TRF site. Clubs are welcome to use the logo on your club website and link to the TRF page.

Club Website:

If you have previously linked WebPages and documents to the old RI website, please double check they are still valid. Some of them are being redirected and some of them are shown as error or linked to a different area.

The Rotarian photo contest now open!

Now it's time to get into the act again, because your photo could be featured in an award-winning issue of The Rotarian like the one on the right.

The annual photo contest is under way, so send RI your best shot from 2007-08 that illustrates Service Above Self. What's more, this year, everyone who attends the RI Convention in Los Angeles will be able to vote for their favorite in a new

category: the People's Choice Award. The deadline for entries is 1 March. Please don't send originals that you can't bear to part with, as all submissions become property of *The Rotarian* and, because of the large volume of entries, can't be returned. Click [here](#) for contest rules and submission guidelines.



UBC ROTARCT INSTALLATAION

The Rotarct Club executive is off and running and is planning an exciting program "its all about fun". They are continuing with the Honduras international program, expanding their community service work to include the Union Gospel Mission, delivering a professional development seminar, assisting their sponsor club The Rotary Club of Vancouver.



CORRELIEU INTERACT CLUB CHARTERED

Rotary Club of Quesnel celebrated World Interact Week by installing the charter executive for Correlieu Interact Club.

Correlieu is one of the two secondary schools in Quesnel, and the Club hopes to induct the second, Quesnel Secondary, next fall if not sooner.

Club Secretary Bev Haluschak, the leading light in introducing Correlieu to the value of Interact, has been very impressed with the new Interactors "They are so excited at taking on local as well as international projects", says Bev, "and their energy is truly infectious. Within a week of charter, they had settled on Shelterbox as their international project and they are racing each other to volunteer to help with our Radio-TV Auction". Flanked by Rotarian John Havens and President-Elect Liz Neave, the **Charter**

Executive for Correlieu Interact: Secretary Cosmina, Directors Serena and Scott, Treasurer Lucky, V-P David and President Rakesh.



GIBSONS INTERACTOR & ROTARCTORS

Interact President Jennifer Cross, Treasurer Wie Xiong, Heather Landeen, Juliet Burrows, DG Dean and President Wayne Roy.



DISTRICT ROTARACT EXECUTIVE MEETING

Interact Chair Chris Loat and Veronica hosted the District Rotaract executive meeting.



YOUTH EXCHANGE STUDENT

Lauren and Jamie Kelly attending New Westminster-Royal City meeting.

Lauren is current Youth Exchange student from Australia, Jamie (her sister) is here to visit for a couple weeks.



RUSSIAN SCHOLAR

Tatiana Zhivaykina is studying business at BCIT for three months on "The Rotary Club of Novosibirsk and Barnaul Scholarship. She comes from Barnaul, Siberia, about 4,000 km from Moscow. She was a member of the Rotarct Club in Barnaul. If you would like to invite her to speak at your club, please contact Rotary Club of Burnaby Deer Lake.



The scholarship is funded by PDG David and Lis Ker Endowment Fund and managed by The Rotary Foundation. Each year two students get sponsored to study business program in BCIT for 3 months. Burnaby Deer Lake has assumed the responsibility for the scholars as required for a host club and for the coordination with the sponsor clubs.

Monthly Attendance Report for November, 2007

Club Name	Members as of June, 2007	New Members This Month	Terminations This Month	Total Members This Month	# of Meetings This Month	Gain/Loss This Month	YTD Gain/Loss	Attendance Percentage
100 Mile House	30	0	0	31	5	0	1	81.00 %
Burnaby	45	0	0	0	0	0	-45	0.00 %
Burnaby Deer Lake	13	1	0	14	4	1	1	79.00 %
Burnaby Metrotown	19	0	0	24	4	0	5	64.77 %
Burns Lake	25	1	1	27	4	0	2	86.21 %
Fort St. James	15	0	0	14	4	0	-1	85.00 %
Gibsons	36	0	0	37	5	0	1	63.00 %
Kitimat	19	0	0	20	4	0	1	100.00 %
Ladner (Delta)	34	0	0	38	4	0	4	79.00 %
Lionsgate (North Van)	32	0	0	29	5	0	-3	70.00 %
Mackenzie	12	0	0	11	4	0	-1	70.00 %
New West - Royal City	44	0	0	0	0	0	-44	0.00 %
New Westminster	51	2	0	55	5	2	4	60.00 %
North Vancouver	38	0	0	32	4	0	-6	61.00 %
Pemberton	16	0	0	20	4	0	4	53.00 %
Pender Harbour Madeira PK	30	0	0	0	0	0	-30	0.00 %
Powell River	34	1	0	34	4	1	0	86.40 %
Prince George	70	0	0	0	0	0	-70	0.00 %
Prince George Nechako	41	0	0	0	0	0	-41	0.00 %
Prince George Yellowhead	51	0	0	56	5	0	5	72.50 %
Prince Rupert	51	0	0	0	0	0	-51	0.00 %
Prince Rupert Hecate Stra	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00 %
Quesnel	40	2	2	39	5	0	-1	68.00 %
Quesnel Sunrise 2000	26	0	3	21	4	-3	-5	64.00 %
Richmond	29	0	0	0	0	0	-29	0.00 %
Richmond Sunrise	43	0	2	43	5	-2	0	97.56 %
Richmond Sunset	23	0	0	0	0	0	-23	0.00 %
Sechelt	30	0	2	27	4	-2	-3	71.00 %
Smithers	17	0	0	17	4	0	0	86.00 %
Smithers Alpine	0	0	4	17	5	-4	17	57.00 %
Squamish	58	0	0	60	5	0	2	54.00 %
Steveston (Richmond)	33	0	0	34	4	0	1	95.00 %
Sunshine Coast-Sechelt	33	0	0	35	5	0	2	71.40 %
Terrace	47	0	0	0	0	0	-47	0.00 %
Terrace-Skeena Valley	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00 %
Tsawwassen	75	2	0	76	5	2	1	86.00 %
Vancouver	127	1	0	126	0	1	-1	57.00 %
Vancouver Arbutus	36	0	1	30	5	-1	-6	67.00 %
Vancouver Cambie	21	0	0	0	0	0	-21	0.00 %
Vancouver Centennial	19	0	0	16	4	0	-3	100.00 %
Vancouver Chinatown	40	0	1	39	4	-1	-1	69.00 %
Vancouver Fraserview	20	2	0	33	3	2	13	30.00 %
Vancouver Quadra	25	0	0	26	0	0	1	75.00 %
Vancouver South	18	0	0	19	4	0	1	73.00 %
Vancouver Sunrise	25	2	0	25	4	2	0	67.00 %
Vancouver Yaletown (Prov)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00 %
Vanderhoof	9	0	0	9	4	0	0	86.00 %
West Vancouver	25	1	0	29	4	1	4	66.00 %
West Vancouver Sunrise	16	2	0	18	5	2	2	74.00 %
Whistler	0	0	2	50	4	-2	50	74.00 %
Whistler Millennium	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00 %
Williams Lake	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00 %
Williams Lake Daybreak	18	1	0	16	4	1	-2	86.00 %
Totals	1559	18	18	1247	156	0	-312	

Average attendance percentage

71.17 %