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Kevin's Kaleidoscope

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D5040 GSE TEAM

The **District 5040 GSE team** has arrived in Taiwan, and is well into their duties as District 5040 Ambassadors. The four team members are Morag Crocker, Andrew Chan, Rosanne Ng, and Mike Redpath led by team leader Magdalen Leung.

The month of March here at home in District 5040 is usually a busy month of preparation for upcoming events and for the next Rotary year.



Wilkinson; Wilf will be the first Canadian President of Rotary International in 55 years.

PETS

This year's **PETS** was a great success thanks to the work of the organizing committee, including our own PDG Mary Watson, the incoming Governors, and most especially the six hundred or so incoming club Presidents. This year we were especially honored and pleased to have a visit from Rotary International President-elect Wilf and Joan

DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The committee which is preparing for the **District Conference in May**, is putting the finishing touches to an outstanding program of speakers, entertainment, and events for your inspiration and enjoyment. If you haven't already done so, this is a **reminder to reserve your accommodation** at The Grand Okanagan Resort as soon as possible. The **block of rooms set aside** by the Grand **will be released back to the hotel's inventory on April 17th**.

PRINCE RUPERT

I had the pleasure of a quick visit to **Prince Rupert**, where the **two Rotary clubs** held a joint meeting focusing on The Rotary Foundation, followed by a **Foundation dinner** and auction in the evening. The event attracted over a hundred attendees, was filled with fun and laughter, and **raised \$12,000 for The Rotary Foundation**. This is a wonderful achievement, and I congratulate all the Prince Rupert Rotarians and their guests.

RYLA SOUTH 2007

RYLA South, otherwise known as "**Monsoon RYLA**", was held at Camp Jubilee March 22 – 25. Notwithstanding the constant and heavy rain, the Rylarians entered into the spirit of the weekend, and participated fully in all the planned events. It is so heartening to witness 70 young people embrace the fundamentals of leadership, and take their new found skills back into their communities. A big "Thank You" and congratulations to the team who planned and organized this event, and to all the presenters who gave of their time to inspire our young people.



RICHMOND CLUB

The Rotary Club of **Richmond** is celebrating its **45th anniversary** this year. At a dinner and fundraiser on March 30th, an enthusiastic crowd of 100 Rotarians and their guests enjoyed a wonderful meal, entertainment, and the traditional reverse draw.



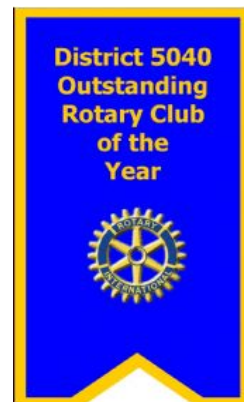
DISTRICT ASSEMBLY

Saturday, March 31st, was the first of the **District Assemblies**, to provide training to lower mainland incoming club leaders for 2007-2008. The information and training provided at these events is invaluable to Rotarians new and experienced alike, and I encourage Rotarians in other parts of our District to take advantage of the Assembly in your area.

DISTRICT AWARDS

As we continue into the second half of the Rotary year, it is timely to remember the various **District Awards** that are available for clubs and individual Rotarians. PDG Leo Nimsick has posted information about these awards on the District website, and I encourage all Rotarians to nominate worthy recipients.

In addition, starting this year, we have introduced a new club award. The "**District 5040 Outstanding Rotary Club of the Year**" consists of a large banner to be presented to the winning club at the District Conference, to be on display in the winning club for the year until the next District Conference. The Assistant Governors will nominate candidate clubs for the award, and the selection committee is PDG Sonia Wolowidnyk, District Foundation chair PDG Mary Watson, and District Membership chair Henry Fetigan.



VINTAGE ROTARY

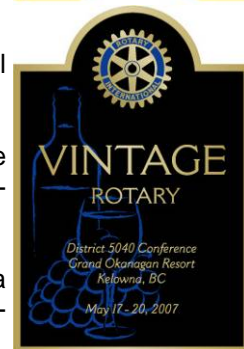
Speaking of the **District Conference**, our conference committee is hard at work preparing what will be an outstanding event at a stunning venue in Kelowna.

Please mark your calendars and join Jen and I along *with* your 2007 District Conference team as we "**Lead the Way**" for a spectacular weekend of fun, fellowship, outstanding speakers and great entertainment, at our 2007 Conference, "**Vintage Rotary**" in Kelowna, May 17 to 20.

One of the highlights of the conference will be a presentation by **Craig Kielburger**. Mr. Kielburger, a Canadian, is an accomplished child rights advocate and award winning author who has been nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize three times. At the tender age of 12 he founded an organization called **Free The Children** which is the world's largest network of children helping children through education.

If you are in business, you won't want to miss an outstanding presentation by **Rob Whittle**. Mr. Whittle is the National President of **DDB Canada**, one of the largest advertising, design, and media agencies in North America.

On the lighter side, come and hear a presentation by a winemaker on **The History of Winemaking in the Okanagan**.





On Friday afternoon of the conference there will be an opportunity to show your support for Rotary's campaign to eradicate polio, by joining the **Walk For Polio Because You Can**. Pledge forms are available on the website, so please support this very worthwhile cause, and encourage others to join in a fun and healthy exercise. We are almost at the finish line!

We are deeply honored to have, as RI President Bill Boyd's personal representative at the conference, Past District Governor **John and Jane Capps**. John is an eloquent and entertaining speaker whom you won't want to miss.

The District website, www.rotary5040.org, will provide you with details of the conference in addition to some information of optional activities you may wish to arrange for yourself while in Kelowna.



You can **register** for the conference by going to www.rotary5040.org, clicking on the conference logo which will take you to the conference site, and follow the link to **Registration**. You can also follow the link to **Accommodation** to get information to enable you to make a reservation at the conference venue, **The Grand Okanagan** in Kelowna. The conference committee has negotiated an amazingly favorable rate at the hotel for the duration of the conference, and for three days prior to and three days after the conference. So, come and enjoy the Okanagan. This site will be updated as additional information becomes available, so please check it often. See you in Kelowna.



Two other events you won't want to miss, so mark your calendars for:

1. The **Rotary International Convention** in Salt Lake City, June 17 – 20. Visit www.rotary5040.org for registration and accommodation information. Let's have a good turnout of Canadian Rotarians to give a great send off to Wilf and Joan Wilkinson.
2. The **Presidential Membership Celebration**, taking place in Vancouver on August 10 – 11, will focus on membership. Once again, we in District 5040 have the honor of welcoming the President of Rotary International to our District.

Jen joins me in extending warm regards to all District 5040 Rotarians, and wishing you great success and enjoyment in Rotary during the 2nd half of the year.

PRESIDENTIAL MEMBERSHIP CONFERENCE

**Aug. 10-11, 2007
Vancouver, BC**



RI President Wilf Wilkinson invites clubs, districts & Rotarians to a **Presidential Membership Conference**

Targeted to Rotary clubs, this conference will focus on the need for change and practical ways to increase membership, retain members and extend Rotary.

Who should attend

- Club membership committee
- Club president & officers
- District leadership
- District membership committee
- Club & District PR committees

Delta Vancouver Airport Hotel—Richmond BC

Hotel information, agenda and registration at:

www.RotaryEvents.ca



New club joining our Rotary Family!



The provisional **Rotary Club of Vancouver Yale-town** is experimenting with a no-meal afternoon meeting concept. They meet Thursdays at 5:30pm

Why not stop in and show support to our new club? Make-up cards will be issued to visiting Rotarians.

Do you know a potential member for Yaletown? Someone who will find the "no meal" afternoon meeting appealing? Why not recommend a member to the new club?

For information contact:
Carlos Esquivel at 604-306-2718 or cesquivel@telusmail.net
Henry Fetigan at 604-551-2272 or hfetigan@shaw.ca

Meet
Thursdays
5:30pm
Discovery Condo
Community room,
1500 Howe Street
Beach Ave
Vancouver's
Yaletown



CARIBOO ROTARY CLUBS - AG ALEX COFFEY

Rotary Club of Quesnel

FUNDRAISER

The club kicked off the year with a **PolioPlus fundraiser based on the World Cup**. President Simon, well-known soccer fan and England supporter, organized a sweepstake with everyone buying a ticket guaranteed to win a prize. \$800 later, Italy won the World Cup...and President Simon took first prize!

LOCAL PROJECTS

1. **Three million dollars indoor soccer facility** - aided in the planning stages with seed money from the Club.
2. **Renovation of the City's Cenotaph** - from some of the funds raised during the annual Radio-TV Auction.
3. **Pancake Breakfast** - The Club enjoyed a successful Pancake Breakfast over the Billy Barker Days weekend.
4. **March Wine Festival** - was an unqualified success,

drawing rave reviews from all who attended including the wine merchants themselves!

INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS

1. **Shelterbox**-purchased one Shelterbox (shelterbox.ca), and rapidly building a second one to send to disaster area around the world.
2. **HelpsInternational** - purchased 10 Onil stoves for families in Guatemala. (HelpsInternational.com)
3. **Yege Tafoe Water Project** - committed \$1,000 to the project, the latest inspiration of Leslie and PDG Art Erasmus.

EXCELLENT MEMBERSHIP GROWTH

The club now inducted 8 new members for a net increase in excess of 10%.



To support ShelterBox and HelpsInternational, visit their website at www.shelterbox.ca and www.HelpsInternational.com

Rotary Club of Quesnel Sunrise 2000

The club is working hard raising fund for the **downtown square clock project**, it will be a nice centre piece at the square that the Quesnel Downtown Association built. The large 4 dial Howard cast aluminum post clock will have a special header that displays "Sunrise 2000" and a footer that reads "Rotary Club". What color?... of course, Rotary Blue, also with gold trim, chimes and all four faces will be lighted.

The clock, by the time installation is done, will cost the club approximately \$40,000. They have been fundraising like mad, Their **major fundraiser Ladies Diamond Calcutta** is coming up in May will usually raise about \$10,000. The club managed to get a **one year bingo license** and is now holding a monthly bingo.

They are hoping to have the clock in place by end of June. The Rocky Mountaineer train is now stopping in Quesnel on the way to Jasper, it has been a great success bringing in visitors to the city. The square completed with benches, trees, planters and the attractive clock will brighten up the downtown core.



Rotary Club of Williams Lake Daybreak

Size is no matter to the 16 members club, an extremely action-oriented and community minded bunch of Rotarians that "get a lot done". And have a great time doing all these!

Williams Lake Stampede Parade

The club took over the planning, organizing and hosting the 82nd annual parade last year, the July 1st parade was a great success, what a proud day for the Daybreak club. Work is well underway for the Jun 30th 2007 parade. 12,000 people will be expected to come watching, volunteering or participating in this big event.

Annual Used Book Sale

The club held their 15th annual book sale on Feb 16-25 in Boitano Mall, they raised \$3,500 for various Rotary projects and turned over in excess of 7,000 books, raising awareness of literacy, and making reading very affordable for hundreds of people who waited for the sale every year. Many children and Youth books were given away to local and regional youth groups, associations and schools. The project is their contribution to the community on the Literacy front.

Annual Bronco Buttons Sale

The club sells 1,000 buttons at \$5.00 each, all proceed goes to local Hospice Society. The winning button is chosen over the July 1st weekend as part of the community Stampede and Canada Day celebrations. Each year original artwork is featured on the button and have become a collector piece for many resi-

dents.

Annual Family Fest

The Family Fest 2007 on February 11th was a resounding success. Daybreak Rotary Club purchased books and gave to children at the Fest, the Williams Lake Rotaract Club was a big help at the event. The club has been sponsoring the Family Fest with the local Child Development Centre since it began in 2004 as part of the Williams Lake Rotary District 5040 Conference. It provides a low/no cost literacy related event for local families during the last days of winter.

That's not all, the club also . . .

1. Manage to support and **partner with many other community groups** to make Williams Lake a better community.
2. Support the **Rotary Foundation's** Annual Program Fund.
3. Participate in joint-club **International Water Projects**.
4. Support the **Adventure in Music** program by sending one participant a year to the great program in Vancouver Island.

Fun, Fun Fun!

You read about the **Great Williams Lake Rotary Zucchini Caper** in Nov 06 District newsletter. DG Kevin was quite amazed at the talents Williams Lake Rotarians displayed in growing and showing their Zucchini's. **For the record, Club President Erik Zwiers won the prize for the best dressed Zucchini this year.**

THANK YOU



... for supporting
Williams Lake
Daybreak Rotary's
15th Annual
BOOK SALE

Rotary
promotes
literacy.

Literacy
improves
lives.



WILLIAMS LAKE
DAYBREAK
ROTARY CLUB

For more information about Rotary 250-392-1012



The children were quite impressed with Clifford, the Big Red Dog who made a cameo appearance during the 2007 Family Fest.

Council on Legislation - April 22-27, 2007



April is here and later this month- April 22nd to April 27th, our District Representative, **PDG Del Paterson, will be in Chicago for the triennial Council on Legislation to review the proposed legislation**, much as a parliament would. **The COL is an important part of Rotary's governance process**. While the Board of Directors sets policies for Rotary International, the COL is where Rotary clubs have their say in the governance of the association.

There are 2 types of proposals considered at the COL

- Enactments – changes to our constitutional documents.
- Resolutions – which request action by the RI Board and the trustees of the Rotary Foundation.

At this moment the pieces of legislation to be discussed and voted on total 357, as a number of the proposals have been withdrawn or consolidated by the constitutional committee in RI. It is all posted on the RI website (please go "Events", then "Council on Legislation" and in the column on the right you will see the subjects which include, Proposed Legislation – Volume 1 and 2, etc.

You will find groups of proposals of interest to clubs that you may find interesting:

- New categories of membership.
- Adding a fifth avenue of service and new programs for youth.
- Designation of Months to the Rotary Calendar.
- Eliminate or change Rotary Themes & Mottos.
- Dues: increase, decrease, base on national currencies and national GNP.
- District Operations: there are many proposals which seek to add or modify parts of the RI Standard By-Laws as they pertain to Districts. There is a proposal requesting development of Standard District By-Laws.
- Proposals requesting the Trustees of our Foundation make changes to programs.
 - ◊ Changing parameters of the GSE Program by raising the age, to 45 or to 50, or to allow students to participate.
 - ◊ Reducing the minimum Matching Grant from the current \$5000 award from TRF to \$2500.
 - ◊ Increase the percentage available for District Simplified Grants from the current 20% to 30% or to 40%.

These are just some examples that might interest you, however, there is much more. So take the time to look on the website and if you have opinions - pro or con – on certain legislation, please contact your representative, PDG Del Paterson at del_paterson@telus.net in the next two weeks.

Full text, all 550 pages is also available for download at: http://www.rotary.org/support/council/council_details.html

PETS 2007 welcome our New Leaders!

March is said "to come in like a Lion, and go out like a Lamb" but there is no doubt that **our 2007 - 2008 District Leaders went out from PETS in mid March like Lions!!!** Under the guidance of District Trainer Art Erasmus, and our 2007 District Leaders, your 53 new presidents spent a long weekend at the annual President Elect Training Seminar (PETS) in Seattle. The Pacific North West PETS is one of the largest multidistrict PETS and was the first area to involve multiple Districts in forming this event. Over 750 Rotarians now gather for this event every year.

With headliners like RI President Elect Wilf Wilkinson, and Past RI Presidents Rick King and Cliff Dochterman (author of the ABC's of Rotary) **we were treated to a Kaleidoscope of what Rotary is and what Rotary does throughout the world**. Not least, we brought this knowledge home to our District and our clubs with breakout sessions aimed at making 2007 -2008 yet another exciting year for all our Rotarians in District 5040.

Your new Presidents will now be telling you about their plans and goals for the coming year, and if the enthusiasm and

fellowship they showed at PETS is anything to go by, **we are all in for another great year of Service Above Self**. As our theme says, "*Rotary Shares*", and that starts now as we plan to expand membership, charter new clubs, increase our Foundation giving, share our ideals in the Community and Internationally, develop our Youth Programs and do all the other things we've been doing so well for over 100 years. **Congratulations to all the "Lions of 2007"!**

*Gordon Dalglish, District Governor, 2009 - 2010
Rotary Club of Richmond Sunrise*





April 22 is Earth Day.
Are we doing our part in
environmental responsibility?
Check out the April Rotarian.



PR TIPS - promote Rotary with VIDEOS

Use RI videos - RI provided a series of videos highlighting Rotary's educational programs and its crucial role to eradicate polio. Download for membership presentation or add link from your website <http://www.rotary.org/support/prtools/tools/psa.html>

Upload your OWN videos on the internet or on ClubRunner - Use club's Rotary project helps bring your story to life. All you need is a digital camera, camera, camera phone or video camera that will configure to your personal computer. Learn to upload on one of the many internet sites, visit: <https://upload.video.google.com/> For ClubRunner websites, videos can be uploaded under internal file, WMV is the smallest file size, they are looking into supporting MOV files as well, will keep you posted.

Embed Rotary videos from YOU TUBE - For ClubRunner sites, you need to switch to HTML page and manually insert the HTML code provided from You Tube, but remember to remove the "object tag" from the code. It is very important to ask for permission and check copyright before using articles posted on the internet.



RI AND DISTRICT 5040 PRIVACY POLICY

Rotary International publishes a Privacy Policy to which District 5040 adheres. Please read and be aware of this policy. The District Executive recommends that all clubs who have a website, include a link to this Privacy Policy statement, which is now published on the District Website <http://www.rotary.org/resources/privacy.html>

Canadian Achievers is a weekly column about a Canadian who is making a difference in their chosen profession or field of endeavour. **Dee Neukomm** and **RIPE Wilfrid Wilkinson** were two of the Canadians featured in the column.



Dee Neukomm is an outstanding coach who has won many awards for her work with special needs athletes.

- 1986 founding member of the Prince George local of Special Olympics.
- 1998 BC Head Coach of the Year & Canada's National Female Coach of the Year.
- 2003 head coach for the World games in Dublin, Ireland.
- This October head coach for the Rhythmic Gymnastics team of Team Canada at the World games in Shanghai, China. Her team will consist of athletes from Quebec, Ontario and BC.



July 1, 2007 will be a big day for Canadian Rotarians. Not only will it be Canada's 140th birthday, it will also be the day that **Canadian Wilf Wilkinson** will become the world President of Rotary International. Wilf becomes only the 4th Canadian in the 102 year history of Rotary to achieve this high office. He joined Rotary in 1962, and now, after a sterling career doing volunteer work in many countries, he will become its International President. There are certain people you admire from the moment you meet them. Wilf Wilkinson is one of those people.

"Every day thousands of Canadians become achievers through believing in themselves and in Canada. If your mind will conceive it, and your heart will believe it, you will achieve it." - Dick Drew, a Rotarian since 1975 interviews and writes about Canadians who had made a mark in life through their own enthusiasm and determination.

Dee and her husband PDG Ron are committed to making the world a better place.



Read more achievers at www.canadianachievers.com

A Goal of World Peace, Goodwill & World Understanding

For years dedicated Rotarians hoped for a Rotary-sponsored academy promoting world peace, goodwill, and understanding. The concept was **proposed in 1996** as the Paul Harris Centers for International Studies to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the death of Rotary founder Paul Harris.



In **April 1999**, the Paul Harris Centers concept officially became known as the Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution.

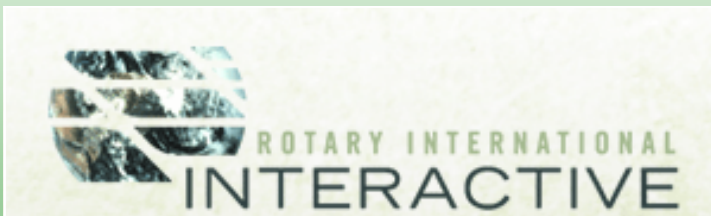
April 14 is the **4th annual Rotary Fellows Spring Conference** at the Duke-UNC Rotary Center for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution. This year's theme is **"Challenges for Peace and Development in the 21st Century"**.

Keynote Address **"Achieving peace through prosperity: what is needed in the Middle East"** by Dr. Inder Sud.

Peace Fellow Presentation includes:

- Afghanistan, Congo, and Colombia: Ideologies and Conflict in the Post-Cold War.
- Africa: Using Information to Achieve Better Development Results.
- Argentina: Crisis, Scavenger Cooperatives and How to Deal with Unemployment.
- Bangladesh: HIV and Social Exclusion Community-Driven Development in Post-Conflict Situations.
- Kazakhstan: Analyzing the Spillover Effect of the Regional Financial Center of Almaty.
- Nepal: Integration of Internally Displaced Persons
- Timor-Leste: Using Australian Aid to Resolve Violent Conflict.
- Challenges in the Military's Role During Peacekeeping Operations.
- Sovereign Debts and the Odious Debts Doctrine

Join over 200 of our Peace Fellows in Salt Lake City on June 15-16 at the World Peace Symposium and learn how the work of these scholars is affecting conflicts worldwide.



During the past 20 years, we've made a lot of progress against polio. Now, there are so many other terrible diseases that affect far more people than polio does. In fact, polio is almost eradicated, so why doesn't Rotary International focus on another disease?

Answer from Bill Boyd: Put simply, the job is not finished, and Rotary keeps its promises. We promised the children of the world that they would grow up in a world without polio and that their children would not have to face the threat of that dreaded disease. If we are to fulfill this promise, we need to stay focused until there is no more wild poliovirus.

We all realize that children around the world are unfairly faced with myriad threats to their well-being. It is truly heartbreaking to see a child suffering from any disease that could have been prevented.

Though great progress has been made toward a polio-free world, we cannot turn our attention away now. Be-

cause current funding levels for polio immunization campaigns cannot be sustained indefinitely, cases would increase dramatically. Failure to eradicate polio would result in an estimated 10 million paralyzed children in the next 40 years and would negate the world's US\$5.3 billion investment in the initiative.

The only way to protect every child from polio is to eradicate this crippling and potentially fatal disease completely. The strategies and tools are known, and health experts agree that the challenges to stopping the spread of polio can be met. Rotary was the first organization to have the vision of a polio-free world, so we need to sustain our commitment to creating a world with one less threat for every child.

President Boyd would like to hear your questions, please email him and he will try to respond in an upcoming edition

The following 2 clubs in our district were featured in the April Zone 22(West) Literacy Newsletter.

RICHMOND SUNRISE

Project Name: Ambassador's for Literacy – Go Anywhere. Learn Anything. Read Every Day.

Description: Raise awareness about what Richmond Public Libraries have to offer - to ensure fair, equal and free access to all libraries in Richmond for school age children - and to encourage all school children in Kindergarten to Grade 12 to get and use a Richmond Library Card.

Outcomes: The Launch is March 17 2007 – in partnership with the Public Library - we are introducing the exclusive Round Library Card featuring a unique illustration of Rhalphy the Rhino by award winning author illustrator Trevor Lai – a Richmond Youth. It is our hope to get an additional 2000 library cards out into circulation –over and above what is circulated now. We were able to obtain a District Simplified Grant for this project. - *Club Literacy Co-ordinator: Barbara Fitzpatrick*

NEW WESTMINSTER

Project Name: Literacy Box (2003)

Description: A community project located at Family Place in New Westminster. This facility is a place where families can attend each week for assistance in learning English from toddler ages to pre-teen; it is especially beneficial for families where English may be a second language in their household.

Outcomes: According to the Director of Family Place, this project has been well received as a contribution to ongoing learning skills for families who attend their facility. The coordinator allows each family the option of signing out a Literacy Kit to bring home and utilize in learning to read, interact and develop an understanding of literacy. For the majority of families, a project such as this allows them the convenience to learn in their own homes, in comfort, without peer pressure. Once they have used the kit, it is returned to Family Place where another family can then use it. There currently are 12 kits that are filled with books, toys, puppets and other learning devices. The contents of these kits are reviewed annually for replenishment by the Royal City Rotary Club.- *Club Literacy Co-ordinator: Kelly Lum*

LEO's Literacy and Numeracy Page

A reminder you have until April 15th to submit detail of the accomplished projects to PDG Leo Nimsick, District Literacy Chair at nimsick@telus.net for the District and Zone Literacy Award.



For information about Rotary Fellowships & Action Groups:
www.rotaryfellowship.org

Are you already a member?
Let's hear about your experiences and adventures with Rotary Fellowships & Rotary Action Groups. Please submit articles for publication to:

PDG Dave Kirk

email: dbkirk@telus.net

District 5040 Fellowships Chair,
Member, International Travel
and Hosting Fellowship

Would you like to join the **ROTARIAN'S WINE APPRECIATION FELLOWSHIP** and be a part of a fun loving and involved group of Wine Enthusiasts?

The **focus** of the Rotarian's Wine Appreciation Fellowship is:

- to disseminate information about wine, wine and food pairings and other wine related topics so that our own appreciation of good wine and food will be enhanced,
- to encourage more active participation by all members in the Fellowship, to have fun.

Learning more about any hobby or personal interest should always be fun, but enjoying a good glass of wine over a good meal with family and friends and knowing more about what made this particular pairing of food, wine, people and setting so special, can be memorable. Whenever the Wine Appreciation Fellowship is mentioned, smiles appear, and it seems that wine appreciation provides a common language among

Rotarians.

Requirements for membership:

- You must be an active member of a Rotary Club.
- You must be 21 years of age or older.
- You must enjoy wine and desire to learn more about wine!

This Fellowship encourages members to form **local chapters** that meet several times during the year for fun and fellowship. These local chapters are encouraged to accomplish service projects as another way to extend our Rotary service.

For **more information** or to join the Rotarian's Wine Appreciation Fellowship, <http://www.rotarywine.net/> please **e-mail** the RWAF President, Conrad Heede, at CCHeede@aol.com

If your club has members who might be interested in this Rotary Fellowship, please bring this opportunity to their attention.

World Community Service - the "Quiet Revolution of Hope"

Project Goal – to provide neurosurgery equipment for the Neuro-Trauma Hospital in Chernivtsi, Bukovina, they have the only neurosurgical operation theatre in the Bucovinian Region and the neighbouring area.

Phase 1 completed in August 2004

- Purchased a new operating table, a Mayfield Headrest System and a surgeon's light from Germany. Both ends of their old table was held up with surgeon's stools.
- Ternopil Club handled the custom clearance.
- 4 Burnaby Rotarians and Ternopil Rotarians were present to witness the blessing and dedication of this equipment at the Hospital operating theatre. The equipment was put into use the following morning.

Phase 2 completed March 2007

- Purchased a used Leica microscope from Seattle and refurbished in Colorado before shipping to the hospital.

BUKOVINA PROJECT Rotary Club of Burnaby partnered with Rotary Club of Ternopil, Ukraine



- Ternopil Club looked after the myriad of paperwork required in Kiev.
- Pictures: Dr. Shutka at work with the microscope.

Phase 3 to be completed

- will be supplying a basic set of neuro-surgical instruments.
- will also try to purchase a cold coagulator if finances permit. Their current one is burning along the length of blood vessels rather than at the tip causing a great deal of smoke and unnecessary work for the surgeon! There are many such stories too heartbreaking to repeat.

"The post-operative outcomes following removal of brain tumours, spinal cord tumours and other neurosurgical problems in general will be improved by having better equipment for the surgeons and operating staff within the region, providing access to a larger number of people."- Dianna Krawchuk, President Elect of Burnaby Club.

Per Dr. Shutka, more than 1,400 neurosurgery high level and difficult operations were done during 2004 to 2006. Apart from the ability of neurosurgeons, they will not be achieved this high level of success without the gifts from Rotary.

UGANDA PROJECTS Rotary Club of New Westminster



Club members just returned from Uganda where they were working for the past weeks on the project. They worked at Mulago, Mengo and the International Hospital in Kampala, as well as in Arua Mbale and Kabale. The trip was very successful and they completed all their goals:

- Distribution of medical equipment to various hospitals.
- Distribution of school supplies to a number of schools along with soccer uniforms and balls.
- Repair equipment in several hospitals.
- Set up an operating microscope.
- ENT surgeons operated and trained local specialists
- Training in maintenance of operating room equipment.
- Assessment of current matching grant projects for water and sanitation.
- Review and assessment of further potential projects.



Medical Assistance

Over the past 3 years, three New Westminster Rotarians travelled to Vietnam to install operating microscopes used in training doctors and to perform improved eye surgery in out-laying regions.

They also partner with the local hospitals and charity groups working in the countryside to help with 20,000 free health examinations including 2,000 dental surgeries and 4,000 free eyeglasses in the past 3 year. The ser-

ROTARY IN VIETNAM Rotary Club of New Westminster

vices are provided to patients who cannot afford treatments in the local hospitals.

Heart Surgeries

This year the club raised 10,000 to provide heart surgery for 5 small children with congenital heart disease. All children had excellent outcomes, the

families were very thankful to the Canadians who have given their children a chance to live.

Many children in Vietnam are born with heart defects but the country cannot afford to pay for good heart surgery. The club hopes to continue helping both in healthcare development and immediate care for needy children. **Donations** can be made to emas for tax receipts, and send to Dr David Neima ste 204, 625- 5th Ave New Westminster BC V3M 1X4

2006-2007 DSG projects at a Glance

District Simplified Grants (DSGs) are a tool for Rotary districts to support short-term, humanitarian projects that benefit the community. Districts can request up to 20 percent of District Designated Funds (DDF) for a grant to support multiple projects locally or internationally.

Clubs interested to receive DSG funds should contact District Leader. Application form can be downloaded at District website www.rotary5040.org under TRF page.

Below are the District Simplified Grant for the current Rotary year, projects done with a local focus and partnering with the club in the community.

- Burnaby : Stride Ave. Community School Social Equity Fund - assist low income families, breakfast program.
- Burnaby : Hospital Project.
- Burns Lake : Library Project.
- Powell River : Christmas Dinner for single and low income families.
- Prince Rupert : Picnic tables, landscaping and welcome to Prince Rupert sign.
- Richmond Sunrise : Library card project - new special edition library cards for Richmond Public Library.
- Richmond Sunset : Celebrating seniors with our seniors - seniors luncheon.
- Sechelt : Viewing platform at Cliff Gilker Park.
- Vancouver Arbutus : Resource library and education for learning disabled children.
- Vancouver Chinatown : Dictionaries to all grade 5 students at the Vancouver inner city schools.
- Vancouver Quadra : Points of Connection; linking literacy, language and learning.

Canadian Rotary Collaboration for International Development

CRCID is composed of Rotarians from across Canada, it works with the Canadian International Development Agency to undertake worthwhile development programs throughout the world.

MISSION AND KEY RESULT AREAS

CRCID will support Canadian Rotarians in delivering sustainable international development programs by:

- Facilitating the development and implementation of effective programs that meet needs as identified and "owned" by partner communities;
- Developing capacity in Canada and in partner countries;



- Securing human and financial resources;
- Ensuring sound governance within Canadian and partner organizations;
- Creating and enhancing development awareness in Canada and abroad

PRIORITIES

CRCID funding is allocated towards the following programs priorities:

- Water Management
- Literacy and Education
- Health Concerns

For more information, visit <http://www.crcid.org/>

Rotary is not all work, some sure know how to have FUN !!!

NORTH VANCOUVER



To celebrate **St. Patrick's day**, Instead of having speaker program, the club brought in the Eire Born Irish Dance Group to perform. Some members were in for a surprise when Alec invited two people from each table to come forward and help him to thank the group for their fantastic entertainment. They didn't know they were going to be part of the entertainment themselves and had to follow the dancers in their footsteps.



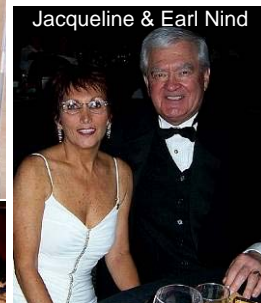
RICHMOND

Through the efforts of PP Tony and PP Chuck Albert, the club brought back the **Reverse Draw Dinner fundraiser**. More than the great buffet, good entertainer and the suspenseful conclusion for the final winning ticket of \$1,000, there was the excitement and fun surrounding the side bets, friends betting friends that their ticket will prevail over the other. Funds raised \$5,000+/-



RICHMOND SUNSET

An evening of Abba Cadebra at the River Rock Casino was nothing but fun. The dance floor was packed and everyone was singing along the Abba Songs. Michael Chiu came prepared with print outs of all the lyrics. "It was thrilling to see so many fellow Rotarians and friends there, the support was greatly appreciated. The event raised about \$9,000" - Fundraiser Chair PP Jacqueline Nind.



Rotaract President Tim Vanderheide Honoured

The Rotary Club of Vancouver is proud to announce that Tim Vanderheide has been made a **Paul Harris Fellow**. He is the President of the UBC Rotaract Club and during his term, the club has exceeded all expectations.

Some of their **accomplishments** include proceeding with their international project in Honduras, staging a successful professional development conference, helping the homeless and forming a dragon boat team.

Tim reflects the **Rotary values**: Service Above Self, the 4 way test, ethics and character. He is a recipient of a scholarship from the Rotary Club of Chilliwack, has attended RYLA and been involved in the Rotary family for 5 years. Tim's leadership qualities include handing over a vibrant club to a selected executive. He is a science graduate of UBC.





50th Anniversary Celebration April 27, 28 and 29, 2007

In conjunction with the **Northwest District Assembly**, Kitimat Club has planned a big event on April 27, 28 and 29, 2007 to celebrate their 50 Years of Service. Rotarians are invited to share the special occasion with them.

Some highlights of the weekends are: Scotch and Wine Tasting, Salt Water Fishing, 18 Hole golf, plant Rotary Forest, Black Tie Gala Dinner and Dance and Champagne Fellowship Brunch. PDG Leigh Higinbotham will be the keynote speaker.

For details and registration, please visit their website at www.kitimatrotary.org or contact Event Chair Lynda Rocha at citycentremotel@monarch.net

Royal City Rotary Spring Fling

Dance to Rotary's own Michael Crean & Red Line!



50's, 60's, 70's Rock and Roll

Saturday, May 5, 2007
8:00 p.m. - 12:30 a.m.
(doors open 7:30 p.m.)



Casual Dress

Light Buffet @ 10:00p.m.

Sapperton's Pensioners Hall
318 Keary Street,
New Westminster, BC

DOOR PRIZES

Silent & Live Auction

Tickets \$35.00 per Person

Proceeds
to fund the

'Rotary Crosstown Greenway'

Route to Walk, Run & Cycle for Health & Fitness

For additional information, call Donna @ (604) 323-4550
or E-mail draeo@hotmail.com



Run for Rescue - April 28, 2007

Vancouver Sunrise is hosting a big fundraising event **Run for Rescue** on April 28 at Lumberman's Arch. Money raised will be split between their club projects in Africa and the Emergency Service Detail <http://esdairrescue.com/>

For details and to register online or download registration, go to www.runforrescue.com They are currently looking for volunteers and sponsors, email info@runforrescue.com Last year, over 75 walkers and runners participated and raised over \$6,000 for same good causes.

6th Annual Steveston Seafood and Wine Festival

Gulf of Georgia Cannery
April 27, 2007

A popular event featuring a wide selection of wineries and the large seafood buffet that has been a highlight every year. As always, there will be oyster shucking and fresh oysters. For details, call Don Pfeffer at 604-274-6764 or email Pfeffer_LangVineyards@telus.net



Rotarians from 3 Richmond clubs recently volunteered to present the Junior Achievement BC program at JN Burnett Secondary in Richmond.

JABC is looking for volunteers. For details, visit www.jabc.org or contact Anne Sashikata, 604-688-3887 ext 4 or anne.sashikata@jabc.org.



Noel Philipot - Steveston Rotary



Georgina Patko - Richmond Sunrise