

#0036 – Kitmat – president Eleanor Kendal

#0007 – TV interview in Terrace CBC station CFTK

#0035 – Youth Exchange student Quesnel – after a hair cut to raise funds for polio

September 2010 Message – District Governor Penny Offer

## FOCUS ON YOUTH

September is **New Generations month**, a time to focus on youth programs in our clubs and district. At the Council on Legislation in April in Chicago in April New Generations was added as a fifth Avenue of Service. New Generations now joins Club Service, Vocational Service, Community Service, and International Service as the foundation of club service activities. When planning projects for their club, Rotarians are asked to think broadly about how their club and its members could contribute within each avenue.

This month on the website watch for stories on various youth programs – Rotaract, RYLA, Interact, Youth Exchange and others. Erica Tsang Rotaract representative for District 5040 starts off the month with a story about Rotaract. If your club is interested in starting a new Interact or Rotaract club contact the District chair – Rebecca Macpherson for Interact and Bill Sauer for Rotaract.

Also this month on the website please find the first of ten stories to be written by the District 5040 Assistant Governors about the clubs in their area. AG Chu Wu works with the 5 clubs in Burnaby and New Westminster. Read the story and learn more about the activities of these clubs. Thank you Chu for your article.



At the beginning of August I started my official District Governor visits to the clubs in District 5040. Most of the month we have been on the road visiting clubs in the Cariboo, Prince George, and west as far as Prince Rupert. The Rotarians have welcomed us into their homes and clubs. They have hosted BBQ's and dinners and organized tours of their communities and projects. In Smithers the Rotarians were hard at work flipping burgers, boiling corn and serving breakfast and lunch for fair goers at the 91<sup>st</sup> annual Bulkley Valley Fall Fair to raise funds for their many projects. In Terrace I was interviewed by the local TV and Radio station about Rotary and our polio Campaign.

Rotarians and clubs are collecting pennies, raiding their piggy banks and finding ways to have fun with the challenge from the Rotary Club of Vancouver Quadra to raise PennyWeights - that's my weight in pennies for the Polio Campaign. How many Pennyweights can your club raise by the end of November?



Check out the new flyer and cartoon on the website for the on going challenge to collect your change for Polio. We are so close now to keeping our promise to the children of the world – to eradicate polio worldwide.

Have a great Rotary month. September will end with a fabulous opportunity to meet RI President Ray Klinginsmith when he visits District 5040 as the keynote speaker at the Lower Mainland Foundation dinner on September 29<sup>th</sup>. Hope to see you there.

DG Penny