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SONIA'S CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE ROTARIAN SOULS



Happy New Year 2006 to All Rotarians and their families as we continue to celebrate Service Above Self!

January is Rotary Awareness Month and with the New Year 2006, an opportunity to make some new resolutions.

Some suggested Resolutions for Rotarians:

- Work with your Club and District to enhance Rotary's public image. When your Club enters into a project, make sure your community knows all about your work;
- Print a copy of the District Newsletter and take it to your Rotary meeting;
- Invite a prospective member to a Rotary meeting, remember the goal for 2005-2006 is Net One; Look to the business and professional people in your community, or the members of the Chamber of Commerce, if you do business with people, invite them to Rotary;
- Get to know the members in your Club, sit with a different Rotarian each week
- Call someone in your Club that you do not know well and put out your hand in friendship;
- Mark your calendar to attend the District Meetings i.e. Leadership and Assembly's;
- Look through the District Directory starting at page 208, at the different District Committees and ask to be part of a committee that sparks your interest;
- Volunteer for a hands-on project this year;
- Register to attend the District Conference May 19 to 21 in Whistler with District 5040 and 5050;
- Share stories with the District on how you are Creating Rotary Awareness in your community

February is, World Understanding Month, International Assembly for Governor-Elect Kevin and Jen Conway in San Diego, Rotary's Birthday and GSE in Thailand.

"The starting point of achievement is desire." - Napoleon Hill, American writer.

Thank you for all you are doing in Rotary

Governor Sonia

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WHAT IS THE VALUE OF ROTARY?

If Rotary wasn't valuable, organizations such as the United Nations wouldn't call on Rotarians to help end polio in the world. Scholars from Rotary Countries wouldn't apply for scholarships to study their specialties in other countries, and countries wouldn't elect to appoint Rotarians or Rotary Scholars to important positions.

What about "Intangible Assets"? Intangible assets are those unique elements that make the organization different or more valuable. Two such assets are reputation and name recognition. The tenets and symbols of Rotary are its "Intangible Assets".

And, it is these elements, philosophical and graphical, integral and spiritual, that comprise the basis of what Rotary is and means today. It was not always so. Between the late 1910's and the early 1930's, Rotary underwent an evolution from a business-oriented organization. The knowledge of Rotary's Tenets and Symbols will help when trying to understand Rotary's Evolution.

Tenets and symbols are an important part of our History. Many are those things we see every week at meetings and maybe fail to remember.

-the original article written by Doug Rudman, Rotary Historian, Rotary First 100 website.

"The vibrancy and viability of Rotary as the most important service club in the history of the world will not depend on membership numbers and mentions in news media. Rather, adherence to its core values will restore Rotary's standing in the affairs of mankind, and the numbers and mentions will occur naturally. There is an old saying, 'If you build a better mousetrap, the world will beat a path to your door.' Rotary IS a better mousetrap. It's time that we started treating it that way." - Doug Rudman

**WE LIVE IN THE PRESENT...
WE DREAM OF THE FUTURE...
WE LEARN FROM THE PAST...**

VISIT ROTARY 1ST 100 YEARS WEBSITE
TO LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR HISTORY:
[HTTP://WWW.ROTARYFIRST100.ORG/](http://www.rotaryfirst100.org/)

WILFRED J. WILKINSON – RI PRESIDENT 2007-2008

It has been confirmed! Wilfred Wilkinson from Trenton, Ontario will be the first Canadian President of Rotary International in 55 years.

Wilkinson was a founding partner of Wilkinson & Company, Chartered Accountants. Since retiring in 2001, he has served as executive director of the Quinte Ballet School of Canada and Canadian coordinator for the National Association of Forensic Accountants.

Wilkinson, a Rotarian since 1962 is currently PolioPlus National Advocacy Adviser, member at large of the PolioPlus Partners Task Force, he has also held the following positions:

- The Rotary Foundation Trustee 1997-2001 /2002-2003
- Vice-President of Rotary International 1993-94
- Director of Rotary International 1992-94
- District Governor 1971-72
- President of The Rotary Foundation (Canada)
- Chair of 2005 Chicago Convention Committee
- Vice Chair of RI's Afghan Refugee Relief Project



Wilkinson will be the 5th RI President from Canada, the past Canadian RI Presidents were:

1917-18	Rev. E. Leslie Pidgeon, Winnipeg, Manitoba
1921-22	Dr. Crawford McCullough, Fort Williams, Ontario
1933-34	John R. Nelson, Montreal, Quebec
1950-51	Arthur Lagueux, Quebec

ALEX COFFEY IS THE ASSISTANT GOVERNOR FOR THE CARIBOO AREA. LET'S TAKE A LOOK AT THESE CLUBS' COLOURFUL EVENTS OVER THE PAST YEAR!



QUESNEL SUNRISE 2000 - CENTENNIAL PROJECT

The Sunrise 2000 Rotary Club of Quesnel built a **bulletin board sign** to serve their community. Now the public has a proper place to post upcoming events and local advertisements. Advertisements used to be posted in the same site in a building which has been torn down.

Now what is left in the project? . . . a wooden Rotary wheel to be added to the peak of the sign.

Since the sign is in the rail yard where the new Rocky Mountaineer Vacations Train will start stopping in Quesnel in May of 2006, the club is planning to put a welcome visitors message to their beautiful Cariboo City on the back side of the sign as well.



QUESNEL ROTARY CLUB TURNED 50TH ON NOV 2, 2005!



Quesnel Rotary Club celebrated this milestone with a weekend of fun, food and friendships on September 9 & 10.

25 Past Presidents turned up for breakfast and they had a chance to recall the highlights (or low lights) of their year.

In the afternoon Quesnel's version of the Amazing Race the ("Not So Amazing Race") took place as teams raced around town looking for clues and performing some task at each check point (from singing "Amazing Grace" to dribbling a soccer ball). Each checkpoint was at a place where their club had been involved with a project.

D.G. Sonia was in time to join in the race and attended the evening dinner along with nearly hundred Rotarians. Highlights for the evening were PP Peter Gook received recognition for her 50th years dedicated service to Rotary and a past president from each of the five decades gave their vision of Rotary in that decade.

Other highlights of the year besides the 50th celebration are: serving pancake breakfasts at Billy Barker Days; annual trip to Barkerville for local seniors, construction of "socialization pens" at the local SPCA; annual Night Golf tournament for CNIB; first Guy Fawkes bonfire; Halloween Party; arrival of the Exchange student from Japan and their 48th annual Rotary auction on Nov 28 to 30 carried both on local radio and cable TV, **raised a gross \$32500.**

WILLIAMS LAKE ROTARY CLUB - CENTENNIAL PROJECT



A dedicated team of Rotarians from Williams Lake Rotary Club is building a Picnic Shelter as their Centennial Project.

When the ground settles properly, the concrete floor will be installed in the spring of 2006. The final cost to their club will be about \$27,000 with the value of the structure being estimated at \$45,000. The picnic shelter will be used by the City during summer days to house their children's programs and by other groups on weekends and in the evenings. The project couldn't have been completed without the vision and support of the Williams Lake Rotary Club members.



To make the project possible:

- Pioneer Log Homes did the design and construction (and only charged about half their going rate);
- The City of Williams Lake donated the land at the entrance to Boitano Park (the largest City park) and agreed to maintain the structure after completion.
- Other local construction firms donated lumber, concrete and labour.

WILLIAMS LAKE DAY BREAK - ACTION PACKED PROJECTS

Daybreak Rotary continues to provide its members with opportunities to demonstrate, "Service Above self". A particularly proud moment for the Club was the completion of their **Centennial Project – a wishing well** in front of Glen Arbor, the newest senior's housing project in the City of Williams Lake. The project provided members with ample opportunity to wish for continued improvements in seniors' services.

Among the many signature events that raise funds for community projects, they **partnered with the Williams Lake Rotary Club for the 2005 Duck Race Event**. This year, the Club added two new partners - Interior Health and Success x 6. They were able to combine the Duck Race with a Watershed Health Walk and a Family Fun Day.

Another very successful Rotary Project is the **annual used book sale** that is held every February in Boitano Mall. The mall gives them the space to display and sell the used

books that are collected at various retail outlets throughout the year. Literally thousands of books change hands every year at this much anticipated community event. Last year, to continue the Club's efforts to promote literacy, a First Nations school liaison worker was invited to go and restock her lending library with books that had been donated by the community.

Club members will be busy in the New Year with a **new community project – Williams Lake's annual Stampede Parade**. This will be a new adventure for the Club and the action will start to pick up in January, 2006 when they start to finalize the marching bands and the parade entrants.

Although small in number (**17 active members**), the Club is action-oriented and community minded, pitching in when needed to make Williams Lake a great place to live, play and work.



Williams Lake & Williams Lake Day Break during the 2005 Duck Race Event. It looks like fun!

100 MILE HOUSE ROTARY CLUB - PROJECTS

The 100 Mile House Rotary Club has two main annual projects and one stand-alone project.

Annual South Cariboo Rotary Fall Fair:

The club sponsors and is solely responsible for this major community "happening" in 100 Mile House. The fair attendance this year was in excess of 5000, and there were 65 vendors booths in the Recreation Center, plus agricultural and craft displays in the adjacent curling rink as well as entertainment attractions held in the former arena building next door.

Annual Seniors Christmas Dinner:

In December, over 300 local senior citizens were treated to a delicious turkey dinner completed with music and entertainment. This was provided by the 100 Mile Club with assistance from local restaurants and community volunteers.

The Rehabilitation and Conversion of the former arena building into an Agriplex facility:

The Club has formed the Rotary Agriplex Society just to handle this major project, funded mainly through various grant moneys and bankrolled initially by the Club. Title to the building was acquired from the Cariboo Regional District, and work has been underway for some months. The appropriate floor for equestrian use is essentially complete and will be usable in the near future. Various user groups are part of the advisory board to the Agriplex Society.

In addition to the major projects, the club also supports other worthy local causes such as providing significant annual scholarships to graduates of the Senior Secondary School. This year, the Club has partnered with other Rotary Clubs in the north to support the Albania Dental Project (a Prince George initiative).

Membership is around 35 to 37, with some promising prospects for new members.



LANGARA ROTARACT CLUB - TRUE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT



December 17th (Saturday) the Langara Rotaract Club put on their third annual Blanket Drive in Oppenhiemer Park.

Blankets, scarves, sweaters, hats, gloves, shoes and jackets were distributed to the needy of the downtown eastside.

Members of the Langara Rotaract Club and The Rotary Club of Vancouver Arbutus teamed up for the afternoon to personally hand out the items. This year they were able to work with the BC Film Commission, who provide a full Christmas banquet and bags of toiletries and clothing at no cost for the people there. As always, it was a great opportunity to see the true Christmas spirit in action.



Top Pic: Estelle Jacobson and Katie Stewart loading up the tables with clothes donated for the Blanket Drive

Bottom Pic: Ishwarya Chaitanya, Rob Seebacher, Micheal Jacobson and Katie Stewart at the Blanket Drive

RYLA SOUTH MARCH 16 - 19, 2006



**Theme: 'What we feel inside we attract,
and what we envision we become.'**

It is only 2-1/2 months away! IT IS TIME for the Rotary Clubs to submit their registrations, \$375.00 per participant. RYLA South is for age group 16 to 18.

Download interactive application from in PDF format from:

<http://www.clubrunner.ca/data/5040/html/7473/RYLA%20Application%20South.pdf> and submit completed application to Sue Smith, Registrar by fax: 604-244-2110 or by email: suesmith@ca.ibm.com or call 604-244-2134.

RYLA event's focus is on leadership, citizenship and personal development, please visit District website event page to learn programs and core curriculum:

<http://www.clubrunner.ca/dprg/dxhome/home.aspx?did=5040>

NOMINATIONS FOR 2008-2009 DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Know the best candidate for the 2008-2009 District Governor nominee? Please submit nominations to PDG Ron Neukomm, Nominating Committee Chair, 1072 Babine Cres., Prince George, B.C., V2M 3X4. Fax 250-563-4253.

The Nominee must be a Rotarian in good standing who has served as a club President for a full term or be a Charter President of a club having served the full term from the date of charter to June 30th, provided that this period is at least six months. At the time of taking office on July 1, 2008 the Nominee must have completed seven years in one or more clubs.

Please visit D5040 website for the procedure. Detailed information is available in the Manual of Procedure.

SOARING ABOVE THE CLOUDS (MAY 19-21, 2006)

Whistler
District Conference 2006

5040/5050 Annual Conference in beautiful Whistler, B.C.
May 19 (Friday)-21 (Sunday), 2006

**Your Service Above Self
will take you Soaring Above the Clouds**

- Come walk where the Olympians are going to tread
- Come for the biking, the hiking, the gondola ride
- Come for the golf...come drive the beautiful Sea to Sky Highway

It is a once in a lifetime experience...when next do you think you will get to experience the sights and sounds of Whistler plus the hustle and bustle of a District conference with Rotarians from both Canada and the United States!

Register today...find a registration form on the District website. Whistler is calling you!

SERVICE Above Self

Come walk where the Olympians are going to tread
Come for the biking, the hiking, the gondola ride
Come for the golf, the rollerblading...come shop till you drop
Bring the family...come drive the beautiful Sea to Sky Highway.

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Register for the conference today, download Conference Registration [http://www.clubrunner.ca/Data/5040/html/6210/ConferenceRegistration\[2\].pdf](http://www.clubrunner.ca/Data/5040/html/6210/ConferenceRegistration[2].pdf) **and Golf Tournament forms from the District website** [http://www.clubrunner.ca/Data/5040/html/6211/GolfRegistration\[2\].pdf](http://www.clubrunner.ca/Data/5040/html/6211/GolfRegistration[2].pdf)

To find out what exciting programs are prepared for you; download the provisional program:

<http://www.clubrunner.ca/Data/5040/html/6589/conference%20program%20rev%20Oct%2010.pdf>

INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF FISHING ROTARIANS



This is the Rotary Fellowship that challenges the "4-Way Test" (Is it the truth?)

Rotary Fellowships encourage camaraderie and shared experience among Rotarians, and with fellowship at the core, Rotary Fellowships unite Rotarians internationally through a common activity.

Rotary's Fishing Fellowship promotes friendship between Rotarians who enjoy recreational fishing. Further, it encourages social activities among its members and supports interaction between Rotarians and the youth of their respective communities so that young men and women may learn more about Rotary, sport fishing, and the value of protecting and conserving the fisheries of the world.

The International Fellowship of Fishing Rotarians is open to all Rotarians. Our membership includes Rotarians who fish inshore,

offshore, fresh water, saltwater, fly fishing, bass fishing and, in some cases, simply arm-chair fishing.

Check out this Fellowship's well done web site at: <http://www.iffr.homestead.com/> and learn how to broaden your Rotary horizons.

For information about other Rotary Fellowships, visit web site:

<http://www.rotaryfellowships.org/>

Let's hear about your experiences and adventures with Rotary Fellowships. Please submit fellowship articles for publication to: PDG Dave Kirk (email: dbkirk@telus.net), District 5040 Fellowships Chair, Member, International Travel and Hosting Fellowship

LITERACY BY PDG LEO

Reading is a skill essential to all areas of achievement, and encouraging children to become – and remain – avid readers is the single most important thing parents and families can do to help their children succeed in school and in life. Here are some ideas to get started:

- **Read to your children** - Start reading to your children when they're babies and keep reading as they grow up. As you read, encourage your child to ask questions and talk about the story. Ask them to predict what will happen next.
- **Encourage your children to read on their own** - Children who spend at least 30 minutes a day reading for fun to develop the skills to be better readers in school.
- **Set aside quiet time for family reading** - Some families also enjoy reading aloud, with each family member choosing a book, story, poem or article.
- **Visit the library often** - Begin making weekly trips to the library when your child is very young. See that your child gets his or her own library card as soon as possible.
- **Buy a children's dictionary** - and start a "let's look it up" habit.

- **Make writing materials** - such as crayons, pencils and paper available.
- **Ask family members and friends to consider giving your children books and magazine subscriptions** - as gifts for birthdays or other special occasions. Set aside a special place for your children to keep their own library books.
- **Get help for your children if they have a reading problem** - If you think your children need extra help, ask their teachers about special services such as after school or summer reading programs. Also ask your local librarian for names of community organizations and local literacy volunteer groups that offer tutoring services.

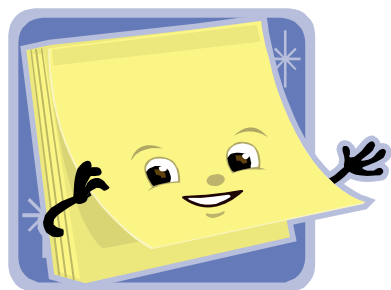


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**SAT. JANUARY 14 PUBLIC IMAGE WORKSHOP
HAS BEEN CANCELLED, IT WILL BE
RESCHEDULED AT A LATER DATE**

D.G. SONIA'S JANUARY REMINDER



- Semi Annual Reports (SARS) are due and payable January 1, 2006. This is the most important duty of the Club Secretary to certify the names and details of members of the club to RI and the District;
- Club Officer Election results are due to RI and District so that the Rotary International Directory will have the correct information about your clubs president and secretary;
- At the District level, we are creating a Data Base of your ideas. Please have your Club Service Chair provide your Fundraisers, Community and International projects to Bud Fast, District Service Project Chair: fastbp@shaw.ca

DISTRICT DIRECTORY

P. 115 - District Service Projects Chair Bud Fast email should be fastbp@shaw.ca

P. 38 - Pres. Gordon Douglas, Burns Lake email should be gadouglas@lakescom.net

Reminder to all D5040 members: Have you updated your member profile in D5040 website? First time user, check the NEW USER section on how to login.

CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATION

Vancouver Chinatown Rotary Club Annual Chinese New Year's
Dinner Celebrating the year of the Dog
Friday, February 24, 2006

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Cocktail: 6:00 pm No Host Bar
Dinner: 7:00 pm Gourmet Chinese Dinner
Place: Floata Chinese Seafood Restaurant, Keefer St. In Vancouver's Chinatown
Tickets: \$65 per person, table of 10 \$650.00
Contact: PDG Chris Offer at 604-434-5774 or offer@telus.net or any member of the Rotary Club of Vancouver Chinatown
Proceeds: help fund Community Rotary Projects, Vancouver Crime Prevention Society, q Villa Catha Society

SERVICE ABOVE SELF RECOGNITION



During Quesnel Rotary Club's 50th celebration dinner, PP Peter Gook was recognized by his own club and District 5040 for his FIFTY YEARS of dedicated service to Rotary. Peter is a charter member and honorary member.

Editor's Note: To all club Presidents, I am still missing quite a few club's Service Above Self Recognition picture and listing, if your club is not posted under "Awards and Recognition", please forward picture and recipient names to editor5040@hotmail.com. Thanks