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Kevin's Kaleidoscope

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The most enjoyable aspect of the role for many District Governors is the opportunity to visit Rotary clubs around the District.

BURNABY DEER LAKE

Jen and I have been looking forward to our club visits, the first of which was to the Burnaby Deer Lake club in early August. This is the "**Little Club That Can**" under the leadership of President Tej Kainth. The club is hosting Roman Fendgendlar, a **Ker Scholarship student** from Russia studying at BCIT. Roman has been a wonderful ambassador living Rotary's philosophy of building international understanding and peace. The club also hosts **Ambassadorial Scholar** Alessandra Pacheco from Brazil who exemplifies the great value to both the scholar and the host country of the ambassadorial scholarship. Following the club meeting, the club's board met to discuss plans for the current Rotary year, and made a commitment to make a substantial financial contribution to the adopt-a-village program of "**Free The Children**". We are very appreciative and grateful to **Karen Harrison** who is doing an outstanding job as chair of the 2007 **District Conference** in Kelowna.

RYLA NORTH IN PRINCE GEORGE

It is always a great deal of fun to participate in youth activities, and I was privileged to be invited to **attend RYLA North** in Prince George hosted by Chair Kathi Travers and her team of facilitators. Expect pleasant surprises when attending RYLA, and the August event was no exception.



STEVESTON

Breakfast at the Steveston Club is always a treat, not just for the food, but for the **energy and fun** that these Rotarians bring to their **projects and fellowship** led by President Jack Evans. In the few years since the club was chartered, it has become very much a part of the Steveston. By focusing on fun, fellowship and meaningful service projects, the club has a strong, engaged membership.

LADNER

The Ladner club, led by President Bill Bramwell, has implemented the **Club Leadership plan**, and with his executive embarked on impressive plans for this Rotary year. **Hands on Community Service projects** largely define the Ladner club. Internationally, Ladner partnered with North Vancouver and Rotary clubs in the USA to supply a village in the Copan area of northern Honduras with potable water. The club maintains an active **friendship exchange** with Rotarians in New Zealand. A visit to the Ladner club is always made amusing by the quick wit of Rotarian Graham Witcher who will devise clever and effective ways to lighten your wallet.



NEW WEST-ROYAL CITY

The New Westminster Royal City Club President Bob MacKerricher has inspired his board and club to set ambitious goals in membership and service projects. Locally the club supports Monarch Place, a **safe house for women and children**, continues with its Greenway Centennial project, and provides a **van to the New Westminster Victim Assistance Unit**. Perhaps the club is best known for its **impressive history of international service projects** including the Mexican Indigenous School project, the Club Foot program, Hearing projects led by PDG Irwin Stewart, and several water projects. Royal City Rotarians are very generous **supporters of The Rotary Foundation**.

DG Kevin recognized Rotarians for their exceptional service and dedication during his official club visits. See listing on Page 4. Pic shown: Top to bottom: Dennis Magrega, Alana McAllister-Hoem & Les Hodgkins of NW Royal City.

RICHMOND SUNSET

The Richmond Sunset Rotary club is a pilot "New Models" club, and one of the distinguished **100% Paul Harris Fellow** clubs. The club has pioneered the trial "**Corporate Membership**" with two corporate members; Kwantlen College and the Fairview Hotel at Vancouver airport. Under the very capable, committed, and energetic leadership of President Elaine Luk, the club is building on its successful history of community service and planning to partner with other clubs on other international projects, possibly in South Africa and Ethiopia. We are very grateful to Magdalen for raising sufficient advertising revenue to fully cover the cost of this year's District directory, and for her work on the District Conference Committee.

NEW WESTMINSTER

Lunch at the New Westminster club is a lively event, with excellent food, enjoyable fellowship, and "donations" to the fur lined pot. It was a surprise to meet a member of the club who had attended the same high school that I had in Zimbabwe; it reinforces the internationality of Rotary and the common interests that bring us together. Under the leadership of President David Neima the club is highly organized and effective, and is implementing **ambitious plans for membership growth and retention**, as well as **service projects locally and internationally**. President David, an ophthalmologist, and two club members have just returned from Vietnam where they set up **microscopes to facilitate ophthalmologic procedures**, and David is now planning a project there to aid 12 children suffering from heart disease. Grateful thanks to PDG Irwin Stewart and Mike Crean for their World Community Service work, and to George Sandwith for his tireless work with the Rotary World Help Network.

NORTH VANCOUVER-LIONSGATE

President Sue Godey of the North Vancouver Lionsgate club and her energetic club executive continue to be part of the fabric of North Vancouver with several **high profile community service projects**, including a very successful annual Canada Day celebration. Goals include a primary focus on the **needs and development of youth** on the North Shore, and to empower young people through the development of vocational and citizenship skills. Past President and now Assistant Governor Esio Marzotto has fully documented the organization and plans of the club in a very impressive **Manual of Procedure** for the club. Thanks also to past President John Billham who serves as this year's District Secretary.



SECHELT

In glorious summer weather, we set sail for the sunshine coast the third week of August.

First stop was the Sechelt club. Hostelier Bob Crosbie made us feel very welcome at the Driftwood Inn in its spectacular waterfront setting. President Ev Maley and her club are **building a washroom for the benefit of the community**, following the 100 year old example of the Chicago Rotary club whose first project was a public washroom. The club **actively supports the youth exchange program**, with a student from Ecuador expected to arrive shortly, and a local student off to Brazil for a year. Following a visit by a Rotarian from Indonesia, the club is actively researching a joint project with the other sunshine coast clubs to support and educate homeless children in the informal settlements of Jakarta.

POWELL RIVER

After an early morning ferry ride, we were met in Powell River by President Dan De Vita and AG Phil Claxton who showed us around several of the club's projects. A high profile and ongoing project is a **memorial wall** on the city's spectacular viewpoint; individuals who are to be remembered have their names inscribed on a brick which is then built into the wall. This is a tangible and meaningful way of remembering those who have gone before us, and who have made the community what it is today. The club is currently proceeding with plans to build a **band shelter in a city park** with a stunning view out toward to ocean. The club is starting a **literacy project** whereby every new born child in the community will be presented with a bookcase with at least one book in it.

SUSHINE COAST SECHELT

The next day, an enjoyable lunchtime meeting with the Sunshine Coast Sechelt club, led by President Mark Hussey in a picturesque setting overlooking Sechelt inlet. Mark and his team are very active in the community with **several hands on projects**, including 21 members turning out at 5:00 am to serve breakfast at a vintage car show. We were shown the club's next community service project. The club has received approval from the city to **re-develop a half acre waterfront site as a children's playground**, with volley ball courts to follow. The project, with an estimated cost in excess of \$1 million, involves re-routing a city road, and close cooperation with the city and First Nations. Internationally, the club is planning to join the other sunshine coast clubs in a project in Jakarta.

GIBSONS

The Gibsons Rotary club meets in a delightful setting at the Sunshine Coast Golf and Country Club. President Don Stuart and his board have plans well underway to raise funds for the joint project in Jakarta. The club has established clear goals in several important areas including **re-vitalizing the local Interact club**, publicizing Rotary and club projects in the local media, placing 40 advertisements in the community newspaper under the banner "Did you know...", and awarding five **scholarships to local high school students**. President-elect Wayne has developed and is implementing one of the most comprehensive **membership recruiting and retention plans** I have seen, and his energy and enthusiasm for membership is already bearing fruit with the induction of two new Rotarians during our visit.



PENDER HARBOUR

After a restful stay at the Driftwood Inn, our next stop was Pender Harbour, where President Rick Harmer welcomed us. The club has built a series of attractive **stone benches** along the edge of a picturesque Garden Bay Lake leading to the venue for their club meetings. The club invited the **"Stream of Dreams" Society** to Pender Harbour to present a program to elementary school students. The focus of the program is to educate and inspire young people to care for the environment and beautify the community. After the meeting, Rotarian Gord Hall treated us to a tour of the harbour in his vintage boat. In the evening, Rotarians and their families gathered for a **traditional hungai**, a fun and different kind of BBQ. Our sincere thanks to President Rick who hosted us at his delightful, secluded and dog friendly B & B, and sent us on our way the next day after serving us his world renowned breakfast.



Middle Picture: DG Kevin and Jen with Gibsons new members and their family

Bottom Picture: Pres. Rick, Powell River and DG Kevin serving the traditional hungai (BBQ)

WHISTLER

The last week of August took us to Whistler and Pemberton.

Jim Miller of the Whistler club hosted us at his stunning home before the next morning's breakfast meeting. President Ross Harlow outlined the work the club has undertaken to build a **scout cabin**, and preparations were well advanced for the **annual corn roast** which takes place in the streets of Whistler village; Rotary is the only organization in Whistler permitted to sell in the streets, which speaks to the profile and value of Rotary in the community. Recently, club members met with parks officials to plan the installation of interpretive signs along the trails in a local park.

At the end of August, Jen and I say a big "THANK YOU" to the Presidents, Club Boards, and Rotarians in the clubs we had the privilege to visit this month. We thank you for your service to Rotary, and for your kindness, hospitality, generosity and friendship which you extended to us. Our sincere thanks too, to Assistant Governors Nancy Nikolai, Gord DalGLISH, Esio Marzotto, Phil Claxton, and Bernie Lalor-Morton who worked so hard to make our visits successful and enjoyable.

PEMBERTON CENTENNIAL

Overnight in Pemberton before attending the Pemberton Centennial meeting at the Pemberton Golf and Country Club in a spectacular setting surrounded by dramatic mountains. President Brian Young, the proud father of a newborn son, leads a lively and effective club. The club has developed a **membership recruitment and retention plan** which is already showing results with the induction of a new member, Steve Hitchin, a chef; every Rotary club should have a chef. Recently the club has obtained the consent of the city to clean up and develop a green space, "**not-a-park**" in the centre of Pemberton village.

WHISTLER MILLENNIUM

The last stop during our visit to the Whistler area was a visit to the Whistler Millennium club, where President Janet Brown hosted us at her charming and comfortable B&B. At dinner the evening before the meeting, we had the pleasure of meeting her board and hearing their plans for this Rotary year. What this club lacks in number of members it certainly makes up for in the energy and enthusiasm that the members bring to Rotary. We also had the special pleasure of meeting Anders, the club's recently arrived youth exchange student from Denmark. The club has invited Past Rotary International President **Richard King** to Whistler to speak at a dinner for Rotarians and their families, to inspire and motivate Rotarians, and to **promote membership** in Rotary. Membership Director Maria Schwarz has developed a focused and effective **membership plan** which will see the club **increase from 25 to 40 members by June 2007**. The first of these new Rotarians was inducted at the club meeting that day.

BURNABY DEER LAKE

- **Monica Mogg** for her diligence in maintaining a photographic history of the club.
- **Bob Davies** received the insignia for his Paul Harris awarded by the club.

STEVESTON

- **Sally Houston** for her tireless work for the club, and for chairing the successful Dream Auction raised over \$30,000 for needy families.
- **Aliza Hutchison** with husband Jack hosts the annual fundraiser "Dentistry with Heart" and arranging goodies for Richmond's needy families.

NEW WEST-ROYAL CITY

- **PP Les Hodgkins** for his presidential service leading the club to adopt and implement the Club Leadership Plan.
- Treasurer **Alana McAllister Hoem** for keeping the club finances in order and actively participating in club projects and hands on work in Mexico.
- **Dennis Magrega** for being the idea man and gets the ideas going, including the "Heart of the Matter" and

CLUB MEMBERS RECOGNITION

"Spring Fling".

RICHMOND SUNSET

- **PP Magdalen Leung** for her service to the club and mentoring new Rotarians.
- Secretary **Jackie Lee** for his outstanding service, and for always "being there" whenever there is a need.

NEW WESTMINSTER

- **Jennifer Peyrton, Duncan Reynard, Louise Perry, and Jim Dodd** for their outstanding service.

N. VANCOUVER LIONSGATE

- **Pres. Shirley Robertson** for her tireless and outstanding service to the club and the community.
- **PP. John Billham** for being this year's District Secretary.

SECHLT

- **Marg Green** for outstanding service
- **Bob Crosbie** for outstanding service, also presented with his two sapphire

Paul Harris Fellow recognition.

GIBSONS

- **Herman Schaad, Terry McBride, and Karen Esplen** for their outstanding and unsung service to Rotary.

PENDER HARBOUR

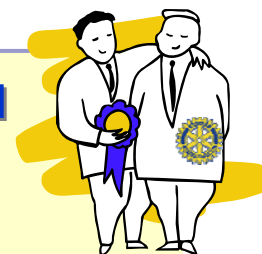
- **Fred Baldwin, Ron Johnston, and Jon Paine** for their service to the club and the community.

PEMBERTON

- **Lisa Ames and Cam Mclvor** for their work in making the "clean up" project a reality.

WHISTLER MILLENNIUM

- **Maria Schwarz** for implementing the innovative membership plan.
- **PP Stephanie Matches** for her tireless work for Rotary, and continuous publicity in the community press.



NEW GENERATION - NEW PERSPECTIVES

As September in Rotary is New Generations month, I had the honour of interviewing 3 New Generations within District 5040!

DANICA MEURSING and **LAWRENCE CHEW**, graduates of RYLA, have both become New Generation members (Age 26) of Rotary! Danica joined the Rotary Club of Steveston in October 2005 and Lawrence joined the Rotary Club of Richmond Sunrise in July 2006! Congratulations to both Danica and Lawrence for contributing to New Generations on their path to becoming Rotarians!

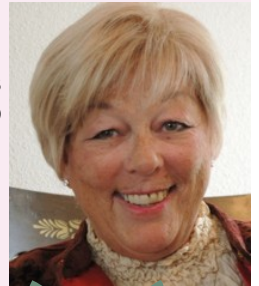
FRASER McDONALD, Youth Exchange Student from Australia, is residing in District 5040 for his one year term. He is a graduate of RYLA South 2006, also was

the leader of Australian Team. Congratulations to Fraser on his success as a New Generations in Youth Within Rotary!

Youth Within Rotary includes Youth Exchange (including Rose), ROTEX (Returning Youth Exchange Participants), RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards), Interact and Rotaract Clubs!

My thanks to these New Generations for their awesome contributions to ROTARY!

Sue Smith, RYLA District Chair
([RYLA South 2006 Powerpoint](#))



Excerpt from the 3 interviews, complete interviews, go to [D5040 Youth Program](#)



“With my first year birthday on the horizon I feel very much apart of the Rotary family. I got involved with my club immediately, and felt that a great fit for me was to get involved with RYLA. Last March I was the Program Director for RYLA South, and will hold the same position next spring. At the club level I am the PR Chair, and at the district level I am on the membership committee”.
(Danica just accepted the responsibility of RYLA South Program Director) – **Danica Meursing**



“It’s been my involvement with RYLA and my passion for being involved in a program that truly makes a difference in people’s lives that has pointed me toward Rotary. I’ve met outstanding Rotarians who truly care about what they do and who they work with. It’s inspiring and makes me realize that there’s nothing so influential as enthusiastic and dedicated individuals who work together. To me, Rotary provides that infrastructure that allows people to reach out help -- it’s people working together to help each other reach their goals of contributing to the community, both locally and internationally.”
- **Lawrence Chew**



“Rotary does so much in the community for young people such as building skate parks, but I think most of the youth of today see the Rotary wheel on a sign but don’t know what it actually means. If young people knew what Rotary is then I think they would be much more likely to become involved with Rotary.” – **Fraser McDonald**



YOUTH EXCHANGE (Fraser front left)



RYLA NORTH 2006 -Prince George



RYLA SOUTH 2006 –Camp Jubilee

SUMMER IN EUROPE ANYONE?

The **ROTARY OVERSEAS SUMMER EXCHANGE (ROSE)** program provides the opportunity for students age 15 to 19 to participate in an international exchange during their summer holidays. Past exchanges have included France, Germany, Spain, Italy, Finland, Belgium, Czech Republic, Mexico, Japan and Brazil.

"This is an incredible opportunity for young people to experience the tremendous benefits of an international exchange, I think more clubs could be taking advantage of it", says **JAMES MARTIN - Chair of the ROSE** program for District 5040. "It is a really great service that Rotary Clubs can offer to their community and it is easy for the club to participate."

Since ROSE is a direct "family to family" exchange the costs are covered entirely by the participants and the sponsoring Rotary Clubs have just a small obligation but provide a very large benefit to the students and their families.



Chloe Scott was one of the six students sponsored by the Rotary Club of Squamish this year and went to France this summer as well as to Belgium last summer (yes, students can participate more than once and clubs can recommend more than one student per year). *"It has been an absolutely fabulous experience for our whole family",* says her mother Liz. *"Chloe learned so much through the program, she had experiences and formed friendships that will shape the rest of her life. Our family now feels like we have two more daughters in Belgium and France, what a way to build international goodwill and understanding, it is just fantastic!"*

For more information about the ROSE program go to [D5040 Youth Exchange Website](http://D5040YouthExchangeWebsite) or contact James Martin at james1@shaw.ca or in Squamish at 1-604-898-1874.

- To read complete article, visit [District website](#)



The most powerful force in the promotion of international understanding and peace is exposure to different cultures. YOUTH EXCHANGE provides thousands of young people with the opportunity to meet people from other part of the world and to experience their cultures. This plants the seeds for a lifetime of international understanding.

ASHLEY HENZE - OUTBOUND YOUTH EXCHANGE

Ashley Henze the Outbound Youth Exchange Student sponsored by the Rotary Club of West Vancouver is currently in Austria. She is having an absolute blast. She attends Rotary meetings and participated in a debate hosted by the Rotary Club. "Do you think international students should receive scholarships?" Her team won! She is looking forward for another debate coming up. She has been invited out on the weekends. She gets to ride horses at least every other day. To read Ashley's Australian Adventures, visit West Vancouver [Website](#). Picture: Ashley exchanging banner with Pres. Ian of the Nathalia Rotary Club.



RENELLA FRANK - INBOUND YOUTH EXCHANGE

Rebekka Frank, a Rotary Youth Exchange Student from Hanover, Germany stayed in Gibsons from August 2005 to July 2006. In her departing speech, besides expressing her thank you. She talked about how the past year experience has given her a better understanding of life. Excerpt from her speech: *"I was able to see Florida and Seattle, which were awesome trips. But especially the tour around BC with the other exchange students, from which I have just come back, was one of the highlights during my year and an unforgettable trip Also becoming closer and closer friends with the other exchange students meant a lot to me. I found friends for life from all over the world. We know from each other that we are always welcome in each other's homes when someone is travelling to another country".* To read the complete article, please visit District website [Youth Exchange page](#).



ROTARACT DRUMMING UP THEIR STRATEGY !

Sat. Aug 12 **ROTARACT DISTRICT LEADERSHIP TEAM** met to brainstorm strategy for the upcoming year. Topics discussed included district wide fundraising idea; a Vampires Ball to support Blood Bank seeking support from Rotary Clubs that has not yet sponsored a Rotaract Club and Rotaract year end award party.



SIX ACTIVE CLUBS - Delta, Hollyburn, Langara, New Westminster, Richmond and Vancouver

TWO NEW CLUBS TO BE CHARTERED – Terrace organized by Kelly Julseth and Sunshine Coast in planning to be organized by Kai Nestman, a past Rotary Youth Exchange student.

ONE POTENTIAL NEW CLUB – Prince George is identified for a potential new club. with UNBC in the region and at least 5 students already have Rotary related experience, through Interact, RYLA, Youth Exchange and Rotary funded scholarships.

As a result of efforts to increase awareness of Rotaract within Rotary, several Rotarians have expressed interest in helping to establish and support new Rotaract clubs. If you are interested to help our Rotaractors, please contact Rotaract Chair Jim Ling at jimling@dccnet.com and Rotaract District Representative Anastasia Radetski at aradetsk@sfu.ca



D2030 ITALY OFFERS GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR ROTARACTORS AROUND THE WORLD!

PIEDMONT ROUNDTRIP is an annual international project organized by the Rotaract Clubs in District 2030, Italy. Every year, 10 Rotaractors from around the world are selected to attend this trip. Rotarians and Rotaractors in District 2030 pay for all the expenses except the plane tickets.

Pres. **GELATI TING**, Richmond Rotaract Club and **KATIE STEWART**, PP of Langara Rotaract Club attended the Piedmont Roundtrip in April. The two had such an amazing experience that they are now in the brainstorming stage to organize a Rotaract roundtrip in our own district.

"The experience that I gained from the Piedmont Roundtrip has changed my perspective in viewing Rotaract. Not only have I formed many genuine friendships with Rotaractors from around the world, this roundtrip has also made me realize that Rotaract is more than a community club, but it is in fact an international organization that tides youth leadership together. I feel very honored to be part of the Rotaract organization and I have a strong desire to inspire more youth to get involved in my community" – Gelati Ting

D2030 Piedmont Roundtrip: [website](#)
Video clip of the April 2006 trip: <http://www.void.net/holiday/piedmont2006/Piedmont-themovie.wmv>





LEAD THE WAY FOR INTERACT

We have currently 16 Interact Clubs in the District covering Vancouver, New West, Richmond, North Shore, Squamish and the Sunshine Coast area. 14 Rotary clubs are the proud sponsors of these Interact Clubs.



Interact is fun. Interact is fun because our young people have energy and want to explore the area of service. They have enthusiasm and want to give. Let's open this opportunity for service to our high school students.

Show them the world of Rotary and the wonderful feeling of community service. Share your joy of giving with a new generation. Act for Interact, and give them the gift of service.

To get involved, contact Interact District Chair Christopher Loat at Chris-Loat@shaw.ca; and District Interact Representative Claire Huang at claireyihuang@gmail.com

HATS OFF TO THE NEWLY CHARTERED INTERACT CLUB OF VANC TECH SECONDARY

Instead of taking time off for the summer, they made use of the precious time to run 2 car washes in August, raising money for a BBQ (their membership drive) in September at their school. On top of that, the club also held another book moving day. Rotarians from their sponsor club Chinatown club were on hand to give their support.



EDITOR'S CORNER



MEETING MAKE UP OPTIONS

With many options available, making-up meetings that you missed back home is only "a click away"!

- When you travel, there is more than likely a local Rotary club one can attend. Link to [RI club locator](#)
- Attend a regular meeting of a local Rotaract or Interact club, Rotary Community Corps, Committee meetings, or Rotary Fellowship. According to Article VIII, Section 1a of the Standard Rotary Club Constitution, attending one of these meetings counts as a make-up.
- Spend time participating in an interactive activity on a Rotary e-club Web site. Link to [E-Club](#)

5 YEARS MEMBERSHIP TREND - the latest report has been posted under [District membership Page](#)

SEPTEMBER MEMBERSHIP MOMENT - Do you know how to make it easy to bring in the younger Rotarian? Get together with other Rotarians and find 4-5 young prospective members and invite them to a meeting with an interesting speaker. Let them sample the fellowship of Rotary and help them understand the advantages of becoming a Rotarian. Then ASK them to become a member. Remember if you don't invite someone your club will not get younger.

CLUB RECOGNITION - Please notify me if you were being recognized during DG Kevin's visit in August and is not on page 4 listing. Club Presidents if you have taken pictures during the presentation, send them in for next issue.

LEO'S LITERACY AND NUMERACY PAGE

Literacy and numeracy have been a major focus for Rotary for many years. My first real contact with the program was during my Governor year 1997-98. Then RI President Glenn Kinross made it one of his main focuses.

While searching the Rotary website I came across some program notes which I will share with you in the next three issues of the Newsletter.

INFORMATION

For many years, Rotarians have been active in efforts to reduce illiteracy, from building schools and paying salaries of teachers to serving as tutors to collecting and distributing books and audiovisual materials to libraries. Rotarians are working with governments to create large-scale replicable literacy projects in the developing world. In 1997, the RI Board of Directors designated July as Literacy Month, a perfect time for Rotary clubs to develop their own literacy projects as well as raise awareness of Rotarian efforts worldwide to eradicate illiteracy.

Considerable progress has been made in recent decades in reducing illiteracy; yet, close to a billion people lack the

most basic literacy and numeracy skills. Millions are functionally illiterate, lacking the skills necessary to meet the demands of everyday life. UNESCO illuminates some of the greatest challenges for those tackling illiteracy:

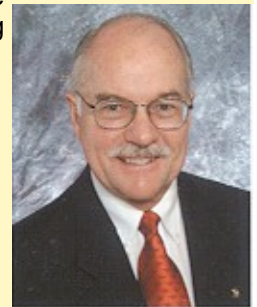
- Ninety-eight percent of the world's illiterate population is in developing countries.
- Fifty percent of the world's illiterate people live in India and China.
- More than 50 percent of the population of Africa is illiterate.
- Two-thirds of all those who lack literacy and numeracy skills are women.
- More than 130 million school-age children are not attending classes.

PDG LEO NIMSICK

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District 5040 Literacy Resource

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ROTARY FELLOWSHIPS AND ROTARY ACTION GROUPS FELLOWSHIP OF ROTARIAN EDITORS AND PUBLISHERS

If you are a Rotarian editor or publisher for your Rotary club, district, fellowship, or other Rotary group, we invite you to join our discussion group and participate in fellowship and service activities. To join just send email to: RotaryBULLETIN-subscribe@yahoogroups.com or visit the [group email website](#).

The group is interested in getting to know other editors and publishers, sharing ideas and information about editing and publishing Rotary documents, and helping each other promote Rotary. Please visit the site web pages with sample [District](#), [Rotary Club](#), and [Fellowship](#) publications and feel free to send request to add links to your own published documents in PDF or HTML format. And be sure to read our own [IFREP Pen fellowship newsletters](#) with lots of tips on Rotary publications.

The purpose of this Group includes the following:

1. Provide easy method to contribute, distribute, and search for ideas and information for bulletin editors.
2. Encourage more club members to accept the opportunity to be bulletin editor.
3. Improve retention of current bulletin editors. Improve club member's knowledge of Rotary.

Watch this publication each month as we feature selected Fellowships and Action Groups. Check back over last year's issues. Phone your District Fellowships Chair. Ask your club – perhaps you have members who are already participating in one of Rotary's best kept secrets. Do your research.

For information about Rotary Fellowships and Rotary Action Groups: www.rotaryfellowships.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

DISTRICT 5040 MEMBERSHIP SEMINAR



**SATURDAY
OCTOBER 14, 2006**

**REGISTRATION
8:30 AM**

**SEMINAR
9:00 AM to 3:30 PM**

Cost \$30.00

**HOLIDAY INN
VANCOUVER AIRPORT
RICHMOND**

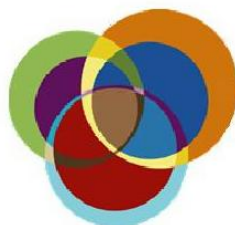
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AGENDA

This seminar covers trends, issues, strategies and best practices for membership recruitment and retention. The seminar will cover recruitment of new members, retention of current members and how to start new Rotary clubs. Find out what is working for clubs in our district and other districts that are successful in growing their membership.



WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- Club Presidents
- Club President elects
- Club membership committee members
- Club public relations chairs
- All Rotarians interested their club's membership

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

JILL POHREN, Manager, Membership Communications & Support, RI Membership Development Division of Rotary International. Jill is responsible for the development of resources used by Rotary clubs for membership development and extension around the Rotary world. She will give a presentation on where to find and use the resources available to Rotary clubs. This is an opportunity meet and question a senior Rotary International staff member.



HOTEL ACCOMMODATION:

The Holliday Inn is offering Rotarians a special room rate of \$89.00 plus tax for this event. For reservations phone 1-888-831-3388 and quote Rotary

ROTARY DISTRICT ANNUAL FOUNDATION DINNER

FRIDAY NOV 17, 2006



District Governor, Kevin Conway, invites all Rotarians to come and support our Foundation.

Reception: 6:00pm NO HOST BAR

Dinner: 7:00pm SHARP, 10 course Chinese dinner

Price: \$70/person or \$650/table of 10

Location: Continental Seafood Restaurant
#150 11700 Cambie Road, Richmond

Programs: Raffle draws, silent auction, karaoke, dancing and individual or group karaoke competition

Tickets: Call Magdalen R. Leung at (604)214-8833 or email to mleung@westernmba.ca

Karaoke Competition Registration:

Please call Michael Chiu at (604) 278-8922 or Randall Taylor (604) 270-8031.

The 2006 Rotary Foundation dinner entertainment will include a **Karaoke contest**; your chance to be a singing star. Awards will be given for winners in both individual and group categories. A limit to the number of entries means you'll be among an elite group that entertains this year's Foundation dinner audience. **Sign up NOW**, we'll send you a list of songs and make sure you are one of this year's Karaoke stars.



To enter the karaoke contest send your name, phone and email contact information to rtaylor@richmond-news.com

SILENT AUCTION

An important aspect of the Foundation Dinner is to raise funds through a SILENT AUCTION. We need your help to make the silent auction a financial success.

Each club in the district is suggested to provide **three auction items worth \$100 or more**. A good way to do this is for clubs to create theme baskets. Each member can bring items that are put together to create a basket worth more than \$100. Ideas for theme baskets include, but are not limited to:

- pet care
- traveler's convenience items
- romantic evening
- chocolate lovers
- gourmet picnic
- party time
- bath/spa

ALL DONATIONS ARE GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED.

We can make up the baskets for you! Contact **Linda Coyle** for more information
linda.coyle@kwantlen.ca



SILENT AUCTION

A balloon raffle will be one of our fund raising programs at this year Rotary Foundation Dinner. We will be selling 350 balloons. There will be a prize in every balloon; therefore, everyone will be a winner. In order to make this a successful program, we need 350 prizes in different values. We are looking for the following prizes:

- **3 Grand Prizes:** Value \$300 - \$500
- **10 Second Prizes:** Value around \$100 each
- **337 Other Prizes:** Various value, can be multiple numbers of same items e.g. mugs, golf balls, bottles of wine, restaurant coupons etc.

For donations, Please kindly contact Rotarians **Vicky Wong** at 778-388-6866 or **Jackie Lau** at 604-657-1638. Your generous support will be much appreciated.

NEW WESTMINSTER

VANCOUVER CENTENNIAL

GIFT THAT WILL LAST A LIFETIME . . .



ROTARY'S NIGHT AT THE OPERA
"THE MAGIC FLUTE"
 BY W.A. MOZART

Queen Elizabeth Theatre
Thu. March 8, 2007- 7:30pm

Tickets are: \$125 side seating and \$175 center seating

Contact Louise Perry at lperry@newwestrotary.ca or call at 604-523-5372.

Money raised from the Opera will go towards the **"HEART SURGERY PROJECT"** paying for life saving congenital heart surgeries for underprivileged children in Vietnam. Your night at the Opera will make possible for a child to receive their saving Heart Surgery!

Visit Vancouver Opera [website](#) for synopsis.

DELIVERING KNOWLEDGE TO THE UNREACHABLE LAND

The club is collecting new and used English extracurricular books for children in the rural parts of Taiwan. Books should be in good condition for kids up to 18 years old.



Initial Timeline & Target:

- Collecting from Sep 2006 till May 2007
- Shipping Jan and Jun 2007
- Target to collect 10,000 books

Donation:

They are inviting all Rotary Clubs, local elementary schools and public libraries within Greater Vancouver area to participate.

- Call PP Harrison Lin at 604-760-2358 to arrange drop-off at Franklin's Enterprises Ltd. #5, 1600 Derwent Way, Delta, BC V3M 6M5
- Email Chi Huang at cshuang@shaw.ca or call 604-773-0589 to arrange for alternate drop-off or pick-up

NEW WEST - ROYAL CITY

TILLER'S FOLLY HEADLINES NEW WESTMINSTER DIABETES RESEARCH FUNDRAISER

MUSIC FOR LIFE
Massey Theatre - Fri. Nov 10, 2006 - 7:30pm

Tickets \$60 through Ticket Master 604-280-4444 or at www.ticketmaster.ca
 Contact Shelly Johnson at 604-875-1775 or sljproductions@telus.net for info.

Dr. Dennis J. Magrega, a long-time New Westminister supporter, activist and member of Royal City Rotary will be chairing this special evening of song & entertainment. **Belle Puri**, locally renowned CBC reporter will be the M.C. as singer/comedian **Kenny Shaw** opens the show.

The concert will highlight **"Tiller's Folly"** and dancers from the celebrated Victoria O'Brien's School of Irish Dance. Don't miss out this unique blend of Celtic/folk/rock/pop/bluegrass which is selling out shows all over North America and Europe.

More than two million Canadians have diabetes and that number is expected to rise to over three million by the end of the decade.





VANCOUVER CHINATOWN

Rotary **Scholar Alessandra Pacheco** spoke at the Vancouver Chinatown Club. She is from Brazil and is here on a Rotary Foundation Cultural Ambassadorial Scholarship for three months to study English. She is being **hosted by the RC of Burnaby Deer Lake** and her Rotary Counsellor is John Rose from that club. Alessandra will be here for another few weeks and is interested in helping out with local Rotary community projects. *(Picture: President Rick de Guzman and Alessandra Pacheco)*



PRINCE GEORGE - NEW CALEDONIA

PG New Caledonia Club **catered the PG Triathlon** on July 30, 2006 serving hamburgers, hot dogs, beverages and snacks. After practicing for the past 2 years, they were on their way to become pros (did not need to run to the stores for more supplies). Club Treasurer Darryl Brizan is the initial planner, assisted by Susan, Evelyn, Valerie, Bev, PP Kathi and Mary. Darryl's wife Ann Marie and Susan's husband Guy also came to help out. *(Picture: Darryl, & her husband Guy)*



VANCOUVER ARBUTUS

Vancouver Arbutus Club received a big thank-you from Heather Burnett, BC Regional Coordinator for **Starlight*Starbright Children's Foundation**. The club donated \$5,000 to purchase a Starlight Fun Centre for the Vancouver Children's Hospital in their day surgery or ophthalmology departments. Jared, a cancer survivor, told the club his personal experiences using the centre, when he was an 11 year old cancer patient. The centres provide a bright spot in the day of a young patient and are in great demand. *(Picture: Jared Brick and Heather Burnett)*



RICHMOND SUNRISE

Over the last five years the Richmond Sunrise Rotary Club has made multiple donations to the Richmond Fruit Tree Project and sent members to the sharing farm at the south end of Gilbert Road to help out in a more hands-on way.

On Saturday, August 19th, members of the Sunrise Club were in fine gardening form when the group put some muscle into helping with various tasks - not only weeding and shoveling manure to enhance the growth of the second crop of the season but in harvesting over 235 pounds of cabbage. And it was a family activity as some of the Rotarians brought in their children to help pick cucumbers, blackberries and pears.

Year round, organic vegetables are grown at the sharing farm, harvested and delivered to the Richmond Food Bank (which is another group their club donates to.) As Rotarians that are dedicated to those activities that improve the quality of life in their community, this project is a great way to help provide food for those in need and have great fun in the process.



WEST VANCOUVER

RIPE Wilf Wilkinson meets D5040 Rotarian in Taipei. West Vancouver Rotarian Michelle Lan had the pleasure of meeting RIPE Wilf while visiting Taipei Club where she used to be a member. RIPE Wilf remembers his visit in D5040 and visiting DG Kevin's residence. He also hopes to return to West Vancouver and visit her club again.



LANGARA ROTARACT

Members Ishwarya, Marya, Olga, and Pam joined their friend of NWPS (North West Preservation Society) on Sunday Aug.20th for some invasive weed pulling on Annacis Island. For 3 hours they battled the infamous purple loosestrife (what a name!) weed. Joining them were people from the Aquarium and SPCA kids club.

After 2 years of intensive planning and fundraising, the matching grant for their water project in Hyderabad, India is finally approved. Check out their new website at <http://langararotract.thehostcity.com/>

WELCOME TO OUR ROTARY FAMILY!



Bill Denham was inducted by AG Gord on Aug 30 into the **Richmond Club**. He sought out the club on the internet a few months ago and paid them a visit, believe it or not just never left. So the club proceed to induct him while he is still in a "trance of Rotary". He is already taking over the Youth Program in the club.

During his official club visit, DG Kevin inducted **Chef Steve Hitchin** into Pemberton Club. Per Kevin, "Every Rotary club should have a chef" . . . Agreed!

On Aug 24, DG Kevin during his official visit to Gibsons Club, together with Club President Don Stuart, they inducted **Dr. Ron Pashkewych** and **Jack Carlson** and welcomed them to the Rotary Family. Dr. Pashkewych is a Chiropractor and Jack is retired management consultant.

MEETING VENUE CHANGES

VANCOUVER CENTENNIAL:

Due to Marine Drive Golf Club closing for maintenance, their Tue Sep 12th - 6:30 pm meeting will be held at the Pearl Hot Pot Restaurant, address is 7154 Sperling Ave, Burnaby. Regular Tue. Sep 19 meeting will be back to Marine Drive Golf Club.

VANCOUVER SOUTH:

Tue. Sep 12 regular luncheon meeting will be cancelled. Instead, they will be having the Late summer social and fellowship dinner at Red Star Restaurant, on Tue Sep 12 at 6:30pm. Fellow Rotarians are welcome to join them. Please pre-register with PP Paul Wu at 604-889-3378 ASAP. Dinner is \$28/ per including tax and gratuities Address is 8298 Granville St. Vanc. and [web-site](#) Regular Meeting will resume the following Tue. Sep 19, 2006