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THANK YOU ALL ...

For being here.

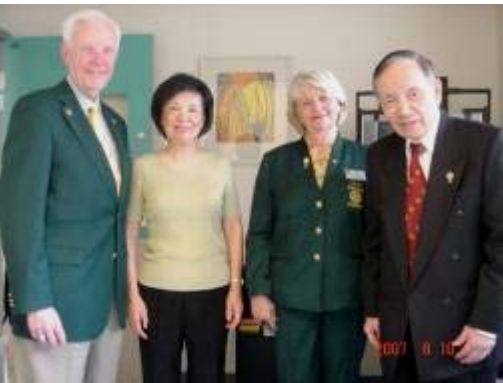
**For giving me - in the words of the
Youth Exchange Students -
the best year of my life.**

**For your dedication to your
communities and the world.**

For being Rotarians.

**DEAN & RHINO ROHRS
DISTRICT GOVERNOR 2007-2008**

DEAN'S LAST DIGEST



Dear Rotarians and Friends of District 5040:

I write my last Digest using some of the words that I used at the District Conference.

Four years ago Rhino and I started a journey which culminates at the end of this month. What an **amazing journey**. I have written of it many times in my monthly diaries and will continue to write of the experiences and memories. It was not only a Rotary journey – but also one of self discovery. It took us to every Rotary club in this District and into the lives of the wonderful Rotarians and families who do our Rotary work.

Don Williams wrote: "The road of life twists and turns and no two directions are ever the same. Yet our lessons come from the journey, not the destination."

I have been a pirate on the Steveston Pirate ship and perfected the royal wave. I have strolled through the mud and clay of the Mountain Bike Park in Burns Lake in my Italian designer shoes. I have been choked with emotion at the Powell River Arts Festival presenting prizes to the incredible youth of our Province. I have been dressed up as Mrs. Goldfinger in glittering gold for the Foundation Dinner. I have been in the top cabin of the giant cranes at the container wharf in Prince Rupert. I have fished, barbecued, hiked, danced, paddled, sung and made a complete fool of myself – all in the name of Rotary.... and I would not have it any other way.

When I started this District Governor journey I was told that I really only had two functions. Firstly, I was the only **official representative** of Rotary International – and secondly I had to get out there and **motivate the clubs**. Both of these functions were the maps that navigated me through my journey this past year. It was such an honour and privilege to get to really know Rotary International, to spend time with RI President Wilf Wilkinson and with President Elect DK Lee and get a glimpse of the inner working of Rotary.... but the best was the time spent with the clubs and all of you Rotarians and friends.

Today as I write my last Digest for the newsletter – I sense a **new energy in our district**. So many of the clubs have embraced the Club Leadership Plan and in doing so – have taken on my challenge of bringing Rotary into today, into 2008. Thank you.

We have **grown our membership** for the first time in 5 years. We started our year with 1711 members and today it stands at 1810. We stand No 1 in our Zone, Zone 22 for membership growth. Thank you.

Our **contributions** to the Rotary Foundation are the highest ever and we stand at just under half a million Dollars for the year. And as 50% of the Annual giving funds which stand at over \$280,000 - come back to us to use – this is amazing. Once again I am proud to say that we stand No 1 in Zone 22 for the % per member as based on the Annual Giving total. Thank you.

You sponsored 12 young people to go to the **Peace Summit** in Windsor, Ontario and during the conference and the club presentations they are giving, they tell you how this experience has changed their lives. Thank you

My dream of having all Rotarians at the conference nearly came true – and who knows, it could have – if we did not sell out!! What an **amazing conference**. I don't think any one of us who attended the Masquerade Ball will ever forget the fun we had – the energy and partying that happened that night. The speakers were fantastic, the fellowship stunning and the venue delivered all that it promised. Thank you.

Thank you all for being here, thank you all for giving me – in the words of the Youth Exchange Students – **the best year of my life**. Thank you for your dedication to your communities and the world. Thank you for being Rotarians.

SEND IN YOUR TRF CONTRIBUTIONS BY JUNE 30 TO COUNT AS THIS ROTARY YEAR!

DEAN'S LAST DIGEST

I would like to quote from a speech that **John Kennedy** wrote on the race for sending a man to the moon –

“We choose to go to the moon. We choose to go to the moon in this decade and do many other things, not because they are easy, but because they are hard, because that goal will serve to organize and measure the best of our energies and skills, because that challenge is one that we are willing to accept, one we are unwilling to postpone, and one which we intend to win”.

I think the same words describe our journeys with Rotary....

Rotary's impossible dream to eradicate polio from the face of this earth – and now it is a reality so close that we can taste it – we can almost touch it.

A new impossible dream – to bring Peace and Human Happiness to everyone that walks on the face of this earth. Equality, acceptance, grace and respect for all – a dream and a journey that is going to take us further than we have ever been before. One small step for Rotary – but one giant leap for mankind.

So today, as **I say my goodbyes as your District Governor** – let us start another journey, an adventure that will take us through our next year of Rotary at the side of **Bob and Judy Blacker** as we all **“Make Dreams Real”**.

Rhino and I are off to South Africa at the end of July for a few weeks of vacation. Rhino returns, and I stay on to work in my villages and the Refilwe Project. Enjoy your summer and thank you again for being at my side during this amazing journey.

Yours in Rotary Service, Dean



SEE DISTRICT CONFERENCE PHOTOS AT WWW.ROTARY5040.ORG

2008 DISTRICT AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Outstanding Rotary Club of the Year

- 1st - Rotary Club of Squamish
- 2nd - Vancouver Quadra
- 3rd - New Westminster Royal City

Membership Increase

- 1st - Whistler Millennium – 91%
- 2nd - Burnaby Metrotown – 26.3%
- 3rd - Sunshine Coast Sechelt – 23.5%

Best Bulletin

- 1st - West Vancouver
- 2nd - Kitimat
- 3rd - Quesnel

Governor's Award

- Richmond Sunrise - Dr. Jack Hutchinson
- West Vancouver - David Torrance (see photo below)

Rotary Shares Award

- Burnaby Metrotown - epitomized the theme of this year.

Club Recognition

- Prince George - Four Avenues of Service.
- Vancouver - Children's Reading Program.
- Vancouver Sunrise - Westend Senior's Christmas Lunch-

eon from 1986 to 2007.

- West Vancouver - Secondary School Ethics and Vocational Program from 2005 to 2008.

Rotarian Recognition

Burnaby Metrotown

- Anne Baker - service to the community and the club.
- Antonia Beck - service to the community and the club.
- Darlene Broadhead - service to the community and the club.
- Vivian Geyer - service to the community and the club.
- Mansour Khalili - service to the community and the club.
- Bala Naidoo - service to the community and the club.
- Jim O'Keeffe - service to the community and the club.

Tsawwassen

Bryan Kelly - public relations.

Vancouver Quadra

Robert Rickey - service to the community and the club.

Whistler Millennium

- Nick Davies - service to the community and the club.
- Mary Ann Graebing - service to the community and the club.
- Len van Leeuwen - service to the community and the club.
- Diane Maskell - service to the community and the club.
- Linda Marshall - Four avenues of service.
- Maria Schwarz - service to the community and the club.



George Sandwith from the Rotary Club of New Westminster received the RI "Service Above Self" Award.

George received a standing ovation from the audience. The award is Rotary's highest honour for individual Rotarians, this award recognizes up to 150 Rotarians annually who have demonstrated exemplary humanitarian service, in any form and at any level, with an emphasis on personal volunteer efforts and active involvement in helping others through Rotary.



**Outstanding Rotary Club of the Year
Rotary Club of Squamish**



**100% membership increase
Whistler Millennium**



**Rotary Shares Award
Burnaby Metrotown**



**Governor's award
David Torrance, West Vancouver**

CONGRATULATIONS ALL! WELL DESERVED

ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE GRADS HONOURED



The first Rotarians from District 5040 who completed the three parts of the Rotary Leadership Institute program were honoured at the district conference with the presentation of certificates by Past RIBI President Len Smith and DG Dean Rohrs.

This unique Rotary education program was introduced into District 5040 in October 2007. Since that time more than **90 Rotarians have completed Part 1** and **40 have completed Part 2**. The **12 Rotarians who have completed all three parts** were recognized for their achievement.

The goal of the Rotary Leadership Institute is to assist in improving the Rotary knowledge and leadership skills of the future leaders of our clubs and our district.

The future of Rotary and the service we give to our community locally and internationally depends on strong club leadership. The Rotary Leadership Institutes'

goal is to give our district a foundation of good leaders. Visit the district website at www.Rotary5040.org – Events Page for upcoming RLI courses scheduled for October 18, 2008 and January 24, 2009.

The following Rotarians have completed all three parts of the Rotary Leadership Institute course:

1. Michael Cowhig -Vancouver South
2. Sheri Davis - Squamish
3. Angi De Stefanis - New Westminster Royal City
4. Janice Froese - Burnaby Deer Lake
5. Linda Hamilton - Sunshine Coast Sechelt
6. Michael Lister - New Westminster Royal City
7. Darcy Long - Sunshine Coast Sechelt
8. Tom Pinfold - Sechelt
9. Marilyn Rafter - Tsawwassen
10. George Waldo - Sunshine Coast Sechelt
11. Linda Wong -Vancouver Chinatown
12. Grant Yao -Vancouver South

MAJOR DONORS & BEQUEST SOCIETY RECOGNITION

Major Donors

Del & Roxanne Paterson and Chu Wu & Rudy Tsai were recognized as Level One Major Donors.

The Rotary Foundation recognizes couples or individuals whose combined personal outright or cumulative giving has reached \$10,000. All outright contributions made to the Foundation are included in this total, regardless of the gift designation. See all D5040 [Major Donors](#)



Bequest Society

Linda Hamilton was recognized as Level Three 3 and Doug & Darcy Long recognized were recognized as Level Four Bequest Society.

Couples or individuals who have made commitments of \$10,000 or more in their estate plans, such as in a will, living trust, or through whole or universal life insurance, can become Bequest Society members. See all D5040 [Bequest members](#).



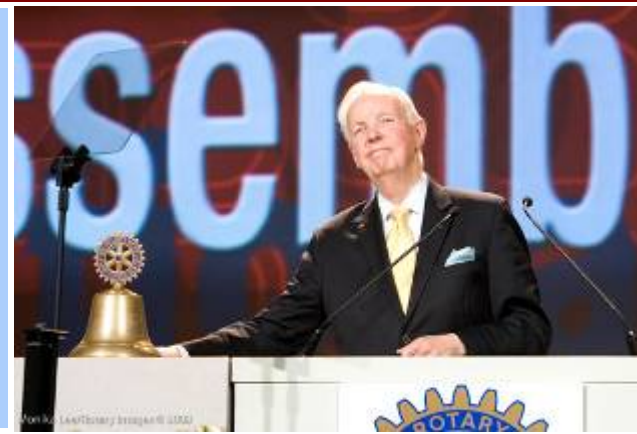
With the important contributions of these generous donors, The Rotary Foundation is fulfilling its promise of creating a polio-free world, helping children and families live healthier lives through Rotary's Humanitarian Grants Program, and educating young people about cultures worldwide.

RI PRESIDENT TO BE HONOURED AT 2008 VISION AWARD

RI President Wilfrid J. Wilkinson will receive the 2008 International Humanitarian of Vision award June 12 at the 35th annual Vision Awards reception in Los Angeles.

The Vision Awards are presented annually to organizations and individuals who have exhibited exceptional "sight, foresight and insight" while enriching the lives of people with visual impairments.

The awards program is administered by [RP International](#), which is dedicated to raising awareness of retinitis pigmentosa and ending degenerative blindness.



THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR GREAT WORK



Throughout my travels this year, I met many people who congratulated me on Rotary's work to eradicate polio and to improve the quality of life in some of the world's poorest regions. I was especially struck by the words of Olafur Grimsson, the president of Iceland, who said to me:

"Rotary has the right answer. Your organization includes men and women on an equal basis, and you have members from many countries who represent every race, color, and creed. So what the world must do is have more Rotarians."

I couldn't agree more. Thank you all for your great work. Joan and I will never forget the 2007-08 Rotary year.

- Wilfrid J. (Wilf) Wilkinson, President Rotary International

A STRONG BRAND IS INVALUABLE

BRAND
AND
ROTARY
ONLINE
COURSE



Any brand is a set of Perceptions and images that represent An organization, product or service

Brand and Rotary is a course about brand. Rather than focus on academic theory, the course takes a wide viewpoint. The course first gives an **overview** of the current theory and ideas related to brand and brand building strategies. In the second part of the course a draft brand **strategy** for Rotary is put forward.

Each section of the course has a set of slides and accompanying audio files. This course is **well worth your time** - you will find it rewarding and of a major benefit for Rotary.

This course was developed by **PDG Nancy Gilbert** (Toronto). Nancy has extensive experience in marketing communications and brand.

Rotary's brand resides within the hearts and minds of Rotary members and in the members of the community. It is the sum total of their experiences and perceptions of Rotary, some of which you can influence, and some you cannot.

You will find the new **Brand and Rotary course** at www.RotaryZone22Online.org or directly at the [Rotary Brand page](#). If you have

problem opening the audio files, save files on your computer and they will open.

You may also participate in a discussion **forum** about Brand and Rotary. There is a link at the end of the brand page.

Thank you for what you do for your community and Rotary,

Chris Offer, PDG

From the Forum - RID Monty Audenart said . . .

Rotary's brand: While it is true that the idea of Rotary Fellowship came just ahead of Rotary service, I might suggest that Rotary's brand be expanded to include service, i.e. "A Peaceful world through Rotary fellowship and service"--RID Monty

A Comment about the course--If we are lucky enough to have many more online courses like this with increasing participation at every turn, then we will catch the vision of what Zone 22 online training is really all about....thanks.



My **3 year term is up** as the District Newsletter Editor, **my replacement** is faster on the keyboard, younger on the brain and smarter with all the modern technology. He can write, sing, dance, act, not sure whether he can swim. He goes to SFU full time and works full time, and don't worry he promises he will find time to work on the newsletter. He already recruited one member from his Rotaract Club and is looking for others to join the District Newsletter Team.

Now what am I going to do with all my free time? I might have a "**withdrawal**" if I quit working for Rotary all at once. So I will continue to be the **District Website Editor** for the coming year, and Website/Newsletter Editor for the Richmond Club.

Effective immediately, please send **all website and newsletter submissions to both of us**. Becky at editor5040@hotmail.com, Cj at eic.d5040@gmail.com

MEET "CJ" - THE EDITOR IN CHIEF

Gareth "Cj." Wee - started with the Rotaract Club of UBC and was requested to help the Rotaract Group of New Westminster by Tim Vanderheide (He was the president at that time, 2006). After brainstorming in President Claudia Li's house and helping them with the website for the cookbook, he decided to join the New Westminster because it's closer to where he lives. He is currently taking up Interactive Arts and Technology in Simon Fraser University. He loves singing, dancing, acting, audio-video editing, planning events, conducting photo shoots, interviews, and writing articles. He believes that for change to happen, it must start within one's self. He also believes that everything happens for a reason - nothing is coincidence, and being of service to the greater good.



"True Rotarians are unique individuals who are "movers and shakers" in their communities. Rotary clubs are different from other clubs , because they are considered to be "Banks of ideas and service." - Mounir Ezz Eldin, PDG 2450, Egypt

Rotary Clubs in D5040 put their ideas into action, making local community and the world a better place. See our signature projects at www.rotary5040.org service project [page](#).

Rotary D5040

2007-2008 Service Projects

Rotarians share their love through vocational, community and international service



www.rotary5040.org

WE PROMISE A FUN INSTALLATION WITH A TWIST!

Join the New West Royal City to celebrate the installation of **Bob Blacker** as the incoming District Governor 2008-2009

Wednesday June 25, 2008 from 6:30 to 9:30pm

6:30 pm Cocktails (Cash Bar)

7:00 pm Fabulous Dinner

Cost \$50.00

Inn at Westminster Quay, 900 Quayside Drive, New Westminster

Prepare the new Rotary year with laughter, special Rotary moments, recognitions - with HEART! Please RSVP kmackerricher@innatthequay.com by June 15, 2008.



Bob & Judy Blacker

"THE PEOPLE" WILL BE WHAT THEY WILL REMEMBER MOST

On behalf of DG Dean Rohrs and all the members of the D9200 GSE team, I would like to **thank you for all of your efforts** to make the visit of the D9200 GSE team such a wonderful success.

Our East African visitors were truly given such a **wonderful reception** by so many Rotarians in District 5040. I know they will remember this experience for the rest of their lives... they all had fun too!!

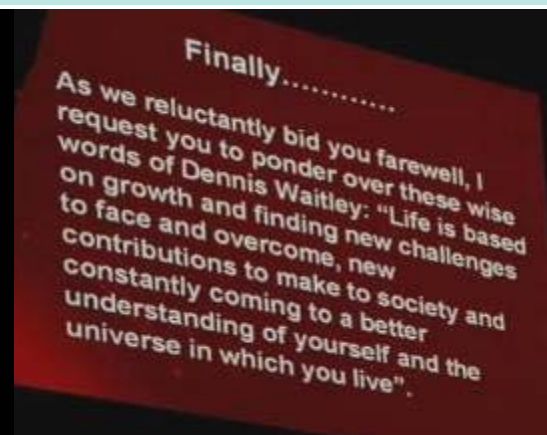
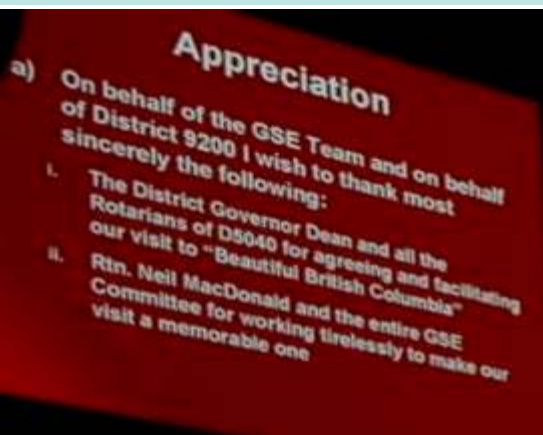
A few days ago I asked Sarah Keino what she would remember most about her visit to BC, expecting her to mention a particular event or maybe a visit to a special place somewhere. Instead she simply replied, "**The people**". That my friends, is really what the GSE experience is all about. Rotarians opening their hearts and homes to people who are at first strangers from the other side of the world, then quickly forming new **bonds of friendship and understanding** that

break down the barriers of culture and distance that tend to divide us.



So once again, thank you for all of your help in making all of this possible.

Neil McDonald,
District GSE Chair



D5040 GSE TEAM HAS GREAT STORIES TO TELL

The D5040 GSE TEAM IS BACK FROM TANZANIA!

We already have bookings to present at 5 clubs in New West, Richmond, North Shore and 2 Vancouver clubs.

We would love to talk at every club - however - we are 5 full-time employed people - and can not take unlimited time off work after 6 weeks in Africa.

What we do suggest is that members check the schedule provided here to see where we might be at a club near you - so you and your members might attend at that opportunity. **Please call to advise.**

We have some great stories to tell, wonderful images to share and a whole bunch of areas where you and your club might get involved in great Projects.

Please come join us as we share our incredible African experience. Karibu! Welcome!

Nancy Nikolai, GSE Team Leader 2008

Wed. Jun 18 - 7am breakfast meeting
New West Royal City, top floor of the Westminster Club, 713 Columbia Street. New Westminster, call Nancy 604-524-2144. Cost \$15

Thu. Jun 19-7am breakfast meeting

Richmond Sunrise, Executive Airport Plaza Hotel, 7211 Westminster Hwy. Call Georgina at 604-684-2288. Cost \$10.

Tue Jun 24-7:30am breakfast meeting
Vancouver Quadra, Park Plaza Hotel, 898 West Broadway at Laurel. Call Erlene at 604-731-4688. Cost \$17

Fri Jul 11-12:15pm luncheon meeting
N. Vancouver Lionsgate, Cheers Restaurant, 125 2nd St East, N Van. Email Esio at esiom@shaw.ca. Cost \$10 to \$15.

Wed Jul 30-12:15pm luncheon meeting
Vancouver Chinatown, Floata Seafood Restaurant, 180 Keefer St, Call James at 604-873-4521. Cost \$20



REGIONAL CLUB LEADERSHIP ASSEMBLIES

The first Club Leadership Assembly was held in Vancouver on March 29th with 60 Rotarians preparing for the upcoming Rotary year. See story in the April 2008 District 5040 Newsletter.

Since then the training team of DGE Bob Blacker, DGN Gordon Dalglish and District Trainer Penny Offer ably assisted by the Assistant Governors have held Assemblies in 100 Mile House, Prince George, Squamish, Terrace and Sechelt.

Over 100 more Rotarians have attended these assemblies covering topics related to Club Administration, The Rotary Foundation, Public Relations, Communication

In three of the Assemblies, PDG Mary Watson offered a two hour training session for Youth Exchange counselors and area representatives.

DGE Bob shared information on the new theme for the year – **MAKE DREAMS**

REAL – and some of his dreams for membership, annual giving and literacy projects.

A big thank you to all the Rotarians who made all the Assemblies such a great success. A small sample of pictures from the regional Assemblies.

*Penny Offer
2008-09 District Trainer
2010-11 District Governor*



ROTARY IS THE OPPORTUNITY FOR SERVICE & FELLOWSHIP

If you had to describe Rotary in one word, "what would that one word be?" My response to this question is "OPPORTUNITY". Rotary is all about opportunity. **Rotary is the opportunity for service and for fellowship.**

When we are talking to prospective Rotarians, they sometimes ask, "what's in it for me? This is a fair question. There are a number of answers to that question. One of them is **Rotary Fellowships**. Another is **Rotarian Action Groups**. Both of these are opportunities for new members to get involved and experience the internationality of Rotary.

The two pillars of Rotary are Service and Fellowship, By the way - "Fellowship" is a gender neutral term. The initial purpose of Rotary was fellowship. It was some time later that Rotary determined that service wasn't a bad idea either.

A good Rotary Club needs a balance of service and fellowship, and sometimes our clubs lose sight of the need for fellowship. Rotary fellowship doesn't have to be limited to within the club, or between clubs. Some great **lifelong friendships** are created between Rotarians, and their spouses, through individual and personal, and often international contacts.

I have always encouraged Rotarians to "**expand their Rotary horizons**". One very rewarding way to expand your Rotary horizon is **through participation in a Rotary Fellowship or a Rotarian Action Group**.



Rotarian Scuba Divers

Benefits - or - what's in it for me? Rotarians participating in these Fellowships/Action Groups will benefit from:

- Sharing of experiences, cultures, ideas, professional and technical knowledge, and the enjoyment of making new acquaintances and friends.
- Increased opportunity for service through further acquaintance.
- The opportunity to network with other Rotarians with whom you share common interests.
- The opportunity to broaden your Rotary

horizon.

Your Rotary Club will benefit because Fellowships/Action Groups can:

- Help attract new members who may have special interests in the Fellowship groups.
- Build membership by retaining experienced Rotarians. "Rotarians who play together, stay together".
- Supply ideas, knowledge, enthusiasm and skills to Rotary projects.
- Provide opportunities to exchange project experiences, social activities and fundraising ideas
- Provide networking opportunities.
- Provide opportunities to make new acquaintances.

Remember - the first Object of Rotary is: the development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service. Fellowship is the foundation upon which Rotary was built, and it is the source of Rotary's strength.

Find Fellowships and Rotarian Action Groups in [RI website](#)

*PDG Dave Kirk (dbker@telus.net)
District 5040 Fellowship Chair
Member, Int'l Travel & Hosting Fellowship
(3 year term now completed)*

KEEP THE SHELTERBOXES COMING!



800 ShelterBox arriving in China



ShelterBox tents in Myanmar

ShelterBox supported by Rotary Clubs around the world was among the first charities to reach disaster victims in Myanmar and China. See [latest news](#) .

D5040 [Rotary Clubs](#) have been strong supporters, **Burnaby Deer Lake** just contributed a Shelter Box to **Myanmar**.

Over two weekends in March, **Quesnel Interact** raised **\$7,500** for ShelterBox. Members literally pitched their Shelter Box tent outside each of the major chain grocery stores and also approach selected local business.

Cost for each Shelter Box is **\$1,200.00 Canadian** and is Tax Deductible. Each [Box](#) provides a tent, sleeping beds, water purification kit, cooking aids and utensils, practical toolkit and other necessities for

10 people. **To donate or volunteer**, go to Shelter Box Canada [website](#) or email Alan Lomax at alan@shelterbox.ca

Some comments from RI website:

Peter Clouting, one of the ShelterBox Response Team in China -- I would like to thank you without your ongoing support, the SRT volunteers we can not do ours. Through your support we were able to go into Myanmar and China the two worst disasters in a long time and they hit within a week of each other. Keep up the good work. Keep the ShelterBoxes coming.

Don T. Sirmons -- Another great example of Rotary meeting the needs of people in distress, in regardless of their "political or ideological" viewpoints.....



www.drrag.org

ROTARIANS TUNED INTO SERVICE - TO RESPOND, RECOVER AND REBUILD

DRRAG is one of the newest Rotarian Action Groups. Rotarians want to respond and to work in humanitarian endeavours with Rotarians. Their mission is to provide Disaster Relief and related responses to natural disasters to affected communities and to provide education and training for humanitarian service in disaster response and emergency management.

WHAT CARING ROTARIANS ARE DOING TO AID BURMA VICTIMS



AG J.T. Warring on the right

In Feb, D6740 just completed a water project at an Orphanage outside of Yangon, capital of Myanmar. When **AG J.T. Warring** arrived on May 12 (his 18th travel to Burma), Yangon scene was of pervasive, ground-level devastation. **Rotarians in Pattaya and D3340 in Thailand** raised 105,000 Thai baht and sent it with him for 3 diesel generators to be installed at the three community orphanage sites and direct food aid to one or more orphanages.

These same Rotarians from five Pattaya clubs are already **coalescing with the other service clubs**, the 400-member powerhouse women's club, the Mayor's office, and churches and individuals to **raise another minimum one million Baht for direct aid to the hungry**. See complete article at the [District website](#). Feel free to email [AG Warring](#) with your comments, suggestions, and particularly, any concrete offers of assistance.

"ONE DAY, ONE WORLD" PLEDGE

Dr. Martina Fuchs and the Real Medicine Foundation Team invite you to donate one day's income to help in the relief effort to provide clean water systems, temporary shelter, food and basic medical necessities. Every penny donated is immediately going straight to the refugee aid effort. Please go to www.realmedicinefoundation.org or call 1-888-558-388



Urgent Appeal
For Myanmar / Burma Cyclone victims.

Possibly 200,000 Dead & about 1.5 MILLION at Risk

Photo courtesy Spiegel Online

INTERACT'S NICKELS FOR NETS FAR EXCEEDS FUNDRAISING TARGET

The **Tsawwassen Interact** Club blew away its expectations with its Nickels for Nets fundraiser. **Shooting for \$1,000**, the group ended up with approximately **\$5,000** in donations from students at South Delta Secondary and four Tsawwassen elementary schools (Beach Grove, Cliff Drive, South Park and Pebble Hill). The proceeds are going towards buying insecticide treated **mosquito nets** for children in Africa through the [Spread the Net campaign](#) sponsored by UNICEF.

"I was thrilled with how much we raised," said *Club President Johanna Johnson*. "We were hoping to get enough for 100 nets, which would have been \$1,000. We got five times that so I was more than happy with how it went."

"Applaud to these outstanding leaders of the future. They are amazing and have such a vision!" - *Bryan Kelly, Tsawwassen Rotary*



Madame Maurice's Division 10 class at South Park Elementary raised the most money out of any school in South Delta. Photo by Brett Beadle

ROTARIANS CAME TOGETHER TO FIGHT MALARIA

Malaria is one of the biggest disease killers in the world. It is entirely preventable and treatable.

- 1 to 3 millions people die of Malaria each year.
- 70% are children under 5.
- The single most effective means is a mosquito net.
- Each long lasting insecticidal net (LLNTs) costs US \$5.
- 20 nets = 1 child's life.



Last fall we issued a request to clubs to support the Canadian Rotary Committee for International Development (CRCID) "**Against Malaria**" initiative to purchase mosquito nets for Tanzania. From across Canada and two USA clubs, the response has been gratifying and matching grants obtained.

My sincere thanks to the clubs in D5040 who donated funds for this project. 100% of the money we raised goes towards the net.

- District 5040 \$5,000.00.
- Burnaby \$500.
- Burnaby Metrotown \$500.
- N. Van Lionsgate \$320.
- Prince George \$1,500.
- Prince George Nechako \$500.
- Prince George Yellowhead \$500.
- Prince Rupert \$500.
- Quesnel \$1,000.
- Quesnel Sunrise 2000 \$500.
- Richmond Sunrise \$460.
- Smithers Alpine \$500.
- Sunshine Coast \$320.
- Terrace Skeena Valley \$500.
- Vancouver Arbutus \$500.
- Vancouver \$2,500.
- Vanderhoof \$500.
- Whistler \$200.
- Williams Lake \$1,400.
- Williams Lake Daybreak \$500.
- Williams Lake Rotaract \$1,500.

--Dave Dickson, District WCS Chair

Excerpt of updates from PDG Terry Youlton who coordinated this project:

- We have a total over \$618,000 which will purchase and distribute 120,000 LLNTs nets to institutions mostly boarding schools for poor children in Tanzania.
- 19 of 23 Canadian districts plus 2 American districts participated out of the 720 Canadian clubs with 29,000 Canadian Rotarians. the nets are being purchased through "Against Malaria" from A-Z Mfg in Tanzania and distributed without any charge by Population Services Inc. (PSI) to the institutions.
- There are over 250 boarding schools now registered for our delivery trucks.
- Rotary has succeeded in opening the door to Tanzania where, until we pushed hard on that door, a solid "No Free Nets" policy was in effect.

Check out the Against Malaria [website](#) for deliveries and pictures of the deliveries to all the institutions as they happen in the next 3-4 months.



Photos Source: Against Malaria

JOIN THE "REFILWE LIVE FOR ALL" PROJECT

Clubs from D5040, D3500 & D9300 are joining force to build a school and dormitory in Refilwe Community in South Africa. We invite D5040 Rotary Clubs to join the project.

Currently Richmond and Richmond Sunset are working on the project. RI has approved a travel grant for 3 Richmond Sunset Rotarians to travel to Refilwe in September to perform a project study.

How you can help:

- Sign up the July 7 Golf Tournament.
- Donate to the building fund.

- Volunteer your time..
- Sponsor a classroom or a dormitory room at CAD \$5,000
- With CAD \$2,500.00 donation from a Club, it can be matched 3.5 times via Rotary International resulting in total funds = CAD \$8,750.00

For information

- Magdalen Leung 604-214-8833 mleung@westernmba.ca or
- Dean Rohrs 604-683-0430 dean@cbrplus.com
- [Richmond website](#) for project details and further contacts information.



3rd Annual Bob Barski Memorial Golf Tournament - Monday July 7, 2008

The Rotary Club of Richmond and Richmond Sunset invite you to join us for a great afternoon of fellowship and fun at the Mayfair Lakes Golf & Country Club.

Registration	11:00am
Buffet Luncheon/Cocktails	12noon
Shotgun Start	1:00pm

Golf & Dinner/person	\$225.00
Dinner only/person	\$ 60.00
Hole Sponsorship	\$250.00

Tournament Cost includes:

- 18 Holes of Golf.
- Buffet Luncheon.
- Complimentary Jacket.
- Electric power Cart with GPS.
- Complimentary Beer/Wine? Cocktails before dinner.
- 2 bottles of wine per table at dinner.
- West Coast Classic Dinner (Grade AAA Alberta Strip Sirloin, Roasted BC Chicken.
- Liquor and Food Tasting Stations.

Funds raised from this year's golf tournament will support the "Refilwe Life for All" project in South Africa.

Golf with us or be a sponsor, download registration from Richmond Rotary website at www.richmondrotary.com

For information:

Philip Li 604-420-3032
Peter Raju 604-278-1669



STEVESTON ANNUAL EVENTS WERE GREAT SUCCESS

7th Annual Steveston Seafood and Wine Festival on April 25

Another sell out crowd of 600+ people gathered at the Gulf of Georgia Cannery historic site for an evening of fun sampling wines from over 35 wineries, many from the Okanogan.

Over a dozen local restaurants provided snacks, supplemented by the Steveston Rotary buffet including over a thousand fresh shucked oysters.

The Gulf of Georgia served as a salmon cannery for the Fraser River fleet for a hundred years and provides the perfect ambiance for this social event. More info at Steveston Rotary [website](#).

6th Annual Jimmy Ng Memorial Street Hockey Tournament on May 24-25

Each May Steveston Rotary holds a street hockey tournament in memory of Constable Jimmy Ng who was killed in 2002 by a street racer.

Teams of Police, Fire, and other emergency service workers from across greater Vancouver, and local youth gathered for a friendly competition.

The \$8,000+ typical proceeds of the two day tournament go to RCMP programs, bursaries for those entering studies in emergency services, and sports for kids. More info at Steveston Rotary [website](#).

- Peter Mitchell, Club Secretary



COINSPIRACY - CHANGING THE WORLD, ONE KIND ACT AT A TIME

A vision of Club President Gloria... the Rotary Club of **Burnaby Metrotown** sponsored a group of 9 schools and **Burnaby Rotaract** to implement the KindActs Coin-spiracy Program”.

The club then hosted a celebration where all the students came together at the end to share their kindness adventures. It was such a powerful event that it is being used by the KindActs Association as a model to inspire other Rotary Clubs and organization. Read the [thank you letter](#) received by the club.

The **Coin-spiracy campaign** is developed for schools and youth groups to

raise awareness for how kind acts can create positive global change. The campaign revolves around the launch and tracking of a kindness coin called a UNI. To participate, the 'Coinholder' commits 3 kind acts: one for self, the environment and another. Then, the coin is passed on to the recipient of the kind act who in turn commits the 3 kind acts and passes it on. As each UNI is uniquely coded, the coin's amazing kindness adventures can be tracked on the Coin-spiracy [web site](#)

Your club can sponsor a school by paying their program registration fee. Visit Coin-spiracy [website](#) for details.



ADVENTURE IN ADAPTIVE SNOW SPORTS

The **Rotary Club of North Vancouver** is currently working with Vancouver Adaptive Snow Sports (VASS) and Grouse Mountain on the Rotary Adventure in Adaptive Snow Sports program.

This **4 day program** is designed to introduce the joys of skiing and snowboarding to Canadian youth between the ages of **15 to 18 with physical disabilities**.

On North Vancouver's Grouse Mountain, participants utilize adaptive equipment and special teaching techniques to maximize their independence on snow.

Participants are to be sponsored by their local Rotary Club. There are **6 places available for the March 2009** Rotary Adventure in Adaptive Snow Sports. Visit club [website](#) for details.



OUTSTANDING SUPPORTER OF YOUTH AWARD



The winners of the District of North Vancouver Civic Youth Awards for 2008 were announced at an overflowing May 5 council meeting.

Rotarians **Al Hasley, David Torrance, Esio Marzoto, Janice Bosley, Marian Lauder,** and **Norm Binion** won an Outstanding Supporter of Youth award, group division, for their efforts to reopen the North Shore Youth Safe House.

The home was forced to close in September 2006 when it lost federal support.

The North Shore Rotary Clubs mobilized a number of NS Service Clubs to return the physical facility to operational status. The 4 bed emergency shelter and a two-bed transitional supportive housing unit for youth was reopened on December 2007.

A THANK YOU FROM FORMER SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



Rotary Club of Gibsons is so pleased to learn that their club's former Beachcomber Scholarship recipient Donald Mackenzie, is well into his career path.

“Hi Jim,

I graduated last June from BCIT in Television Broadcasting and I

had worked shortly in the Audio Visual field.

I am now full time on a TV show called Mining Industry TV which airs on global and Chek TV, I do camera work, and Video Editing.

Would like to extend my appreciation to you as well as the Rotary

for your help to get my career started in the field that I believe was my calling. Will keep you posted.

*Cheers
Donald Mackenzie
Production Coordinator,
Mining Industry TV
miningindustrytv.com*

"VANCOUVER WAS READY FOR ROTARY" ... 1913

Rotary Club of Vancouver celebrated their 95th Anniversary.

In the late fall of 1912, while Bela Smith, President of Minneapolis Rotary club was holidaying in Vancouver, he called on J.B. Giffen, manager of R.G. Dun Company to introduce the idea of Rotary. Giffen immediately demonstrated interest and contacted four colleagues. Smith alerted the Seattle Club that "**Vancouver was ready for Rotary**" and L.F. Allen, the secretary came to Vancouver to discuss Rotary with his associates.

As a result the Vancouver Club was organized on the evening of March 8, 1913. When a Seattle delegation of 11 Rotarians led by Ernst Skeel gave a banquet at the Elysium Hotel for 19 Vancouver men. A decision was reached to proceed.

The Charter and the official recognition of the Rotary Club of Vancouver, was presented at a luncheon on April 22, 1913. The Roster of the day listed 94 members. See complete club history at [Rotaryfirst 100.org](http://Rotaryfirst100.org)



PAST & PRESENT GATHERED TO CELEBRATE



Some Past Presidents and members



Charter members:
Gerry Beach & Elko Kroon

Rotary Club of Lionsgate N. Vancouver celebrated their 30th Anniversary in May.

"The club had a great meeting. A number of Past Presidents spoke of the history of the club. They presented a very interesting and sometimes amusing account of our evolution. It is very informative to look back and see where we have come from and the progress that has been made, with ups and downs along the way. But where we are now would never have happened were it not for what those before had built." – Shirley Robertson

ORDINARY PEOPLE ACHIEVING EXTRAORDINARY THINGS

Rotary Club of Richmond Sunrise

On May 8, approximately 12 enthusiastic members and their families supported **BC Heart and Stroke Foundation Big Bike event** with a \$1,500 donation and riding the Big Bike (a bike built for 30) around Steveston. The Foundation raised in total \$102,511 for life-saving heart and stroke research.

On May 10, Rotary Club of Richmond Sunrise **celebrated their 20th anniversary Charity Gala and Auction.**

Club President **Georgina Patko** navigated her way through the narrow glass doors of the Executive Airport Plaza hotel on the morning of May 10 in a jazzy SMART car. There's just ½ inch to spare on either side. Thanks to a generous donation (a one week lease) from Mercedes-Benz Canada. News 1130 radio station even picked up the story resulted from a earlier press release.

Gala Co-chairs Margaret Dixon and Lawrence Bourke led a team of volunteers sold almost **400 silent auction items** and a dozen live auction items. **350 guests**

enjoyed a fiesta theme night. The club **raised over \$50,000** for charities locally and internationally in the name of Rotary.

Margaret Dixon said "You might wonder how just 47 members of our club can achieve so much. Well, **Rotary enables ordinary people to achieve extraordinary things.** Not only that, we have the most amazing fun time doing it!!!"

The Club had **17 members registered for the May District Conference**, the most Rotarians of any Club in the district!



ROTARY SEAWALK RUN WAS A HUGE SUCCESS



Off we go!

Rotary Club of West Vancouver held their 3rd Annual Rotary 10km Seawalk Run on May 25.

There was a higher proportion of youth entries this year compared to last year, mostly from the school participation.

Total paid registrations were 244 and total registration fees were \$8,031 compared to \$4,371 last year. An estimated gross income of approx. \$15,300. There are still some outstanding sponsor contributions to be collected and invoices to be paid.

"My update is that I've now received more money for the Run than I've paid out ...and that's a reason to smile!" – *Treasurer Paul Kissack*



Award Ceremony



Rotaractors



Breakfast Crew

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN LIVING WITH DIABETES

Dr. Larry Deeb, immediate past president of the American Diabetes Association and a prominent Rotarian from Florida, made a presentation to the 5040 District conference recently on Diabetes. Dr. Deeb, a pediatric endocrinologist, is also one of the people who helped influence the United Nations (UN) to nominate a **World Diabetes Day** which happened on November 14, 2007 for the first time. It is also the first time a non-communicable disease has been afforded that status by the UN but recognizes the global pandemic Diabetes has become. Read [article](#) & [Award](#)



Dr. Deeb already has **programs for children living with Diabetes in developing countries**. But he wants more contacts. He has the money. He has asked that we send along contact information for Rotary clubs we have worked with abroad and who we trust so that he can follow up and perhaps establish a joint project.

Please forward any information you can provide to Rotarian Dennis Magrega of the New Westminster Royal City Rotary club, email dennism@intergate.ca

SURPRISINGLY THIS IS CITY OF QUESNEL

Sister City Concept - what a great way to build bridges between two cultures. **Quesnel** and **Shiraoi** take their relationship seriously.

Quesnel has built Shiraoi House, Shiraoi Friendship Stage and a Japanese garden. In Japan, Shiraoi has dedicated a 200-hectare park called Quesnel City Park, complete with a log Quesnel House, trails and a miniature replica of Quesnel. Make sure you visit these places if you happen to be in the areas.

Rotary Club of Quesnel held their Installation at Shiraoi House this year. Outgoing President Brian Harrison provided his Year in Review. He highlighted the **chartering of Correlieu Interact** and announced **Paul Harris Awards** to former Club Secretary and incoming President-Elect Liane Kimmie, and President 2006-07 Simon Turner.

Proceedings were then handed to Cariboo Assistant Governor Bob Fish who introduced the RI theme for the coming

year, **"Make Dreams Real"**, and installed incoming President Liz Neave and her Executives.

Club members recently held a **fishing Derby at Plato Island**. The weather was marvellous but the fish had clearly taken the weekend off, a grand total of two were caught...Or was it the bear got there first?





UNLEASHING POTENTIAL

The inaugural Zenith 2008 Global Citizenship Conference was successfully held on May 15, 2008, at the River Rock Resort and Conference Centre. More than **300 delegates** between the ages of 15 to 25 explored various citizenship **themes including Environmentalism, International Development, and Leadership**. Keynote speaker Khalil Shariff, CEO of the Aga Khan Foundation Canada, and eight other workshop speakers inspired delegates to discover their roles as citizens of the global village.

REALIZING DREAMS

A Global Citizens **Volunteerism Fair** also showcased various community resources and opportunities to delegates. As well, the **Zenith Foundation Walk**, a walk-a-thon style fundraiser, encouraged delegates to proactively take action. All proceeds will go towards two funds with the Richmond Community Foundation – the Zenith Global Citizenship Fund to ensure sustainability of future Zenith conferences, and the Richmond Youth Foundation Endowment Fund to fund events and activities organized by young people.

FORGING PARTNERSHIPS

Zenith began as a vision to create a premier youth conference in the Lower Mainland. This vision is shared by the four Collaborative Partners of Zenith 2008 - Rotary District 5040, Richmond Community Foundation, Rotaract Club of Richmond, Richmond Youth Foundation. Along with Visionary Sponsor, WorkSafe BC, and Principal Sponsor, Coast Capital Savings, **Zenith 2008 truly created a platform for youth to expand their global horizons.**

Ian Law, Conference Co-Chair



Photos courtesy of Hyein Kim



“It was an amazing conference, especially the human rights portion...The conference showed different ways of looking at things, and ways you can help without giving money. The big message was about becoming a global citizen ” - Eric Biard-Goble, an architecture student sponsored by City of Pierrefonds, Montreal.

"MAY PEACE PREVAIL ON EARTH"

Since begun in 1955 by Japanese spiritual leader Masahisa Goi, the idea of a community peace pole spread to more than 200,000 sites in 180 countries around the world.

The **Peace Pole** is an eight foot western red cedar post with the peace prayer, "May Peace Prevail on Earth," hand carved in eight languages, two per each of the four sides.

Under an initiative begun by **Tsawwassen Rotary President Orv Nickel**, the pole will be added to Tsawwassen Rotary Square as a permanent reminder of a universal desire and basic Rotarian goal. The Peace Pole movement received renewed vigour following the terrorism of 9/11 when people around the world reacted by seeking symbols of peace, understanding and unity.



"NO PEACE, NO UGALI"



Julia Smith, a D5040 Peace Scholar is volunteering in Nairobi, Kenya working at Emmanuel Rescue Center (a home for street children) until September 2008 and then its off to the University of Bradford to complete a Masters in Peace and Conflict Studies as a Rotary International Peace Fellow.

Get updates from her [blog](#). Here is the summary of her latest blog from June 6...

"No Peace, No Ugali"

Ugali is the paste made from maize flour that most Kenya's survive on. The post election violence has crippled the Ken-

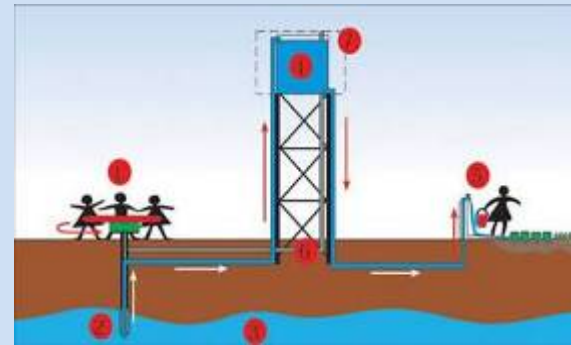
yan economy and made it much more difficult for Kenyans' to survive

I saw the slogan 'No Peace No Ugali' spray painted across a hut in Kibera, somehow the new slogan seems much more correct. Without peace, Kenya will not be able to feed itself.

NEW WESTMINSTER ROTARACT NEEDS YOUR RECIPES!

Rotaract Club of New Westminster need your support to make their dream come true. Their goal is to publish a **Rotaract Multicultural Cookbook** and all proceeds goes towards a **PlayPump Water System in South Africa**. Submit your delicious recipes online now at www.nwrotaract.org.

Water-related diseases are the leading cause of death in the world, taking the lives of 6,000 people a day, and are responsible for 80 percent of all sickness in the world. The PlayPump systems are innovative, sustainable, patented water pumps powered by children at play. Installed near schools, the PlayPump system doubles as a water pump and a merry-go-round for children. www.playplumps.org



ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE - A LIFE CHANGING EXPERIENCE



D5040 Youth Exchange website

Natasha Ray sponsored by Rotary Club of Terrace spent the last year as an exchange student in Denmark. She has plenty of advice to share with future exchange students...

"You will be experiencing many new things, new language, culture shock, living with strange families and meeting lots of people. Make the best of a new situation.

Leaving your friends and family for a year is one of the hardest things to do, but in the end it is an experience that you will never forget.

You should try to make friends within your class at school and immerse yourself in the culture of your town where you are staying, but making a bond with the other exchange students is also important. People you meet on your exchange will be

your friends for life if you make the commitment to them.

Try to attend every rotary meeting that you can to show that you are really committed to being an exchange student.

Go either in Grade 10 or 11 so you wouldn't miss your graduation with all your friends, but going on an exchange is a life-changing experience".

Monthly Attendance Report for May 2008

Club Name	Members as of		Terminations This Month	Total Members This Month	#of Meetings This Month	Gain/Loss This Month	YTD Gain/Loss	Attendance Percentage
	June, 2007	This Month						
100 Mile House	30	0	0	37	5	0	7	71.00 %
Burnaby	45	0	0	47	5	0	2	50.60 %
Burnaby Deer Lake	13	0	0	0	0	0	-13	0.00 %
Burnaby Metrotown	19	0	0	0	0	0	-19	0.00 %
Burns Lake	25	0	0	28	4	0	3	71.15 %
Fort St. James	15	0	0	0	0	0	-15	0.00 %
Gibsons	36	0	0	37	3	0	1	57.00 %
Kitimat	19	0	0	20	4	0	1	68.00 %
Ladner (Delta)	34	0	0	0	0	0	-34	0.00 %
Lionsgate (North Van)	32	0	0	0	0	0	-32	0.00 %
Mackenzie	12	0	0	11	4	0	-1	75.00 %
New West - Royal City	44	0	0	0	0	0	-44	0.00 %
New Westminster	51	1	0	62	5	1	11	58.00 %
North Vancouver	38	0	0	32	3	0	-6	57.00 %
Pemberton	16	1	0	22	4	1	6	77.00 %
Pender Harbour Madeira Pk	30	0	0	28	6	0	-2	54.00 %
Powell River	34	4	0	36	4	4	2	87.10 %
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	59	5	0	8	59.00 %
Prince Rupert	51	1	0	64	5	1	13	48.71 %
Prince Rupert Hecate Stra	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00 %
Quesnel	40	0	0	0	0	0	-40	0.00 %
Quesnel Sunrise 2000	26	1	0	21	4	1	-5	57.00 %
Richmond	29	0	0	0	0	0	-29	0.00 %
Richmond Sunrise	43	1	0	45	5	1	2	100.00 %
Richmond Sunset	23	0	0	0	0	0	-23	0.00 %
Sechelt	30	0	0	27	4	0	-3	70.00 %
Smithers	17	1	0	18	4	1	1	72.00 %
Smithers Alpine	0	1	1	16	4	0	16	70.00 %
Squamish	58	0	0	62	5	0	4	60.00 %
Steveston (Richmond)	33	0	0	0	0	0	-33	0.00 %
Sunshine Coast-Sechelt	33	0	0	43	4	0	10	69.70 %
Terrace	47	0	0	0	0	0	-47	0.00 %
Terrace-Skeena Valley	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00 %
Tsawwassen	75	0	2	75	5	-2	0	85.00 %
Vancouver	127	0	0	123	4	0	-4	56.00 %
Vancouver Arbutus	36	0	0	31	5	0	-5	75.00 %
Vancouver Cambie	21	2	0	26	4	2	5	80.00 %
Vancouver Centennial	19	0	0	0	0	0	-19	0.00 %
Vancouver Chinatown	40	0	0	0	0	0	-40	0.00 %
Vancouver Fraserview	20	0	0	0	0	0	-20	0.00 %
Vancouver Quadra	25	0	0	0	0	0	-25	0.00 %
Vancouver South	18	0	0	0	0	0	-18	0.00 %
Vancouver Sunrise	25	1	3	21	4	-2	-4	82.14 %
Vancouver Yaletown (Prov)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00 %
Vanderhoof	9	0	0	0	0	0	-9	0.00 %
West Vancouver	25	0	0	0	0	0	-25	0.00 %
West Vancouver Sunrise	16	0	0	0	0	0	-16	0.00 %
Whistler	48	1	1	46	4	0	-2	71.00 %
Whistler Millennium	0	2	0	23	0	2	23	74.00 %
Williams Lake	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00 %
Williams Lake Daybreak	18	0	0	16	4	0	-2	82.00 %
Totals	1607	17	7	1076	117	10	-531	

Average attendance percentage **66.95 %**