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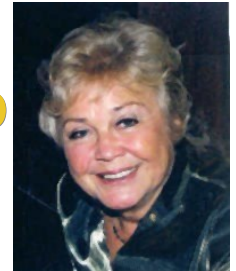
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# Sonia's chicken soup for ROTARIAN SOULS



Just as New Years is a time to make resolutions, May is the month for **spring cleaning** and getting your Rotary house in order. Spring cleaning means different things to different people, but one thing we know it is the time of turning over the soil, planting, growth, newness and bright sunny days.

May is the month for Assistant Governors to report on all the clubs; for Presidents to complete their goals; and Secretaries to complete all phases of their job. It is not too early for the President-Elects and their clubs to plan for Literacy month for July.

Have you topped out your donation to The Rotary Foundation and made the "Every Rotarian Every Year" goal? Have you brought in a new member?

You can still accomplish these two items in May and meet your club goals.

It is the time to look around your Rotary Club and say, "THANK YOU" to your members who have worked tirelessly this year.

And it is time to celebrate and join Rotarians in Whistler May 19th to 21st for the District 5040 & 5050 Conference. Please join us for this great occasion.

*Governor Sonia*

P. S. Please print copies of the newsletter for your club members.

The motive power of Rotary is friendship. Fellowship is wonderful; it illuminates life's pathway, spreads good cheer, and is worth a high price. - Paul Harris, "My Road to Rotary."

# Rotary

## Volunteer Spotlight

Canadian Rotarian helps Ugandans hear better

### Dr. Irwin Stewart

believes that Rotary does its best work when it supports sustainable service projects that have the potential to benefit a developing country's entire population. In such a "top down" approach, Rotarians work with a government to educate and aid service personnel, who then gain the expertise to train others and help their fellow citizens.



Stewart, an otolaryngologist and a past governor of District 5040 (British Columbia, Canada), organized a comprehensive preventable-deafness program in Uganda that trained the country's medical community in modern hearing-loss diagnoses and treatments. During the five-year initiative, Stewart and his wife, Lois, led a cadre of

30 Rotary Volunteers and 10 non-Rotarians who worked with Uganda's health and education ministries. By the completion of the three-phase program in February 2005, the team had successfully trained

- 24 health ministry surgeons to perform modern temporal-bone ear microsurgery
- 100 education ministry staff members to recognize deafness in children through audiometric testing
- 12 technicians to make comfortable hearing molds
- 50 clinicians to recognize hearing loss and provide simple treatments
- Operating-room nurses to sterilize and set up microsurgical instruments
- Hospital technicians to repair and maintain surgical equipment

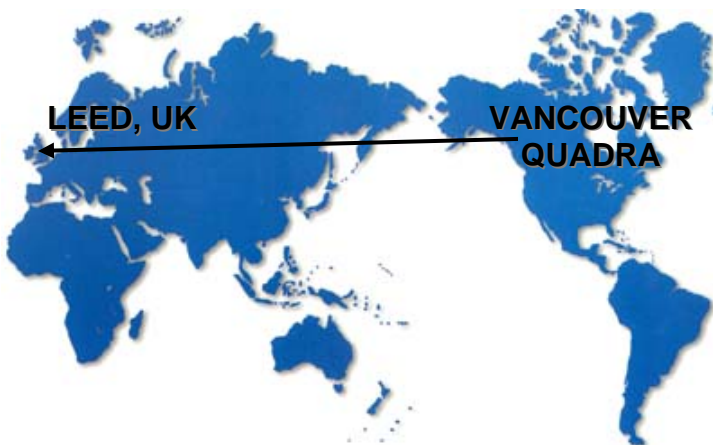
"When those people reach the ability to train others, they're going to benefit the entire population of the country," says Stewart, a member of the Rotary Club of New Westminster. "I have no doubt that what we've done is going to make a difference for the 2.6 million Ugandans [with hearing problems]."

Volunteers also supplied 400 solar-powered hearing aids to deaf people who cannot benefit from surgery, equipped clinicians with basic diagnostic equipment, donated 250 used computers to schools for the deaf, and provided medical training materials, hospital and medical supplies, microscopes, textbooks, and more.

- This article was originally published in the April 2006 issue of *Rotary World*.

Inspiration

# Inspiration: A good idea goes a very long way.



What is the connection between the **ROTARY FOUNDATION WALK** organized by the Rotary Club of Vancouver Quadra and the **LORD MAYOR'S WALK** organized by the Rotary Club of Leeds, United Kingdom?



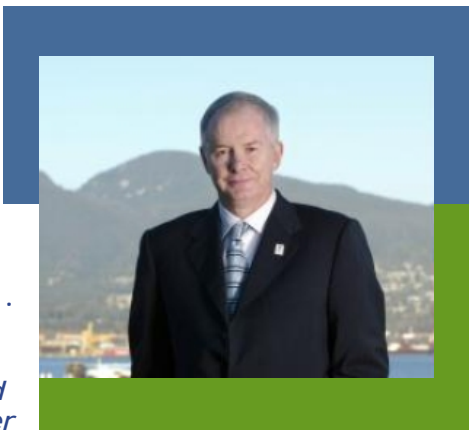
The Lord Mayor's Walk thousands of miles from Vancouver was inspired by the Foundation Walk!

A Leed's Rotarian liked the wheelchair-friendly flat walk and started organizing their walk last year. It has grown from 400 participants last year to thousands of participants this year. Money raised this year will go to five different local charities.



# WHO will be speaking at the DISTRICT CONFERENCE IN WHISTLER?

It is with great pleasure that we announce that **Mr. John Furlong, CEO of VANOC** (Vancouver Organizing Committee for the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games) will be our opening keynote speaker at the District Conference in Whistler on Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2006.



The Vancouver Organizing Committee for the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games (VANOC) was established on September 30, 2003. The Committee's mandate is to support and promote the development of sport in Canada by planning, organizing, financing and staging the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games.

Canada's Games  
A Message from  
John Furlong . . .

*"The Vancouver 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games are Canada's Games!"*

VANOC is guided by a 20-member board of directors nominated by the Government of Canada, the Province of British Columbia, the City of Vancouver, the Resort Municipality of Whistler, the Canadian Olympic Committee, the Canadian Paralympic Committee and local First Nations.

*"This is our time to shine, our time to show the world who we are and what we can do - from coast to coast to coast."*

The Vancouver 2010 mission is to touch the soul of the nation and inspire the world by creating and delivering an extraordinary Olympic and Paralympic experience with lasting legacies. The vision is to build a stronger Canada whose spirit is raised by its passion for sport, culture and sustainability.

*"Beyond the showcasing of outstanding athletic and cultural performances, we believe the Games can touch the soul of our nation. The Games have the capacity to inspire people of all ages, prompt community celebration and pride, foster unity, embrace diversity and instill a genuine spirit of peace in us all. Through the Games we can become nation-builders, champions at home and at play and we can become better citizens of the world."*

Prior to his appointment at VANOC in 2004, Furlong was the President and Chief Operating Officer for the Vancouver 2010 Bid Corporation. He helped lead the organization through numerous phases. In his role, he became the Bid's international face and key spokesperson, tirelessly clocking more than 1.2 million miles in his travels to promote the Bid.

Don't miss this opportunity to hear John's fascinating presentation! Join with fellow Rotarians from Districts 5040 and 5050 in the fellowship of a District Conference, and *"Come Walk where the Olympians are going to Tread!"*

-Your District Conference Committee

Kaleidoscope

We are delighted to welcome **John Eberhard** as RI President Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar's Special Representative to the Conference. John is well known to us as our Past Zone 22 Director and he will be opening the proceedings on Friday May 19th at 1.30 p.m.



Plenary Sessions have been scheduled, and include **Jean Irwin**, a previous Ambassadorial Scholar and well known PETS presenter. Jean's talks are always stimulating, highly entertaining and talk to the very heart of "Service Above Self".

# In Memoriam

**It has been a touching tradition over the past few years for District 5040 to hold a short Memorial Service at the end of the District Conference. This remembers those of our District who have passed away since our last Conference.**



**In memory of Fellow Rotarians in D5040**

I'm pleased to say that we will be continuing this tradition at our Whistler event.

As the formal Conference now ends on Saturday night, we are holding our Service on Sunday Morning in a specially reserved room at the Hilton Hotel, from 8:00 a.m. till 9:a.m.

We are honoured to have Rev. Harlene Walker, of Whistler, in attendance. The service will consist of members lighting a candle in memory, and signing a Book of Remembrance beside the past members' name. A spouse, partner, or other close relative may also be remembered. Perhaps you may wish to include a small photograph.

Should members wish, we would be pleased to provide time for a brief eulogy of no more than 2 minutes, please. But this is entirely optional. Short multi-denominational readings will also be presented.

All District Rotarians are invited to attend. Should you wish to remember someone, please arrange to let us know in advance. You may do this by sending an email to me, with your name, the name of the deceased, the club (if any) and relationship to you, if relevant. You may also just leave me a voicemail message, if that is easier.

Email to: [gda1glis@ca.ibm.com](mailto:gda1glis@ca.ibm.com) or Call (604) 244-2131 anytime.

We look forward to welcoming you to this event and to remember, and celebrate the contribution of, those who may no longer be with us, but who have been helped make our clubs, our District - and Rotary International itself - what they are today.

Thank You,  
Gordon Dalglish, Assistant Governor  
*Conference Program Co-Chair.*



**Grand Foyer of Whistler Convention Centre**

## Bragging Tables

Exhibition booths are available in the Conference Foyer - for Commercial, Club and Project displays. What a good opportunity for the clubs to set up "Bragging Tables" to exhibit their current and past successful projects, and also brag about their community service.

To reserve your table, please contact Stan Rogers by [stanrogers@legacypacific.com](mailto:stanrogers@legacypacific.com) or by phone 604-823-4015 or download registration form [http://www.clubrunner.ca/Data/5040/html/8963/Rotary%20Convention%20Brochure\[1\].pdf](http://www.clubrunner.ca/Data/5040/html/8963/Rotary%20Convention%20Brochure[1].pdf)

**BILL SAUER**  
**Assistant**  
**Governor**  
**Northwest**



“It’s been a rewarding experience to represent the Pacific Northwest in the role of Assistant Governor. This being my first year, I have found it to be quite a learning experience.”

The Northwest area of District 5040 consists of seven Clubs. Starting at the beginning or end of highway 16 (depending on your viewpoint) on the north coast, Prince Rupert has two clubs.

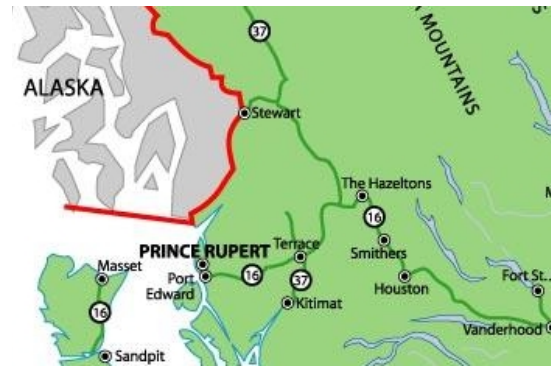
**The Rotary Club of Prince Rupert** is the second oldest Club in B.C., chartered in 1921. They are currently involved in the restoration of Rushbrook Trail. This scenic pathway follows an old rail bed next to the waterfront.

**The Rotary Club of Prince Rupert Hecate Strait** is considered the junior club in the City. Along with doing their own projects, they work jointly with the Prince Rupert Club on numerous projects, and jointly host the annual Foundation Dinner.

Going inland for an hour and a half will get you to the City of Terrace which also has two Rotary Clubs.

**The Rotary Club of Terrace** is the senior club most recently celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. A lot of projects undertaken by the club are in conjunction with the newer Skeena-Valley Club. They include highway cleanup, sponsorship of major projects such as the transition house, and the joint Centennial project of a wheelchair accessible playground.

**The Rotary Club of Terrace Skeena-Valley** is the junior club in Terrace and is also my Club. The Club recently hosted a very successful joint Foundation Dinner which the Terrace and Kitimat Clubs participate in. Each year it is hosted by a different Club and this year’s theme was pirates and wenches. Along with the joint projects with the Terrace Club, the Skeena-Valley Club fund raises at the annual trades fair. For the young at heart in the community the Club has a Treasure Hunt and an annual Pumpkin fling . For the seniors the Club operates a weekly bingo.



Prince Rupert - Rushbrook Trail



Terrace & Skeena-Valley Joint Projects - Playground, Adopt a Highway and Transition House

Taking a small detour from highway 16 along highway 37 for 45 minutes gets you to the City of Kitimat.

**The Rotary Club of Kitimat** is known as the little club that can! What sets this little club apart, are some of their adventurous fundraising events. Annual scotch tasting where over 50 brands of scotch are available. Wine and cheese fundraisers with the exotic cheeses prepared in different ways followed by decadent chocolate desserts. The club is also very involved in Youth Exchange and both RYLA North and RYLA South.



**Kitimat - Wine, Cheese & Chocolate Fundraiser and the famous Annual Scotch Tasting**

Moving back to Terrace and East down highway 16 for 2 and a half hours gets us to the community of Smithers and their two Clubs.

**The Rotary Club of Smithers** is involved in community projects as well as various International projects.

**The Rotary Club of Smithers Alpine** was chartered during Past District Governor Art Erasmus's year. They are involved in community projects such as park's and benches, Salvation Army Christmas kettles, special Olympics, scholarships, recycling, kids lunches, second sheet of ice, miss teen B.C. and math lunch contests. Annual golf scrambles and other fundraising events.

The list of accomplishments by all of the above Clubs is by no means complete. One major Northwest accomplishment was the **Water Well Project** that all of the Clubs in the area came together on to support Art and Lesley Erasmus both financially and emotionally. A common theme running through all of the clubs is the FUN and FELLOWSHIP that comes to the forefront of every event undertaken. It is truly a wonderful feeling to drive through all of the towns in the area and see so many Rotary wheels highlighting all the good that Rotary does and will continue to do.



**Joint Water Well Project**



## Gibson's Wine Festival

Those who did not attend including me missed out on Gibson's most successful Wine/Beer Festival and Art Auction in the last 11th years.

# GSE Thailand BACK TO CANADA



The Team has completed their tour. By all accounts it was a total success. We look forward to hearing from Phil and his team at the District Conference in May. Welcome back gang. One of their Rotary highlights was spending an afternoon at PRIP Bichai Rattakul's home in Thailand. (Pic L—RPIP Bichai with AG Phil; Pic R - L to R: Kim, Rachel, Phil, Natalie & Shannon)

# GSE LA EXCITING DIARIES [www.gse5040.org](http://www.gse5040.org)

Kaleidoscope

GSE 2006 Specialized Law Enforcement Team departed for Los Angeles on April 15, 2006, their diaries are something not to be missed.

Besides enjoying the hospitality of L.A. Rotarians, meeting the inbound GSE team and visit clubs in D5280, they visited many exciting places such as: Monica Pd (live fire time at the range with the SWAT Team; Westwood FBI Bureau; 2 Billion dollar Getty Center and Museum; LA International Airport Police Department (K-9 unit); Transport Security Administration; the Immigration and Customs Operation at LAX; Los Angeles County Sheriffs, Marina Del-Ray Division; Gates Security - tour of the Pacific Palisades and coffee with Spielberg, Hanks and Schwarzenegger; LAPD; LA Fire Department; Port of LA Police Department and much more.

Team Members are Jean Hamm, Michelle Hannah, Jody Akerman, and Robyn Waldron led by Team Leader Neil MacKay. Visit [www.gse5040.org](http://www.gse5040.org) for team profiles and dairy details.

Top Pic: Jean, Jody, Neil, Michele, Robyn, Jim Gordon (Rotarian Host) & Scott at LAPD.

Bottom Pic: The crew on the Mayors boat. View of the Port and Suspension Bridge.



# Eyecare FELLOWSHIP OF ROTARIANS



**OUR MISSION IS:**

- to bring together, in fellowship and service, those Rotarians who have an active interest in the prevention of blindness and the promotion of eye health and vision worldwide.
- to provide both a platform and a forum to discuss ideas and develop appropriate cooperative programs to further our shared goals.
- to promote international understanding and peace through our common purpose and efforts.

- Organize an eye camp or eye clinic where economically disadvantaged people can come for free eye care.
- Undertake a campaign to collect used eyeglasses and donate them to an organization that will distribute them to those in need.
- Sponsor a seminar in your community on preventable blindness.

This fellowship is an outgrowth of the former Avoidable Blindness Task Force and the Fellowship of Eye Care Professionals. All Rotarians interested in preventing blindness and improving eye health are invited to become members of this official Rotary fellowship. The fellowship is open to professionals and non-professionals alike.

For information about other Rotary Fellowships and Rotary Action Groups, visit web site [www.rotaryfellowships.org](http://www.rotaryfellowships.org)

Visit [www.rotarianseyecarefellowship.org](http://www.rotarianseyecarefellowship.org) for ideas on eye care programs and projects:

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](mailto:dbkirk@telus.net))  
District 5040 Fellowships Chair  
Member, International Travel and Hosting Fellowship*

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## RI Convention Events



### HOUSE OF FRIENDSHIP— WHERE PEOPLE MEET

Special opening of the House of Friendship with the Danish Royal Life Guard and a lot of cultural and historical exhibitions.

### HOST HOSPITALITY NIGHT

An old Convention tradition, offering a marvelous opportunity for participants to have dinner and enjoy an evening of hospitality and international fellowship with Rotarians at a private home, a restaurant, or a local Rotary club.

### BANNER EXCHANGE

Banner exchange area - please - bring "One for Your Host" and participate in creating a wall covered with the largest number of club banners ever collected in one place.

### A DAY IN THE FAMOUS TIVOLI GARDEN

You are free to stroll around in Tivoli and enjoy the unique atmosphere and on this particular occasion you will be entertained by famous Scandinavian artists and a large orchestra.

### VIKING BOAT

Experience a Viking boat which crossed the Atlantic Ocean 1000 years ago and watch the working Viking village with the carving of the boat bow and rope makers at work.

### SWEDISH NIGHT

On video screens you will meet Swedish celebrities such as the Royal Family, Ingmar Bergman and Ingvar Kamprad of IKEA and sport celebrities such as Björn Borg, Annika Sörenstam and Peter Forsberg. Listen to the stories behind Volvo, SAAB, IKEA and Tetra Pak.

### CONVENTION WORLD CUP GOLF

Join the Convention World Cup Golf 2006 8-9 of June 2006 on the two master courses of Barsebäck in Sweden situated close to Malmö and Copenhagen.



### SCANDINAVIAN CHRISTMAS

Rotaract presents a Scandinavian Christmas exhibition where you can buy your Christmas ornaments.

### NOBEL DINNER

Professor Michael Nobel and/or Peter Nobel will be the main speakers)

Visit the HOC homepage for more information and order tickets <http://www.riconvention2006.org/Default.htm>

*See you in Beautiful Malmö and Wonderful Copenhagen - Grethe Christiansen, HOC International Promotion*





RYLA South - Camp Jubilee



**RYLA South** was a huge success.

- Visit District website at [www.rotary5040.org](http://www.rotary5040.org) to view complete photo journal.
- Also go to Program Youth to check out Rotary International projects proposed by 10 selected RYLA Teams. The workshop involved 60+ Rylarians.

## RYLA North Aug 9 –13, 2006 Moose Springs Resort, Prince George is fast approaching

- Download application at the District Event page [www.rotary5040.org](http://www.rotary5040.org)
- For more information, please contact Kathi Travers, RYLA North Chair, 250-564-2554 or [kathipg@telus.net](mailto:kathipg@telus.net).
- Please return the completed application form to: Valerie Delorme, Registrar, FAX 250-562-4524 or [valerie@cflca.com](mailto:valerie@cflca.com).
- **Note:** If your Rotary Club has a Gaming Fund account, RYLA expenses have been "approved" to be taken from that account!

## Scholar's Study VANC CHINATOWN CLUB

Rotary Club of Vancouver Chinatown was treated to a sneak preview of their **Millennium Project**. . . .the **Scholar's Study at the Sun Yat-Sen Garden**. Soon to be formally opened with messages in both Chinese and English commemorating 100 Years of Rotary carved in marble for all to see. 100,000 visitors pass through these Gardens each year.



## Project Honduras FUNDRAISER

Last year, they raised almost \$200,000, enough to build a home for 132 children at the El Hogar orphanage in Honduras, who were then sleeping on the porch of an old house. This year, with your support, they'd like to do even better!

The annual golf tournament for destitute Honduran children will be held at the University Golf Club on Thursday, September 21. There are several ways that you can help: ask your company to sponsor the tournament; ask your company to sponsor a hole or half-hole; make a donation, tax receipt will be issued; make up a foursome and register for the tournament; donate an auction item and spread the word.

For more information, please contact Ian Rose at 604-926-9181



Ian Rose with kids in the Orphanage

# Editor's Corner



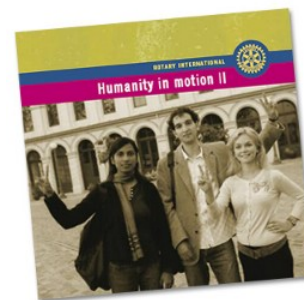
## Have you checked the PUBLIC RELATIONS PAGE in the District website lately?

New ideas are posted from time to time. We invite you to share your tips with fellow Rotarians. Please send your submission to editor5040@hotmail.com P.S. My email address has been changed back to hotmail.

**RI wants your Rotary story . . .** Rotary International is collecting ideas and projects from clubs and districts to pitch to the media. You are invited to send upcoming project (description & contact info) that you think will make a great news story to pr@rotary.org. With the help of their media staff, perhaps your upcoming Rotary project will make a splash in your community!

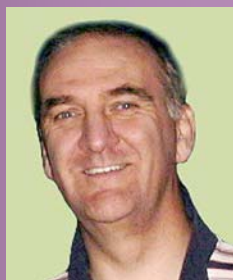
**Humanity in Motion II . . .** The "Humanity in Motion II" DVD and CD-ROM provide ready-made public relations tools that Rotarians can use to obtain free or low-cost placements with their local print or broadcast media. It contains television, print, Internet, and outdoor ad designs with the theme that Rotary promotes peace

through educational programs. **Limit one copy per Rotarian. The FREE copy can be ordered online at RI website shop.** To preview the *Humanity in Motion* videos, visit RI Public Relations . Rotarians are encouraged to use these materials to attract positive publicity for their service efforts.



## “HOW TO KEEP OUR CLUBS ALIVE?” . . . here's one Rotarian's opinion

**Rotarian Chris Langley** from Rotary Club Metrotown sharing his thought on this forum. This is an edited summary. To view thread and participate, login to District website at [www.rotary5040.org](http://www.rotary5040.org)



Heaven forbid, what about a bagged lunch meeting once in a while? (I can hear some people getting up to leave now, muttering that if they cannot get a "good meal" they won't come). I wonder how much of the active work they do?

Another thing that makes Rotary good is its **fellowship**, but fellowship can come in many forms. "Doers" are usually fairly boisterous and loud and opinionated, know how to laugh and you cannot miss them in a crowd. Does that describe your club meetings? They may be unconventional, not wear a suit, sometimes say the wrong thing at the right time, but they get stuff done. Those who don't participate ...well generally they don't participate! They come for lunch, come to be seen.

**Clubs need hands on things to do** and have to be carefully crafted so that even a 90 year old with a walking stick can feel that they have done something to help, and yes, they should be asked. A Club needs presence in its community. This should be addressed at the recruiting stage! People need to be part of the community in other ways than that is where their office is sited.

Every community needs to know there is an active and fun-filled Rotary Club in their midst. Create a presence, get boisterous, its not hard to find ways in which you can make a hands-on and very public difference. The danger is, if you don't, your numbers will drop to near extinction levels, good members and potential members will steer away, throwing up their hands and the lunchtime glee-club atmosphere will be compounded and forever in search for people who will stay more than a year. **Give them something to stay for!** (other than lunch).

## Building Rotary

It's no good just inviting any individual to come for breakfast / lunch / dinner. People have to be invited who are already involved in their community in one way or another. **Rotary is built by volunteers**, so quiet diners who go home after work or don't like to get out of bed are a bad bet. It takes time to find the "right person". They need to be outgoing and already involved.

A Club also needs a very solid plan in which **to actively involve people according to their interests**. They need to be brought in immediately they have joined and given real work to do. New members need to be actively approached by the old members. Get to know them. It's going to take concentrated effort.

What builds a strong Rotary Club? **Activity beyond the food table!** Fellowship is great over food but action is what Rotary is about, or should be. My own feeling is that the centering of meetings around food has dominated Clubs. Food is NOT what Rotary is about....it isn't a gourmet eating and tasting club, is it?



# Newest VANC TECH INTERACT CLUB

Welcome to our Rotary family! The Interact Club of Vancouver Technical Secondary School has 22 chartered members and is sponsored by Vancouver Chinatown Club. Van Tech is located at 2600 East Broadway, Vancouver.

DG Sonia challenged the club to live by the Rotary motto of "Service Above Self". She encouraged the Interact members to take on both a local and international service project. She told them that will be the difference between being a service club vs. a social club. District Interact Chair Chris Loat encouraged the club members to use the Rotary 4-way Test in their school and lives. DGND Dean Rohrs gave an example of an Interact Club that raised more than \$100,000 for the PolioPlus campaign.

Visit District website [www.rotary5040.org](http://www.rotary5040.org) to read the full charter night detail by AG Penny Offer and see the photo journal.



(c) Rotary District 5040

DG Sonia, Van Tech Interact Club chartered members, Pres. Vicky Wong (Chinatown Club) and Interact Chair Chris

New Stuff



## Welcome the 2 new members to Vancouver Chinatown Club

PP Henry Fetigan inducted Helen Wong and Nancy Yee to their club.

Service Above self

## Freemason's Community Award GRAND LODGE OF B.C. & Yukon

On May 2, 2006, Dr Anthony Yurkovich and Mrs. Nancy Yurkovich from Rotary Club of Richmond were recognized for their commitment to the well being of the citizens of Richmond in the field of Medicine and Palliative & Supportive Care and the realization of their dream for the Salvation Army Rotary Hospice House in Richmond.

L to R: Right Worshipful Brother Michael Littler, District Deputy Grand Master, His Worship The Mayor Malcolm Brodie, Dr & Mrs. Anthony Yurkovich, Right Worshipful Brother Isaac Brower - Berkhoven, Grand Master- Elect, Right Worshipful Brother Wilbur Walrond, Worshipful Master



## NOTICES



### DEADLINE:

Article submission deadline for June District newsletter is May 27.

### MEETING CANCELLATION:

The Rotary Club of New Westminster will not be holding their regular lunch meeting on Thursday June 1st due to their Installation Dinner later that evening.