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# LITERACY

"Without literacy, all the written words we encounter every day - not just in books and newspapers, but in maps, labels, street signs, and billboards - are mysteries and road-blocks to full integration into society. For me, teaching someone to read is one of the most rewarding acts of service imaginable. All it costs is patience and time, and the rewards are incalculable." - *RI President Bill Boyd (Excerpt from March Rotarian)*

## Why is literacy important?

- A foundation for virtually all forms of education and a crucial component of effective social and economic participation, human development, and poverty reduction.
- According to UNESCO, nearly 800 million people over the age of 15 lack even basic reading and writing skills worldwide.
- In addition, roughly 137 million school age children who are illiterate around the world.
- Over 64% of all illiterate people in the world today are women.
- Direct connection between literacy rates and community health.

## March is Rotary Literacy Month - Take action for literacy

- Launch a new literacy project during Rotary Literacy Month.
- Work with existing literacy providers to plan a literacy project.
- Arrange for club members to volunteer at a tutoring center.
- Begin a student mentoring program.
- Encourage local businesses to offer education opportunities for employees
- Start an adult education program at a local school or community center.
- Conduct a teacher training event for your district.
- Conduct a literacy awareness campaign in your community.
- Donate books for a community library, school supplies for under privileged students, or teaching materials for underprivileged schools.

- Source from 2006-2007 [RI Literacy Resource Group](#) -

## Does your club qualify for a DISTRICT and ZONE LITERACY AWARD?

To qualify for a district Literacy Award, your club must accomplish FIVE literacy activities during the year. To qualify for the zone Literacy Award, your club must accomplish TEN literacy activities.

For details, visit RI Literacy Resources Group page at [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org) to download 2006-2007 Literacy Award Brochure and submit to your Zone Coordinator through PDG Leo Nimsick, District Literacy Chair at [nimsick@telus.net](mailto:nimsick@telus.net) before April 15, 2007.

Set your Internet home page to [www.theliteracysite.com](http://www.theliteracysite.com) and click daily on the button to donate books completely free of charge every day. 880,713 were donated in this way in 2005

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# Kevin's Kaleidoscope

## A message from RI President Bill Boyd . . .



Dear Rotary Friends and Guests attending the District 5040 Conference

Lorna and I send our warmest greetings to each and every one of you attending this 2006-2007 District Conference. We wish to express our appreciation for the dedication and hard work of Governor Kevin J. Conway who, along with the District Conference Committee, have put together a program of comprehensive Rotary information, fun and fellowship. We hope that you will take this opportunity for fellowship, broadening your Rotary horizons and reaffirming your commitment to Rotary and to the principle of Service Above Self as you *Lead the Way* in your communities and in the global village.

There are over 500 district conferences taking place around the world. Lorna and I would like to attend them all, but you will appreciate that this is not possible. We have, therefore, invited John T. Capps III and his spouse, Jane, to represent us at your District Conference.

We hope that you will enjoy their company and their messages during the conference.

I have asked John T. to encourage you to reflect carefully upon the ways in which we can demonstrate our commitment to service and our love for humanity. With the strength of our membership, we must continue our efforts to fight hunger, ensure clean water, reach a literate world and provide education for everyone. In our ambition to work for a better world, let's seek cooperation with other entities working with the same issues. Let us together continue to show the world the great leadership of Rotary International through Service Above Self as we go forward to *Lead the Way*.

*Kind Regards, Bill Boyd President, Rotary International*

**I INVITE YOU TO JOIN ME, JEN AND THE CONFERENCE TEAM AS WE LEAD THE WAY FOR A SPECTACULAR WEEKEND OF FUN, FELLOWSHIP, OUTSTANDING SPEAKERS AND GREAT ENTERTAINMENT AT THE DISTRICT CONFERENCE "VINTAGE ROTARY" IN KELOWNA, MAY 17 TO 20 - DG KEVIN**

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## 2007 PRESIDENT ELECT TRAINING - MARCH 15-18

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The **main purpose** of PETS is to develop club presidents who have the necessary skills, knowledge, and motivation to create or maintain an effective club as defined by the RI Board. Besides learning opportunity in the workshops, it is also a great opportunity to meet new friends from the 10 Rotary District and to have fun.

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**Program summary** is available at PETS website at [www.pnwrotarypets.org](http://www.pnwrotarypets.org) The detailed programs will be provided for each day.

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Please note that D5040 has a **Pre-PETS training day** prior to the official PETS. This is held at the PETS venue and is automatically included when you go to register. As soon as you note that you are from D5040 it will include this pre-PETS day as well as the associated costs.

The **dress code** at breakfast, lunch and workshop sessions is business casual. The dress code at dinner is business attire with suits or coat and tie requested for men and appropriate dress for women. A reminder that there is **no smoking** in the plenary sessions or meeting rooms.

If you are **traveling by air**, please make sure you have valid passport.



## NORTH SHORE ROTARY CLUBS - AG ESIO MARZOTTO

# L I O N S G A T E

Youth and "Youth at Risk" have driven the Lionsgate Club for the past several years. This Club was a leader in getting a **Youth Safe House** established on the North Shore. They are now spearheading a relentless campaign to get the House re-opened after government withdrew funding. This is Rotary at its best - serving the critical needs in our own communities.

Each year, the club has been giving **six Vocational Scholarships** to students who have overcome **significant physical or emotional challenges** and are going on to pursue careers in a vocational field. In 2006 the club also **included a scholarship for a student attending the Artists for Kids Summer Art School**. A Thank-you from the student - *"It is because of you all that I was able to experience the (art school) and create such wonderful memories, as well as improving and honing my artistic abilities. I cannot thank you enough and I hope you understand the magnitude that your generosity affects people such as me. You are all absolutely magnificent"*.

The Club is particularly proud of their **Annual Ethics Essay Contest** initiative, it combines Rotary's emphasis on ethics with the Clubs priority on youth and draws in many community partners. Contest opens to all Grade 11 & 12 students in North Shore.

Besides youth projects, one of the club's "**Flagship**" events is the **CANADA DAY AT WATERFRONT PARK**. For the past 17 years, the club fund raised, planned, organized and operated Canada Day for North Vancouver City and District. Over 12,000 people enjoy this amazing celebration of our country. And the Club happily puts in thousands of volunteer hours to make it happen.

This Club also participates in joint Rotary activities on the North Shore, most notably the Wine and Food Festival and Operation Red Nose.

### LIONS GATE ROTARY CLUB

## Essay Contest



Rotary International is a service organization which promotes the highest standards of ethical behaviour in our society. The **Lions Gate Rotary Club Essay Contest** is designed to challenge high school students to analyze ethical issues and concerns confronting them in today's complex world.

**Theme:** Ethics in the Environment

**Eligible Participants:** Students in grades 11&12 attending a high school in North or West Vancouver

**Entry Deadline: April 13, 2007**

For more information including contest rules and entry form, visit the Rotary Club of Lions Gate Website: [www.rotarylionsgate.org](http://www.rotarylionsgate.org) or contact your school representative.



# W E S T V A N C O U V E R



The West Vancouver Rotary Club has many worthwhile projects both in the community and internationally. They also participate in joint North shore Rotary projects and events such as **Operation Red Nose** and the famous annual North Shore **Rotary Wine Gala**.

On May 27, the club will be having a **2007 Rotary 10k Seawalk Run** to raise funds for various Rotary projects on the North Shore. It is a scenic route along West Vancouver waterfront of English Bay. For more information, visit Seawalk website at [www.seawalkrun.com](http://www.seawalkrun.com)

# NORTH VANCOUVER

Thousands and thousands of little rubber duckies cascade down the Capilano River, in a race to the finish line to win prizes for lucky ticket holders. Cars, holidays, jewels, and sporting equipment being just a few of the fantastic items up for grabs.

But there was always more to the **Great Capilano River Duck Race** than just prizes. It was a festival. It was a chance for families to get out, get their faces painted, and get excited about something, all while contributing to North Shore charities.

It all began in 1987, when two enthusiastic North Vancouver Rotary members, **Doug Hall and Andy Turner**, presented the idea of a duck race to the club. The idea quickly caught on and the inaugural Great Capilano River Duck Race was held in the spring of 1988. With **over \$62,000 raised for local charities** and the grand prize winner taking home a brand new car, a yearly community event was born.

But the Duck Race was **cancelled in 2000** after the Department of Fisheries and Oceans expressed concern about the effect on migrating salmon and manipulating the Capilano's water level and flow to accommodate the yellow duckies. But, in a come-back story of persistence, ingenuity and community spirit in **2006 the Duck Race was resurrected as the Duck Splash**.

For the members of the North Vancouver Rotary Club, it was a satisfying conclusion to a five year effort to resurrect a signature community event.

Sponsors and donors responded in a way that the project never missed a beat despite its five year absence.

From Duck Race to Duck Splash, the event has become yet another showcase of North Shore community spirit with the volunteer involvement of a wide range of organizations, businesses and individuals.



# WEST VAN SUNRISE

The Rotary Club of West Vancouver Sunrise has been serving the North Shore and International communities through active "hands-on" involvement and fundraising since 1989.

Some of their recent **community activities** include participating in:

- Community Day
- Canada Day
- West Vancouver Youth Week
- Annual Senior's Christmas Lunch

The club also participates in many of **joint fundraising events** with the other three North Shore Rotary Clubs. The recent projects include:

- Annual North Shore Rotary Wine Gala.
- Shake Shack at Community Day and Canada Day at Ambleside Park.
- Operation Red Nose providing safe rides over Christmas Season.
- Walk for Rotary Foundation.





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ROTARY INTERNATIONAL  
INTERACTIVE



## Supporting Rotary World Peace Fellows seems like a good idea for my district, but I can't help but wonder if these scholars really can make a difference. Do you think there will ever be peace on earth?

Answer from RI President Bill Boyd ...**Yes, I think peace is possible** – if we're willing to work for it. And as Rotarians and community leaders, **we can't afford not to do something**. It's not easy, but our fellows are a positive step forward.

So far, more than 200 fellows – many with incredible stories – have graduated from Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution throughout the world. Some, like [Susan Stigant](#), have gone on to work in war-torn areas such as Sudan. Others, like [Path Heang](#), know what it feels like to grow up without peace. I'm amazed by the life Heang has led. When he was six years old, the Khmer Rouge forced him into a labor camp and took him away from his parents. He now works at

the World Bank on a project called Justice for the Poor.

We need our fellows in this world. It's an honor to be able to contribute to their education and future because they contribute so much to ours. Please read about funding the [Rotary Centers](#) and Rotary's newest peace program, [Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies](#).

President Boyd would like to hear your questions. Please [e-mail him](#), and he will try to respond in an upcoming edition of *Interactive*.

Read the "Peace on Earth" issue at [www.rotary.org/interactive](http://www.rotary.org/interactive)

**2008-2010 ROTARY WORLD PEACE SCHOLAR NOMINATION DEADLINE MARCH 31, 2007**  
CONTACT PDG DAVID KER AT [dker@telus.net](mailto:dker@telus.net) or phone 604-261-8561

# WORLD WATER DAY

March 22 is World Water Day, this year's theme "**Coping with Water Scarcity**" highlights the increasing significance of water scarcity worldwide and the need for increased integration and cooperation to ensure sustainable, efficient and equitable management of water resources, both internationally and locally. Visit World Water Day website at [www.worldwaterday.org](http://www.worldwaterday.org) for resources.

Many Rotarians around the world are working hand in hand to address the water issue across the globe. Seventeen clubs in our district joined efforts on the "**Ethiopia Water project**" was one great example. 12,000 people no longer have to carry water 5 to 7 km from the source to the community. Visit District website [World Community Service](#) to view presentation prepared by PDG Art and Leslie Erasmus.



World Community Service has been described as the "Quiet Revolution of Hope".

Reach out to someone who needs help. Get involved in a WCS project. For details, contact District WCS Chair Dave Dickson by [email](#)



# STRATEGIC PLAN

The **2007-2008 District Strategic Plan** was presented to the 57 Rotarians at the Feb 17 District Leadership seminar, input and suggestions were taken at the breakout sessions. The updated Strategic Plan is ready for download at the District website accessible from the homepage at [www.rotary5040.org](http://www.rotary5040.org)

The District invites all members to attend the **upcoming Assembly** in your area. We are looking for your valuable input to better our district and clubs communication and effectiveness.



## ANNOUNCEMENT



**District Youth Exchange chair Bob Blacker** has stepped down from his leadership role in youth exchange in order to focus on preparing for taking on leadership of the District as Governor in 2008 – 2009.

We extend sincere thanks to Bob for his tireless work in helping to make this program in our District one of the best in the Rotary world. In particular, special thanks to Bob for working through all the requirements to comply with the Rotary International requirements for certification of the program.

I am please to announce that **Neil McDonald** has kindly agreed to take over as Youth Exchange chair until Dave Bradley takes over as District chair on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007.



Neil brings a wealth of experience and wisdom to the role, and we are fortunate and grateful for his commitment to youth programs in our District.

- District Governor Kevin

**GEORGIA ROTARY  
STUDENT PROGRAM**  
Districts 6900, 6910 & 6920 Rotary International  
*Bringing Nations Together Since 1946*



### OUTBOUND SCHOLAR OPPORTUNITY

A unique opportunity has presented itself regarding the possibility of a Student from District 5040 being awarded a scholarship to attend a University in the State of Georgia as part of the **Georgia Rotary Student Program** offered by Rotary Districts 6900, 6910 & 6920.

I would invite any interested parties to visit their website at [www.grsp.org](http://www.grsp.org) to get all pertinent information on this program.

This scholarship pays all scholastic costs including tuition, book allowance, campus housing and food. **The 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.**

Applicants cannot be married, and those persons who have previously studied in the U.S. for a period exceeding four months cannot be considered. This scholarships excludes Students in the medical, dental and nursing fields. **UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS HAVE A BETTER CHANCE OF BEING SELECTED AS ONLY ABOUT THREE GRADUATES ARE ADMITTED EACH YEAR.**

We invite all Clubs to look at suitable **"AMBASSADORS"** of our District and Country.

Kindly contact Jacci McTavish, D5040 Scholarship Councilor Coordinator (2007-2008) at [jacciM@telus.net](mailto:jacciM@telus.net) if you wish to put forth a candidate.

# D I S T R I C T A W A R D S

Each year District Awards are presented to clubs and individual Rotarians to recognize their service efforts: Membership Award, Best Bulletin Award, Individual Recognition, Club Recognition and Governor's Award.

Nominations can be submitted from the clubs, the Assistant Governors and the Governor. Please email written submission to District Awards Chair, PDG Leo Nimsick [nimsick@telus.net](mailto:nimsick@telus.net), Ph: 604-542-0989. **Please send all nominations by April 15, 2007.**



## M E M B E R S H I P

### RI Recognition of Membership Development Initiatives

Rotary International recognizes clubs that develop and implement creative strategies that have a **positive impact on membership in their area**. Each year, up to three clubs from each district will receive a **certificate of recognition**, based on their fulfillment of one of the three areas of membership growth and development:

- Retention
- Recruitment of qualified new members
- Organization of new Rotary clubs

Clubs will also be recognized at the RI Convention and announced in the Rotary World Magazine Press.

The RI Board offers an additional incentive: the **RI Membership Development and Extension Award**. This program recognizes membership growth in existing clubs, retention of current club members, and the establishment of new clubs. Districts that meet or exceed their membership goals also receive recognition. To find out more, visit [RI website](#) award and recognition.



## W H A T I S R S S

Get Rotary International news delivered to your personalized Web news reader or club home page through the new RSS news feed at [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org).

**RSS, or Really Simple Syndication**, is a basic form of Web page that sends news headlines and other Web content to subscribers. RSS users register to news feed sites like the ones listed below and have regularly updated news sent straight to them.

Sign up now for Rotary International news RSS to get the latest links to official announcements, project stories, featured articles from [The Rotarian](#) and [Rotary International Interactive](#), as well as other RI media.



**CONNECT WITH KIDS  
IN YOUR COMMUNITY:  
VOLUNTEER WITH  
JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT**

JABC educates and inspires kids to understand business and economics, develop entrepreneurial and leadership skills, and become successful in their career and life choices.

JABC is **looking for volunteers to present their programs at schools**. Using the Junior Achievement curriculum, the volunteers engage students in hands-on activities and class discussions.

For further information, visit JA website at [www.jabc.org](http://www.jabc.org),

To volunteer or to invite a JA speaker at your club meeting, contact **Anne Sashikata**, Community Relations Manager at [anne.sashikata@jabc.org](mailto:anne.sashikata@jabc.org) or phone 604-688-3887 ext 4. Want a Rotarian's perspective of being a JA volunteer? Contact Georgina Patko, Rich. Sunrise Rotary Club at [georginap@shaw.ca](mailto:georginap@shaw.ca) or 604-274-5690.



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**THE INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF  
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This Rotary Action Group consists of Doctors, Nurses and Health Care Workers who share:

- a vision for supporting and promoting global health improvement
- enthusiasm for working through volunteering
- a strong commitment to support local and international health care initiatives

The opportunities are endless, whatever your specialties may be. You would be joining a global club, equally as enjoyable as your own club, and extending the horizon of your vocation in Rotary. You would create lasting friend-

ships with your fellow professionals in many parts of the world.

If are you a doctor or allied professional, and are interested in joining this Rotary Action Group visit their website at: <http://webdesign.sohummm.com/projects/rotary/board.php>

Visit the IFRP booth at the RI Convention in Salt Lake City. Contact [info@rotariandoctors.com](mailto:info@rotariandoctors.com) for more information.

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

For information about Rotary Fellowships and Rotary Action Groups: [www.rotaryfellowship.org](http://www.rotaryfellowship.org)  
 Are you already a member? Let's hear about your experiences and adventures with Rotary Fellowships and Rotary Action Groups. Please submit articles for publication to:  
**PDG Dave Kirk** - email: [dbkirk@telus.net](mailto:dbkirk@telus.net)  
 District 5040 Fellowships Chair, Member, International Travel and Hosting Fellowship



## International Skiing Fellowship of Rotarians

The International Ski Fellowship of Rotarians (ISFR) had its **annual meeting at Steamboat Springs, Colorado**, in mid February. More than 100 Rotarians and their families from around the world (**6 from BC**) attended the week long event of fellowship and skiing hosted by the Rotary Club of Steamboat Springs. The events included the annual Steamboat Springs Winter Festival, sleigh ride and dinner, ski race, rides in adaptive ski equipment, a joint meeting with the Steamboat Rotary Club and a gala banquet and fundraising auction. And, of course, 5 days of skiing. The **auction raised over \$20,000** for the ISFR Davis Boyd Foundation for Adaptive Skiers, the funds from which are divided between the ISFR and the local Club and directed to support local and national adaptive ski projects.

**Esio Marzotto** of the RC of Lions Gate was appointed **VP for Canada**. Next year the **ISFR will meet in Whistler Jan. 26 to Feb.2, 2008**. A terrific program has been planned by the RC of Whistler and co-chaired by Lyn Stroshin and David Malaher. For more information visit [www.isfrski.org](http://www.isfrski.org) , or [esiom@shaw.ca](mailto:esiom@shaw.ca).



**“BY JOINING THE SKIING FELLOWSHIP, YOU WILL NOT ONLY MEET ROTARIANS FROM AROUND THE WORLD WHO SHARE YOUR INTEREST IN SKIING , BUT WILL CREATE LASTING FRIENDSHIPS”**



# KITIMAT

**Congratulations to all. Way to go!**

8 of the club's 16 members have been nominated for the **Kitimat Business Excellence Awards!** The club itself is a nominee for **Not For Profit Organization.** These annual awards sponsored by the Kitimat Chamber of Commerce recognize excellence in Small Business, Home Based Business and Industry.



The club is inviting fellow Rotarians to join them in their upcoming 50th Anniversary celebration weekend April 27 to 29, 2007. For more info, contact Lynda Rocha at [citycentremotel@monarch.net](mailto:citycentremotel@monarch.net)

# GIBSONS

**Raising funds at every possible opportunity**

On Feb 22, Elphinstone Interactors served over 120 people at the club's Chinese New Year celebration dinner, more than \$1,000 was raised for Children's nutrition and education programs in Indonesia.

In another occasion, \$1,500 was donated to the Gibsons Paddle Club towards the purchase of a new 30 ft canoe which can carry 8 people. (Pic shown Club President Don Stuart presented cheque to Lynnette Robinson of the Paddle Club.



# RICHMOND SUNRISE

Last Tuesday of every month, club members volunteer to serve dinner to over 100 people at the **Alban's Anglican church.** The church provides complimentary wholesome dinners to people less fortunate in the Richmond community. The club has been supporting the church for many years with donations and manpower.

On Feb 19th, fourteen club members along with other professionals taught "**Economics of Staying in School**", a Junior Achievement class to Grade 9 students at Hugh Boyd school. Besides donating \$2,500, the club is strongly committed to participate as instructors. It is a method not only helping the young adults to learn the importance of school but also to expose them to the virtues of Rotary.

On March 1<sup>st</sup>, the club was honoured to have **Superintendent Ward Clapham**, Detachment Leader (Officer in Charge) RCMP Richmond, talked about "**The Cost of Doing Nothing**" to the packed house of 60. His theme was based on the ideas of being proactive in policing via positive policing, restorative justice and asset building. Ward would love to spread his important special message to Rotarians all over the district.



# TO THE HEART OF THE MATTER

## NEW WEST- ROYAL CITY, BURNABY ROTARY CLUBS AND MONARCH PLACE

The 9<sup>th</sup> annual "To the Heart of the Matter" gala was a great success, 185 people attended this year's gala at the Inn at Westminster Quay.

Over \$40,000 was raised to support 6 worthy projects:

- Monarch Place - a safe house from violence for women and their children (Local)
- Club Foot Program in Africa
- Clean Water Project in the Dominican Republic
- The Chernivtsi Medical Project in the Ukraine
- The Netza Literacy School project in Mexico
- A Gift of Sight Project in India / Africa

The Committee wish to thank all their supporters this year, and to extend a warm welcome to all Rotarians and friends of Rotary to be a part of their extra special gala on Feb 8, 2008, to celebrate 10 years of joining hearts and hands to raise funds helping those less fortunate around the world.



February 9, 2007



Service Above Self



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# RICHMOND WINTER FESTIVAL

## RICHMOND, RICHMOND SUNRISE, RICHMOND SUNSET & STEVESTON CLUBS

56 members from the four Rotary Clubs in Richmond volunteered during **Richmond Winter Festival** on February 10th. Rotarians were assigned different duties, such as ambassadors, directing traffic, manning information booth and security personnel. A Rotary exhibition booth was set up displaying PolioPlus and the Wheelchair Foundation campaign materials, it was well received by the public. Some 15,000 people attended this one day street fair to celebrate the three-year countdown to the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games.





# Rotary Club of NEW WESTMINSTER

PRESENTS

## Time for Wine!

Saturday, April 28, 2007 at **ROYAL CITY CENTRE**  
- 7:00 pm - 9:30 pm -

- Wine tasting from select B.C. & International wines
- Food tasting from local restaurants
- Entertainment by New Westminster High School 'Jazz Band'
- Silent Auction
- Tickets available from any New Westminster Rotarian or call Don at 604-444-3006
- Tickets \$40 per person



**RETURN ENGAGEMENT**

Richmond Sunset Rotary Club presents:

# ABBA-Cadabra

A tribute to the music and magic of ABBA

Saturday March 24, 2007  
6 pm Reception (no host bar)  
7 pm Dinner • 9 pm Show Time !!  
Tickets \$75.00

Dress semi-formal, black tie optional,  
Ladies get out your finest !!

Venue: The River Rock Casino Resort  
Whistler Ballroom  
8811 River Road, Richmond B.C.

This is a fabulous evening of dining, entertainment and dancing. Whether you are an ABBA fan or not, the music is infectious and you'll be hard pressed to sit still. Dinner is slow roasted prime rib or salmon or dietary substitutes are available on request.



Funds raised in support of Richmond Youth Services and Pueblito Canada...  
FOR TICKETS CONTACT:  
Gail Maida Notary Public, Garden City Shopping Centre  
155-8040 Garden City Road, Richmond  
or phone: Jacqueline Nind 604 340-8446 • Jim Westmacott 604 889-1119  
• White Rock: Wally Phillips 604 531-9797 or 604-535-5564

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Rotary Club of Richmond  
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... and get a great deal along the way!

**Browse! Bid! Buy!**  
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**February 16 - April 30, 2007**

Proceeds support the charitable work of  
Rotary Club of Richmond  
[www.richmondrotary.com](http://www.richmondrotary.com)





## ROTARY ADVENTURES IN FORESTRY

ROTARY CLUB OF PG YELLOWHEAD  
MAY 2 TO 5, 2007

Rotary clubs across Canada can sponsor one student to attend this 18<sup>th</sup> annual program. Candidates must be attending Grade 11 or 12 with acceptable grade standards and who are considering a career in forest industry or environmental studies.

Overview of program: silviculture, timber extraction, sawmill operation, value added pulp operation, paper process, forest planning and G.I.S. as well as the College of New Caledonia and the UNBC.

Yellowhead Rotary offers this program to the participants at no cost other than travel and spending money. Contact Linda Wilson, Chair at 250-964-6212 or [lindawilson@telus.net](mailto:lindawilson@telus.net) . Registration by Mar. 15, 07.

# ROTARACT AWARD

## THE BILL RICHWA ROTARACT AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

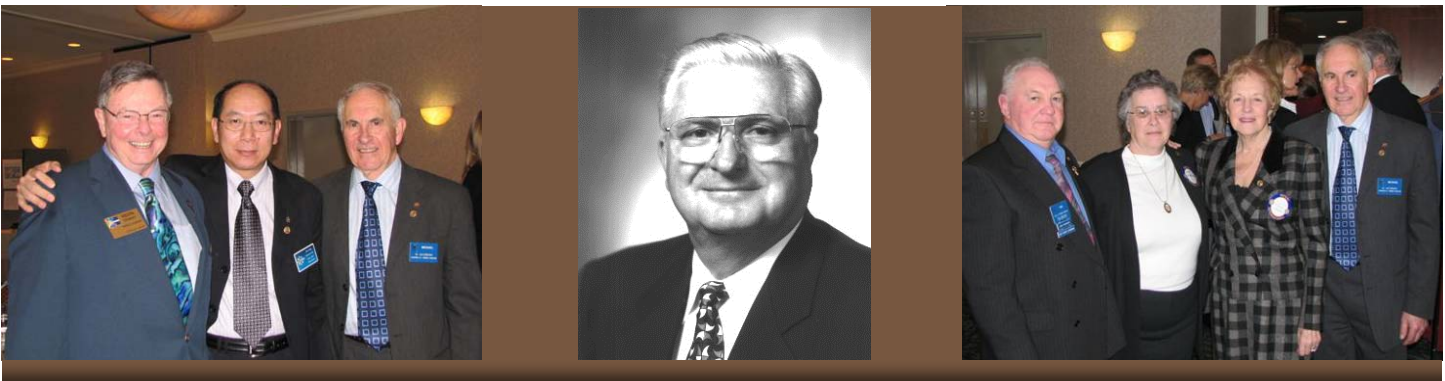
A new District Award has been created in order to recognize a Rotaractor who exemplifies the mission of service above self. The same four avenues of service which is the foundation of Rotary are carried on by the Rotaract clubs who are independent and responsible for their own programming. This not only develops leadership but also a sense of community service whether it is local or international in scope. It's all about mixing fun and striving to make this a better world.

the Vancouver Club from 1974 to 2005. He was visiting Kiev with Ralph Towsley and the late Ted Segodnia decided to help a hospital with much needed supplies. This successful gesture of assistance led them to help others and the World Help Network was created with other local Rotary Clubs with Bill Richwa at the helm. Today 25-30 container shipments are sent annually throughout the world and each Rotary club champions its own international program.

the Vancouver Club attended by 12 members of the Richwa family, Governor Kevin Conway, District Rotaract Chair Jim Ling and Director Michael Jacobson the award was unveiled. This award will be presented annually to a Rotaractor and those applying will be required to submit a 300 word testimonial of their accomplishments.

Bill Richwa was a Rotary member of On Feb 13th, at a ceremony hosted by

Pictures shown below: Pic 1-DG Kevin Conway, DRPC Jim Ling and DRPD Michael Jacobson; Pic 2-Rotarian Bill Richwa; Pic 3-Gerry, Mrs. Bill Richwa and Michael Jacobson.



# ROTARACTOR HONORED

## ISHWARYA CHAITANYA RECEIVED PAUL HARRIS

On March 5th Langara Rotaract meeting, President Ishwarya was presented with Paul Harris Fellows by the Vancouver Arbutus Club. She was a former Interactor, also received District Outstanding Service Award for Interact, recipient of the high school graduation scholarship, attendee at RYLA North, and was responsible for establishing the Langara Rotaract Club. Ishwarya was overwhelmed, she thanked Arbutus Club for giving her this great honor.

*(Pic: Ishwarya and her family, PDG Mary Watson, Pres Bill Bourlet and Maureen Smith from Arbutus Club)*



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# WORLD ROTARACT WEEK

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## ROTARACT TURNS 39!

Is your club celebrating World Rotaract Week? Rotaract turns 39th since the founding of the first club on March 13, 1968. If your club is not a sponsor of a Rotaract club yet, consider sponsor one soon. If you are already sponsoring a club, how about sponsoring a second one?

## BURNABY ROTARACT CLUB

The Burnaby Rotaract Club is moving forward. They have approx 12 members and anticipate having 15 members by the end of March. The new Club hopes to Charter by mid May.

# GREENLYMPIC CONFERENCE

The Rotaract Club of Richmond successfully launched its first sustainability conference, the "2010 Greenlympic Legacy Conference" at Kwantlen University College, on February 17<sup>th</sup> 2007.

The project was partnered with the Richmond Youth Foundation, and over 40 enthusiastic Richmond high school students learned about environmental sustainability issues, urban geography, and the community changes brought by the 2010 Olympic.

The student delegates applied the knowledge they learned from the speakers, and came up with ideas for Richmond community-action project. Through the funds that the Rotaract Club of Richmond and RYF secured from various groups and organizations, they granted \$2500 to the Richmond School District as seed money for these youth-lead projects. The success of the conference has brought interest from the Rotary Clubs and the Richmond School District to make this an annual event.



# BURNABY INTERACT CLUB

**Burnaby South Secondary Interact Club is one of the busiest clubs!** The club averages a project a month in each school year. Some of the club's established global or community causes are UNICEF Coin Drive, Christmas Child Operation Shoebox, MS Society and CNIB Gift Wrapping Services at Metro-town Metropolis, and Food Drive. In the past two years, members also participated in the community clean up to restore the outlook of the Royal Oak community. New planned events are Coat

Drive, Book Drive, and Monthly Special Lunch Meals for the student body.

The club also hosts two major events, Origami/Handcrafted Rose Sales in February that requires 2 months of preparation and annual Multicultural show "Rebel Nations" to celebrate Burnaby South's diverse culture, and educate the student body and community about each others' traditions. Fund raised go towards sponsoring two rural Chinese Students' education.



**KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK,  
WE ARE PROUD OF YOUR CLUB'S  
ACCOMPLISHMENT!**

**VANCOUVER QUADRA** - the club invites Rotarians to visit them at their new venue Park Plaza Hotel, 898 West Broadway (at Laurel), Vancouver at 7am on Tuesdays.

**VANCOUVER SOUTH** - President Grant invites Rotarians to visit their new website at [www.rotaryvancouverouth.org](http://www.rotaryvancouverouth.org). It is still being uploaded and they welcome suggestions.