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Season's Greetings



*To those we love
And see each day
And other loved ones faraway,
To all good friends
Who mean so much
And those with whom
We're out of touch...
We send to you
This wish sincere,
For a Merry Christmas
And a Happy New Year!
Rotary District 5040*

- DG Sonia

Sonia's Chicken Soup for the Rotarian Souls

December is Rotary Family Month and we are delighted at the birth of a new member into the family! That is how it felt as we chartered the newest club of District 5040, The Rotary Club of Vancouver Centennial on December 6th, 2005. (Actual acceptance into Rotary International is November 17, 2005). Many thanks go to the sponsoring club, the Rotary Club of Ladner and the hard work of the representative Chu Wu and the efforts of all Ladner Club members. We extend a warm welcome to the 23 members who are joining the family of Rotary.



The Official visits are complete for 2005-2006 and I am so pleased and amazed with the uniqueness of the clubs, each with different flavor, energy, strength, and ideas. All of the wonderful projects and fundraisers need to be shared and placed on our District website. In the next month we will be contacting each club to provide us with a list of fundraisers, local and international projects.

In October my sister and brother-in-law from Saskatchewan accompanied me to the Sunshine Coast. They were so impressed as the presidents took us around to see the community projects and even came to listen to me speak 4 times. One day as we got into the car, my sister asked, *"How come no one ever asked us to be Rotarians we are professionals? How come we did not know the wonderful work Rotarians do in their communities and around the world?"*

Membership and Public Image are two goals of our RI President, Carl-Wilhelm. What are individuals and clubs doing to promote Rotary Public Image and increase membership during Rotary Awareness Month in January. Let's help membership and talk about the many ways in which Rotary serves their communities:

- Use outdoor and indoor billboards, posters, signs and displays;
- Put articles in newspapers about the good work of your club;
- Provide TV and Radio reporters and producers with articles and activities of public interest;
- Tell a minimum of 10 Rotarians about the good work of Rotary;
- Put a Rotary Wheel on your vehicle and place of business;
- Put your club name on your The Rotarian Magazine and place in your waiting rooms or the waiting rooms of places you visit.

In the month of December it is common to hear people wishing others 'Happy Holiday's and Peace on Earth'. In a small book called PEACE by Jay Vickers, he said:

"Peace comes from love, freedom, justice, honesty, fairness, and goodwill. If we have these in our hearts, then peace will also be there, and will flow through us to others."

This is my wish for all of you in District 5040 and your families as we continue our year of Service Above Self.

Governor Sonia



Welcome into our Rotary Family ! Vancouver Centennial Club



After more than one year of preparation, the Rotary Club of Vancouver Centennial finally received its charter from Rotary International in November.

The Charter Dinner celebration on December 6 was enjoyed by many members from various clubs in D5040 - welcoming the first and only mandarin-speaking Rotary Club in Canada.



President Harrison Lin was all smiles as were the 22 men and women as they were welcomed into Rotary as members of the new Club. This is an active and energetic group of Rotarians who already have been involved in community service in a variety of ways. DG Sonia said at the Charter Celebration "this club has the potential to grow into the largest club in our district"!

A special thank you to the following for assisting in the Charter of this club:

- District Governor Sonia Wolowidnyk
- Extension Chair PDG Mary Watson
- Sponsor Club Ladner President Mike Story
- Special Representative from Ladner Chu Wu
- Assistant Governor Nancy Nikolai with assistance of AG Penny Offer
- PDG's Ron Neukomm, Chris Offer, and Leo Nimsick



This club currently meets at the Quality Inn at the corner of Fraser and Marine 725 S.E Marine Dr in Vancouver - each Tuesday night at 6:30 pm. They would enjoy seeing you at their next meeting!

New Club Websites

Check out these new websites:

- VANCOUVER
- VANCOUVER CENTENNIAL
- VANCOUVER SUNRISE

Click on the links of the club directory section at the Home Page of D5040 website.

New Additions to District Websites

Check out these new add-ons:

MONTHLY ATTENDANCE REPORT
Under Membership page

PUBLIC RELATIONS TIPS
Under Public Relations page

IS SANTA CLAUS A ROTARIAN?

I have long suspected that Santa Claus is a Rotarian. I decided to put my thirty plus years of police work to discover the truth, after all I am a trained investigator with a degree in criminology.

Santa needs a Rotary club if he is a Rotarian. I checked the International Directory and then the RI web site for Where Clubs Meet. Sure enough I found a possible club. The Rotary Club of North Pole is in District 5010. Alaska and located near Fairbanks.

Next Santa would need an open classification. There are several possibilities, Toys-Export, Reindeer Teamster, Counsellor Pre-Adolescent Behaviour, Toys-Manufacturing or Elf Labour Relations. All valid classifications. There is no indication of a Rotary pin on his jacket but it could be concealed under all that fur trim. If Santa is a Rotarian, he plainly is a 100% attender and has never missed a Rotary lunch. The real evidence is, does he act like a Rotarian? Does

he put "Service Above Self?" The answer is unequivocally yes. Santa is dedicated to improving the lives of children. He is committed to bringing happiness to children around the world no matter what race, religion, creed or ethnic group they are from.

He distributes tens of thousands of books to children to increase literacy and he gives gifts of toys that stimulate young minds to achieve their full potential. He volunteers as a mentor, spending countless hours at shopping malls listening to children's secret wishes. Santa without question works to realize the Object of Rotary.

The only conclusion that can be reached is, "Yes, Virginia, Santa Claus is a Rotarian!" I just hope he does a make up at my club this year.

PDG Chris Offer

—Dec 20, Vol 3, No. 6 Membership Matters.



ROTARY FOUNDATION DINNER - Nov 18, 2005

Over 230 Rotarians and friends gathered together at the Burnaby Firefighters' Club; enjoyed some great food, played some games and danced the night away.

District Governor Sonia addressed the group and introduced four Rotary Ambassadorial Scholars.

PDG Del Paterson conducted the Paul Harris Fellows "sales" and ended up with applications for a record (33) Paul Harris's. With the silent auction item sales, anticipated revenue is \$20,000 to \$25,000 for the Rotary International Annual Giving Fund.

The music from the 70's was a big hit with everyone. All night long, comments were made to Leo Nimsick and to others; this year's Foundation Dinner was the most fun yet. There were people dancing right up to the end when the bar was closing and the music was shutting down.

A Big Thank-you to all who attended and helped at the Foundation Dinner. It was indeed a fun evening. You can read the full article and pictures by Webmaster Chu in Cafe 5040, our District website.



LITERACY BY LEO



December is a time for giving, a time for family, a time for togetherness. Give your children a book, help them to read and understand the book. You will be surprised at how this togetherness helps the family and literacy.

Rotary Clubs have been at the forefront in literacy promotion and action throughout the world. A few years ago the "Read to Me" program was developed by a Rotary Club in Hawaii. In District 5040 the Whistler Club has continued this very successful program.

Encouraging parents to read to their young children is considered by experts to be the best way to help children grow up as good readers. Promotion for a "Read to Me" program can be done through community cable, local radio, newspapers and posters.

"Bears" (Be Enthusiastic About Reading Success). Assisting children in lower elementary school grades who are having difficulties with reading is a way of helping them prevent falling behind the rest of the class and getting discouraged. Rotary Clubs can help this program by providing some funding and some of the volunteers who go into the schools for an hour or two every week to help the students identified by teachers as needing assistance with reading. Each "at risk" child spends about ½ hour each week reading with the volunteer. This requires committed volunteers and careful coordination with the schools, but can be a big help to those children who need it.

In both programs reading aloud introduces children to the world of books even before they begin to read. It brings children the joy of the story, the fascination of language, and the beauty of the world of books. Reading aloud creates a desire in children to value reading, to love books and to be readers.

When children are read to before they learn to read, it helps them to develop their language and vocabulary. It serves as a vehicle for later achievement in reading and makes them academically ready to begin school.

Another program that has worked well is called

- PDG Leo Nimsick, District 5040 Literacy Resource

TO THE HEART OF THE MATTER

FEBRUARY 3, 2006

THE INN AT WESTMINSTER QUAY
900 QUAYSIDE DRIVE, NEW WESTMINSTER
6:00PM TO MIDNIGHT

Rotary Club of New Westminster-Royal City, Rotary Club of Burnaby and Monarch Place are the sponsors of this event.

Funds will be raised to support:

- Ethiopia Water Project
- Aids Relief Project in Africa
- Uganda - Kids Clubfoot Program
- Mexican Indigenous School
- Monarch Place Safe House for victims of violence
- Great fun, music, lots of delicious food
- MC Peter Legge
- Win \$1000 in reverse draw
- Spectacular silent & live auction items: crafts, trips, spa packages...
- Call Nancy Nikolai 604-524-2144 or Kathy MacKerricher 604-520-1776 for information and tickets. Check www.royalcityrotary.ca for updates.
- \$99 includes food, fun, and reverse draw ticket



UKRAINIAN CHRISTMAS DINNER BY ROTARY CLUB OF BURNABY



Do not miss this Ukrainian Christmas Dinner with festivities and songs, complete with fun, music with old tradition and costume! The proceeds will help supply medical equipment to Ukrainian hospitals in great need.

Date: Saturday Jan 7, 2006

Time: 5:30 pm onwards

Place: Scandinavian Hall, 6540 Thomas Street, near 8 Rinks
In Burnaby

Tickets: \$45.00 each

Contact: Myrna Arychuk cell 604-617-7200



The world fellowship of ROTARIAN GOURMETS

Email: rotarygourmet@shaw.ca Website: <http://rotarygourmet.com> Phone 604-231-9533 Fax: 604-273-9855

Welcome to the *World Fellowship of Rotarian Gourmets*, started by a few members of the Rotary Clubs of Richmond, Ladner and Burnaby, B.C., and chartered by Rotary International in 1991.

Getting started. . . First invite a few Rotarians, their spouses, ex-Rotarians from two or more of neighboring clubs, to an informal get together at your home. (*Widows/widowers/former Rotary-Annes- what better way to keep former members in touch with Rotary! They may even return to the coop!*) Let everyone bring a dish or hors d'oeuvres or perhaps plan a BBQ.

Once they have all committed themselves to being part of this great Fellowship, plan your next dinner menu from a particular country. Dinners may be held as often as you may wish- once a month, every 2 months whatever suits your taste - no pun intended! Every effort should be made to demonstrate the preparation of at least one dish at your dinner venue.

Next, send a list of your members along with a one-time membership fee of \$25.00 Canadian Funds or \$20.00 U.S. Funds for your aprons, Gourmet pins plus a copy of our constitution.

As a fellow 'Gourmet' you are welcome to attend any dinner being held by any Chapter during your travels to other countries and cities. You will then become the latest Chapter in our Fellowship: Richmond; Penticton; Arbutus; Vancouver Westside; Houston Texas; Port of Spain Trinidad. Former Chapters included Australia, Turkey, and Washington. (They lost steam!)

*CHEERS! Wilbur Walrond,
Maitr'D, Richmond Chapter, World Fellowship of Rotarian Gourmets*



DRAGON BOATING ENJOYED BY ALL AGES!



Rotaract Club of Langara
Rotary Club of Van. Arbutus

" The Arbutus Rotary and the Langara Rotaract clubs had a wonderful day dragonboating in False Creek Vancouver.

The Arbutus Club made the arrangements and 3 of its members, Michael Jacobson, Kathryn Hurwitz and Mary Watson have recently returned, having represented Canada at the World Dragonboat Championships, assisted in the event. World Dragonboat Championships Website: <http://www.dragonboat2005.de/> .

The Rotaractors have never dragonboated before so this was new experience for them and they want to do it again. What more can one ask. "

- Michael Jacobson

FELLOWSHIP NIGHT WITH HONG KONG ROTARY D3450 SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER PRIP FRANK DEVLYN

What a pleasure it was to meet DRC Jim Ling for the first time . . . on the other side of the globe. We were delighted to join DRC Sally Ho of D3450 (we met over the internet couple years ago) to attend their Inter-City Meeting at the Ritz Carlton Hotel, Hong Kong on Dec 5. we had the opportunity to hear Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair Frank Devlyn talk, the other guest of honor was Consulate General of Mexico in Hong Kong, Mario Leal C.



L-R: Jim Ling, Raymond Fok, Becky Tsukishima, Frank Devlyn, Sally Ho

coincidence, he is a long time friend of Jim Ling's mother-in-law.

It was great to hear since Nov 8, 2005, there are now two officially chartered Rotary Clubs in Mainland China. Acknowledging this occasion, Pres. Dr. Wah Hin Lee, Immediate P.P. Thomas Adaemmer from Shanghai and Pres. Regula Hwang from Beijing were introduced.

D3450 officially launched the first Paul Harris Society outside North America

and on this occasion all charter members were recognized on stage. Every donor who annually contributes US\$1,000 to The Rotary Foundation will be awarded membership to the Paul Harris Society.

It was a great night of fellowship and a wonderful evening with our new acquaintances, DG Peter Wan, PDG Alex Mak, fellow Rotarians and the exchange students from South Africa.

Visit D3450 website at <http://www.rotary3450.org/>
View more photos at http://www.clubrunner.ca/dprq/dxjournals/_journal.aspx?did=5040&jid=2478

- Editor Becky

Highlights of Trustee Chair Frank's inspirational talk:

- What does Rotary mean to people? People speak highly of Rotary, the World values Rotary because we make a difference and we make things happen. Recently a major donor was asked why he chose to give the money to Rotary, his reply, "The money I give to Rotary, they can do better than myself."
- We ought to be proud to be a Rotarian and belonging to Rotary give us credibility.
- Express our love for Rotary by taking care of Rotary and helping Rotary grow. Introduce and invite people to Rotary.

When Chair Frank asked long time Rotarians to stand up and be recognized, Dr. George Choi was the longest standing Rotarian with 48 years of service. Bravo! By

OPERATION RED ROSE IS BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE ROTARY CLUB OF NORTH SHORES

Operation Red Nose is hosted provincially by the BC Crime Prevention Association. On the North Shore the program is being coordinated by the **FOUR North Shore Rotary Clubs** with assistance from the Hollyburn Rotaract Club and our many provincial and local sponsors.

Over Christmas Holidays, a team of three volunteers will pick you up and drive you in your own vehicle to the destination of your choice, for free. A volunteer driver and a volunteer navigator will ride in your vehicle while the volunteer escort driver will follow behind in his own car.

Statistics for December 15, 2005 in B.C. were 732 Rides, 70 Rides in North Shore.

Visit ORN website at <http://www.operationnezrouge.com/index.html> to check schedules in your area and volunteer information etc.



ABBOTSFORD/MISSON (604)864-8030, CHILLWACK(604)792-8030, DELTA/
RICHMOND(604)943-0460, KAMLOOPS, LANGLEY-SURREY(604)532-0888,
NORTH SHORE (604)619-0942, PRINCE GEORGE (604)960-7433

Rotary Club of Richmond Evening at the Arts

"STRANGERS ON A TRAIN" by Craig Warner
(Psychological thriller based on
Patricia Highsmith's novel)

Date: Tuesday, March 14, 2006

Time: 8:00pm - 10:30pm

Place: Metro Theatre, 1370 S.W. Marine Dr. Van.

No Host Bar: 7:00pm - 8:00pm

Tickets: \$25 each or 5 for \$100

Contact: Wilbur Walrond at walrond@shaw.ca

Net Proceeds: Rotary Club's International & Community Projects

Rotary Club of White Rock Millennium

"Rotary Donate-A-Car"

White Rock Millennium Rotary Club launched this fundraising program during 2004.

The partnership is available to all Canadian clubs in D5050 and clubs from Horseshoe Bay to Hope, B.C. in D5040.

Partners receive 50% of the net proceeds from any vehicle they find for auction or scrap. TOGETHER WE ALL BENEFIT FOR THE GOOD OF ROTARY.

For detail, visit Rotary Donate-A-Car website:
<http://www.rotarydonateacar.ca/>

SERVICE ABOVE SELF RECOGNITIONS



On Nov 30, DG Sonia visited **Rotary Club of Quesnel Sunrise** and presented the Service Above Self recognition to Rotarians Hedy Schulz, Doug Cairns, and President Keith Hildebrand.

Note: DG's visit has now completed. The rest of the awards will be posted on the District website and newsletter once I received the pictures and information. Club Presidents please forward recipients' names (Oct & Nov) to editor5040@hotmail.com

ROTARY CLUB OF METROTOWN RECEIVED THE 2005 BURNABY BOARD OF TRADE BUSINESS EXCELLENCE AWARDS

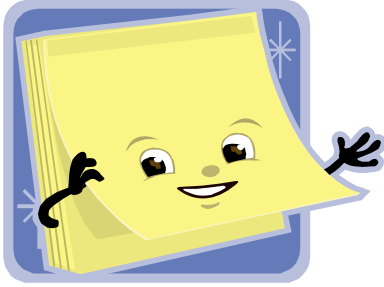
The Rotary Club of Burnaby Metrotown is the award recipient in the Community Service category and member, James Fraser was a nominee in the Business Person of the Year category.

Rotarian Gloria Tom Wing Staudt was nominated and received a Burnaby Local Hero Award (went to 18 people in the city of Burnaby) for my variety of community work in Burnaby. Both awards were presented during the Nov 7th Gala evening.



Group photo L to R : Front row - Brent McLean, Antonia Beck, Pat Kaspro, non Rotarian presenting sponsor, Anne Baker; Back row - Jim Fraser (Business Person of the Year nominee), Gloria Tom Wing Staudt, Gerry Herkel, Michael Killoran, Andrew Stewart Note: Rotarian Sev Morin was present but missed the photo.

2nd Photo L to R: Chair of the Social Issues Committee, Councillor Dan Johnston, Gloria and Mayor Derrick



Important Reminders for December by DG Sonia

- Club Secretaries to notify RI, District Governor and Governor-Elect of newly elected officers before December 31, 2005 so the names will be posted in the International *Official Directory*;
- Club executives to look in their clubs for candidates for Governor Nominee Designate;
- Resolutions can be made any day of the year, make a resolution today to invite a person you do business with or whose services you use this week;
- Contact your Assistant Governors if you need District Directory's for new members; (I have 100 left)
- Provide the Membership chair when you have a new member;
- Provide the sponsor with a STAR pin available for Governor and Assistant Governor;
- Look into the District Directory for Speakers at your club, i.e. Ambassadorial Scholars, GSE members, District Committee chairs starting on page 106.
- Encourage members to look into the directory to acquaint them with positions at the district level.

UPCOMING DISTRICT EVENTS

Public Relations Workshop

"Using the Media to tell our Story"

Jan 14, 2006 - 9:00am

Location: Cheers Restaurant, 125E 2nd, North Van.

Agenda: Stay tuned for more information, please check District website for updates.

Regional Foundation Seminar

Jan 21, 2006 - 8:30am

Location: Rotary Field House, 14600 - 2nd Ave, Surrey

Keynote Speaker: Penny LeGate, Anchor & Reporter from KIRO News Seattle

For details and registration online, visit District website.

DISTRICT 5050/5040 CONFERENCE WHISTLER 19-21 MAY, 2006

Booking information for both the conference and hotel accommodation is now available on the District website:
http://www.clubrunner.ca/dprg/dxhome/dxeventstab/_eventitem.aspx?did=5040&index=518&linkcat=5&dir=f&tail=0.

The Conference Committee has negotiated special rates at the two conference hotels - the Hilton Whistler Resort and Spa and the Delta Whistler Village Suites. Both hotels are adjacent to the Telus Conference Centre, where the main Conference is being hosted.

These hotels are flagship hotels, with top class accommodation and facilities. Prices range from \$85.00 to \$189.00 per night, in deluxe rooms and 1 or 2 bedroom suites. Reserve on-line now and use the special Conference booking codes that are contained on the District website.

Rooms and Suites have plenty of room to accommodate the whole family - so give them a treat and let them enjoy the excitement of Whistler while you attend the Conference. Additional single tickets for the Governor's Ball (Saturday), the "Top of the Mountain" Dinner (Friday) and the Golf BBQ Dinner (Thursday) are also available so that family and friends (i.e. potential Rotarians!) can join you in "Celebrating Rotary!". You can reserve these extra tickets on the Conference Booking Form.

The program is now well advanced! The guest speakers, and the topics for the breakout sessions, promise to make this Conference yet another milestone in your Rotary experience. So come along and join hundreds of our Rotarian colleagues from District 5050 as we "Soar Above the Clouds" in BC's world-famous Olympic venue!"

- ADG Gord Dalglish, Program Chair