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SONIA'S CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE ROTARIAN SOULS



We just celebrated 101 years of Rotary Service on February 23rd with World Understanding Month. Rotary International is the only organization in the world to focus on World Understanding and Peace through Cultural, Educational and Humanitarian Programs.

One of the Educational Programs is Group Study Exchange and in March our GSE team is in Thailand District 3350. For 40 years we have offered an opportunity for one Rotarian Leader and four young business and professional people to spend 4 weeks in another country. This program is made possible by the World Fund of The Rotary Foundation and the generosity of Rotarians who open their homes and hearts. Staying in Rotarians homes, experiencing their culture, eating their food and seeing their country helps with world understanding and peace. Next month we have a specialized exchange related to Crime and Crime Prevention with District 5280 in Los Angeles. For more information, about the Rotarian leaders and participants, check out the web site www.gse5040.org

In a book, My Road to Rotary, our Rotary Founder, Paul Harris said, "... *Through business and social interaction nations become intelligible to one another. Strange customs which in the beginning are irritating eventually become interesting and frequently are copied, contributing to the enrichment of life!*"

March is not assigned a specific focus for Rotary but it should be named: Rotary Training Month. The Governor-Elect has just finished training and will be training all President-Elects this month in Seattle, following with training for all of the Leadership Team.

Rotaract Week is observed during the week of March 13th. What plans do you have to focus on Rotaract? Let us know.

Our Rotary year is in it's last quarter and it is time to celebrate with fellow Rotarians at the District Conference in Whistler, May 19th to 21st. Sign up now by going to our District website. *You will not regret it!*

Thanks for what you are doing for Rotary,

Sonia Wolowidnyk

District Governor, District 5040



"What could be more symbolic of Rotary than a great symphony orchestra, bringing together in perfect harmony people from many different countries, nationalities, races, creeds, and cultures, representing many specialized talents but each playing a different note on a different instrument, and each essential for the perfection of the whole?" — *Address to 1956 Rotary Convention, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA*

LIONSGATE GIVES CO-OP STUDENTS A CHANCE TO MAKE AN IMPACT

By Stephanie Liboiron
Spring 2006 , Communiqué

For over 12 years, the Rotary Club of Lionsgate has been hiring SFU co-op students. Stephanie Liboiron was offered the position last summer, she talked about how the Rotary experience has inspired her. *(Reprinted with the permission of the author)*

The Rotary Club of Lions Gate is a service group made of volunteers dedicated to strengthening their community. One of their most ambitious projects is organizing North Vancouver Canada Day, a huge festival attracting residents from all over the North Shore. Because one of the organization's biggest mandates is to provide opportunities for youth, every summer the Rotary Club offers a co-op position to one lucky student. That student has the privilege to become involved in the planning and production in all facets of the Canada Day event.

Being a community-oriented resident of North Vancouver, I was already familiar with some of the Rotary's work on Canada Day and other initiatives such as the Youth Safe House, Operation Red Nose, and the Gala Wine Festival. As you can probably imagine, the competition for this challenging job was tough, but I managed to secure the position and in no time was ready to start working in my hometown!

The Rotary Club has now been hiring SFU co-op students as far back as 12 years to help manage the Canada Day project. The successful student works closely with the Rotary Club and also with North Vancouver Park Events. Given the large size of the project and the short time-frame given to plan the event, there are definitely challenges faced by both the co-op student and the employers. My supervisor and Community Events Programmer, Janice Bailey, believes in the benefits of hiring a co-op student. "This is a large project, and the student's learning curve in the initial days of the posting can be quite steep. However, while this posting is challenging,

every student has found it to be a rewarding experience, and most have come away with access to new employment opportunities and a clearer sense of their career goals."

I spent the first part of my work term busily planning and organizing the Canada Day event. I was involved with all aspects of the event; from recruiting performers, managing equipment inventories, designing the website and promotional items, handling the budget, and finally, overseeing the day of the event. Through my work term, Rotary provided me with excellent support and the chance to make decisions which impacted the outcome of the event, as well as the North Vancouver community. I even got a chance to meet with both mayors of North Vancouver to get their feedback and help involve them with the festivities!

Looking back on my experience, I was very impressed with the dedication of the Rotarians planning the event. Even though organizing this mammoth project was stressful at times, each Rotarian devoted himself/herself to creating an event that showcased the best of North Vancouver to its residents and outside guests. Rotary taught me about the benefits of volunteering and community involvement, and has inspired me to continue to be a more proactive person. The Rotary Club provides a great opportunity for youth involvement, and of course for SFU co-op students as well.

Inspiration



Volunteer members of the Rotary Club staffing their table at the North Vancouver Canada Day celebrations

» *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. - Leo Buscaglia*

P.E.T.S 2006-2007 PRESIDENTS GATHER TO LEAD THE WAY

Anyone who has held the exciting post of Club President will always look back with awe at their PETS experience! Why? Well, along with over 500 Presidents Elect from the Pacific North West, they spend a long weekend finding out everything they need to know about being a Rotary President!

March 9-12 saw the 2006 team of Presidents Elect gather in Seattle - all of D5040's PE's were part of that. And what a weekend! If you have heard of the "ABC's of Rotary", you'll recognise one of the keynote speakers we heard from - Past RI President Cliff Dochterman, the author of the booklet. Cliff may now be in his 75th year, but his talk was funny, enlightening and got the room (of over 750 Rotarians) to their feet in a standing ovation.

Our own District Governor Elect, Kevin Conway, together with PDG's and AG's took us through our District objectives, strategies and tactics for 2006-7; breakout sessions then took these and formulated them into Club plans - which you will all be hearing about in the coming months.

» But one of the most significant, and proudest, bits of news we heard was that next Rotary Year, we expect to see the last case of Polio in the world. If that remains true for the following 3 years, the world will officially be declared "Polio Free". If there is anything that Rotarians can be proud of, this milestone in Humanity's fight against disease is surely one of the most significant. And it's all happened because of *your* contributions of time, effort and over US\$600 million to The Rotary Foundation. *Thank you!!*

So next time you are talking to your President Elect, ask about PETS, ask about how empowered they felt, ask about how they are going to take your club into this, our Second Century of Rotary Service! (And if you don't ask, they'll tell you anyway!!)

Last, the presentation Team of PDGs, DG's, DGE's, DGN's and AG's extends it's thanks and admiration to all D5040 PE's for being such a supportive audience and developing Club and District leadership plans that will be second to none in Rotary! Congratulations and y'all have a great year as you "*Lead The Way*".

*Gordon Dalglish
Assistant Governor, Richmond/Delta*

All D5040 Presidents Elect as they completed their PETS Training in Seattle



ROTARACT TURNS 38!

WORLD ROTARACT WEEK MARCH 13-19, 2006



Don't miss the chance to celebrate World Rotaract Week!

During the week of 13-19 March, Rotaract will celebrate its 38th anniversary. Join the celebration and tell the world about Rotaract.

Calling on the Rotary Clubs in our district to:

- Invite Rotaractors to attend your Rotary Club meeting
- Invite yourself to a Rotaract club meeting
- Consider a joint Rotaract/Rotary project

Rotaract was officially inaugurated during January 1968 under RI President Luther Hodges. On 13 March 1968, the Rotaract Club of the University of North Carolina, sponsored by the Rotary Club of North Charlotte, North Carolina, USA, was the first Rotaract club to receive its official charter. Although this club is recognized as the first Rotaract club, Rotarians have been sponsoring similar organizations for young adults since the early 1920s.

There are currently more than 7,500 Rotaract clubs in more than 155 countries, with an estimated membership of more than 173,000 Rotaractors.

A message from Rotaract Committee Chair Charles Grant

Rotaractors are dynamic, energetic, and enthusiastic. Rotaractors could be and should be the next membership wave of Rotary. They are the future leaders of our clubs, cities, and nations around the world.

As chair of RI's Rotaract Committee, I am requesting that Rotarians at the club and district level help support Rotaract! If every Rotarian made a point of doing this, we would surely reach our goal this year of starting a new Rotaract club in every district. Club presidents and district governors can make a big difference in leading the way.

Rotary will be a stronger and better organization if we can build a better bond between Rotary and Rotaract. Thank you in advance



To find out more about Rotaract clubs in District 5040, visit their website at: <http://www.rotaract.ca/clubs.html>

ROTARY FELLOWSHIPS

INTERNATIONAL GOLFING FELLOWSHIP OF ROTARIANS



Loch Lomond, Scotland

This is for Rotarians who travel and enjoy hitting that little white ball into those 18 holes - another Rotary Fellowship that challenges the "4-Way Test"!

The Objectives of the IGFR are:

- To develop and promote worldwide friendship in a sporting, relaxing way
- To serve the community and humanity, through golfing
- To promote international understanding and peace

Opportunities and benefits of the golfing fellowship include:

- Meet Rotarian golfers from all over North America and the World
- Playing exciting and different courses

- Travel (Ideal for golfing couples)
- Stay at new resorts and cities
- Develop new and lasting friendships
- Exchange home and home golfing visits
- Compete with golfers of a similar skill level
- All players are welcome regardless of handicap
- Sight-seeing and shopping
- Interesting and educational side trips
- Help others stay active in Rotary
- Directory of Members

Check out this Fellowship's web site at: www.golfing-rotarians.com and learn how to broaden your Rotary horizons.

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 at dbkirk@telus.net, District 5040 Fellowships Chair

GSE TEAM THAILAND EXCHANGE AND SPECIALIZED EXCHANGE

GSE THAILAND EXCHANGE – D5040 & D3350

An exciting journey began on February 25. A team of 5 members from D5040 headed to Bangkok, Thailand.

Outbound Thailand D5040 Team 2006:

- AG Phil Claxton, Team Leader, sponsored by his own club Powell River.
- Kym Bohachewski, Team Member, sponsored by Richmond Sunrise.
- Natalie Grant, Team Member, sponsored by Richmond Sunrise.
- Rachel McMillan, Team Member, sponsored by Vancouver Chinatown.
- Shannon Jonasson, Team Member, sponsored by Quesnel.



Kim Rachel AG Phil Natalie Shannon

To see individual profile and trip update, please visit www.GSE5040.org

» The Group Study Exchange Program of The Rotary Foundation is a unique cultural and vocational exchange opportunity for business and professional men and women between the age of 25 and 40. The program provides travel grants for teams of young participants to exchange visits between paired areas in different countries. For four to six weeks, team members study the host country's institutions and ways of life, observe their own vocations as practiced abroad, develop person and professional relationships, and exchange ideas.

GSE SPECIALIZED EXCHANGE LOS ANGELES - D5040 & D5280



L to R: Bernie Sparrow (Alt Leader) Alan Mah (Alt.)
Devon Jones, Michelle Hannah, DG Sonia, Jean Hamm, Jody Akerman, Neil Mackay

This is a specialized GSE Team for Crime Prevention - an all police team, led by retired RCMP member Neil Mackay. The team will be leaving for Los Angeles on April 15.

Outbound Los Angeles Team 2006:

- Neil Mackay, Team Leader, sponsored by his own club Burnaby.
- Constable Jody Akerman, Team Member, sponsored by Ladner.
- Constable Devon Jones, Team Member, sponsored by Whistler.
- Constable Michelle Hannah, Team Member, sponsored by Vancouver Arbutus.
- Sergeant Jean Hamm, Team Member, sponsored by Richmond Club.

To see individual profile, please visit www.GSE5040.org

GSE INBOUND THAILAND TEAM

A BIG WELCOME TO OUR VISITING INBOUND TEAM FROM D3350 THAILAND

These are tentative dates upon their arrival

- Apr29 - May09 Lower Mainland
- May10 - May18 Northern Region
- May19 - May21 District Conference
- May22 - May27 Sea to Sky Corridor, North/West Vancouver

Sunsee Sathatinan, Team Leader from Thailand

- owned leather goods business for the past 26 years.
- widowed with four adult children.
- speaks Thai, English and German.
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Jariya Chulathammakul, Team Member

- single and 34 years old.
- worked in visual communications for the past four and a half years. (manages the design team and sales targets, supervises the production process and costs).
- During GSE, Jariya would like to visit graphic design and photography studios. If possible attain creative design training, or attend a workshop or seminar.
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Naruemon Pinto, Team Member from Thailand

- married with a one and a half year old child.
- worked in education for the past 2 years, specializing in Communication Arts.
- currently lectures in Mass Communication Arts.
- speaks Thai and English.
- During GSE, Naruemon would like to observe Mass Communication Arts at one of our universities and learn more about community broadcasting.
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Chinawat Prasomtong - Team Member from Thailand

- 32 years old and a newlywed
- works in the Air Traffic Control Department of Aeronautical Radio of Thailand for the past seven years
- During GSE, Chinawat would like to visit businesses in aviation. He is also very much interested in Tourism, and is looking forward to seeing some areas of Canadian Tourism. Chinawat is excited to participate in some outdoor adventures such as fishing and BBQ's. He is an avid backpacker and camper.
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Danaya Wasuwat - Team Member from Thailand

- Single and 30 year old
- worked in advertising for the past 5 years, where she manages marketing communication campaigns. Her work requires that she co-ordinate all departments for running the campaign as well as supporting the client's communication strategy.
- During GSE, Danaya would like to see as many advertising outlets as possible, including broadcasting, radio, newspaper and advertising agencies.



Sunsee Sathatinan



Jariya Chulathammakul



Naruemon Pinto



Chinawat Prasomtong



Danaya Wasuwat

DISTRICT CONFERENCE MAY 19-21, 2006 HAVE YOU REGISTERED?

This is the first joint district conference. Take the opportunity to meet fellow Rotarians from D5040 and 5050 in beautiful Whistler.

Download registration form from District event page, there will be a surcharge of \$50 after April 1st.

Reserve your hotel rooms as soon as possible, check out the special rates offered by the two top class hotels, Hilton & Delta Whistler.

For the golfers, register for the golfing tournament to be held on Thu. May 18 at

Whistler Golf Club, Arnold Palmer's first Canadian design.

Friday May 19 and Saturday May 20 will be packed with plenary and breakout sessions featuring great speakers such as John Eberhard, Jean Irwin and special guests.

For fellowship, buffet dinner at the Roundhouse Mountain Complex on Friday night and the DG Gala Dinner on Saturday night. To celebrate the Internationalism of Rotary, and the many "Origins" of both Districts, you are encouraged to wear something appropriate to your own Origins. What are you waiting for? Register and see you all there.



WHAT WAS YOUR BEST DAY IN ROTARY?



Do you have a best day in Rotary and what was it?
Everyone has a story about Rotary service.

RI Foundation Chair Frank Devlyn is asking us to share our story with our fellow Rotarians. It will inspire them to know about the good work Rotarians accomplish every day.

Bob Gallagher, a Rotarian and good friend of his from Windsor, Ontario, Canada recently told him about his best day in Rotary:

» *"Four days after my daughter Michelle was born, I joined Rotary. During my first few years, I was a member of a Rotary club. I participated in projects. I went to luncheons and made friends in my Rotary club. I was like most members of Rotary.*

"After six years, I finally attended my first district conference. As we left the plenary hall following the Group Study Exchange presentation, I casually mentioned to my club's president-elect that someday I would like to become involved in GSE. Life has a way of moving faster than we expect. Only 10 short months later, I truly became a Rotarian while leading a GSE team to the Philippines.

"It was during my GSE experience that my eyes were opened to what Rotarians can do when they serve with love and practice Service Above Self. While in the Philippines, I observed a Rotarian veterinarian teach villagers how to successfully raise chickens (donated by his Rotary club). This was a wonderful example of using one's vocation for service. As the leader of the GSE, I was privileged to visit an operating room where Rotarian surgeons donated their vocational services in removing cataracts from the elderly hill people who would never be able to afford the operations themselves. These grandparents would return to their families and for the first time see their grandchildren. In 1992, that was my best day in Rotary.

"A few years later, I traveled to Africa in the far northwest corner of Ghana to record our local Rotary district's projects. On this trip, I had the opportunity to immunize against polio a child who had been born since the previous National Immunization Day (NID). To this day, those two drops still represent my best day in Rotary. Last year I returned to Ghana to take part in a full NID. This experience was truly a wonderful day in Rotary."

- To read complete article, visit www.rotary.org Foundation Chair March message.

MEMBERSHIP ARE WE "BEING FAIR TO ROTARY"?



The biggest question in Rotary to me is why "we" as members of Rotary Clubs think we are invincible and will live forever?

At least that must be the question as it cannot be "we" do not care enough about Rotary that we do not want to preserve it! Think about it! When did YOU last introduce a new member to a Rotary Club? When did you last ask someone if they were interested in finding out what Rotary stands for and what Rotarians do?

When we look around us we can see all kinds of members of our Clubs who are aging. Who will be around in another 5/10/15 years to carry out the work that needs to be done? If you are in this category, don't you LOVE Rotary enough that you want to do your part to ensure it continues to grow and work it's magic? If you are not in the category of mature members, can't you see your role as one in building our foundations for an even more powerful organization? Never in our history has our world needed an organization like Rotary, to make the world a more peaceful place for all of us, our families and our neighbors, local and global.

Our District is not enjoying growth in membership the way Districts around us, are performing. Are we so different than Vancouver Island or Fraser Valley or Northern Washington State? What do they do that we do not? Perhaps the members in the Clubs in those Districts invite more of their daily contacts to join a Club. Some of our Clubs are doing quite well but many are not performing in this vital area of our GREAT organization. More members

mean more resources to help to do the things that Rotary can do. Imagine more participants in programs we carry out in our communities both at home and around the world. Absolutely awesome!

» It is never too late to start a journey and let's remember all journeys start with a single first step. Let's join together, all members of Rotary Clubs in 5040, and start this journey to bring in more members for all our Clubs.

After reading this message, please go and look in a mirror. That's the person who is the KEY. It begins and ends with you and all of us no matter how long or how short our Rotary career has been to date. No matter how young or old you feel. No matter how many new members you have introduced to a Rotary Club. No matter.....You can do it and together WE can achieve great growth for Rotary Clubs throughout 5040, throughout Zone 22 and throughout the world.

Rotary knows few boundaries and we should look beyond our own Clubs to build membership. This message started with a question and it will end with one too!

Are we being fair to Rotary? Now go look in the mirror.....please.

Yours in Rotary
Henry Fetigan, District Membership Chair

Kaleidoscope

District Assembly for Club leaders



Please mark your calendars for the District Assembly for club leaders. It is scheduled for Saturday May 6th at Cheers Restaurant in North Vancouver.

This is a seminar for all Rotarians especially Presidents, Secretaries, Foundation Chairs, Membership Chairs, and other club Directors. It is a great opportunity to prepare for the coming Rotary year and learn more about important aspects of the various roles within your club leadership. This is your opportunity to "Lead the Way".

More details will come later and the registration fee will be set at a later date. Check events page for seminars across District 5040.

New Westminster Club Presents . . .

Time For Wine

- Wine Tasting,
- Food Tasting,
- Entertainment
- Silent Auction



Saturday April 29, 2006 - 6:30-9:30pm

Royal City Centre \$35.00 per person
Contact lperry@newwestrotary.ca
or call Don Michiel 604-444-3006 for ticket information.



YOUTH EXCHANGE SPOTLIGHT FROM OUR DISTRICT

The most powerful force in the promotion of international understanding and peace is exposure to different cultures. Youth Exchange provides thousands of young people with the opportunity to meet people from other countries and to experience their cultures.

The experience often leaves quite an impact to the exchange student. Here are some words from Eric Welscher, the youth exchange student sponsored by Rotary Club of Gibson. Eric is going to Catholic school in Ecuador and will be returning home end of May.



“Wow, time is zooming by! I'm so amazed at how it contrasts the beginning of the year; back when I felt as though I was deteriorating into my pressboard school-chair, not understanding a word. Like time seemed to pass by the millimetre, when the whole world was so intoxicatingly foreign, and when my most favourite activity was trying to fall asleep (it's still up there, just not my most favourite). Those times seem so far away from me now. Not necessarily due to the passing of time, more as the gradual shift from childhood to adulthood; I'm no longer completely naïve to my surroundings, I'm a new person now.



In these last couple months, this country has become mine; this culture and my daily way of life is no longer outlandish or *National Geographic* like. The people are my neighbours, and the language my comfort. I can read the weather and the 'time by the sun', like I always did at home. In all, I feel as though my experience here in Ecuador, so far, has proven its worth in..... Uranium (gold isn't worth that much anymore)

A group of doctors and nurses from Bermuda and the USA arrived in the area. They were part of a yearly team that comes to do reconstructive plastic surgery for free. Generally for children and poor people, this kind of plastic surgery isn't what you usually see on TV; we're not talking boob-jobs and liposuction here.

It was really great to see the practical side of Plastics. For example, you are missing an ear? Then we'll make you a new one from one of your ribs... You can't breathe through your nose? Then mess around with it till it works. Amazing work when someone can walk away from it functioning better.

Though personally, one of the hardest things to deal with was watching the burn victims. Like a little boy whose classmates had thrown gasoline on him and lit him on fire; he has been coming to the surgeries every year since, so they can do the little they can to help him function normally. And its shocking how strong those little kids really are...



I volunteered during the week they stayed, organizing the thousands of medical supplies they had brought, setting up IVs, translating for patients and doctors, and even helping in the OR; (I scrubbed in for the last three days). I made good friends with all of the doctors, and I spent nearly every evening eating dinner and talking about South America and home.

Two days after they left, I was off to Quito to head for the Amazon.

We spent the entire trip in a lodge/community where we worked, swam, and ate amazing food nearly every day. ..

Of course working was fun and rewarding, but the best moments were the ones between everything. Jungle star gazing, running in the warm rain, and swimming across the wide muddy river (with the local kids grinning and yelling out ¡Anaconda!) to cool off gave us the real memories

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Kaleidoscope

NOMINATION DISTRICT 5040 AWARDS



Each year District Awards are presented to clubs and individual Rotarian to recognize their service efforts. We are currently accepting nomination submissions

Nominations can be submitted from the clubs, the Assistant Governors and the Governor. Please email written submission to Awards Chair, PDG Leo Nimsick at nimsick@telus.net

Membership Award

Presented to the club with the highest percentage membership gain.

Best Bulletin Award

Based on the award committee's evaluation of the following:

- *Appearance:* Does it communicate in a pleasing way?
- *Readability:* Is the bulletin exciting and fun to read?
- *Club News:* Does it inform about meetings, member activities, fellowship, projects, youth, finance, committee reports, plans and future events?
- *District and International News:* Does it report on District, Rotary International and Rotary Foundation plans and programs and other important Rotary communications?
- *General Interest:* Does it appeal to casual readers and others?

There will be a runner-up award given in addition to the winner award.

Individual Recognition

Recognition at the District Conference of individual Ro-

tarians or friends of Rotary for exemplary service during the Rotary year.

Club Recognition

Recognition at the District Conference of individual Rotary clubs for exemplary service projects during the Rotary year.

District 5040 Governor's Award

Recognizing that the strength of the Rotary movement is founded on the service carried out by club members, the purpose of this award will be to provide a means for Rotary Clubs in District 5040 to recognize a member for outstanding service to Rotary and/or the community (local or world).

Eligible Nominees: Candidates for nomination should be Rotarians in good standing in their clubs who have consistently demonstrated their support of the Object of Rotary through participation in a variety of service activities.

Selection Process: The nomination of a candidate to receive this award will be made by the club. The method of selection will be determined by the club. The club president must endorse the nomination and submit it to the District Governor.

Requirement: A fee of \$300.00 Canadian is to accompany the nomination. This fee will be accumulated in a special fund to be used for a Rotary purpose as determined by the District Governor. A special pin and certificate will be presented to the recipient. This award is separate and apart from the Paul Harris Fellowship which is a recognition for a \$1000.00 US contribution to the Rotary Foundation.

New Stuff

NEW ADDITIONS TO GIBSONS



Founding President Eric Small inducted Lynnette Robinson and Freddy Marks as the newest Rotarians. Both are now part of the Rotary family of over 1,200,000 members in 170 countries. Congratulations to Lynnette and Freddy, may they enjoy a lifetime experience in serving others in the local and international community.

NEWLY REVISED FACT PACKS



Get your newly revised English language fact packs online in the Effective Public Relations section of RI Web site www.rotary.org or D5040 website www.rotary5040.org

Fact sheets can be used for writing press releases, letters-to-the-editor, media interviews, presentations and speeches. The fact packs will soon be available for download in eight Rotary languages.

ANNUAL DISTRICT CONFERENCE SPONSORSHIP

District Conference Sponsorship Chair Magdalen Leung is asking for your support:

Each year, the Rotary District holds an annual conference. To hold a successful regional conference is no easy task. To make the conference as affordable as possible requires a considerable amount of funding. Consequently, we hope to count on our generous Rotarians, as prominent business establishments and community leaders, to become one of our sponsors in these exciting and worthwhile events.

In 2006, the Conference will be held in Whistler, B.C. from May 19 to 21. In 2007, the Conference will be held in Kelowna, B.C. from May 17 to 20. In 2008, the Conference will be held in Richmond, B.C. from May 15 to 19.

Your early response is most essential. Sponsorship form can be downloaded under District Conference event page. Please mark X on the sponsorship level of your choice. The cheque should be made payable to "Rotary District 5040".

EDITOR'S CORNER & NOTICE

TO PROMOTE YOUR CLUB'S UPCOMING EVENTS

1. If your club is currently subscribing to ClubRunner, take advantage of the event feature to promote your events in the district website. Simply choose to show your upcoming events in the district website and it will appear under the club event section.
2. Forward to Newsletter Editor for posting in the district newsletter.
3. If it's a major joint club event, send to Website Editor to post in district website.

CLUB SERVICE PROJECTS POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

If circumstances allow, we are plan-

ning to show off club projects during the May District Conference. These will also be posted in 5040 district website under Service Projects.

If your club would like to participate, please submit one or two of your club's signature projects from the past year. They could be an overseas, local or joint project. Due Date for submission is March 31, 2006.

Each project should include:

- Project Name
- Project Date
- One or two good resolution picture
- One line description
- One line accomplishment

Since it is a powerpoint, the message has to be short and precise, we can

also add a link to your website if readers wish further detail. To help my planning, please inform me whether your club will be remitting a submission.



CLUB MEETING CANCELLATION NOTICE

West Van Sunrise will NOT be meeting on Thursday March 30th, they will be joining the other North Shore Clubs at a special meeting with the West Vancouver evening club.

DISTRICT SERVICE ABOVE SELF RECOGNITION

These are belated postings, the Rotarians were being recognized during DG's visit end of last year.



Fort St. James

Orville Koette and Louly Thomson



Smithers Alpine

President Don Chinnick, Vocational Director Alison Wiley and Treasurer Brian Foot



Vancouver Chinatown

Pres. Vicky Wong and Major Samuel Fame