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Thank You

The SONIA Poem

Twas the night before Whistler and all through the District
Lots was a stirring for Governor Wolowidnyk

The speakers were ready, the sessions were booked
The conference centre had "the Rotary Look"

But Sonia sat back to wonder - "what have I missed?"
"Did I do all I planned - all those Goals on my list?"

And so she sat back - as she gave it much thought
She was not really sure what "her year" had brought.

So - Sonia - we've come to help you look back
Is your Rotary Service in the Red or the Black?

We know Service Above Self is the Theme for the Year
And you have done lots to spread friendship and cheer

DG Sonia told stories as she visited our clubs
Presenting to those who excelled "Rotary gloves"

The Clubs were all challenged to achieve Net One
and many have risen to higher Goals - and have won!

Words you may recall - "do you have glasses on ya?"
Cause reading glasses did not always arrive with our Sonia

A District Directory - not for one or 3 but all !
Became the hallmark of Sonia as she came to call.

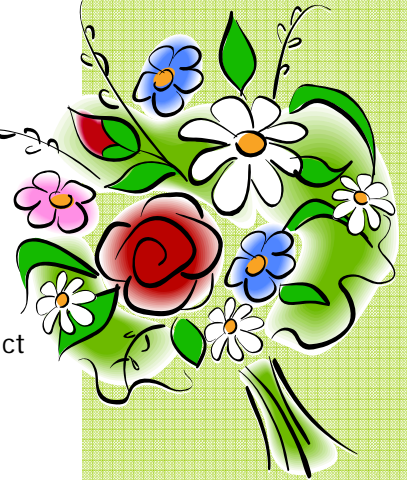
A Strategic Plan for the District - oh what a goal!
But the Plan is already started - and is soon to take hold.

Never too late to give "that boost over the fence"
Monday Morning Musings were sent to the Presidents

Not just our conference - she said - "let's invite friends"
And so here we are together with 5050 again

So when everything's said with this year nearly gone
We thank you - Dear SONIA - for a job so well done!

And for your hard work and service - we say "hurrah"
and gift you a well-deserved Trip to the Spa



At the District Conference, the AGs gave DG Sonia "THE SONIA POEM" during the business meeting.

The AGs (6 at the meeting) all took turns reading the poem verses out loud to the full room - and then DG Sonia got a standing ovation.

Then the AGs presented their gift to DG Sonia with a SPA package near her home. . .

To our Governor, thanks for all you've done for Rotary.

Sonia's chicken soup for ROTARIAN SOULS

June is Fellowship Month,
look into all the fellowships Rotary has to offer.



As your Governor for the past year, I have wonderful memories of club visits, meeting the members, hearing about and seeing your projects, and feeling that all the presidents were dedicated and committee members were special. I had a great year of fun and enjoyed telling you Service Above Self Stories. There are so many highlights but I have to say that the District Conference was a special way to end the year.

It is now time to report the results of my promises. But the results are due to a dynamite team and a district wide effort. There are too many people to thank, I am afraid I would miss someone, so **THANK YOU ALL!**

My Promise

Results

1	Present RI President goals to Clubs	Personally visited <i>53 Clubs</i>
2	Promote literacy and education	Done
3	Address the global water crisis	Thanks to many people
4	Promote membership	We are up <i>1.7 %</i>
5	Support Youth Services	Two new Interact Clubs
6	Renewed focus to Ethics	Developed Ethics Committee
7	Enhance Public Image	This is on going
8	Encourage giving to Foundation (TRF)	We have increased our giving
9	Develop a Strategic Plan for District 5040	Done, it is a Living Document
10	Develop Succession plan	Started in theory.
11	Present a special award to clubs members	Service Above Self <i>Gloves</i>
12	Provide each member with a District Directory	Provided to Clubs, Not sure if members received
13	Host a District Conference	Tremendous Success!
14	Post stories of Past Governors	Only a few PDG's responded
15	Change our Website to ClubRunner	Done
16	Provide the District with a year end report	Here we are

Thank you for all who served in the 2005-2006 "Service Above Self" year! And Best wishes to Governor Elect Kevin Conway and Jennifer and to each club as they go forth to "Lead the Way".



SERVICE Above Self

Your District Governor
For Service Above Self

Sonia Wolowidnyk

TO PROMOTE:
High Ethical Standards

TO CHALLENGE:
Today's Youth on Ethical Issues

42 students submitted essays to the Annual Lions Gate Rotary Club North Shore Secondary School Ethics Essay Competition this spring.

The contest is designed to challenge secondary school students to analyze ethical issues and concerns confronting them in today's complex world. The essay contains the student's own definition of ethics, as well as her/his view on the importance of ethics by citing a particular personal situation, issue or event.

A Grade 11 student from Argyle Secondary School won the first prize. First prize winner Katrina shared her view on **Morals of Materialism**. . .

"It is easy to get caught up in a world where our desires start to become our needs. Our values, morals, principles and our opinions of what is right or wrong become skewed, as we become dependant on a lifestyle that includes certain luxuries. The evolution of our ethics is inevitable in great part due to media".

"when you go shopping in downtown Vancouver it is easy to find a pair of jeans selling for three-hundred dollars or a t-shirt for a hundred bucks! At the same time there is a homeless person around the corner begging for some money for his survival" . . .

"Poverty often seems like a fairly distant thing" . . .

To read the complete essay (posted with the permission of the author), visit [D5040 website](#)

Not pictured, two additional Honorable Mention Awards were presented to **Matt Wren**, Mulgrave School and **Arielle Brown**, Windsor S.S.



**Rotary Club of Lionsgate,
 North Vancouver Annual
 Essay Competition
 April 2006**



Picture above L to R:
 1st prize winner: **Katrina Kwan**, Argyle S.S; Community Service Director , Terry Lehouillier and 2nd prize winner: **Polina Ivanova**, Southland S.S

Inspiration



JOHN ÖRTENGREN
 Sollentuna-Tureberg Rotary Club
 District 2350, Sweden.

In 1975 I was invited to become a Rotarian. At that time Rotary was not as well known as it is today. I recognized, nevertheless, that here is an organisation that combines multi vocational membership with humanitarian goals and a high ethical standard.

This unique combination of features not only appealed to me but challenged me as well.

As the years went by, these initial impressions were reinforced, generating enthusiasm in what I had been doing in Rotary. It was felt like an inner reward when I was asked to be-

come the district governor in my district (2350 Sweden) twenty years later. I am still very active, taking great pride in being a Rotarian.

Today Rotary is still a multi vocational organisation, the only one in the world, that combines vocational service with service to Mankind, regardless of age, sex, race or religion, holding the ethical flag high, always paying attention to high ethical standards in business and professional life.

Is not that a wonderful organization to be a member of?

- Article from: [Why I am a Rotarian](#)

Whistler shines for the D5040/5050 CONFERENCE



Kaleidoscope

Amidst shimmering, snowy mountains, and a clear blue sky, Whistler welcomed over 650 Rotarians and guests to the 2006 District Conference. Here are some of the highlights that we experienced over the weekend.

After a rousing traditional Youth Exchange Flag Ceremony, we were welcomed by the Acting Mayor of Whistler, Councillor Nancy Wilhelm-Morden, herself no stranger to Rotary and our Youth Exchange Program. PRID John Eberhard then welcomed us on behalf of RI President Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar. John has been a frequent visitor to the Whistler area for many years and was very much at home in the stunning surroundings of the TELUS Whistler Conference Centre.

Our Feature Speaker for the opening ceremonies was John Furlong, CEO of VANOC - the Vancouver Organising Committee for the 2010 Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games. John is an inspiring speaker, and the passion he has for sport, teamwork, leadership and our youth brought us to our feet. In his capable hands we are assured of a Games event that will put Canada and BC on the world map for winter sports. The Olympic Spirit echoed throughout the conference centre as we watched our athletes at the recent Torino games - and our aspiring athletes who have 2010 firmly pencilled in their calendars.

Saturday night was "topped off" by Dinner on Top of the Mountain. 530 guests were taken up 6,200 feet by Gondola to a champagne welcome by our District Governors, Sonia Wolowidnyk and Harv Jubie. On a beautiful, early summer evening, we gazed out at pristine snow and down at the twinkling lights of Whistler and Blackcomb villages. It was truly a night to remember as we met friends - old and new - from our two Districts.

Saturday morning, we awoke to a socked in mountain! Hardly believing the weather change, we gathered at the Conference centre to hear speakers from RI, Canada and the US discuss Ambassadorial Scholarships, the Four Way Test (presented by the grandson of the author) and go on to our District Business meetings.

For D5040, the business meeting passed a motion to pro-

pose and enactment to the 2007 Council on Legislation in Chicago. Two years ago, RI invited selected clubs to undertake a "New Models" program. The objective was to look at innovative processes and procedures to expand our membership, and look for new ways and methods for Rotary to flourish in its next Centennial. D5040 had one club so invited - the Rotary Club of Richmond Sunset. Though implementing many new ideas, the one that caught their imagination was the extension of our active membership categories to include "Corporate" members. This proposed enactment was duly passed by the District, and will now go forward to Chicago, led by our representative at the council, PDG Del Paterson. We await with interest the results of Del's submission!

It was also passed that our District will seek Incorporation. This is an essential step in the Certification process that we are required to complete for our Youth Programs - and you will be hearing a lot more about that as we move into our next Rotary Year.

After a series of highly informative Breakout Presentations - on projects concerning Drugs, Water, Literacy, Interact and Rotaract, Immunisation Days, Rotoplast, and three great GSE presentations from Thailand and Los Angeles, we prepared to celebrate our "Origins". From the Ukraine to Newfoundland, Scotland to Thailand, Africa to Japan - our differing origins were honoured over dinner as Sonia handed the banner on to Kevin Conway, our new District Governor for 2006-7.

One last memory - a fitting one to end our Conference. A newly started "Book of Remembrance" was inaugurated to recognise the contribution of Rotarians who had passed away during this last Rotary Year. DGE Kevin gracefully received the Book and it will be carried forward to our next conference.

Another Conference over, where we celebrated our past achievements and look forward with renewed conviction to *Lead The Way* in Service to our communities at home and abroad.

Gordon Dalglish
Assistant Governor, D5040

Unforgettable Memories

ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE



Inbound
Youth
Exchange
with
Vancouver
Mayor
Sam
Sullivan



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Youth Exchange Students, YEO's and Committee:

The last 10 days have been another wonderful chance for you as Rotary Youth Exchange Students to get together and share the common idea that brings you all to Canada. This marvelous experience is something that will shape your future and bring your world even closer to tranquility. Who else can say that they have been on an exchange where they traveled around, learning the culture and society through education and mainly hands on, experience-based events that will be ever-lasting and true to your life's voyage? A [Rotary Youth Exchange](#), something that could be very difficult to explain to someone until they have fully 'been there and done that' themselves, brings you into another world of new memories and friendships!

Remember that photos can say a million words, but they can also remember a million happenings!

ROTEX-some will say means nothing in the family of Rotary, but you as an exchange student know what ROTEX means and how valued this crucial, yet undeveloped element to the exchange program really is. When you go back to your home country get involved and 'give back to

Rotary', the club that sent you on your year of experience and understanding! Being a liaison, or someone who can connect with the program, the exchange students, the experience and year abroad is where you come in handy to promote and continue this fabulous and highest valued exchange.

Thank you all for allowing me to accompany you over the last week as we attended the outbound orientation, traveled to Victoria, the Sunshine Coast, and then the Rotary Conference in Whistler.

Lyn, thank you for believing in ROTEX! Bob, I know you will continue this expedition and development of this essential piece of the youth exchange program! Tara, you will play a huge leadership role and I know you will make this happen! I will be there right too and we will make this happen!

Yours truly,
Kai Nestman
Rotary Exchange Student Thailand Aug 2004-05
<http://thaiyouthexchange.com>
Developing Youth Involvement

Preparing the next group of leaders TO LEAD THE WAY



On Saturday May 13, 70 Lower Mainland Rotarians attended the Assembly for Club Leaders chaired by Governor Elect Kevin, here are some of the highlights:

- AGs Penny Offer & Nancy Nikolai planned the fast paced event and ably performed the duties of host and narrator.
- Governor-Elect Kevin opened the program with an overview of the year ahead presenting the District's objectives and strategic plan.
- An exercise on implementing the leadership plan followed with table recorders reporting on the many excellent ideas developed at each table.
- AG Gordon Dalglish gave a tutorial on duties and responsibilities of Club Secretaries and treasurers.
- Following a short break, Gordon returned to emphasize the importance of Club officers becoming familiar with both the RI and District websites. It takes a little searching through the many pages but, it is well worth the effort to find information on every topic of Club interest.
- PDG Chris Offer with the assistance of his excellent visual program presented a new Membership Development, Retention & Club Extension presentation.
- DGN Bob Blacker flew in just in time to report on the new Rotary Abuse and Harassment Policy and flew out again to meet his GSE Team from Los Angeles arriving at Vancouver International Airport.
- PDG Chris Offer followed with his thoroughly detailed presentation on the Rotary Foundation.
- Governor-Elect Kevin closed the program by introducing the members of the District Team and their roles and the activities they will happily provide to support Club officers.



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Note: There a number of District Assemblies scheduled around the District. Club officers are encouraged to attend and prepare themselves for the challenges 2007-08 will bring.

- AG Esio Marzotto

The Rotary club of Gibsons was represented by a large contingent with 7 incoming board of directors led by PE Don Stuart. We had to be up by 5 am to catch the 6:20 am ferry.



First time attendee Rotaract District Representative Serena Siow joined in to learn more about Rotary. Serena shared her experience from the Rotaract perspective. More bridging between Rotary and Rotaract is required to enhance the Rotary family. Speaking as Rotaract District Chair I encouraged all to participate in Rotaract activities. Burnaby Club PE Jim and President Gus have promised to form a new Rotaract Club at BCIT in the coming year. Terrace is also actively seeking to form a Rotaract Club.

This year Delta Club has established a new Rotaract Club - cheers to all involved.

Interact District Chair Chris Loat highlighted the importance for a long term strategic plan to include Interactors and Rotaractors. These will be our future Rotarians. I was an Interactor in 1967-69.

Both District Rotaract and Interact would like dedicated Rotarians to join the District committees for continuation of the program.

- District Rotaract Chair Jim Ling



Rotarians for Hearing Regeneration A Rotarian Action Group

Rotary Hears – Good News for all Ears



This is a Rotarian Action Group formerly know as *The International Fellowship of Rotarians Affected by Hearing Loss (IFRAHL)*.

The purpose of this Action Group is to unite Rotarians around the world to create more awareness of the problems associated with the loss of hearing. Goals are:

- Provide information of the physical, mental and social problems of those affected with hearing loss
- Assist in the prevention of hearing loss
- Encourage research into regenerating hearing in affected individuals.

Initial dues payment is US\$10.00 and dues are payable annually on July 1st of each year. Lifetime member dues are US\$100.00.

“Being blind separates you from things. Being deaf separates you from people.” Helen Keller.

For additional information, and to view an informative 12 minute video, visit: www.ifrahl.org
Email to: hearingregeneration@msn.com

For information about other Rotary Fellowships and Rotary Action Groups, visit web site www.rotaryfellowships.org

Let’s hear about your experiences and adventures with Rotary Fellowships and Rotary Action Groups. Please submit fellowship articles for publication to:

*PDG Dave Kirk (email: dbkirk@telus.net)
District 5040 Fellowships Chair
Member, International Travel and Hosting Fellowship*

GSE Thailand D3350 INBOUND TEAM



Team Members Danaya Wasuwat, Chinawat Prasomtong, Naruemon Pinto, Team Leader Sunee Sathatinan and Team Member Jariya Chulathammakul

GSE L.A. D5280 INBOUND TEAM



Michelle (LA Outbound team) and partner, LA Team members Sgt. Leon Reynolds, Sgt. James Gordon, Team Leader Cpt. Hampton Cantell, members Deputy Jennifer Barsh and Sgt Wayne Windham, Bernie Sparrow, GSE Chair Bob Blacker.

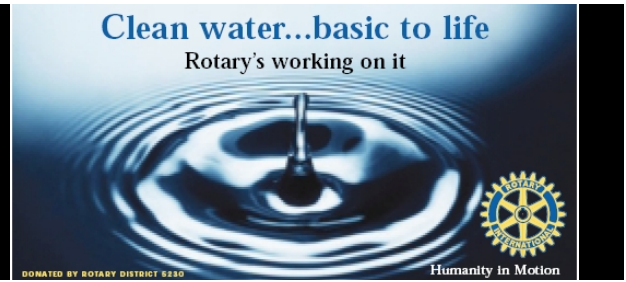
On May 10, the GSE team from Thailand visited Vancouver Chinatown Club. Led by their team leader Sunee, the members Naruemon, Jariya, Danaya and Chinawat commenced their meeting with the Thai national anthem. Following their presentation, they exchanged banners and souvenirs.

After the meeting, PP James Chan took the team for a tour of Chinatown and the Dr. Sun Yat Sun Garden. At the request of the GSE team, PP James also took them to the T&T market to buy Asian food supplies for the team to cook in the evening for the host families.

The team arrived on May 13th, on the second day May 14th they were treated to a BBQ at the home of Christina and Darcy Pughe of the Richmond Sunrise Club. The third day May 15 was jam packed with activities.

First, they visited the ECOMM (Emergency Communication Centre). After the visit, GSE Chair Bob took them to Lonsdale Quay for a great view of Vancouver, then the team gave their first presentation at the North Vancouver Rotary Club. After the meeting, they were taken to Cypress Mountain to take in the great view of Vancouver.

THE WORLD IS FACING A Water Crisis



UNESCO discusses 'Action for Water' at Rotary Day

"The world is facing a water crisis," said James Michael Kulikowski, a representative of UNESCO's director-general at the first UNESCO Rotary Day.

"Action for Water" was the theme for the event, held 12 May at UNESCO headquarters in Paris. More than 200 Rotary members and guests from approximately 20 countries attended. . .

Providing an overview of today's water challenges, Andras Szollosi-Nagy, deputy assistant director-general for the natural sciences of UNESCO, explained that 97 percent of the earth's water supply is salt water. Of what remains, 90 percent is held in ice, glaciers, or underground. Only .007 percent is available for human consumption — based mostly in nine countries that hold 60 percent of the earth's water supply. Access to water will increasingly bring power struggles similar to those for oil or nuclear energy.

Rotarians should be concerned about water "because Rotary is leading the struggle to alleviate suffering and bring hope," said RI Vice-President Serge Gouteyron.

One of the United Nations Millennium Development Goals is by 2015 to reduce by 50 percent the number of people without access to safe water and sanitation. The challenge is formidable because in rural areas of Africa, the Middle East, Asia, and Latin America, about 88 percent of the population lacks access to safe water. "In developing countries, the search for water puts young women at risk of assault by humans or animals," said Ron Denham, Rotary's Health, Hunger and Water Task Force general coordinator.

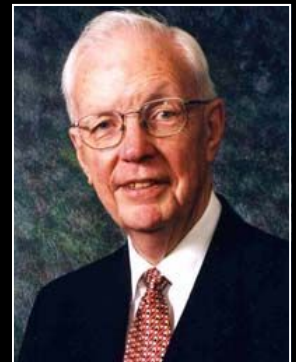
. . . nearly one-third of Rotary clubs participate in water distribution and sanitation system projects worldwide, which include drilling and rehabilitating wells, rainwater harvesting, purifying water through bio-sand filters, solar disinfecting, installing mini-water pipelines, and integrating water management . . .

For more information about the water crisis, visit UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education.

- Excerpt from Rotary International News, May 23, 2006

Kaleidoscope

25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION ROTARY CLUB OF VANC. CHINATOWN Keynote Speaker, Wilf Wilkinson RI President 2007-2008



On Sat. July 8th, a gala dinner will be held at the Renaissance Harbourside Hotel, 1133 West Hastings Street, Vancouver, BC. A no host reception will be held at 6:00 PM and dinner at 7:00 PM.

Tickets are \$55.00 per person or a table of 10 for \$550.00. To purchase tickets contact James Chan at (604-873-4521) or jameschan@telus.net or any member

For further information, please visit the events page at www.rotary5040.org. At this site, you will find the event flyer, ticket order form, link to the hotel and bio of RI President (07-08) Wilf Wilkinson.

There will be no tickets sold at the door as this event will sell out early. Four hundred and twenty of the maximum 500 tickets have already been sold.

Gibsons Club enjoying a day tour

Rotary Club of Gibsons held a TV Auction. Their club visited one of their sponsors, a local boat builder Coastal Craft. Company President Jeff Rhodes gave them a tour and showed them their specialty - custom built welded aluminium boats.



Prince George Clubs welcoming GSE Team from Thailand



All four Prince George Clubs held a joint dinner at the Caribou Restaurant to welcome the GSE Team from Thailand. Caledonia Club President Kathi presented the Group Study Exchange members the New Caledonia special pens.



Team Member Chinawat Prasomtong entertained the Rotarians during dinner, and the GSE team presented mementos from their country to the clubs.

Welcome new Rotarians to the PG New Caledonia Club



PDG Ron Neukomm inducted Rotarians Bev Ramage (one of the founding members of the Rotary Club of Prince George New Caledonia) and Doug Jefferies.

RYLA North new website

<http://www.rylanorth.org/information.html>
and don't forget Aug 13-19 is RYLA North in Prince George.



Editor's Corner



D5040 Club Projects - Thanks for all the club project submissions. The presentation ran as a backdrop to a sold out 650 people Gala Dinner at the District Conference in Whistler. Each slide had a 30 second slot and the presentation ran twice. It is now posted under the [District website](#) for viewing. Share the many project ideas and accomplishments with your club members.



Public Relations Tips - Please check District website [Public Relations page](#) for newly added tips, you can also find a sample club brochure template for reference.

Speaker Bureau - Please check District website [Speakers Bureau](#) for speaker listing. If you know of someone that will be a good speaker, please send contact info to editor5040@hotmail.com.

Rotary Song - Listen to the [Rotary song](#) sang by Rotarians from D3450 in Hong Kong, it is in Window Media File, look under video files Oct 27, 2005, very well made and professional. Also check out their video news section.

DISTRICT 5040 Awards & Recognition 2006



Membership Increase

- 1ST- VANCOUVER QUADRA—31%
- 2ND- RICHMOND STEVESTON —10.8%

Best Bulletin

- 1ST—RICHMOND
- 2ND—NEW WESTMINSTER ROYAL CITY
- 3RD—VANCOUVER QUADRA

Governor's Award

ROTARY CLUB OF SECHLT TO HEATHER BLACKWOOD

Recognition - Clubs

- NEW WESTMINSTER - LITERACY
- VANCOUVER CHINATOWN —LITERACY

Club Recognition of Rotarians

Richmond Steveston

- DANUTA MOUNT
- DANICA MEURSING

District Recognition for Dedicated Service

- BECKY TSUKISHIMA—DISTRICT NEWSLETTER AND WEBSITE
- NEIL McDONALD
- MAGADALEN LEUNG
- LYN STROSHIN
- MILT WYLIE
- CHU WU
- ANGI DE STEFANIS
- NANCY NIKOLAI
- GORDON DALGLISH
- LINDA MARSHALL
- RIET CARTER
- LEO NIMSICK
- ANASTASIA RADETSKI—ROTARACT
- MARGARET MACKENZIE—SISTER FAMILIES (PHILIPPINES)