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Sonia's Chicken Soup for the Rotarian

What is the purpose of the District Newsletter?

The District Governor has the primary purpose of communicating with the Club Presidents and Secretaries. The District Newsletter was set up as an opportunity for communication from the District to the clubs to Inform, Stimulate, and give Recognition. It is intended that all Rotarians and friends of Rotary will enjoy the district news.



The Newsletter will have a number of contributors and you and your clubs are welcome to contribute to this publication by contacting the Editor, Becky Tsukishima

Through out the year, each Assistant Governor will highlight the clubs they serve. This month we will emphasize the clubs served by Assistant Governor Gordon Dalglish in Richmond.

The District Chairs will also highlight their area one or more times this year. August is Membership Month, I invite you to visit the membership section from Henry Fetigan, Membership Chair on the District web site. We have 52 clubs in our district; can we induct 52 new members? One net member per club is District 5040 goal and I am confident we can meet that goal.

As I travel the district, I am asking Rotarians to take a look at the back sections of the District Directory and view all the various committees and the responsibilities at the district level. Why not review the sections and call the chair of that committee, we would welcome your skills and contributions to Service Above Self. Particularly look within your clubs to put forth names for District Governor, 2008-2009.

Specifically, tell us about what SERVICE ABOVE SELF opportunities are planned for your club.

"In 1913 a tornado swept through Nebraska and destructive floods appeared in Ohio and Indiana. The Rotary clubs in those states, supported by those throughout the nation, leaped into action, rescuing and feeding people and animals, and helping in the necessary rebuilding work. Rotary had met its first great test as a SERVICE organization." - Paul Harris, From Road to Rotary

Sonia Wolowidnyk,
District Governor

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A LOOK AT THE PAST – D.G. Sonia

“Why are you a Rotarian?”

This is a question I asked PDG Leo Nimsick while at the Chicago International Convention in June 2005. His response led me to think that each of us has a story to tell and this year I would like the Past District Governors to tell their stories.

Who touched your life? His Response, "My father, Leo Nimsick Sr.!"

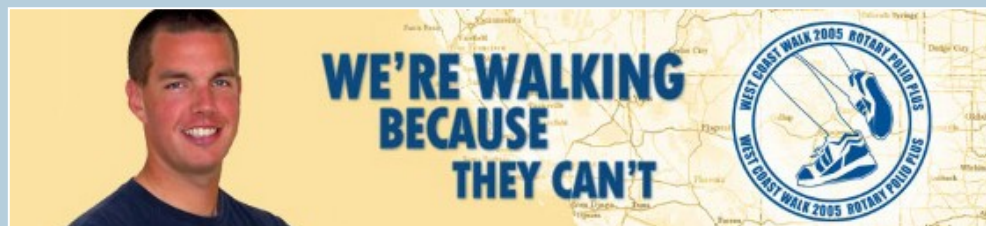
While growing up, Leo Sr.'s father had a great interest in politics and asked Leo Sr. to read the political pages of the Winnipeg Free Press and the Winnipeg Star to him everyday. This led Leo Sr. on a path toward an interesting life.

He entered UBC in 1928 just prior to the depression of the 30's. He was able to attend for a short time, but there was no money and so he went to work at Cominco in Trail and Kimberly where he remained for 40 years. While working in the mines, he witnessed and experienced the unfairness to employees and to people in the community. He said, "I do not like the way the government is going and I want to make a change". Years later this statement was a headline for his life story. Leo Sr. spent 26 years as the MLA for Constituency of Kootenay.

Our Past District Governor grew up in a home where fairness was always a treasured value. It is no wonder that PDG embraced Rotary with its ethics of fairness. Thank you PDG Leo for sharing an inspiring story.

Like many others, I have a dream. . . . My dream is that every 17-year-old could become an exchange student. If the world could achieve this, there would be no more wars! Again, we cannot reach such a goal by ourselves, but there are many other organizations that work with youth towards the same goal. Let us expand our Rotary Youth Exchange program so that our piece in this huge puzzle becomes as large as possible. We have today about 8,000 youth exchanges, but we are 31,000-plus Rotary clubs. I urge you during 2005-06 to inspire each club in your district to engage itself in our **Youth Exchange program**.

- RI President Carl- Wilhelm Stenhammar, Feb 18, 2005, International Assembly, Anaheim, California, USA



On May 1, 2005, 26 year old Rotarian Nathan Auerbach embarked on a 2,200 mile "West Coast Walk (WCW)" to raise \$1 million for PolioPlus. .

He started in Tijuana, Mexico, through the major coastal cities of California, Oregon and Washington, and he is due to arrive in Vancouver on Sunday, Aug 14, 2005

"Finally, West Coast Walk will show that it is possible for anybody to make a difference. I am one human being, with no fame or fortune. With my ideas and my determination I decided to make a contribution to help the World's neediest children. My enduring wish is that West Coast Walk will inspire others to do the same." - Nathan Auerbach, WCW Founder and Director

District 5040 PR Chair Graham Witcher is inviting all fellow Rotarians to join him and cheer for Nathan Auerbach at the finishing line on Sun. Aug 14, 2005 at 2:00pm at the UBC campus, Gate 4, R I Plaza/International House, West Mall/Marine Drive, Vancouver. Please notify Graham by email gwitcher@dccnet.com or by phone 604-940-9563, approx. # of attendees by Club, no later than August 8.



In 1917 Paul Harris said: "The Power of Combined Efforts Knows No Limitations"

How true indeed, see what can be accomplished in merely 3 days with the combined effort of Rotary Clubs of Terrace and Terrace Skeena Valley. It was a lot of hard work, camaraderie, laughter and good clean fun for both clubs.

Project: Pirate ship shaped wheelchair accessible playground.

Location: Ferry Island in Terrace with existing camping and picnic facilities.

Financial Contribution: \$40,000 for the equipment from both clubs.

Equipment Built By: Blue Imp Recreational Products of Medicine Hat and trucked to Terrace.

Combined Effort:

1. City of Terrace - surveyed, excavated and leveled the site and provided the materials for the perimeter, the safety surface and the concrete.
2. Hired Bobcat - drilled 75 holes 30 inches deep for the poles.
3. 35 Rotarians assembled it in 3 days with 450 man-hours
 - Bolted together the platforms, slides, fences, panels, monkey bars and other assorted parts.
 - Hand dug another 20 holes to accommodate braces and supports.
 - Once the structure was up, wheel-barrowed 5 yards of concrete and poured around 95 posts and supports.
 - Built the perimeter out of landscape ties.
 - To meet the playground safety requirement, with help of the Bobcat, dumped 80 cubic meters of pea gravel, then hand shoveled and raked around and under all the equipment to form one foot deep safety surface.

Celebration: Pizza and beverages completed the last day for tired but happy Rotarians.

Reward: What a wonderful feeling to hear the kids telling other kids "My dad built this playground!" and parents expressed their gratitude to the Rotary's thoughtful deed.



Ground ZERO



Get in there with my own bare hands



Pres. Paula -Terrace Skeena & Pres. Rob – Terrace burying a Rotarian coin



Saturday crew



In good use at the end of the 3rd day



Sunday crew

AUG is Membership & Extension Month

working towards a net increase of

ONE member per club

Let's emphasize on fellowship and friendship



By Gordon Dalglish,
Assistant Governor, Richmond/Delta

A clarion call went out at the beginning of this new Rotary year for us all to redouble our efforts to increase membership in Rotary. Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammer asked us to target **one net new member for every club**. To most of us, that may seem a very modest target, but as we know, our District membership has declined every year for the past few years - and it's not because Rotary is declining.

Even if we reached this target, we would still not be back at our 2002 figure of 2,088 members. We'd need at least four net new members per club to just get to that figure. How and where can we focus to not only achieve Carl-Wilhelm's target - but to overachieve? We overachieve in just about everything else we do as Rotarians - our Service Above Self motto is witness to that; our Centennial projects are witness to that; our Foundation efforts are witness to that. So many achievements - yet a membership increase seems to elude us!

The Richmond/Delta clubs are a typical cross section of what I mean. Projects range from International ones across Africa, Asia and Central America to a new \$500,000 Rotary Hospice in the heart of Richmond. But one area where all clubs are concentrating is membership. "Start 'em Young!" is something we hear. Well, we do that. But do we start them young as *Rotarians*?

We have all the programs we could possibly want to do that. Richmond/Delta clubs sent about 16 young people to RYLA this year; our Rotaract and Interact clubs are bursting with youth and vitality; our 3 Youth Exchange students are awesome. The "Adventures in" Programs are unique. One of our targets this year will be to capitalise on these programs - RYLA Chair Sue Smith tells me that almost every RYLA attendee she has met since RYLA South finished this year has joined their local Rotaract - and some want to start new Rotaract clubs in their area. Wow! Youth Is Our Future. Let's turn some of our incredible Rotary energy and "Service" to building future Rotarians. Do you think we could convert every Rotaractor to be a Rotarian? There are about 173,000 Rotaractors today, and dozens in District 5040. *How many of these Rotaractors joined your club this year?* I encourage you to work on these clubs and members; if every RYLA and Youth Exchange student became an Interactor or Rotaractor, and we converted every Rotaractor in our district to become a Rotarian - guess what - we'd reach Carl-Wilhelm's target....and have some to spare! Lets make Rotary a Career - just like any other business.



So here's a challenge!!
Plan to induct at least
ONE Rotaractor into
your Rotary club during
World Rotaract Week -
13th March 2006.

"Get 'em Young -
and Keep 'em'!"



Membership Matters.

from the desk of Membership District Chair Henry Fetigan

It's a privilege to have been asked by DG Sonia to serve in this capacity on her District Committee.....

My job is very easy. All we need to do is sell YOU that membership not only matters but it is the most vital ingredient to our survival. That might come across to some as a bit of an over statement but if you do not agree with me please call or write me and convince me otherwise.



We are still putting the final touches to our strategy for this Rotary year but we will have a 9 member committee together very soon to represent all parts of our District and to work with me on this District Membership Committee. Oh yes PDG Leo is not getting away from us. He will be with us as our IPMC. We will need his wisdom and talent.

Please take a few minutes to read pages 49 to 56 inclusive in August edition of the Rotarian. This is a very succinct overview of what all of us need to know about our Organization. It's difficult to sell a product that you do not fully understand. We all need to sell Rotary to our family, friends, colleagues and acquiesces. The timing of this material is a big plus for all of us so do take advantage of it and make sure it becomes a part of your Club library of Rotary publications.

Our team will be a committed and excited team and will be keen to hear from you with your ideas and suggestions. Together we CAN make a difference in this awesome organization we all love so much. Service above self can be so rewarding and that can bring lots of fun too!

Take care and lets all have a great year!

Lessons from Nature

- If we do not have water, we will die
- If we do not have food, we will die
- If we do not have oxygen, we will die
- If we do not grow our Rotary membership, our clubs will die.

Let us think about Rotary Membership as OXYGEN, filling our lungs with air and filling our clubs with new life!

What are our opportunities for membership?

Extension!

In July, Governor Sonia visited eight clubs and while in the north, had the wonderful opportunity to drive through Houston. There was no 'service club sign'. Within a few village blocks were 30 business and professional signs, certainly enough names to begin a survey of the community for the possibility of a Rotary Club.

Through Rotarian Chuck Cey, Rotary Club of Terrace, DG Sonia had the opportunity to visit Queen Charlotte City and Masset, specifically to promote at least one and possibly two Rotary clubs. The wheel is on the move with amazing Rotarians stepping forward to spread Service Above Self. The bonus of this trip was fishing!

Thanks to Chuck Cey, Rotary Club of Terrace, DG Sonia had an opportunity to fish in the Queen Charlottes.

- D.G. Sonia



Rotary is fellowship! To many it is the most important aspect of Rotary. The mutual sharing, companionship, common interests, understanding, caring and respect that comes with Rotary membership is the basis upon which our "founding foursome" started the whole organization one hundred years ago. And today, fellowship is still the dominant feature of Rotary worldwide.

Beyond the fellowship of each local club where professionals and business people from diverse vocations gather each week to share in their common bond of "Service Above Self", there are also other forms of Rotary fellowships called (surprise, surprise) "Rotary Fellowships".

Rotary Fellowships", previously known as Rotary Recreational and Vocational Fellowships, now also include educational, health and environmental interests and activities. This name change reflects these new and broader scopes of interests. Rotary Fellowships are not well known to our membership and this is something that we want to change.

The purpose of Rotary Fellowships is to promote fellowship among Rotarians who have common interests - not to promote issues, projects or other organizations. It is a great opportunity to network and share fellowship with other Rotarians around the world.

Are you interested in: golfing, international travel, gourmet food, wine appreciation, flying, computers, or home exchanges? What are your interests? Is there a Rotary Fellowship for you?



ROTARY FELLOWSHIPS

... making friends
by sharing interests



For details and much, much more, visit the web site www.rotaryfellowships.org

For details of Rotary Fellowships, listed by category, refer to: www.rotaryfellowships.org/RF-Categories.htm

For details of Rotary Fellowships, listed alphabetically, refer to: www.rotaryfellowships.org/RF-Alpha.htm

You can help promote Rotary Fellowships in District 5040.

- Does your club have a Rotary Fellowships Chair? If not, appoint one.
- Do you have any members who belong to a Rotary Fellowship? Have them give a presentation on their fellowship experiences.
- Consider joining a Rotary Fellowship yourself.
- Invite your District Fellowships Chair to speak to your club.
- Tell us your stories in this newsletter.

Let's hear about your experiences and adventures with Rotary Fellowships.

Please submit articles to:

PDG Dave Kirk

District 5040 Fellowships Chair

Member, International Travel and Hosting Fellowship

E-mail: dbkirk@telus.net

Richmond Appreciation to PAG Dave Hamilton

At the end of July, Richmond-based clubs took the opportunity to pay a fond farewell to Past Assistant Governor Dave Hamilton. The BBQ, hosted by President Rob Madsen, and the Rotary Club of Steveston, was held on the historical site of the Britannia Heritage Shipyard at Steveston. A unique location, and a glorious summer evening sunset set the backdrop for this evening of fellowship on the Fraser River estuary.

Over 50 members and guests recognised Dave's 3 years of service to the four Richmond clubs, and send him off with tickets to the Canadian Golf Open - an event at which the Steveston Club members will be officiating.



"It's not over till it's over"- ADG Gord

Though our Centennial was recognised in February 2005, the Centennial year is still going strong. Rotary clubs in Richmond and Steveston continued their celebration by mounting over 40 banners in Steveston's Moncton Street and on Westminster Highway.

The photo not only celebrates Rotary's centennial - but also the centennial of the Steveston Post Office! Two centennials in one! The original building - now a Heritage Post Office and Museum on Moncton Street - was the original site of the first Bank in Steveston - Northern Bank opened it's doors on 13th August, 1905. There are still many artifacts on display from the original Bank.

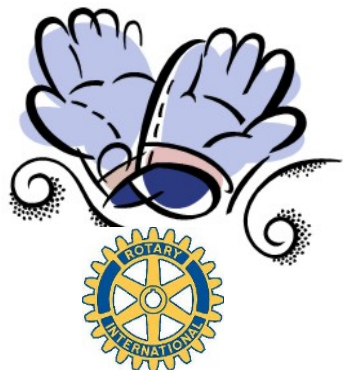


Joint Centennial Project - Prince Rupert & Prince Rupert Hecate Strait



Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on June 26, 2005

"Service Above Self" Recognition



BURNABY:

Pres. Augustus Cruickshank, Gerry Collett, Paul Difonzo

BURNABY DEER LAKE: (no picture available)

Pres. Nasim Jiwa, Pat Law, Jane LePorte

PRINCE RUPERT:

Pres. Praween Vohora, Finn Corradson, Don Seidd

PRINCE RUPERT HECATE STRAIT:

Ann Jackson, Pres. Davina Brodeur, Rosa De Leo

TERRACE:

Pres. Jim Steele, PDG Art Erasmus, Brian Downey

TERRACE SKENNA VALLEY:

Pres. Leslie Erasmus, Laurie Hall, Brent Webb

VANCOUVER SOUTH:

Pres. Adam Salah, Bob King, Brian Cawley



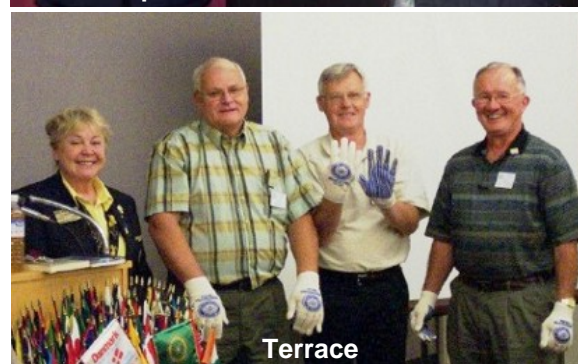
Burnaby



Prince Rupert



Prince Rupert Hecate Strait



Terrace



Vancouver South



Terrace Skeena Valley

RYLA AWARD



Congratulation!

Six Gibsons Youth are the recipients of the Rotary Youth Leadership Award.

Joe Ling, Courtney McCaffrey, Kati Soprovich, Charlotte Dubec, James Smith and Shaun Pepper have completed the Rotary Leadership program in June. The awards were presented by RYLA Director Sue Smith and President Carol Doyle of Gibsons Rotary

What an innovative idea!

Join Rotary Club of Vancouver South for a new experiment.

Beginning Aug 2nd 2005, they will be changing from a lunch meeting to **TEA TIME & SNACKS.**



Date & Time: Tuesdays at 4:30pm,
Location: Marine Drive Golf & Country Club, W 57th & SW Marine Drive.

USE IT OR LOSE IT, THERE ARE MANY BENEFITS FROM EXERCISE OUR BRAIN

2 word puzzle:

HTTO
AERP
RRY

Last month answer
Literacy Month



OPPORTUNITY TO VOLUNTEER

Rotary World Help Network (RWHN)

NEEDED! Able body volunteers to help loading containers bound for points around the world. The containers will be filled with hospital beds, mattresses, canes, crutches, laboratory equipment, wheelchairs, incubators, microscopes, desks, pencils, furnishings, and other medical and educational equipment.

Last year 26 containers were sent to 14 countries. If your club is not currently participating with the Rotary World Help Network, you and your fellow Rotarians are still encouraged to assist in loading the containers. Please contact Terry McGauley either by phone 604-325-2031 or email mccauley@axion.net if you are interested.

Rotary Club of Terrace

New member induction
Aaron Croot proposed by Kelly Gingles





What is GSE?

The Group Study Exchange Program (GSE) of the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International is a unique cultural and vocational exchange opportunity for young business professional men and women between the ages of 25 and 40. For four weeks, team members study the host country's institutions and ways of life, observe their own vocations as practiced abroad, develop personal and professional relationships and exchange ideas.

Why should I participate?

Individuals who participate in this valuable, once-in-a-lifetime experience will return home, not only with new perspectives and an enlarged vision, but with fresh ideas and an understanding of a nation's culture, commerce and government that can be invaluable to a company's future. GSE offers the most unique and rewarding skills-building opportunity and personal growth experience to young professionals as humanity steps forward to face the challenges of the 21st century.

Who is eligible?

A GSE Team consists of four non-Rotarian business or professional people and a Rotarian team leader. Non Rotarian Team Members must:

- Be between the ages of 25 and 40;
- Be committed to remaining in the work force well after the exchange;
- Be in the early stages of their career;
- Reside in or be employed in the sending Rotary district;
- Be a Canadian Citizen

What is required of a GSE Team member?

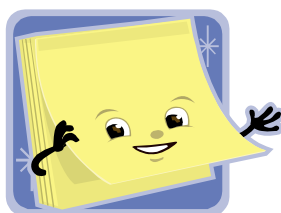
A GSE Team member is required to:

- Participate in orientation sessions and obtain the necessary documents for travel;
- Fulfill any requirements to speak at host district gatherings;
- Remain with the group throughout the study tour;
- Maintain standards of behavior which reflect positively on Rotary and Canada;
- Prepare and submit final reports of the tour as required by the Rotary Foundation;
- Speak about your study tour experience to local Rotary clubs.

Interested to participate the 2005-2006 GSE to Thailand?

We are currently seeking qualified applicants to participate in the 2005 – 2006 Group Study Exchange. The team will be traveling to District 3350, Thailand, the Land of a Thousand Smiles. The team will depart Vancouver on Saturday, February 25, 2006, returning on Saturday, March 25, 2006. Interested applicants are encouraged to contact your local Rotary club or JoAnne Amos at 604-905-9282. Application deadline for Team members is August 15, 2005. More information on the Group Study Exchange can be found at <http://www.rotary.org/foundation/educational/gse/index.html>

Go to downloads to download applications



Reminders from DG Sonia

Secretaries:

- Attendance Due August 5th
- Have you completed the Semi Annual Report?
- Have you updated the membership list on RI and District web sites?
- Do you have a new member? Will you please forward the name to the District Secretary and Membership Chair, bnowell@shaw.ca and hfetigan@shaw.ca

Presidents (start planning):

- New Generations Month – September
- Interact, Contact Chris Loat
- Rotaract, Contact Jim Ling
- Youth Exchange, Contact Lyn Stroschin
- Vocational-Ethics Month – October
- Contact Garth Edwards
- Focus on the 4 Way Test
- Host an Ethics Breakfast or Lunch

Official DG Visits in August

AUGUST	2005	CLUB
Tue 02	7:30 AM	Vancouver Quadra
Wed 03	12:15 PM	Burnaby Metrotown
Fri 05	12:14 PM	Vancouver Arbutus
Tue 09	12:15 PM	Prince George
Wed 10	12:00 PM	Mackenzie
Wed 17	7:30 AM	Prince George Nechako
Thur 18	12:00 PM	Quesnel
Tue 23	12:00 PM	Ladner
Wed 24	12:15 PM	Richmond
Wed 24	5:15 PM	Richmond Sunset
Thur 25	12:15 PM	Squamish

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