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# **D5040 NEWSLETTER**

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# **DEAN'S DIGEST**

What a special February this was - an extra day to spend with Rotary! Whoever said that a District Governor's commitments are less after the Official Club Visits are over - were just trying to make it look easier for me. I seem to be just a busy as ever and still getting to know the ins and outs of D5040. Once again - an amazing month. As the months go by my experience seems to get better and better. Each time I think - wow - this must be the best - it is topped!



**DEAN & RHINO ROHRS** 

This month our **Group Study Exchange Team has** been working hard in putting their program together and although

they had one of the selected members step back due to work commitments, he has been replaced by a stunning new team member. We now will have a full documentary produced of this incredible experience. Welcome Deneka - we are happy to have you as part of the team. Watch out for their invitation to join them for a special African themed dinner to raise funds for their trip.

I would encourage everyone to get involved in this wonderful program. Please assist Neil McDonald, the GSE Chair, and his team in setting up a program for the inbound GSE Team from Tanzania by hosting and entertaining them. The Tanzanian team will be a fun experience.

I headed North together with Membership Chair, PDG Del Paterson. We had two excellent workshops on The Club Leadership Plan and Membership. Visiting Vanderhoof and Prince George is always an amazing experience. We had lots of fun and fellowship and a sharing of ideas.

From Prince George we drove down to Quesnel to attend their Foundation Dinner - and do they ever know how to give a party! It was an excellent event and the two clubs raised over \$12,000.in the most innovative ways. You all need to ask them about their 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner-up in the Beauty pageant! Del and I would like to thank everyone for their hospitality and all the fun we had.

"Rotary Rocks" - D5040 Conference at the River Rock: Have you Registered yet? Don't miss this outstanding event.

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Be entertained and educated by:

PRIP Jonathan B. Majiyagbe, Rick Hansen, Honorable Carole Taylor,

- Howard Blank - Senator Larry Campbell -
- Vicky Gabareau PDG 5040 Gary Hollick -

We look forward to having the whole district celebrate Rotary at this incredible event.

I would like to wish all the President Elects a safe journey to PETS next week. I don't have to give them any wishes towards having a totally amazing time - because that is guaranteed.

I Hope to see you all as I continue my travels around the District.

Kwarkoe!

# NORTH SHORE OPERATION RED NOSE THE MOST SUCCESSFUL EVER

Lionsgate took the lead for the North Shore Rotary clubs in planning and organizing Operation Red Nose for the 2007 Christmas Season. In partnership with the RCMP and ICBC:

- 201 Volunteers from NS Rotary Clubs and community at large.
- provided 313 safe rides for NS residents.
- over 8 evenings in December.
- covered over 7,600 km.
- received \$8,000 in donations from car owners and \$27,000 in Corporate Sponsorships to be used by the Rotary Clubs to support Youth programs in the NS.

In BC, some 2,756 volunteers provided over 4,700 safe rides and drove more than 118,000 km. The 2007 campaign generated \$93,500 in



support of local youth programs in BC. The North Shore is one of nine regions in BC providing this service. ORN offers a great opportunity for other Rotary clubs in the lower mainland as there are many communities where this service is not offered, such as Vancouver and Burnaby.

Nationally, over 53,000 volunteers provided safe rides for 76,800 clients and raised \$1,300,000 for youth programs in Canada.

Visit www.operationrednose.com for a full view of the program. For information about how to become involved in ORN on the North Shore this year, call Jim Godey at 604-837-2362 or email james\_godey@telus.net.

# NORTH SHORE ROTARY CLUBS REOPEN YOUTH SAFE HOUSE

closing due to lack of funding.

In September of 2000, a report, prepared by the North Shore Youth Task Force on Homelessness, concluded that there was a gap in NS youth services and that a local facility for North Shore Youth seeking . refuge was needed. The report was shelved until Rotary successfully lobbied the North Shore municipalities for implementation of the report and the Safe House opened on December 1, 2002. More than 1,000 youth in need, and at risk, received assistance until it's closure on December 30. 2006.

The North Shore Rotary Clubs would not let it remain closed. The Community Youth Safe House Advisory Committee developed a new business plan. Rotary mobilized a number of NS Service Clubs to do what was necessary to return the physical facility to operational status.

North Shore Rotary Clubs since its incep- citizens came forward to lend assistance accepted the petition and presented it in tion, is open and operating again after making it possible to reopen the Safe the legislature. On Dec. 5, a letter was kind services exceeds \$563,000.

- \$385,000 to meet the 1st year operating expenses.
- The District of NV provided the house for \$1.00/year, a value of \$22,000 in lost rent.
- 19 companies volunteered their services and resources to renovate the house, a value of \$80,000.
- Other companies provided services, with a value \$28,000.
- Cash donations from Schools, Churches, NS Service clubs and individuals totalled more than \$50,000.

Under Rotarian Chair AG Esio Marzotto, a Committee of the NS Service Clubs undertook a campaign and collected more than 7,600 signatures from October 19 to 28,

The NS Youth Safe House, a project of the A great many concerned North Shore 2007. On Nov.16, MLA Katherine Whittred House. The grand total of cash and in received from Tom Christensen, Minister of Children and Family Development advising they are working towards funding An anonymous donor contributed transition beds and other youth and family services at the Safe House and federal funding was also reinstated.

> Hollyburn Family Services agreed to manage the facility. The Youth Safe House reopened on Friday, Dec. 15, and to date more than 50 young people have received attention at the facility.

> This important NS community project could not have been successfully undertaken without the cooperation of many committed people and the leadership of the Rotary Clubs of West Vancouver, West Vancouver Sunrise, North Vancouver and Lions Gate.



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# LIONSGATE ROTARY ACTIVELY SERVING THEIR COMMUNITY

## LIONSGATE WILL CELEBRATE 30<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY IN MAY !!!!

Their members really like to have a good time, they are starting to celebrate in April with a dinner/dance "THE BEAT GOES ON". This will be a 50s/60s evening to raise funds for the Youth Safe House. Their celebrations will culminate in June in conjunction with the Installation of their 2008/09 Board of Directors. They are also celebrating that they have EXCEEDED our Rotary Foundation Goal of \$100.00 for every Rotarian.

## **CANADA DAY - Flagship Event**

For the past 18 years Lionsgate Club has raised funds, planned, organized and operated Canada Day for North Vancouver City and District. It really is their "Flagship Event" in the community. Last year **over 20,000 people** enjoyed this amazing celebration of our country as well as the Centennial of the City of North Vancouver. They put a map of the world at the entrance to Waterfront Park and encourage participants to stick a pin in their country of origin. At the end of the day it was hard to find a country without a pin. That's how diverse and multicultural the celebration was. Club members put in over 2,500 volunteer hours to make it happen and it is worth the huge effort.

## SALVATION ARMY KETTLES

During the Christmas season the club donates two days of ringing the bells for the Salvation Army's kettle drive. This is a way of saying "thank you" to the Army for the great work they do in our Community.

These are just a few of the many activities the Rotary Club of Lionsgate undertakes throughout the year.







# NORTH VANCOUVER PROCLAIMED ROTARY DAY

ciity north vancouver

North Vancouver City Council occasionally issues proclamations to showcase the many organizations, community groups and diverse services offered by the City of North Vancouver. Rotary Day was proclaimed on Feb 18, 2008 by Major Darrell Mussatto. WHEREAS Rotary International, founded on February 23, 1905 in Chicago, Illinois, is the world's first and one of the largest non-profit service organizations; and

WHEREAS The Rotary Motto "Service Above Self" inspires members to provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards and promote good will and peace in the world; and

WHEREAS Rotary funds club projects and sponsors volunteers with community expertise to provide medical supplies, health care, clean water, food production, job training, and education to millions in need, particularly in developing countries; and

WHEREAS There are over 140 Rotary Club members in four clubs on the North Shore, sponsoring service projects such as Youth SAFE House, Youth Week, SAGE House, Klahhanie House, scholarships, Canada Day, and many other worthwhile causes.

NOW THEREFORE I, Darrell Mussatto, Mayor of the City of North Vancouver, do hereby proclaim the February 23, 2008 as Rotary Day in the City of North Vancouver, and encourage all citizens to join me in recognizing Rotary International for its more than 100 years of service to improving the human condition in local communities around the world.

So proclaimed on Monday, February 18, 2008 "Original Signed by Mayor Darrell Mussatto"

Mayor Darrell Mussatto

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# READY, SET RUN IN THE WEST VANCOUVER ROTARY SEAWALK RUN

Visit West Vancouver Rotary at their .... **NEW MEETING VENUE** and NEW MEETING DATE

Tuesdays at 6:15pm

Taso's Pizza Steak & Seafood, 1337 Marine Drive, West Vancouver V7T 1B6

Rotary Seawalk Run







Put on your runners and join one of the • North Shore's hottest, funniest community event for the entire family, the 3rd Annual Rotary Seawalk Run.

The 10 km Seawalk takes the runners on a beautiful return journey along the West Vancouver waterfront of English Bay. An out and back course starts at The Village of Park Royal South, and continues down a trail along the Capilano River through Ambleside Park and along the length of the scenic Centennial Seawalk to the • turnaround at Dundarave pier.

Date: May 25th, 2008

Time: 7:30am

Registration: Adult \$37.00, Youth -18 and under \$25 (T-shirt included)

Breakfast: A runner's breakfast will be waiting for you at the finish line at The Village at Park Royal South.

Proceeds: 50-50 between the Lions Gate Hospital Foundation and North Shore Youth Projects.

Details: go to www.seawalkrun.com

# WEST VANCOUVER SUNRISE DONATED FOR SAFE WATER

tion, the Club donated 85,129 Thai-baht (USD \$2,470) for the water supply project Lanoi District, one of the poorest provinces in Thailand. The average annual income per family is around USD \$175.

students from the Karen hill tribe. Since the school does not have tanks to collect rain water over rainy season, they have

In cooperation with the Samsara Founda- no water supply during the 4 months The West Vancouver Sunrise Rotary donalong dry season.

at Luum Naam Wittaya School in Mae The school is difficult to access. There is no bridge over the river except a suspension bridge for motorcycles and there is a raft to get the materials for construction on to the other side of the river. Never-The school is attended by 143 primary theless the director of the school managed to get the project done and now the children can have safe drinking water.

tion was spent on laying pipes to transport water from a village 2 km away, building concrete tanks to store the water and installing water purification system including sink and PVC water tanks. Samsara Foundation paid for the dynamo 17,000 to pump the water from the village to the tank to complete the project.

For more information of Samsara Foundation, please visit their website.











# IS CLUB LEADERSHIP ASSEMBLY FOR YOU?

## Club Leadership Assembly is for:

- Helping you to prepare for your year as a leader in your club.
- All Rotarians who want to become more involved in their club, their community and Rotary.
- Assisting your club in building a leadership team.

## **Upcoming Assemblies:**

- March 29 Metro Vancouver New Westminster (Agenda)
- April 5 Cariboo a- 100 Mile house
- April 19 Prince George
- April 29 Sea to Sky and Squamish,
- May 3 Northwest and Terrace,
- May 10 Sunshine Coast Sechelt,

For further information visit the events section of the district website at www.Rotary5040.org.



- Are you interested in Rotary?
- Are you serving on your club's board of directors for the next Rotary year, July 1, 2008 to 2009?
- Are you the president or president elect of your Rotary club?
- The Club Leadership Assembly is for you and all interested members of your club.

## Registration:

Register online for the seminar in your area or the most convenient seminar for you. Pre-registration and pre-payment is requested for each seminar.

District 5040 now has an online secure payment and registration system for all conferences and seminars.

You can reuse the registration password for all future events. This will make registration quick and easy for future events.

Thank you and see you at the assembly!

Penny Offer, DGND District Trainer 2008-09 PennyOffer@dccnet.com 604-940-9365

# DON'T MISS THE GREAT SPEAKERS AT THE DISTRICT CONFERENCE

In 1985, Rick Hansen pushed his wheel- ships, and competed for Canada in the ability to engage and motivate chair out of Vancouver, B.C. and set out 1984 Olympic Games. on a journey that would make history. His legendary Man In Motion World Tour spanned more than 40,000 km through 34 countries; took over two years to complete; and raised more than \$26 million for spinal cord injury. Rick's incredible achievement became a testament to the strength of the human spirit and the power of teamwork. His courage and determination inspired us to believe in the possibility of a fully accessible and inclusive society, and a cure for spinal cord injury.

Following a car crash at the age of 15, Rick sustained a spinal cord injury that paralyzed him from the waist down. Forced to define a new life for himself, Rick never hesitated to challenge society's perceptions about what is possible for anyone with big dreams and the passion to see them through. Rick was the first student with a physical disability to graduate in Physical Education from the on to become a world-class athlete, winning 19 international wheelchair marathons, including three world champion-

**ROTARY ROCKS** INTO THE FUTURE D5040 CONFERENCE 2008 **RICHMOND BC** 



Keynote Speaker 11:00 am Fri. May 16

Rick Hansen, c.c., o.B.C. President and CEO, **Rick Hansen Foundation** 

University of British Columbia. He went In 1987, Rick was appointed a Companion of the Order of Canada and has received several honorary degrees. As a positive role model dedicated to improving the world around him, Rick has a remarkable

youth. He regularly shares his message of hope, inspiration and the importance of making a positive difference in the lives of others with young people across Canada.

Today, Rick is still a Man In Motion. As President and CEO of the Rick Hansen Foundation. Rick remains committed to making communities more accessible and inclusive for people with a spinal cord injury, and advancing spinal cord research. Through Rick's leadership, the Foundation has generated more than \$178 million for spinal cord injury related programs and initiatives.

Rick lives in Richmond B.C. with his wife. Amanda, and their three daughters Emma, Alana and Rebecca. He has a passion for the outdoors and volunteers his time to support fish conservation. As Chair of both the Fraser River Sturgeon Conservation Society (website) and the Pacific Salmon Endowment Fund Society (website), Rick is a strong voice for helping to restore and protect sturgeon and salmon populations. For more program and registration information, www.rotary5040,org

Plan now to attend the 2008 District 5040 Conference in Richmond BC May 16 to 18, 2008

# SUBMIT AWARD NOMINATIONS BY APRIL 15, 2008 !



Nominations can be submitted from the clubs, the Assistant Governors and the Governor. Please send written submission to Dis-

trict Awards Chair, PDG Leo Nimsick at <a href="mailto:nimsick@telus.net">nimsick@telus.net</a> .

# Outstanding Rotary Club of the Year Award

Nominations come from the Assistant Governors and are sent directly to the Chair of the selection committee (the immediate Past District Governor Kevin Conway). Information will be provided by the Committee.

#### **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 Rotarians or friends of Rotary for exemplary service during the Rotary year. (nominations come from the clubs, assistant governors and the governor).

#### **Club Recognition**

Recognition at the District Conference of individual Rotary clubs for exemplary service projects during the Rotary year. (nominations come from the assistant governors and the governor).

#### Governor's Award

 Summary: Recognizing that the strength of the Rotary movement is founded on the service carried out by club members, the purpose of this

- award is to provide a means for Rotary Clubs in District 5040 to personally recognize a member or members of the club for his/her outstanding efforts in service to the club and/or the community.
- 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 District project at the discretion of the District Governor. This award is to allow clubs to honour members for exemplary service and is separate and apart from The Paul Harris Fellowship which is a recognition for a contribution to the Rotary Foundation.

# LAST CHANCE TO NOMINATE ROTARY WORLD PEACE FELLOW

Last chance to nominate that young committed person in your community to receive a two-year fully funded scholarship to a leading University to study peace and conflict resolution. This scholarship is no cost to your Rotary club.

Contact PDG David Ker at <a href="mailto:dker@telus.net">dker@telus.net</a> or phone 604-261-4461 and visit RI Website at <a href="mailto:www.rotary.org">www.rotary.org</a> for details. Submit application to PDG David Ker by March 31, 2008. The District 5040 Selection Committee will meet in April 2008. The scholar selected will be advised and his/her application sent to The Rotary Foundation in May 2008.

The Rotary Foundation aims to raise US\$95 million by June 2015 to completely endow the Peace Center Program and to fund 120 Rotary World Peace Fellows every year. For information on how to donate, including special naming opportunities, e-mail plannedgiving@rotary.org or call Eric Schmelling, Fund Development Manager, at 1- 847-866-3222.



Peace is not only the absence of war. After wars end and during the recovery period we are left with:

- Poverty
- Destruction
- Hunger
- Homelessness and
- disease

Our Peace fellows are working throughout the world advocating violence prevention - and helping to control gang violence, school violence, domestic violence and regional violence.

# AFRICA HERE WE COME !









## NANCY NIKOLAI - 2008 GSE Team Leader sponsored by Rotary Club of N.W. Royal City

Nancy has been a Rotary member of the New Westminster-Royal City Club since 1992. She has since held the positions of Club President (1995), Assistant District Governor (2004-07), and is currently District 5040 Secretary (2007-10). Born in Mission, BC, Canada, she has also lived in Mexico where she taught secondary school for several years before changing vocations to partner with her husband (also a fellow Rotarian) in the Construction field. Together they do Interior Contracting with an emphasis on Laboratory furnishings. International Service, especially involving children and health issues, is of foremost interest to Nancy.



## **DENEKA MICHAUD** - Team Member sponsored by Rotary Club of Tsawwassen

Deneka is a graduate of Carleton University's journalism program. She holds a Bachelor of Journalism with Honours and a minor in political science. After graduation Deneka worked in Ottawa, Ontario as a business and political writer, specializing in social issues reporting. She currently works as a television reporter for a local cable company (Delta Cable Channel 4) where she produces a weekly community news program. Deneka also works part-time as a reporter for the North-Shore News. She hopes to someday volunteer overseas with Journalism for Human Rights. In her free time, Deneka enjoys playing soccer.



## ERIN ROBINSON - Team Member sponsored by Rotary Club of Richmond Sunrise

Erin is a Microfinance Program Manager with VanCity Credit Union, where she helps hundreds of unbanked individuals each year move in to economic self-reliance by providing small loans to help them to enroll in vocational training and launching small businesses. Prior to joining VanCity, Erin worked for the Vancouver Board of Trade's Mentorship Program (Leaders of Tomorrow). Her professional experience is complimented by a Bachelors of Business Administration and a Post-Bachelor Diploma in Community Economic Development. In her spare time she is an avid Red Cross volunteer and keeps active as a dance and fitness instructor.



## SHANNON THOMPSON - Team Member sponsored by Rotary Club of Vancouver

Shannon was born in Prince George, BC, Canada - but has lived in Vancouver for 20 years. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Trent University and has a certificate in Public Relations and a Marketing Communications Associate Certificate from the British Columbia Institute of Technology. Shannon works as the Recruitment Manager with the Certified Management Accountants (CMA) of British Columbia. She promotes awareness of CMA and is involved in networking, management, and builds relationships with university and college staff member and students. In her free time Shannon enjoys travelling, running marathons, and volunteering with children.



#### JENNIFER WESMAN - Team Member sponsored by Rotary Club of Vancouver Quadra

Jennifer was born in Ottawa, Ontario and has resided in Vancouver for 12 years. Jennifer holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Simon Fraser University, and works as a Literacy Practioner and Program Coordinator at Frontier College - Canada's oldest literacy organization. Jennifer organizes literacy conferences, programs, and trains volunteer tutors to work with learners in inner city schools, and with immigrants and refugees. She is interested in Social Justice Education and plans on pursuing a Masters degree in this area. In her spare time Jennifer enjoys travelling, sailing for pleasure and competition, as well as skiing.

"Everyday I think of Tanzania and am so excited and honoured to be part of this trip... I have enjoyed meeting with the team. Together we are learning about the language, the culture, and sharing our feelings of mutual anticipation. Travel and culture have always been passions of mine, and I cannot tell you how much I am looking forward to this trip and to being able to live with, and experience first hand the spirit of Tanzanian people and culture. I extend a huge thank you to Rotary for providing me with this trip of a lifetime and for helping to make my dream come true--Thank you! (In Swahili they say, Asante sana.)"

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## ALL PACKED AND PRIMED TO GO . .

Readying a GSE team - all packed and primed to go - is no simple task. Any GSE Leader can attest to that - there are ups and downs and glitches throughout the planning process and the journey.

To start with so far this year - we had LOTS and LOTS of great applications which had to be whittled down to a manageable size We (the committee) finally interviewed 13 of the final short list from which we selected the final four team members plus one alternate. That was tough. So many top notch applications! Once that was done - we met and started forming our plans - fundraisers, learning about Tanzanian culture and lanquage (Swahili), choosing wardrobes, putting together brochures and presentations, getting lots of vaccinations, and Blacker came up with a brilliant idea. learning to work as a cohesive team that quarters for many weeks. One of our team was an undercover RCMP officer whom we called our Mystery Man.

together - DG Dean Rohrs and DGE Bob were 6. But not for long. Our Mystery



Since our Alternate member was busy process - why not send her along to be part of the team! So after calls and emails back and forth between GSE Chair Neil McDonald and his counterpart in Dis-And just when we got most of our plans trict 9200 - it was a "Go". So then we

man was grabbed up by the UN - for a peacekeeping mission to East Timor! So here we are - a GSE team made up of 5

Our adventure is just beginning - and we already have a truckload of people to thank. A big thank you to GSE Chair Neil McDonald and the committee for their many volunteer hours and kind help. Thanks to DG Dean and DGE Bob for their great support. To Nick Jordan and Creative Embroidery for the Rotary Gear options and expert help. Chris Bradshaw for his super travel advice. To each sponsoring Club for their monetary support and their encouragement. An exchange with Africa is a trip of a lifetime. Each of us thank each of you in 5040 for your sup-

will be living and functioning in close from Day One filming this GSE Planning Hope to see many of you at SIMBA's! And when we get back - we plan to hold a big African Jamboree to celebrate, tell you about our trip and to premiere the new Rotary GSE documentary!

- Nancy Nikolai, 2008 GSE Team Leader.

# **DISTRICT 5040 GSE 2008** TEAM TO TANZANIA, AFRICA

# **FUNDRAISER**

The ROTARY Group Study Exchange Program (GSE) is a unique cultural and vocational exchange opportunity for young professionals in the initial years of their professional life.

The 2008 team will be departing on April 15 for six weeks. The team will study Tanzania's institutions and ways of life, observe their own vocations as practiced abroad, develop personal and professional relationships, and exchange ideas.

## HELP SUPPORT THE TEAM AND ENJOY THREE **COURSES AFRICIAN CUISINE**

Wednesday, March 19th - 7:00 to 9:00pm Simba's Grill, 825 Denman Street, Vancouver (map) OR

Wednesday, March 26th - 7:00 to 9:00pm Simba's Grill, 7413 Edmonds Street, Burnaby (map)

Tickets - \$55 per person

#### **Contact GSE Team for tickets**

- Nancy Nikolai at 604-524-2144
- Deneka Michaud at 778-840-5122
- Erin Robinson at 604-926-3746
- Shannon Thompson at 604-780-9794
- Jennifer Wesman at 604-713-5848

Purchase **RAFFLE** tickets for great prizes! Proceeds will go towards purchasing team uniforms And gifts for Tanzanian children, sponsors, and host families of the GSE Team.

#### SEE YOU THERE . . . .

The outbound team will be departing on April 15 and miss the District Conference. However, they will be making a presentation at the Vancouver Centennial Club.

Date: Tuesday April 8 2008 at 6:30pm

Dinner: \$20/person

Place: Best Western Abercorn Inn,

9260 Bridgeport Rd Richmond, BC RSVP: Joanne Cheng at 604-817-0366 or

Nancy Nikolai at nico@telus.net

Come and hear about the diversity of the 5040 team. RSVP by April 6 so the Club has an accurate head count.

# ROTARY BLITZ IS FUN . .





Join Us - It's easy, it's fun and it's important !!!

President Wilf invites every Rotarian to take part in the Rotary Blitz.

During the first 2 weeks of April every Rotarian from coast to coast is invited to take part in a Zone wide Membership Blitz.

Rotarians are asked to identify someone who could benefit from Rotary, who would be an asset to Rotary and who will thank YOU for inviting them.

## Three steps to a successful BLITZ

- Work as a team and discuss possibilities with your fellow members. Make a list of possible prospects: your dentist, lawyer, financial advisor, doctor, coworkers, neighbours or spouse.
- Have a supply of "What is Rotary" cards in your wallet to present to prospective Members and invite them to your weekly Rotary breakfast, lunch or dinner during the first two weeks of April - and after.
- 3. Follow up after the meeting, direct

them to the Rotary website, keep in touch, show them what Rotary is about and how they can get involved. More Rotarians, will provide more fun in your club and community, more children an opportunity for an education, more women a chance to become self sufficient, more villages clean water, more countries a chance for Peace..

Say YES to President Wilf Say YES to the Membership Blitz SHARE Rotary with others during the rest of the Rotary year and always.

For more information, suggestions or tools, Visit RI Membership Resources

# RISE TO THE CHALLENGE - END POLIO NOW!

## The message is Loud and Clear ...

Eradicating polio has been Rotary's #1 priority since 1985. The \$100 million Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation grant and the \$3.5 million Google Foundation grants come at a crucial time for the initiative.

On Feb 23, Rotary International is launching a \$100 Million Challenge. "Each Rotary club is being asked to contribute at least \$1,000 annually to the challenge for the next three years," Dr Robert S Scott, trustee chair of the Rotary Foundation said. "If you consider there are nearly 33,000 clubs in the world, their combined fundraising efforts would result in almost the full matching amount of \$100 million. The \$200 million that will be generated will be a vital catalyst in support of polio eradication".



DDF can be used For The Challenge

In 2006-07, 252 districts allocated more than US\$3 million to PolioPlus Partners and other polio eradication activities.

<u>District Designated Fund</u> can continue to play an important role in helping to fund the final push to finish polio worldwide. Cash and DDF will be accepted as matching funds for Rotary's US\$100 Million Challenge.

Annual Programs Fund - SHARE contributions raised this Rotary year (before 1 July 2008) will be generating DDF available in 2010-11 — the third and final year of the challenge. APF contributions today can help support all of our favorite Foundation programs and help reach our latest fundraising goals for a polio-free world.

- EREY Feb newsletter

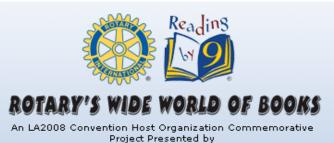
## HAS YOUR CLUB SET THE CLUB ANNUAL GIVING GOAL?



If not, download the <u>2008-09 Fund Development Club Goal Report Form</u> and submit it to District Governor Elect <u>Bob Blacker</u>. the hard copy were distributed at PETS. The club goal and percentage of goal achieved will appear on the District Monthly Contribution Report.

Your club can help EREY get off to a strong start in 2008-09 by setting a challenging, yet realistic annual giving goal. A US\$100 contribution, for example, can help provide school supplies for 15 students in Costa Rica; \$500, eyeglasses for 200 people in Nigeria; and \$1,000, microenterprise loans for 22 women in the Philippines. Every Rotarian giving to the Foundation every year means putting into action the Foundation's mission of improving health, supporting education, and alleviating poverty.

## ARE WE ON THE RIGHT TRACK TOWARDS LITERACY FOR ALL?



Los Angeles Times

## Give a gift of literacy Bring a book to the 2008 LA convention!

For many years, Rotary in the Southern California Districts has partnered with the Los Angeles Times and Reading By 9. The donated books will benefit students in kindergarten through third grade in the Southern California school systems - students who rank among the lowest in the nation in reading skills.

### THE EDUKIT PROJECT

The Rotary Club of Pietermaritzburg recently presented 1,200 basic school kits filled with full range of stationary to the children at Copesville Combined Primary School in South Africa.

The project was a partnership of Pieter-maritzburg Rotary, Monrovia Los Angeles and Rotary Club of Richmond Sunrise. With a matching grant through the Rotary Foundation provided a total funding of some R9,7000 towards the project.

A very grateful head master, Lungisani Mhlope, proudly announced the gift to a full assembly of the school and the response was deafening.

Pietermaritzburg Rotary Club President Jenny Mitchell said "Its amazing just how much can be done when everyone pulls in the same direction. We now hope to repeat this exercise so that other deserving schools in the Pietermaritzburg area can benefit in a similar manner".

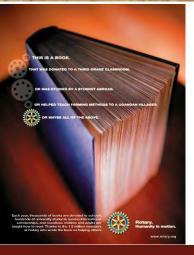
#### JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

Seven volunteers from the Richmond Sunrise Rotary recently presented the Junior Achievement programs "the Economics of Staying in School" and "Dollars with Sense" at Burnett Secondary School in Richmond as part of their Career and Personal Planning session for Grade 8 and 9 students. The Club also provided \$3,000 to Junior Achievement towards printed materials required to administer the program. This has been an annual program of the Richmond Sunrise Rotary for the past few years, allowing Rotarians with a hands on community experience.









## United Nations Literacy Decade 2003-2012

Literacy is about more than reading and writing - it is about how we communicate in society. Those who use literacy take it for granted - but those who cannot use it are excluded from much communication in today's world. Indeed, it is the excluded who can best appreciate the notion of 'literacy as freedom'.- <u>United Nations Literacy Decade</u>

## **Rotary Resource Group**

The <u>Literacy Resource Group</u>, appointed by RI President Wilfrid J. Wilkinson, was created to help Rotarians provide literacy and educational opportunities locally and globally. Is your club promoting literacy in your community or another part of the world? March is Literacy Month, check out how you can get involved. For guidance, contract PDG Sonia Wolowidnyk, District Literacy Chair.

"One of the most amazing things about the success of Rotary is that it is achieved entirely by volunteers. It all starts because one Rotarian wants something to happen, not because some boss tells him or her to do it, or to fulfill a mission statement that is posted on a wall somewhere. Every successful project that Rotary has ever accomplished has begun at the grass roots level in the minds and hearts of individual Rotarians." - Frank Talk

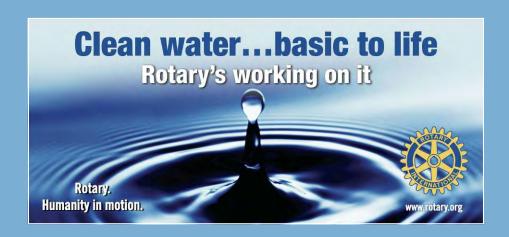
## GEORGIA ROTARY STUDENT PROGRAM

Districts 6900, 6910 & 6920 Rotary International Bringing Nations Together Since 1946



Three Rotary districts in the state of Georgia, USA, have de- This is a wonderful opportunity for youth - children of Rotarians signed an undergraduate scholarship to further international peace and understanding through acquaintanceship. Qualifying students, who must be between the ages of 18 and 24, will be provided with all scholastic costs including tuition, book allowance, campus housing and food. Student must provide transportation to and from the U.S., medical insurance, spending money and any income taxes imposed on the scholarship by the US Treasury.

are most welcome. They cannot grant scholarships to students in the medical, dental or nursing fields. Three graduates are admitted each year. Applications must be received by October 1, 2008 for the academic year 2009-2010. Please visit their website at www.grsp.org for detail. This is not an exchange program and your Club is not obligated to accept a student in exchange from the U.S.



## PROMOTE ROTARY ON MARCH 22 WORLD WATER DAY

If your club is involved in a water project, plan ahead to make sure media knows about your work. Consider placing a waterrelated PSA in local publications or sending a press release or print advertisement that includes water project images from RI. Find out how you can be a part of this important day on the official World Water Day site. Contact PDG Del Paterson, Zone 22 Water Resource Group Coordinator for quidance on how your club can get involved in a water project.

## ROTARY ACTION GROUPS FOR BLINDNESS PREVENTION

The mission of this Rotarian Action Group 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.
- provide both a platform and a forum to discuss ideas and develop appropriate cooperative programs to further our shared goals.
- promote international understanding and peace through our common purpose and efforts.

This Action Group is an outgrowth of the former Avoidable Blindness Task Force, the Fellowship of Eye Care Professionals, and the Eye Care Fellowship of Rotarians. All Rotarians inter-



ested in preventing blindness and improving eye health are invited to become members of this official Rotary Action Group. If you are interested in volunteering your services to any Rotarian Action Group Blindness Prevention projects and would like to be contacted please visit their website for more details.

If you are working on a Rotary Foundation Matching Grant project and need to obtain additional partners for that project, you are encouraged to send project information to the webmaster at in2dtp@empnet.com so it may be considered for inclusion on their excellent web page. Visit www.rag4bp.org for more information.

Already a member? Let's hear about your experiences and adventures with Rotary Fellowships and Rotarian Action Groups. Please submit articles for publication to: PDG Dave Kirk at dbkirk@telus.net District 5040 Fellowships Chair and Member, International Travel and Hosting Fellowship

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# SHELTER BOX CRIB FOR NEW BORN BABY IN KENYA CAMP

ShelterBox has created a camp at Nakuru in tainers. Kenya's Rift Valley, to help some of the rest since disputed elections.

Among them was pregnant schoolteacher Louise Kimani who fled when her home in Kericho was burned to the ground.

Her baby 'Favor" was born in one of the boxes is being used as a crib. (In the history of Shelter Box only one other baby has been born in a tent during an "Immediate relief deployment".

Mark Pearson, from ShelterBox, said the . first response team had managed to put up 200 tents in 48 hours, with the help of Rotary International and local scouts.

About 4,000 people are now in the camp and another 200 ShelterBoxes have been sent out and should arrive by the weekend.

The boxes are designed to enable a family of up to 10 people survive for at least six months and contain a 10-man tent, sleeping bags, a multi-fuel stove, cooking equipment, tools, mosquito nets and water con-

thousands of people displaced by civil un- Shelter has been given to more than half a million people in about 40 countries around the world hit by disasters such as cyclones, earthquakes, hurricanes and wars.

- Read complete article at BBC World News

first tents erected and one of the charity's Rotary Club of Richmond Sunrise has donated recently to the Shelter Box project in Kenya. (club website)

> Rotary Clubs in D5040 appeared on the Box Sponsor Roll of Honour are:

- Rotary Clubs of Canada Indonesia
- Tsawwassen Somalia, Kenya
- Quesnel Pakistan
- Sechelt Pakistan, Kenya
- Quesnel Sunrise Nepal
- Vancouver Fraserview TBA
- Richmond Sunrise TBA

Cost for each box is \$1,200.00 Canadian and is Tax Deductible. Find out more about their projects, visit Shelter Box Canada at www.sheltabox.ca or email Alan J Lomax Executive Director Shelter Box Canada.







# LIFE SAVING SURGERIES USING DONATED EQUIPMENT

In Nov. 2006, Dr. Michael Woolnough of centre in Phnom Pen for adults disabled by waiting. Clearance and distribution fol-Richmond Sunset Club visited Angkor landmines. Various Vancouver hospitals lowed flawlessly, thanks to careful plan-Hospital for Children in Siem Reap, Angkor Cambodia. After meeting the hospital CEO, he realised the potential for sending a container of supplies using the RWHN organisation.

Winnipegger), then introduced Mrs. Nina Cassils, a tireless fundraiser for community projects in South East Asia. The container initiative then expanded to include RWHN and Richmond Sunset Club volun- Well done, RWHN, Richmond Sunset Club,

and school groups were approached and much needed used and new items were rapidly collected. These included: three diagnostic ultrasound machines (delivered from Calgary), various medical and surgical supplies, including three operating The succeeding CEO, David Shoemaker (a tables; and, large donations of hygiene products, carpentry and gardening tools, toys and many computers.

a neighbouring (adult) hospital in need, teers loaded the goods on 8th December and special thanks to Mrs. Cassils! three community centres in Cambodia for and the container arrived in early Janustreet children, and an adult training ary 2008 in Cambodia, where a team was

ning and avoiding difficulties with cus-

The response from Cambodia has been tremendous. Everything sent is being well used in the different centres and news came that three life-saving surgeries were performed in the first week, using the donated operating room tables.

- Dr. Michael Woolnough









# PERFECT ATTENDANCE

## ABC of Rotary

"Regular attendance is essential to a strong and active Rotary club. The emphasis on attendance is traced back to 1922 when Rotary Internaannounced a tional worldwide attendance contest which motivated thousands of Rotarians to achieve a 100 percent attendance year after year. Many Rotarians take great pride in maintaining their 100 percent record in their own club or by making-up at other Rotary club meetings."



## Rotary Club of Burnaby

PP Jim Renshaw presented perfect attendance recognition to dedicated members. Congratulations to: Back Row: Milt, Mickey, Jim, Mel, Nico, Larry, Satwant, Victor, Neil and Art Front Row: Bob, John, Gabby and Gus.

Milt has 47 years of perfect attendance. Way to go!

## 70 Years of Perfect Attendance

On Feb 13, 2008, the Rotary Club of Houston honored Bernie Lorino for his seven decades of unbroken attendance - a feat that may come close to setting an international Rotary record.

He joined the club when he was 23 at the suggestion of his father (a Rotarian himself) "to see what else was going on in the world besides • work. In 70 years, Lorino, now 93, has never missed a meeting - or a meal.

Some perspective on Bernie's 70-year streak of attending weekly Rotary Club luncheons:

- 3,640 meals consumed.
- 50 cents cost of a Rotary meal in 1938.
  - \$24 cost of a Rotary meal today.
- 5,023 Rotary Club chapters in 1938.
- 32,912 Rotary Club chapters as of June 07.
- 12 U.S. presidents who have served during Lorino's streak (Franklin

D. Roosevelt through George W. Bush)

- excerpt from his profile at www.rotaryhouston.org

## **BEAUTY PAGEANT ANY ONE?**

Rotary Club of Quesnel and Quesnel but the highlight was undoubtedly the counts. Auction fundraiser. Following a Monopoly theme, the evening began with peo-Arrest for jumping the line for dinner, the Foundation and how every penny ship enjoyed by all...

Sunrise 2000 joined forces again for crowning of Rotarian Glenn Lefebvre their annual Foundation Dinner-Dance- for winning Second Place in the Beauty A combination of Keep-Glenn-out-of-a-Pageant.

Interact) and Exchange Student Charlie all those present for their contribution,

Speedo and Bail-bond payments, together with dessert, silent and regular auctions, ple being sent to jail (with able assis- Cariboo AG Bob Fish introduced DG Dean raised over \$11,000 before costs, to be tance from members of Quesnel Correlieu Rohrs - in her address, DG Dean thanked split between the two Clubs for World Community Service Projects. Of course Domenget getting placed under House reminding us of the ongoing activities of the best part was the wonderful fellow-







THE ROTARY FOUNDATION CONTACT CENTER - 1-866-9-ROTARY, CONTACT.CENTER@ROTARY.ORG

# **News Flash!**

## **Kitimat**

The 2008 wine tasting was a huge success. The club raised \$4,368.27!





## **Vancouver Chinatown**

The club celebrated Year of Rat with fellow Rotarians and guests, entertained by traditional lion and dragon dances.





#### West Vancouver Sunrise

DG Dean attended the club's Spring Fling Fundraiser, pictured with Jacci McTavish and West Vancouver MLA Joan McIntyre.



## **Sunshine Coast**

Here is how the Rotarians in the Sunshine Coast celebrated Valentine's Day at the regular meeting. Oh mine!



## **Lionsgate North Vancouver**

DG Dean presented 2nd level Paul Harris Fellows to Linda Metcalfe for her selfless work in managing the club's web site. (Linda is an Honourary member of the West Vancouver club.) As did AG Esio. Esio was then presented with a third level Paul Harris from the club for his outstanding work in getting the Youth Safe House re-opened.



## **Burnaby**

On Friday, Feb 22, 2008, Premier Gordon Campbell recognizes the club at a public appearance at the Shadbolt Centre. When John Nuraney introduced the Rotary Club of Burnaby, the premier raised his left fist and shouted, "Go Rotary!!!"

## Vancouver Centennial

President Elect Quentin Li got off the plane from another Alliance for Smile mission in China and rushed to PETS in Seattle. He was excited to meet Rotary International President Elect Dong Kurn Lee and wife Young Ja and Richard King, RI President 2001-2002.



# ZONE 22 NORTHERN LIGHTS BRUNCH - MAY 15, 2008



Meet, mix and mingle with your Rotary friends from Zone 22 including our own RI President Wilf Wilkinson, President Elect DK Lee, Foundation Chair Bob Scott and RI Director Monty Audenart. The brunch will be held in conjunction with the Rotary International Convention in Los Angeles on June 15, 2008 at 10 AM. This has always been a popular, sold-out event so register online now by clicking the link on this page. Register early for the Early bird special at CDN \$40.00 before May 15, or CDN \$45.00 after May 15th, 2008. Visit Zone 22 website to register

## ZENITH 2008 GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP CONFERENCE



The Richmond Rotaract Club, in partnership with Rotary District 5040, the Richmond Youth Foundation, and the Richmond Community Foundation are pleased to present the first ever premier Zenith 2008 Global Citizenship Conference on May 15th, 2008. The conference will host upwards to 450 young men and women from across the Lower Mainland from the ages 15-25. The Zenith 2008 Global Citizenship Conference seeks to advance youth-driven philanthropy both locally and globally. For more information, please visit www.zenithconference.org or contact Co-chairs Eisten Lo or lan Law.

# A TRULY PROUD ROTARIAN

people every week, and what could be better than to join Rotary... I joined when Dr Vibhakarbhai Vachhrajani was the president. He casually asked me to come for a medical camp. Witnessing the cheerful, selfless services opened the door of service for me.

## ON THAT DAY, I STOPPED BEING JUST A MEMBER AND BECAME A ROTARIAN.

Little did I realise that this one decision of mine will have far reaching impact on my life. Within

I thought it would be nice to have fun and meet days of joining Rotary club of Rajkot Midtown, I realised what a motivated lot we were...! Never had I seen such dynamism, optimism and enthusiasm in people doing social work for purely selfless motives. I started looking forward to meeting such wonderful people week after week. Slowly I started realising the very wide spectrum of activity that our club is doing. More I came to know, greater became the joy of participation. I had opened the hidden treasure of service and satisfaction that is MIDTOWN. Never had I dreamt that Rotary would take precedence over my profession as it does sometimes today... Read more on why I am a Rotarian at www.whyiam.org



Dr. Vimal Hemani Rajkot Midtown Rotary RI Dist.3060, India

## **EDITOR'S CORNER**



## **RI Forums**

not have to be a Rotarian to participate. **Please** 

be aware that the boards are moderated and review Rules and Conditions.

#### D5040 Forums

New topics have been added to the District Forums in the District Website, you • need to login to participate. Email Website Editor at editor5040@hotmail.com Since the slide show will be set as autowith suggestions and new topics.

## **Club Signature Projects**

Share your knowl- Show off your club projects at the May edge and ideas in District Conference. We invite all Rotary, the RI discussion Interact and Rotaract Clubs to partici-Forums . You do pate. Please submit up to 3 of your club's 2007-2008 signature projects by April 15, 2008 to editor5040@hotmail.com

Submission Requirements:

- Club or clubs name
- **Project Name**
- **Project Date**
- One or two good resolution pictures
- One line description
- One line accomplishment

run, the message has to be short and precise. See previous year presentations for

reference. I would appreciate receiving advance notification whether you club will participate.

#### The Rotarian Photo Contest

Submission deadline has been extended to March 15th, 2008. Visit RI website for detail.

#### **District Newsletter Editor**

The position of District Newsletter Editor is up for replacement on July 1st, 2008. Responsibilities include editing and publishing the monthly newsletter; emailing to D5040 Rotarians; posting and archiving on the District website. Interested Rotarians please contact DGE Bob Blacker

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# **ROTARACT TURNS 40!!!**

In the late 1960s, noting the success of the recently formed <a href="Interact">Interact</a> program, the RI Board realized the need for a program of service, activity, and fellowship for young adults no longer of Interact age (14-18). The name <a href="Rotaract">Rotaract</a> (Rotary in Action) was selected to show the program's close affiliation with both Rotary and Interact clubs.

RI President Luther Hodges inaugurated Rotaract in 1968, with the Rotaract Club of University of North Carolina-Charlotte, USA, being the first club. The club received its charter on 13 March and had 21 members.

Within a day of the certification of the Rotaract Club of the University of North Carolina-Charlotte, the Rotaract Club of the University of La Salle was chartered in Tacubaya, Mexico. The Rotaract clubs of





In March 1968, the Rotaract Club of University of North Carolina-Charlotte, USA, planted a tree on its campus to commemorate receiving the first Rotaract charter. - Rotary Images

Florence, Italy; Gaston College and Sylva, both in North Carolina; and Secunderabad, India, were all certified in the following weeks. Since the 1950s, many Rotary clubs had been starting unofficial clubs for young adults, so this fueled Rotaract's rapid growth in its first few years. Rotaract grew from 21 clubs in 1967-68 to 289 clubs a year later. There are now 7,000 Rotaract clubs in 163 countries and geographic areas.

Rotaract clubs were originally open to young men and women ages 17-24. Since 1971, young adults ages 18-30 have been welcomed.

<u>Learn more about World Rotaract Week</u>, observed this year 10-16 March. Contact <u>Rotary history and archives</u> for more historical information about Rotary.

- RI News

# **KUNG HEI FAT CHOY**



Rotarian Lynne Geikie with Help from the Elphinstone Interactors served over 110 guests at the Rotary 16th annual Chinese New Year Celebration in Gibsons.

Over \$1,500 was raised to provide drinkable water for 200 Peru earthquake victims.



# **D5040 Youth Exchange News**

# OUTH EXCHA



Sandi Sandover-Sly

## Youth Exchange Certification

All forms for Youth Exchange are now at your finger tips . . . Click on YEX Certification on the District website <a href="www.rotary5040.org">www.rotary5040.org</a> homepage. Got questions, contact DGE <a href="Bob Blacker">Bob Blacker</a>, District Youth Exchange Trainer <a href="Mary Watson">Mary Watson</a> or District Youth Exchange Chair <a href="Dave Bradley">Dave Bradley</a> .

## Passing of Sandie Sandover-Sly, a true Rotarian

Sandie passed away on Feb 22, 2008 in Victoria, B.C at the age of 93. Sandi led a full and rich life. A lifelong member of the Terrace Rotary Club, he was awarded the Paul Harris Fellowship in recognition for his service. In memory of their son, Michael who died of a car accident in 1974, Sandie and his wife Jeanne established the Michael Sandover-Sly Memorial Endowment Fund which continues today to provide money to assist individual young people with their travel expenses to visit other countries through the Rotary Club's Youth exchange program. The Sandover-Sly fund has made many exchange students dreams come true. Visit <u>District website</u> homepage to learn more about Sandie and his life. We wish to express our condolences to his family, long live his true Rotarian Spirit.