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Sonia's Chicken Soup for the Rotarian

We learn so much from Mother Nature and the cycle of change. Each season of each year is different, as every leader and the vision they hold are different.

In this season around the Rotary world, we are changing our leaders, Club Presidents, District Governors, Directors, and the International President of Rotary. Let us applaud all those people who have stepped forward to lead us into this first year of the second century of Rotary service.

Sonia's Chicken Soup for the Rotarian is a wonderful title for a year when we focus on stories of Service Above Self! This title suggestion comes from our new Newsletter Editor, Becky Tsukishima. Thank you for this appropriate title for the 2005-2006.

The year will focus on Service Stories in the Rotarians life, their community, business and professions, with youth, and internationally. Please share stories so we can tell others in the district about special incidence of service. Who knows, at the end of the year, we may have an entire book of special stories.

While at the 2005 International Convention in Chicago, I interviewed a few Past District Governors and asked the question, "What led you to a life of service in Rotary?" The stories were inspiring and over the course of the Rotary year, I will share on going interviews and stories.

Membership, public image, literacy, and the global water crisis will continue to be a big focus for 2005 - 2006. These concerns will be promoted throughout the district for the coming year and clubs will be encouraged to consider a project related to these issues.

Each person who brings a new member into Rotary will receive a special Rotary pin, designed by the 10 District Governors who are part of the PETS in Seattle. We will feature this pin on the website.

The District Governor is required to make an official visit to each club during the year. What an honour it will be to visit your clubs and serve as an officer of Rotary International, hearing about your service to mankind. Each president will be asked to put forth the name of someone who has demonstrated exceptional "Service Above Self". That person will be given a special gift.

"I expect to pass through this world but once. Any good, therefore, that I can do or any kindness I can show to any fellow creature let me do it now. Let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again." -Stephan Grellet, 1773-1855

Thank you for what you are doing for Rotary.

Sonia Wolowidnyk, District Governor



What is **DG Sonia** all about?

Her Goals for 2005-2006 Rotary Year

- Share RI President Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar's goals:
 1. Promote literacy and education programs.
 2. Address the global water crisis to improve health and alleviate poverty. Promote the membership goal of ONE net member per club.
 3. Support youth services programs.
 4. Give a renewed focus to ethics in the district.
 5. Assist clubs to enhance the Rotary public image
 6. Encourage each member to contribute to our charity, The Rotary Foundation, as to his or her ability; suggested by RI, "Each member, Each year".
- Develop a District 5040 strategic Plan.
- Develop a succession plan in all District Committees.
- Present a special award at each club to the person identified by the board to exemplify Service Above Self.

Her active Rotary Life

- 1992 joined the Kelowna Rutland Rotary Club.
- 1994 served as District Public Relations Chair.
- 1995 Conference Promotions Chair.
- 1997 GSE Leader to South Korea.
- 1998 Promotions Chair for Conference 2000.
- 2000-2001 President of North Vancouver Club.
- 2002-2004 ADG for 7 clubs in North Shore and Howe Sound.
- Perfect attendance for 13 years making up in 16 countries.
- Paul Harris Fellow and a Benefactor.

Her Family Life

- Born and raised in Saskatchewan.
- Married and moved to California over most of her young adult life.
- Divorced and a family with six adult children, 3 girls, 3 boys and the proud grandma of 4 grand children.

Her Colorful Career

- Researcher with University of Victoria on prison education.
- 8-1/2 years with Correctional Service of Canada, providing academic and vocational assessment of in-coming prisoners.
- Academic Advisor with Open Learning Institute for social and geographically isolated persons.
- 3 years as financial advisor.
- 15 years in public and community relations management with the ICBC.

Her Life besides Rotary

- Reading . . . *emails and material from Rotarians*, gardening, travel . . . *to visit all the Rotary Clubs in D5040*, dancing, painting and entertaining . . . *fellow Rotarians*.
- Served on Chamber of Commerce Boards, Community Foundation Boards, Crime Prevention Board and various Society Boards.



DG Sonia was officially installed on July 11, 2005 by PDG Chris.



Coach & the Dream Team with PDG Chris Offer

The Dream Team - Assistant Governors 2005-2006

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Welcome to the ROTARY FAMILY – June 2005



Her Honour Iona Campagnolo inducting Shawn Kluss, Rotary Club of Terrace

"An Opportunity to have a person of such stature induct a Rotarian is rare. Her honour spoke to the Rotary Club of Terrace on June 6, praising Rotary on the occasion of its 100th anniversary for the work accomplished in Canada and abroad to make the community and the world a better place in which to live" - PDG Art Erasmus

LADNER

Ladnerracy Yolland, Thomas Wright

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Maureen Park, Jane Watkins

PRINCE RUPERT

Angie Stewart, Gordon L. Cox, Linda Caroline Cox

STEVESTON-RICHMOND

David Jackson, Richard Stuart

TERRACE

David Pernarowski, Shawn Kluss

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Dan Lisicky

WEST VANCOUVER SUNRISE

Al Fleming, Steve Brining



Good On Ya GSE !

"**A special thanks** to District 5040 for sponsoring our amazing Group Study Exchange to Queensland, Australia. The professional and personal growth we experienced cannot be measured by words. However, we do have a few words about the Rotarian you sent with us.

Bob Blacker from New Westminster Royal City Club (top left) is a one-man riot who sometimes needs supervision. Thank you Bob for your devotion to and belief in our team. Your diligent organizing, eruptive laughter and "bring-it-on" attitude set the tone for us. You da man! Big hugs from Kookamundi, Dan the Man, Hawkeye, and the Sergeant at Arms.

Thanks, Kim Zieglansberger 2005 GSE Team of Australia, <http://www.gse5040.org/>



2005 RI convention in CHICAGO

"Rotary gives so much to so many, but as much as it gives to the world, it gives back to us," RI President Glen Estess said. "As we begin our next 100 years of fellowship...let us continue to *Celebrate Rotary* by putting *Service Above Self*."

As the nostalgic refrain of thousands singing Auld Lang Syne echoed in the hall, Rotarians began pouring out of the plenary, bringing with them not just souvenirs in their bags but also new friendships and memories of Rotary's greatest celebration in their hearts.

To view Convention photos and events, visit:

<http://www.rotary.org/events/conventions/2005coverage/2005.06.23.coverage.html>



Flags from 168 countries represent Rotary's struggle to bring peace and fellowship to the world.
(Photo by Alyce Henson)

RI President Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar 2005-2006

RI President Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar needs no introduction. We can find detailed coverage in the July Rotarian magazine as well as the RI website. There is ONE thing he said that sticks in my mind;

Why did he join Rotary? His reason was simple. . .

"I've always had food on the table, my whole education was paid for, I have never suffered anything, and I thought this maybe was an opportunity to give back,"

Each individual has their own reason when joining a gym, a sports team or this case it is Rotary, a service club. What type of Rotarian are we, a passionate one, a causal one . . .? It all relates to "why we joined Rotary". It is inspiring to read the collection of reasons "why people like you joined Rotary" in Frank Talk.

I joined because it gives me an opportunity to do what I enjoy doing. What about you? We love to hear your reason why you joined Rotary, may be we can start our own library in District 5040.

Becky Tsukishima, District Newsletter



RI President Carl-Whilhelm Stenhammer with his wife Monica at the International Talent Night, International Assembly, Anaheim, California, Feb 2005

Inspiration

The majority of us lead quiet, unheralded lives as we pass through this world. There will most likely be no ticker-tape parades for us, no monuments created in our honor. But that does not lessen our possible impact, for there are scores of people waiting for someone just like us to come along; people who will appreciate our compassion, our unique talents. Someone who will live a happier life merely because we took the time to share what we had to give. - Author: Leo Buscaglia

July is Literacy Month

Reading, writing...the keys to tomorrow

Rotary's working on it today



Can you believe that 40% of Canadians are functionally illiterate? They cannot read or write well enough to fill out a job application. This is in a very highly developed country.

Just think how much worse it is in the developing world. This is why Rotary International over many years has had literacy as a major program.

What can you and your club do to help?

- Each club could have a literacy liaison person who could gather information on the state of literacy in their area.
- Rotarians could form an area advisory committee with other experts from their area or district.
- Rotarians in clubs should be made aware of the problems of illiteracy.
- Rotarians could establish which institutions offer teaching in literacy.
- Rotary clubs could sponsor needy students to learning institutions.
- Rotary clubs could support learning centres with equipment or materials.
- Rotary clubs could adopt a school.
- Rotarians could volunteer as a story reader at schools or libraries.
- A great project is known as DEAR (Drop Everything And Read) for an hour or so in schools - particularly, but not only, for the early learners.
- In developing countries with large illiterate populations, Rotarians should identify groups who want to become literate and provide help.
- Rotary Clubs could promote literacy through churches, community centres, the workplace and in any other way.
- Rotarians in developed countries could help clubs in developing countries with literacy projects.

If you have some projects or ideas for literacy please share it with me and others so we can move forward in our clubs, our district and our world.

PDG Leo Nimsick
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A dictionary is perhaps the first and most powerful reference tool that a child should own, consider a dictionary project like many other Rotary Clubs, for details, and visit: <http://www.dictionaryproject.org/>

Last of the Leo's Membership Page

We have come to the end of the 2004-05 Rotary year and I am moving on to other Rotary matters. I have completed my fourth year as your Membership Coordinator.

My replacement will be Henry Fetigan of the Rotary Club of Vancouver Chinatown. You can reach him at hfetigan@shaw.ca.

I want to thank the Assistant Governors, Club Membership Contacts, Club Presidents and Club Secretaries for cooperation over the past four years. It hasn't been perfect but then what is perfect.

We started the year with District Governor Ron setting the goal of 100 net new members. My hard numbers as of to-day are 235 new members with 131 members leaving. A net of 103 new members has met the goal.

A special thank you to Gordon Dalglish, the Newsletter editor for making sure "Leo's Membership Page" was there each month.

Congratulations Governor Ron and thank you all.

PDG Leo Nimsick
District 5040 Membership Coordinator



**RI President Stenhammer
with PDG Leo Nimsick**

Many ways of celebrating ROTARY CENTENNIAL

ROTARY CLUB OF GIBSONS

On the fine day of July 1, Mayor Barry Janyk dedicated the Rotary Centennial Performance Stage at Winegarden Park in Gibsons.



ROTARY CLUB OF TERRACE & TERRACE SKEENA'S CENTENNIAL PROJECT

PDG Leo Nimsick had an opportunity to see the wonderful joint Centennial project of both clubs. Apparently 7 kids already started playing while he was taking a look at this colourful playground.



ROTARY CLUB OF PRINCE RUPERT'S CENTENNIAL PROJECT

The following are excerpts from the June 21, 2005 The Daily News by James Vassallo

"The final piece to the puzzle has fallen into place for the Prince Rupert Rotary Club after a \$30,000 grant was recently announced toward the restoration of Rushbrook Trail.

The funds, provided by Western Economic Diversification through Community Futures, allow the group to move forward with a geotechnical survey of the trail

The Prince Rupert Rotary Club has already managed to secure \$150,000 in funding from the Olympic/Paralympic Live Sites program to upgrade what will be known as the Rushbrook Olympic Interpretive Walkway.

"The province wanted some of the benefits from the Olympics to be felt outside of Vancouver and area," said Rotarian John Shepherd. "They're looking for projects around communities that are sports-related."

In addition to that money, they've procured \$25,000 in materials from the city, \$75,000 from Coast Sustainability Trust and will pony up \$75,000 of their own money to get the job done. The \$325,000-project [a preliminary assessment of the costs to repair the trail] will then move ahead, assuming the engineers don't come back with a much higher bill for the project.

"The study will identify strategies to stabilize the hillside and (increase) safety in order to reopen the walkway," said Angus.

Prince Rupert Rotary, *the second oldest in BC, founded in 1921*, announced its intention to take on the project last year. The pathway, which snakes along an old rail bed next to the waterfront, was closed in 2003 because of the danger of landslides. . . .

The project involves moving the path out toward the water, and installing safety features on the cliff side to prevent future land slides, as well as adding benches and installing interpretive signage.

The trail will provide a benefit to both the community, to tourists and cruise ship passengers who will be able to reach the trail within easy walking distance. *The project will join Mariner's Park, the Rotary Waterfront Park, the Second Avenue Tennis Courts and the Rotary Tot Lots as landmark club projects provided by Rotarians over the years*

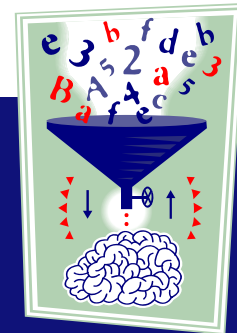


Rotary Club members Bill Nicholls, Cyril Volney, John Shepherd, Randolph Mostad, Mark Ignas & Vincent Arimare

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

2 word puzzle:

T O C R T L I E A Y M N H



Service Above Self Recognition

*Congratulation to:
Peter Taylor, President North Van. Club
Bob Nowell, District Secretary
Riet Carter, District Treasurer*

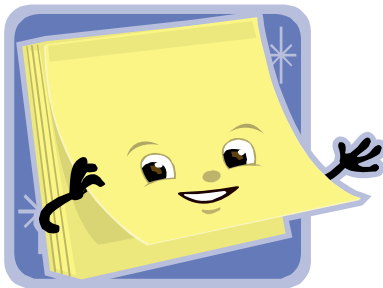
On July 12, DG Sonia presented special District Service Above Self Recognition to the three Rotarians at her first official club visit, Rotary Club of North Vancouver.

"Service Above Self" gloves were presented to club President Peter Taylor, District Secretary Bob Nowell and District Treasurer Riet.

Top Picture - L to R: DG Sonia, Riet Carter, Peter Taylor & Bob Nowell.



Reminders from DG Sonia



PRESIDENTS:

Please consider doing something special in the next few months to focus on:

- July, Literacy month. Highlight literacy in your club.
- August, Membership and Extension. Plan a special membership meeting.
- Promote Group Study Exchange.
- Start Promoting the District Conference.
- Look into your clubs for potential leaders for District Governor.

SECRETARIES

- Semi-annual reports are due to Rotary International.
- District dues are due.
- Update the International and District websites with member information.

Rotary Anniversary Issue Download

Eddie Blender has prepared a Rotary Anniversary Issue from Rotary Global History Fellowship. It has six pages of great information with pictures about how Rotary started the Early Years of Rotary and the spirit of Rotary. You can download a free copy from their website at http://rotaryhistoryfellowship.org/Rotary_GHF_Anniversary_Issue.pdf

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