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Kevin's Kaleidoscope

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In early October we set out for Williams Lake and Quesnel.

WILLIAMS LAKE DAYBREAK

Williams Lake Day-break club led by President Erik Zwiers had an interesting fun and fellowship project starting with growing zucchini from seed in members' backyards. Judges selected winners in biggest, smallest, weirdest categories and were further judged on dressing their fruit in the funniest, most beautiful and imaginative costumes. Finally, this long hands-on project ended in a fellowship cookfest at a member's home where zucchini were disguised in all manner of delicious recipes. Other hands on community projects involved the rebuilding of the play ground and a mentoring program in the school of 1 hour a week for teenagers and first nations children.

WILLIAMS LAKE

The Williams Lake club invites every member to be on a committee of their choice. We were informed by President John Hack that Rotarians can either volunteer or be "voluntold". The club is justifiably proud of their work in the community, including the spectacular shelter in the downtown park. The club is now working on a new theatre with the Rotary film fest in mind. We met their wonderful and well integrated exchange student from Germany.

QUESNEL

President Simon Turner of the Quesnel club took us on a grand tour of the many community projects his club has completed and considering taking on. The indoor soccer stadium the club spearheaded is stunning, and provides healthy activities for young people in the community. The club is also focused on building membership and has introduced a familiarization program whereby prospective Rotarians and spouses are treated to dinner with the nominating family. We had the privilege of participating in the induction of new Rotarian Brad Kotzer. In their world Rotary awareness, members are encouraged to discuss the countries of flags on display.

DISTRICT ADVISORY

After the Thanksgiving weekend we had the pleasure of hosting the advisory committee of the District Advisory Council, and I extend sincere thanks to these experienced Rotarians for their wise counsel and guidance.

VANCOUVER ARBUTUS



The Vancouver Arbutus club led by President Bill Bourlet is also focusing on building membership, and planned a "Club in a Club" event to showcase Rotary and the Arbutus club. The club is generous in its support of the Rotary Foundation, and encourages regular small donations to a weekly Foundation envelope. They use a telephone tree system to contact absentee members and find it a useful means to keep in touch.

VANCOUVER CENTENNIAL

The Vancouver Centennial club has a unique practice to build energy, unity and ensure good meeting attendance; they gather for Tai Chi half an hour before the meeting. They are very pleased with their new venue at the Marine Drive Golf Club, but sadly the venue will not be available to them during the winter months. President Wells Hsu and his club have collected over 20,000 books to send to Taiwan school children and have only just begun the project. Club board members wear a brightly coloured sash to honour their position and we gathered for a group photo to record the event.



BURNABY METROTOWN

With the enthusiastic leadership of Gloria Tom Wing Staudt, the Burnaby Metro-town club is planning to establish a Rotaract club. Membership is a central focus for the club this year and Rotarians are to use the personal approach and do "the ask" inviting one prospect per week. They are collecting coats for kids and were deciding how and when to distribute them so that they could "share the warmth" with a bowl of soup as well.

RICHMOND SUNRISE

President Chris Pughe and the Richmond Sunrise club have so many projects on the go they decided to give us an overhead presentation along with the handout. What started as the simple harvesting and distribution of surplus fruit grown in the area has become a significant community service project. This club is very positive and enthusiastic about the Club Leadership Plan. Their roving Sergeant at Arms carries the privilege of making the announcements. The club is building membership, and during our visit two new Rotarians, Keith Liedtke and Barbara Fitzpatrick were welcomed into the club. (Members Induction picture)



MEMBERSHIP SEMINAR

On Saturday, October 14, District Membership Chair Henry Fetigan and his team facilitated an excellent membership seminar which included inspiring and motivational Rotarians sharing their experience in building and retaining good Rotarians. This year we were privileged to have Jill Pohren from Membership Development in Evanston participate in the seminar. (70 Rotarians attended the event)



DG KEVIN



DAVE ROBINSON



JILL POHREN



DEAN ROHRS



HENRY FETIGAN

BURNS LAKE

Early the following week we set off for Burns Lake where we received a very warm welcome from President Leone McHugh. The club is working on a 3 year project to build a 50 Km hiking trail, as well as a mountain biking skills and skate board park. They also want to improve the airport lighting. Val Radley was welcomed back to the club following her return from Alberta. The winner of the 50/50 draw automatically donates the prize to RI and is required to recite the 4-way test. We had the privilege of having their German exchange student attend the meeting.

100 MILE HOUSE

President Rick Barker welcomed us to the 100 Mile House club which provides a meal for 350 seniors which involves the whole community who donate produce, skills and space. The club has also taken on the renovation of the old Agri-Plex building to hold equestrian functions. It has beautifully renovated attic space which will be a rentable function room as well as their own meeting room. There is additional space which they might persuade The Lions to renovate and thereby share maintenance costs. We were fortunate to visit the club on October 19, which happened to be the club's 30th birthday which they celebrated with a cake and candles for desert.



FORT ST. JAMES

President Andrew Wheatley and the Fort St. James club have established ambitious membership goals to bring in at least 5 new Rotarians, which will help their proposed community safety project to build a walk bridge over the river on the outskirts of town. The club has built an impressive welcome sign at the entrance to Fort St. James, and teams up with the Vanderhoof club to raise funds in a TV auction. (Picture: President Andrew with DG Kevin and Jen). As Stewart Mclean of CBC's Vynil Cafe says "We may not be big but we are small" .

**VANDERHOOF**

The Vanderhoof club led by President Peter Ryks is the little club that can. Membership development is a high priority for the club this year, and several prospective Rotarians shared lunch with us during our visit. We were impressed by the club's brand new signs at the entrance to Vanderhoof, proudly displaying the Rotary Wheel. Rotarian spouses were jointly assembling an expensive and useful school basket as their club contribution to the TV auction. Small though they are, this club works with a senior citizens home, and is looking to join an international multi-club project. Their own quote, "you can't be happy on a me plan".

VANCOUVER QUADRA

Back in Vancouver, we were honored to be invited to the Vancouver Quadra club's annual Western Spaghetti night. The club put on an outstanding event which raised over \$8,000 for club projects, and was a whole lot of fun into the bargain. President Pam Rickey and her team plan to help build and equip the first public library in Rwanda, and have an ongoing literacy project in their local community. The club has also undertaken a visioning exercise as a means to plan for the future health and vigor of the club, and to grow their membership.

VANCOUVER CHINATOWN

The Chinatown club, led by President Rick de Guzman, is working on a literacy project to give 500 dictionaries to grade 5 children in inner city schools. The club is also researching a bike/ambulance prototype for an International project in Africa, hoping to join with the Port Moody club for a matching grant. "Be the Community" is the theme for the Chinese New Year fundraising dinner which will focus on literacy needs in the community. They are challenging their members to bring in 13 new Rotarians. We so much appreciated the club changing its regular meeting time and venue to treat us to a wonderful Thai dinner.

**BURNABY**

President Jim Renshaw and the Burnaby club are working on several International programs, one of which is a hands-on project building schools in Mexico. President -elect Dianna Krawchuk is "Leading The Way" in the Bukovina surgical project in the Ukraine, which is so desperately needed that locals are working towards chartering a Rotary club in that community to ensure the continuing success of the project. They also are developing a Peace Hut scheme, a concept for training Ugandan locals in conflict resolution.

DIST. GOVERNOR 2009-2010

District 5040 Governor-nominee interviews were scheduled for the end of October, and I extend sincere thanks, appreciation, and congratulations to the five candidates who answered the invitation of their clubs to be nominated. All five are strong Rotarians who have rendered outstanding service to Rotary and to their communities, and I know that the nominating committee was faced with a difficult task in selecting one candidate over the others. In the end the committee chose AG Gordon Dalglish and his partner Susan Smith to be our Governor in 2009-2010. I echo the sentiment of committee members in encouraging the candidates who were not selected to allow their clubs to nominate them again next year.

THANK YOU

In closing, Jen and I offer heartfelt thanks to the club Presidents who are all doing such a fine job leading their clubs, and to the Rotarians who welcomed us into their homes and into their communities, and showed us their enthusiasm for Rotary.

A Governor's job is made so much more enjoyable by the support provided by the Assistant Governors, and we extend thanks to AGs Harold Spensley in the North, Alex Coffey in the Caribou, Nancy Nikolai in Burnaby New Westminster, Penny Offer in Vancouver, and Gordon Dalglish in Richmond, whose attention to detail was so appreciated during our visits in October.



CELEBRATE THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

WITH VANCOUVER ROTARY CLUBS

The Rotary Clubs in the City of Vancouver support and participate in Rotary Foundation programs. **November is Foundation month** in the Rotary calendar. It is a time in the Rotary year to focus on our Foundation that supports Rotary clubs with matching grants for International Projects, District Simplified Grants for local community projects and educational and humanitarian programs around the world. Some of the club activities are highlighted below. - *Report by AG Penny Offer*



Rotary Volunteer Team to South Africa - Vancouver Sunrise



Supported by The Rotary Foundation, Rotarians Dean Rohrs, Noreen Davis, Tony Davis and Mary Watson of the Arbutus Club will be heading to the small rural villages of Dixie and Utha in the North East of **South Africa** on November 18th. Vancouver Sunrise has been funding and supporting the **Nursery Schools** there over the past 4 years using **Club funds and Matching Grants**. They have built on washrooms, kitchen, play ground equipment and provided school supplies, books, toys, kitchen equipment, furniture, mattresses and blankets. The schools have now requested help in setting up administrative systems, receiving guidance in school systems, pre-school education and general organization. The 4 member volunteer team will be going for 2 weeks to work directly in the schools with the children and teachers. (Picture: Vancouver Sunrise Rotary Volunteer Team support nursery schools in South Africa.)

Matching Grants planned for Bicycle Ambulances for Namibia - Vancouver Chinatown

PDG Chris Offer reports that the club is developing a tentative Rotary Foundation **Matching Grant project to build and distribute Bicycle Ambulances in Namibia**. It is basically a bike-pulled stretcher. The vehicle also features a reclining headrest, designed to transport pregnant women, and the function to remove the stretcher to facilitate medical assistance.



The bike ambulances will be built in Namibia and distributed to rural villages. The club is collaborating with The Rotary Club of Port Moody (D5050), The Rotary Foundation and a Canadian organization, Design for Development. **The total cost of the project will be \$50,000.00.** (Picture: Vancouver Chinatown pursues Matching Grants for Bicycle Ambulance Project in Namibia.)

Club Foundation Activities and Goals - Vancouver Arbutus

The club is set to support the Rotary Foundation this year under the guidance of Club and District Foundation Chair Mary Watson. PDG Mary reports that their **Foundation Goals** include **US\$100 per member** to participate in the **Every Rotarian Every year Campaign** and **1 new benefactor** and to promote the Foundation with their members.

They plan to achieve their goals using various methods including speakers on various aspects of the Foundation. They have already had a guest speaker PDG Ken Balsley District 5020 on an update on the Polio Plus program. They also plan to distribute Foundation Brochures; the club will match happy/sad dollars; they will support the Foundation dinner in November; and collect loose change from members each week to send to the Foundation.

Supporting the Foundation – Vancouver South

The club is actively involved in a **matching grant project building water wells**. They have a **US\$12,300 grant** to build 4 wells in 4 different communities in the Kakamega District, in **western Kenya**. The construction will start in the spring and will be co-ordinated by Rotarian Julius from the Kakamega Rotary Club. These wells are a simple British model using a bicycle wheel and hand dug for cement ring encasements. The community has responsibility for building and maintaining these wells. They are so eager to take this on because in 2006 they do not have a well in their community. The benefits of local community wells are numerous: safe, clean water, girls released from water collection to get an education, less disease.



CELEBRATE THE ROTARY FOUNDATION CONT'D ...

Project S.C.A.N.N. (Street Children Assistance Network of Nakuru) - Vancouver

This project is to assist S.C.A.N.N., a local community charitable Foundation providing desperately needed literacy, education, food, shelter and 24 hour support and medical care for abandoned children (ages three to eighteen) on the streets of Nakuru. The project will be funded in conjunction with Rotary Clubs in Australia and Florida. The Rotary Club of Vancouver will commit \$2,500 (\$12,000 after matching grants).



The Greater Vancouver Rotary Foundation Walk - Vancouver Quadra

The club hosts the **Greater Vancouver Rotary Foundation Walk**. For the past 7 years the walk has taken place around False Creek in Vancouver. It is open to all Rotary Clubs of the Lower Mainland to raise funds for their club's Foundation contributions. The purpose of the walk is to bring Rotary Clubs together for a day of fellowship and fundraising. More than **\$35,000.00 has been raised** from the walks. The walk **next year will be held at the District Conference in Kelowna, BC**. The Rotarians in District 5060 have been invited to participate in this year's walk which is anticipated to be the largest yet. (Picture: Vancouver Quadra hosts annual Greater Vancouver Rotary Foundation Walk lead by 2005-06 President Hans Doge, wife Carol and club member Suzanne.)

FELLOWSHIP & LOCAL PROJECTS OF THE VANCOUVER CLUBS

Several of the Vancouver clubs also reported on activities outside the realm of the Rotary Foundation. The various clubs in the city of Vancouver are active in local community projects and club fellowship events. - *Information collated by AG Penny Offer.*

Vancouver Chinatown

- **Sponsored a new Interact Club** - at Vancouver Technical High School last year. The Interact club is running very smoothly with a lot of new members. They started the year with Club Day and have started a scarf drive for the homeless around Vancouver. Also they will be helping out at the Hastings Community Centre.
- **Actively Building Membership** - with one new member inducted and three more ready for club approval. It helps to have District Membership chair Henry Fetigan in your club.
- **Annual Dictionary Project** - ordered 500 new dictionaries for Grade 5 students in the inner city schools in downtown area. To be distributed by club members in December.
- **Sep 25 Golf & Dinner Fellowship** – a great time was had by all attendees including spouses and friends.
- **Annual Chinese New Year's Dinner/Dance Fund Raising** - will be held on March 9, 2007 at the Floata Chinese Seafood Restaurant in Vancouver with about 500 people.

Vancouver South

3rd Annual President's Club Golf Tournament - Defending champion Michael Cowhig successfully fought off a very competitive group of club members. Club President Grant Yao, Rick Ledding, Kelly Bellman, Ralph Case, Duncan Porter and prospective member Sam Wong provided stiff competition and great company.



Interactors from Vancouver Technical at work washing cars with support from Vancouver Chinatown Rotarians.



Vancouver South Rotarians enjoy 3rd Annual President's Club Golf tournament



FELLOWSHIP & LOCAL PROJECTS OF THE VANCOUVER CLUBS

Vancouver Cambie

Tribute to Veterans – On September 19, Club President James Kwon contributed \$6,224 to construct a memorial monument for Veterans who participated in Korean War. The Korean society wants to erect this statue to pay tribute to the memory of great Canadian soldiers who joined during Korean War. The monument will be built in Central park in Burnaby in June 2007.



Vancouver

The Club is active locally and internationally:

- **Emery Barnes Park, urban park in Downtown South** – in 2003 worked with the Parks Board on a major capital contribution to the park construction. The Rotary Wheel is prominently displayed in various locations in the park. (see pictures)
- **Free 4 days Annual Youth Soccer Camp for age 6 to 9** - teamed up with Vancouver Police Department and their Police Athletic League. Rotary volunteers assist with registration, picnic and presentation of certificates.
- **Stay in School Scholarship Program launched in 2005** - Each year, this program will award scholarships of \$7,000 to two deserving students entering Grade 10 at Gladstone Secondary School. A team of Rotarians will monitor the scholars' progress through high school and will be available to offer assistance and advice.
- **A Truck Project in the Dominican Republic** - The vehicle presently being used is on its last legs so a new diesel truck would help immensely to continue this humanitarian work.
- **School Vegetable Garden in Honduras** - show children how to grow vegetables and berries, how to raise chickens for meat and eggs. This allows them to have a nutritious lunch, and to take excess produce home to their families. The cost for seeds, tools and drip irrigation: just US\$75 per school!
- **Medical Supplies for Haiti** – requested to provide fund to purchase desperately needed supplies.
- **Classroom Furniture for Uganda** – will provide \$4,000 Canadian to equip one classroom. This contribution will make a significant impact on the training opportunities available for health workers.
- **Medical Supplies to Polva** - This Humanitarian Aid is for numerous old people and invalid homes, orphanages and Polva Regional Hospital.



The club has an **active Youth Committee** and is involved in a number of Rotary youth programs. They are compiling a Youth Committee Handbook and researching funding opportunities to support Youth Committee Projects including Gaming Funding and a Music fundraiser.

Besides active with the **Interact at Gladstone School**, they are working on sponsoring Interact club in **Killarney High School**.



UBC Rotaract (sponsored by Vancouver) activities include a dragon boat outing at Granville Island to build fellowship and have fun. They will be volunteering at Kiwasa House at the Halloween Carnival. They will participate in the Kiwasa breakfast with Santa. They helped the Rotary Quadra Club with their spaghetti fund-raising dinner. Proceeds go to the literacy program and a library in Rawanda. A Professional Development seminar is planned for November at UBC. (Pictures:

Rotaract executive meeting at Michael Jacobson's house, Curling event with a Rotaractor and the exchange students)



DISTRICT GOVERNOR 2009-2010

Here they come hand in hand at our service . . . Gordon Dalglish and Susan Smith



The Nominating Committee is pleased to announce its selection of Gordon M. Dalglish, Rotary Club of Richmond Sunrise and his partner, Susan Smith, Rotary Club of Richmond Steveston, as the successful candidate for District Governor Nominee Designate.

Gordon joined the Rotary Club of North Vancouver in 1988 and served as International, Club, and Vocational Service Director. Gordon also served as Marketing Director for the Great Capilano Duck Race for 10 years. Moving to Richmond, Gordon joined the Richmond Sunrise Club and served in various positions on the boards, assuming the role of President in 2002 – 2003.

Gordon's passion has been in Rotary Youth Programs for the past 15 years; he has served as Youth Exchange host family, and serves on the Youth Exchange District Committee.

At the District level, Gordon has served as the Newsletter editor for 4 years and District Conference Program co-chair, 2005-2006. In 2005 Gordon was appointed Assistant Governor for Richmond Delta and serves in that capacity today. His role as Assistant Governor has afforded the opportunity to serve as presenter for various seminars, including PETS. For the next 6 months, Gordon will assume a position as Annual Giving Chair with the District Rotary Foundation.

Gordon's partner, Sue Smith is a Past President of the Rotary Club of Richmond Steveston, District RYLA Chair and newly appointed Assistant Governor of Administration.

Both Gordon and Sue are Paul Harris Fellows and bring a wealth of experience and enthusiasm to the position of District Governor 2009-2010 for District 5040.

Gordon and Sue are both employed at IBM Canada in Management.

They bring a fresh energy and passion to District 5040; combined with extensive knowledge, a clear vision, and an example of volunteering, financial giving and a desire to serve.

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*Please help me to congratulate our newest leaders for District 5040, Gordon Dalglish and Susan Smith!
- PDG Sonia Wolowidnyk, District Nominations Chair*



HAIR FOR POLIO - NOV 16 is THE BIG DAY!



The goal is to raise \$10,000 for PolioPlus! This foursome is going to shave it ALL off!

- Bill Jaffe, PR Director of Richmond Sunrise
- Gordon Dalglish, AG Richmond/Delta
- Fraser McDonald, Rotary Exchange Student from Australia
- Sam Jaffe - Bill's son

Donations are fully tax deductible:

- On-line: go to the Rotary Foundation Canada website at www.trfcanada.org
- Cheque address to Rotary Foundation and send to: Bill Jaffe, The Jaffe Wealth Management Team, RBC Dominion Securities Inc. 401 - 5811 Cooney Road, Richmond, BC V6X 3M1



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DISTRICT EVENTS . . . YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS

LOWER MAINLAND FOUNDATION DINNER - Nov 17, 2006

Dinner Tickets: \$70/ticket or \$650 per table of 10, so far only 100 tickets sold, still 250 short of our targeted goal. (RI will issue \$25 tax deductible receipt per ticket).

Silent Auction Donation: We need a total of 100 silent auction items with cumulative value of \$300 and up, thank you for the 20 donated, we are still looking for 80 more. (RI will issue a tax receipt for the selling price of silent auction items)

Raffle Prizes Donation: 350 is our goal, we are still short of 50 prizes.

We understand this kind of request must be a ongoing for all of you. The success of this dinner will reflect on our District and its Foundation. To show your support, please donate generously to the cause, i.e. our Rotary Foundation.

- Magdalen R. Leung, District Foundation Dinner Chair 2006
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**We need
your HELP!!!**



VISIT DISTRICT WEBSITE AT WWW.ROTARY5040.ORG FOR EVENT DETAILS AND OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS!

- Nov 24, 2006 Rotaract Professional Development Conf.
- Jan 19, 2007 Regional PolioPlus Dinner
- Jan 20, 2007 Regional Rotary Foundation Seminar
- Mar 22-25, 2007 RYLA South
- May 17, 2007 District 5040 Conference in Kelowna
- Jun 17, 2007 RI Convention in Salt Lake City - Register by Dec 1 to receive significant discount on registration fee and for groups to submit a block housing request form with deposit made out to RI housing contractor For details, visit RI website. <http://www.rotary.org/events/conventions/2007/index.htm>

REGISTRATION REQUIRED



ROTARY WORLD PEACE FELLOWS - TRF

Nominate someone in your community for this scholarship

Rotary World Peace Fellows are graduates of the Rotary Centers for International Studies in **peace and conflict resolution program**. They will be a part of tomorrow's solution in promoting greater tolerance and cooperation among people worldwide.



"This fellowship sets a structure for a group of people who will do everything in their power to create tolerance, foster international understanding, and manage conflicts to promote peace." - Carmen Strigel, former Rotary World Peace Fellows

Each year, Rotary will select up to 60 Fellows to study at one of the six Rotary Centers located in leading universities around the world. These Rotary World Peace Fellows will begin two-year master's-level degree programs in conflict resolution, peace studies, and international relations. **Each Rotary district may nominate one candidate** for a world-competitive selection process.

Would your Rotary club like to nominate a young committed person from your community for this scholarship at **no cost to your Rotary club?**

For information on how to nominate a candidate contact **PDG Dave Ker** at dker@telus.net or 604-261-4461. Also visit RI website at www.rotary.org under Educational Programs of The Rotary Foundation page.



RUSSIAN SCHOLARS AT B.C.I.T.

David & Lis Ker Scholarship Fund

David and Lis Ker have been visiting Russia since 1994. In that year, David taught accounting at Novosibirsk State University and realized that there was a great difference between the old Soviet accounting system and that in the West. In 1996 David was the District counsellor for Anton Sitnikov, a Rotary Ambassadorial scholar from Siberia, who was studying in the business program at BCIT. It was a rewarding experience for David and he decided to establish a **scholarship endowment fund with The Rotary Foundation by ten annual pledge payments to provide Cultural three month scholarships at BCIT for students from Barnaul and Novosibirsk in Russia**, where he had helped form Rotary Clubs.



L to R: Sponsor Counselor Valentina with scholars Denis, Jane, Dave, Natasha & Max

The **first scholar** funded by the David and Lis Ker Scholarship Endowment Fund, **Roman Romanenko**, came from Novosibirsk in 1999. Roman was an excellent student at BCIT. He was interested in forestry and David arranged visits for him to local sawmills and export lumber offices. David also talked to Roman about the accounting profession. Roman must have been interested as he joined an international accounting firm which had just established an office in Novosibirsk. He then completed his CPA course, and is now a Manager with Ernst and Young in Russia. This story continues as Olga Yakovleva, the 2004 scholar from Novosibirsk, was introduced to Roman by David and she is now an audit assistant, studying for her CPA, with Ernst and Young. She has been on audit assignments with Roman in Sakhalin Island, Russia Far East, and in Moscow and has attended firm seminars in Amsterdam and Madrid. An exciting life for a very likeable and intelligent young woman!

Eight other scholars, most from Barnaul, have completed the scholarship term at BCIT. We have kept in touch by email with all the scholars, except for one, Roman Sinitsyn. He wrote to us that he was participating in extreme sports, such as skiing in the Altai Mountains. As we have not received replies to email messages for a couple of years, we hope he hasn't tried skiing over a cliff too high. The other scholars are all doing well after completing their university degrees in Russia.

Penny Offer, Bill Johnston and Jane LePorte of the Rotary Club of Burnaby Deer Lake have **now** taken over from me the work of **managing the scholarship**. I am sure that they will enjoy the rewarding experience of working with these wonderful young people, who are now a part of our family. Thanks to Rotary for giving me the opportunity to establish this successful program. I hope that some day in the future District 5040 will assume full responsibility to continue the program.

- PDG David Ker, Vancouver South, email: dker@telus.net

A VERY RECENT SCHOLAR, ROMAN FELDGENDLER, SENT US THIS MESSAGE:

"I'm glad to say my trip home was fine and I successfully returned to my usual way of life at home. The moment of meeting my family, friends, and my girlfriend after this long time was thrilling. I'm happy to get home.

Many things changed for me, however, the way I see and understand life is different now. I think I got wiser. This trip made me realize many important things about people, cultures, and countries.

I have probably told you this before, but I guess I

cannot even realize today how big the impact of this trip will be on my life, how many advantages it gave me. I would like to thank you again for providing me with this amazing opportunity, a chance of my lifetime. I will never forget what you have done for me, and I hope sometime in the future, I will be able to pay you back for everything.

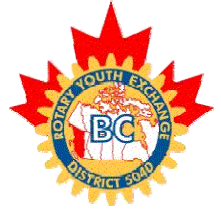
It was a pleasure getting to know you and your wonderful wife. I will remember the time we spent together. Those were among the best moments in my whole trip.

It was a great honour to be a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar, to represent my country and to engage in this amazing cultural exchange between Canada and Russia."



YOUNG PEACEMAKERS IN ACTION

Youth Exchange – probably one of the best known programs in the District – if not throughout Rotary. Why? Well about 8,500 students go on it each year! And why in District 5040? **Well we were voted the BEST YE program in the Americas two years ago!** So why are we writing this? Well, we're experiencing a drop out rate in clubs who are able to host students. Why mention this now? Well we need to get our students interviewed and picked by mid-December in order to get all the administration in place for next year's exchange.



This year we have 21 outbound students spreading around the globe - Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Czech Republic, Denmark, Ecuador, France, Germany, Mexico, Peru, Russia, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand. **Our incoming students are hosted by 17 clubs throughout the District**, from Tsawwassen in the south to Mackenzie in the North. Does your club sponsor an incoming or outgoing student? If not – pause for a moment while you **read a recent report from one of our students currently in Brazil. Aleksandra** says it better that we ever can . . .

"I wanted to take the time to thank the whole Rotary club for sponsoring me and accepting me to go on this exchange. As each day passes, I realize how much Rotary is doing for the world. Just thinking that what is going on just in this region in Brazil, happens in so many countries all around the world just amazes me. Teenagers of different cultures, religions, ethnicity, values all around the world get together and attempt to adjust to a different country. They interact with each other and create bonds that will last a lifetime, without even glancing at the huge differences between them.

We are truly the new generation and if we start spreading this mindset of tolerance all around the world, peace will be more easily attained. I cannot even begin to think of how much good this program is doing, not just in individual lives of people, but to the world. On a personal level, I also feel that this exchange will truly change my life and I feel that changes are already starting to brew inside me.

I am becoming a better and stronger person, and all because of you, Rotary! So thank you very much. I send all my love and only the bestest of wishes to everybody!"



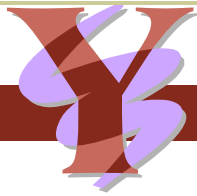
Well, that touches on just about every A.B.C of Rotary you can imagine! And if **Vancouver Mayor Sam Sullivan can take time out to host our students** – could your club help us host a student?

Can you join with a neighbouring club to host one? Have some of your club sons and daughters just gone off to University or to a job in the rich oil sands of Alberta. . . leaving a bedroom free? Do you want to revisit the world through a 17 year old's eyes – like Aleksandra? Contact your local YE representative, or the YE District Chair – we'll help all we can to get you comfortable with the program. All these contacts and a lot more are shown on the webpage: <http://www.d5040youthexchange.ca/>

Help us to help others make the world a better place!

*Assistant Governor Gordon DalGLISH
Youth Exchange Representative, Richmond/Delta*

"Everything we do through our Rotary clubs - from fighting poverty to eradicating polio - is intended ultimately to promote world peace. What better way to contribute to that effort than by helping to develop future world leaders committed to achieving peace and understanding." -Luis Vicente Glay, The Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair, 2006-07



WE SUPPORT STUDENT SAFETY

District 5040 Youth Exchange Student Policy and Procedure Manual Rotary Certification

District 5040 Youth Exchange supports student safety by establishing policy and guidelines for D5040 Rotary Clubs participating in the Youth Exchange Program.

Our district adopts the Statement of Conduct for working with youth as set out in Rotary Code of Policies Sec. 2.110 which states:

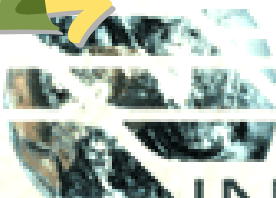
“Rotary International is committed to creating and maintaining the safest possible environment for all participants in Rotary Activities. It is the duty of all Rotarians, Rotarians’ spouses, partners, and other volunteers to safeguard to the best of their ability the welfare of and to prevent the physical, sexual, or emotional abuse of children and young people with whom they come into contact”.

District Policy and Guidelines can be downloaded at District website www.rotary5040.org under Youth Program – Youth Exchange. The draft policy is currently with RI and once the district is incorporated and insurance has been purchased we will be fully certified. Until then we are provisionally certified, which means, that we can still carry out functions relating to youth exchanges with other districts around the world. For further clarification of the policy or questions please contact YEX Chair Bob Blacker at bcyechair@shwa.ca.

Kevin Davie of the Sechelt Club is the newly appointed District Committee Trainer for Youth Exchange Program. His responsibilities will be developing presentations, as well as presenting to Clubs, YEO’s, Host Families on all issues relating to Youth Exchange including YEX Certification. He can be contacted at kevindavie@dccnet.com



PUBLIC RELATIONS - THE MEDIA

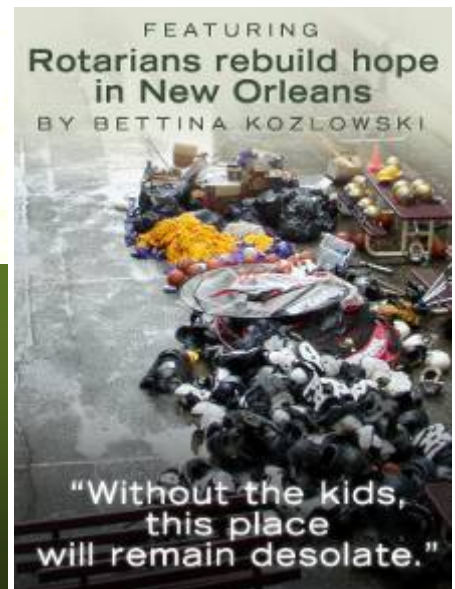


ROTARY INTERNATIONAL INTERACTIVE

INTERACTIVE is a new monthly e-publication released since September 2006. It contains feature articles from around the globe and other new media.

October Disaster Relief issue featured “Rotarians rebuild hope in New Orleans”. November issue will feature “How Rotarians help children”.

Follow the link <http://www.rotary.org/interactive/index.html> to read Oct issue and archives, sign up for subscription and find out ideas on how you may utilize the publication to promote Rotary locally.



DOES YOUR CLUB HAVE ANY SEASONAL SERVICE PROJECTS PLANNED?

If not, consider partnering with another community organization this year. The local media will also be looking for human interest stories in the next few months and you can pitch your projects and the good work of Rotary during the holidays. Follow the link <http://www.redcross.org/more/commserv/holiday.html> for ideas of what others are doing in their own communities.

“When people join hands it’s incredible what you can accomplish” -- Steve Thorpe, a member of the Waterloo Downtown Rotary Club in Iowa, USA. He helped start a service project about five years ago after seeing a presentation about how Rotary clubs are supporting the work of Rev. Marco Dessey, an Italian missionary working to help impoverished families in Chinandega, Nicaragua.



LEO'S LITERACY AND NUMERACY PAGE

This is the third in a series of articles starting with "Information" followed by "Project Ideas" now we have "Project Examples".

Implementing a Revolutionary Project

In Bangladesh, the Concentrated Language Encounter (CLE) literacy project, implemented by Rotary clubs in Dhaka, has revolutionized the national education curriculum. The project demonstrated that a child's reading skills can be developed and enhanced by interactive learning that involves acting out words and stories, singing and even dancing. Following the recommendation of Rotarians, primary school teachers in Bangladesh now are required to complete a CLE methods course to qualify for their certificate in education. By June 1999, some 3,136 educators received CLE training and more than 2,157 classrooms in 357 schools implemented the CLE program, benefiting 162,982 students. Learn more about CLE by going to the Rotary web site.



Volunteering to Teach

The number of illiterate people in India has risen from 230 million in 1951 to more than 340 million today. This increase is attributed to lack of resources and a high birth rate. To attack the problem, Rotarians in District 3010 (Union Territory of Delhi and parts of Haryana and Uttar Pradesh, India) came up with the Navjot literacy campaign, an innovative project aimed at mobilizing Rotarians, Rotaractors, Interactors, and other organizations to assist the Delhi Schools Literacy Project. Under the project, which now involves more than 75 schools, Rotarian volunteers identify and teach the non-literate people in their communities and workplaces.

PDG Leo Nimsick
District 5040 Literacy Resource
E-mail: Nimsick@telus.net
Phone: 604-542-0989



GLOBAL NETWORKING GROUPS also known as . . . ROTARY FELLOWSHIP AND ACTION GROUPS

. . . are groups of individual Rotarians from several countries who join together to focus on shared topics of interest.

There are two types of Global Networking Groups:

Rotary Fellowships offer Rotarians the opportunity to make friends with others in Rotary who share a common vocation, hobby or recreational interest. You can read more about Rotary Fellowships in the Rotary Fellowships Handbook (PDF) at <http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/pdfs/729en.pdf>

Rotarian Action Groups conduct international service projects that enhance the Object of Rotary. If you are interested in supporting a particular type of service activity, there may be a Rotarian Action Group for you. You can learn more about Rotary's service opportunities at http://www.rotary.org/programs/service_opportunities/index.html

These are opportunities for you, as an individual Rotarian, to expand your personal Rotary horizon beyond your club and your district. Fellowship, opportunities, challenges and adventures await you.

For information about Rotary Fellowships and Rotary Action Groups: 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
District 5040 Fellowships Chair, Member, International Travel and Hosting Fellowship



“AIM HIGH” WHEN PLANNING CLUB PROJECTS

This year, I encourage all clubs to **THINK BIG**. Take a good look at your community and consider how your club could make a significant difference, one that would benefit many people and showcase Rotary as a major force for good. If your community doesn't need such a project, find one that does. It could be halfway around the world or just a few miles away. **Let's challenge ourselves** in 2006-07 and *Lead the Way* to greater Rotary achievement.

– W.B. (Bill) Boyd Rotary World Oct 2006



PROUD OF YOUR CLUB SERVICE PROJECTS AND WANT TO SHARE?

Does your club have an **exceptional service project to share** with other Rotarians at the **2007 RI Convention** in Salt Lake City, Utah, USA? Applications for booths are now available to Rotary clubs and districts that would like to exhibit their service projects at the 2007 RI Convention. The application **deadline** for clubs and districts is **Feb 9, 2007**. Project exhibition application and terms and conditions can be downloaded at RI website:

http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/pdfs/c07_project.pdf

BURNABY METROTOWN – COMMUNITY SERVICES MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Rotary Rollers - Rotarian Antonia Beck brought to the clubs attention the growing concern of graffiti in South Burnaby area. The club sprung to action. To date, they have completed 3 paintouts. The club also donated funds to the Kingsway Imperial Neighbourhood Association to paint a mural near the Royal Oak Skytrain station.



Coats for Kids - The club joined the South Burnaby Neighbourhood House and the Metrotown Interagency committee three years ago as primary sponsors of the project to collect new and used coats for local needy children. Donated coats are being stored and displayed in a donated trailer for children to select. Over 400 coats were collected and distributed last year.

“Coinspiracy” Project - A program of the “Kind Acts society”, challenging and recognizing local children groups in participating positive kind acts to themselves, to the environment and to others. The club has recruited 10 Burnaby schools to participate in this worthy program.

RICHMOND SUNRISE - SUPPORTING MAKE-A-WISH FOUNDATION



The club sponsored Team Alpine to complete in the Targa Newfoundland event. Team Alpine drove their classic 1967 Rootes Sunbeam Alpine Series V Sportster from Vancouver to St. John's, Newfoundland, raised over \$10,000 for the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Canada to fulfill the wishes of children suffering from a life-threatening illness. Picture shown driver Ohan and Rotary logo is displayed by the front tire.





PR HECATE STRAIT CLUB RETREAT

The Rules - No Cell phones or Laptops allowed . . . most people will probably have a withdraw

Members, Family, friends and potential new members were invited to spend the weekend in OONA River, a small community 45 minutes by boat from Prince Rupert.

We had an amazing time, 2 ½ days of over eating, laughing and fellowship! We had fresh crab and shrimp on the beach! It is a great way to bond as an executive, and introduce potential members to the fun of Rotary! We would recommend it to other clubs to try! - *Ann Jackson, President of Prince Rupert Hecate Strait Rotary Club.*



UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

VANCOUVER ARBUTUS

Putting on the Glitz

(the 2nd fashion and service auction with Fashion Historian Cyril Parry presenting glamorous Festive Wear 1900-1960)

- **Cost:** \$25
- **Date:** Sat. Nov 25, 2006 door opens at 11:30am
- **Program:** Lunch and service auction from 12 to 1:30pm & fashion shows 1:45pm
- **Location:** Ukranian Community Centre 154 East 10th Ave (near main, adjacent parking)
- **Proceeds:** International Projects and Crossreach seniors day center.



RICHMOND SUNRISE

Each year the club sponsors an Award at the "Volunteers Are Stars" recognizing outstanding volunteer contributions in Richmond.

Volunteers Are Stars Gala Dinner & Awards "Value of Volunteers"

- **Date:** Wed Dec 6, 2006
- **Location:** Radisson President Hotel & Suites, 8181 Cambie Road, Richmond
- **No Host Bar:** 5:30 PM
- **Dinner and Awards:** 6:00 PM
- **Keynote Speaker:** Kevin Conway, District Governor, Rotary International District 5040
- **Detail:** website: www.volunteerrichmond.ca



RICHMOND SUNSET

Winter Wonderland Christmas Tree Sponsorship

Each Sponsor costs \$1,500 Includes one 7-1/2 foot pre-lit fir tree to be displayed in the Richmond City Hall Galleria on Friday 24, 2006. Contact: Magdalen R. Leung, Tel: 604-214-8833 Fax: 604-214-8844 Email: mleung@westernmba.ca

Vive Richmond, A celebration of wine.

- **Date:** December 8th 2006
- **Time:** 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
- **Location:** Richmond City Hall, 6911 No. 3 Road.
- **Ticket:** \$50/person
- **Contact:** James Westmacott (604) 889-1119 or John Crocock (604) 244-9645





GIBSONS INTERACT IS STILL GROWING AFTER 15 YEARS

Gibsons Elphinstone Interact Club welcomed their **6 new members** with open arms. New members were inducted by Gibsons Rotary Club President Don Stuart, Rotary Advisor Captain Glynden Cross and School Advisor Ian Thompson.

Elphinstone Interact Club is the **first Interact Club in District 5040** and is celebrating their **15th anniversary** this year. We thank Leslie Berrends for her hard work.

Picture left to right; Don Stuart, Glynden Cross, Tina Furesz, Wei Xiong, Sam Riesco, Miranda Cross, Jade Mcconnell, Jennifer Cross and Ian Thomson.



WELCOME THE NEW CLUB IN TERRACE

Things are moving along nicely with the new Rotaract Club of Terrace. We have a strong **15 member** club and interested visitors at almost every meeting. Our **first fundraiser** will be a **music night at the Artful Cup**, a local coffee shop. We will be fundraising towards designing and making signs for local hiking and biking trails. This would be a good small first project. We are also investigating a local youth shelter.

- Kelly Julseth, President - Terrace-Skeena Valley Rotaract Club

The **Terrace Skeena Valley Rotaract Club is official**. On September 22, 2006 the Rotary Club of Terrace Skeena Valley and the Rotary Club of Terrace co-hosted charter night. This new club is the first youth service club in the Terrace area and the first Rotaract Club in District 5040 outside of the Lower Mainland. - Jim Ling, District Rotaract Chair



ROTARACT DRAGON BOAT TEAM - FIRST IN DISTRICT 5040



The **UBC Rotaractors have formed a dragon boating team**, the first in District 5040 and are having fun at Granville Island during a break in the weather. The captain of the team is Tim Vanderheide president of the Rotaract Club, the lead paddler and the coach is Michael Jacobson Vancouver Rotary Club

UBC Rotaract Club invites all Rotarians to their first **Professional Development Conference on Nov 24** at the UBC Student Union Building. This event aims to inspire students to take initiative and get involved locally and internationally to foster leadership from early stages. Your professional expertise, leadership qualities and your personal experiences will provide guidance to the students. Please register with Laura by Mon Nov 20 at lfaryna@interchange.ubc.ca





CONGRATULATION TO THESE ROTARIANS



WALLY WEST
Prince George

Wally first joined the Rotary Club of **Prince George** in 1948, and has maintained a high level of attendance and participation for the past 57 years. He was named **Honorary Member** of Prince George Club and presented with a plaque during DG Kevin's official club visit in Oct. He is a wonderful Rotary role model. The Prince George club has honoured Wally in founding a **Scholarship in his name** of \$1,000 a year for 10 years.



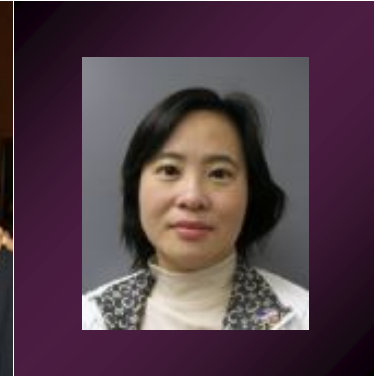
Dr. HARRISON OFIYAI
Richmond Sunrise

At the 29th **Annual Business Excellence Awards**, Dr. Harrison Ofiyai received the **Entrepreneur Award** presented by Richmond Chamber of Commerce and City of Richmond. Dr. Ofiyai had previously spent several years abroad as a physician for Doctors Without Borders and had used that experience to help develop kits that can diagnose fatal diseases in third world countries. We are very proud of his Rotarian work.



IAN ROSE
Vancouver

On Oct 14, Ian Rose of Vancouver Club received "**Distinguished Visitor**" status (the Honduran equivalent of the "keys to the city") from the Mayor of Tegucigalpa, capital city of Honduras, in recognizing his work with Rotarians in Honduras and destitute children. Photo of Ian with Manuel Zelaya, the President of Honduras, at a reception for Rotarians at the Presidential palace in Tegucigalpa the previous day.



RICKY WONG
Vancouver Chinatown

On Nov 1, Past President Vicky Wong was presented with a two Sapphire Paul Harris pin by DGE Dean Rohrs. DGE Dean thanked Vicky for her outstanding support for The Rotary Foundation. The two sapphire pin represents three Paul Harris contributions. The support will allow the work of The Rotary Foundation to continue. This includes the eradication of polio, scholarships and matching grants for humanitarian work.



HOW MUCH OUR NEW MEMBERS KNOW ABOUT ROTARY?

1+2+5+3 . . . Our district membership is growing!

Clubs in our district are working hard to challenge their membership goal, not just net one but net 4, 6, 7 . . . very impressive.

RI has developed **5 kits** offer prospective and **new members** a basic understanding of Rotary programs, structure, and Rotary history and Rotary Foundation. The kits can also complement our club's **existing member** orientation program. Clubs are encouraged to purchase the kits and share the materials with prospective and new members.

To order, go to RI website Shop page at www.rotary.org, order # are 423-ENB to 427-ENB.



"The more one knows about the many avenues, projects, and specific humanitarian endeavors of RI and the Foundation, the more likely someone will remain involved, find their niche, and be proud of the their organization," - Toni McAndrew, a member of RI's Membership Development and Retention Committee and the Rotary Club of Mid-Valley (Dickson City), Pennsylvania, USA.