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DG Larry's invitation to:

Come to the Country

May 28 - 31, 2009

Message from the District Governor

Greetings Fellow Rotarians:

March was a busy month in the District, particularly with the club presidents-elect gathering in Seattle with DGE Larry Jubie and his training team for three intense days of seminars, workshops and inspirational speakers on just about everything "Rotary". Even the snow squalls outside couldn't dampen the enthusiasm of next year's "pilots" who earned their "wings" at the end of the weekend.

The Districts' first Literacy Seminar was well organized, well attended and provided an opportunity for the sharing of ideas to improve literacy, both locally and internationally, and thereby provide people with the means to improve their lives.

April is Magazine Month, when we turn our attention to Rotary publications and other means by which Rotarians the world over communicate their stories, their successes, their hopes and aspirations

for the future. It makes the Rotarian in Uganda just as real as the Rotarian we see each week at our club.

Rotarians meeting together to share ideas continued on April 4 with our annual District Assembly at Kwantlen Polytechnique University in Surrey, B.C. And later in the month our second GSE Team will head south to Ecuador to share of themselves and create new friendships and opportunities for service in that country.

And a big "Happy Birthday" to the Rotary Club of Chilliwack who just celebrated it's 75th anniversary of Making Dreams Real.

Your Governor,

Larry

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Editor's Notes: The Peace Arch Journal's District 5050 Readership

I want to thank District Trainer Beverlee Rasmussen for sharing with me her interest in finding some way to improve readership of the *Peace Arch Journal*. As I listened to what she had to say, it hit me! Our district is able to send out district wide email broadcasts announcing various events. Why couldn't the district newsletter be sent out the same way?

I sent an email to our web master, Bill Murray, and asked him if it was possible. Within a day we all received an email from our district administrator and Bill's better half, Linda Murray, that it had been done. So now, thanks to Bill and Linda, all District 5050 Rotarians who are listed with their Rotary club on the district web site will receive an email with instructions for downloading the *Peace Arch Journal*.



DG Larry Stinson and DA Linda Murray Photo taken during PETS 2009

Photo by Bob Knight

Club presidents may want to check with their club members to find out who does not have computer access and arrange to have copies printed for them.

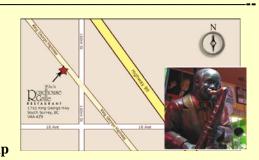
Change in Club Meeting Location

Rotary Club of Arlington (WA)
Eagle Crest Restaurant
2110267th Ave N.E. & 211th Pl. N.E.
Arlington, WA 98223
(360) 474-8275

(360) 474-8275 Thursday Noon

http://local.yahoo.com/info-22180747-eagle-crest-restaurant-arlington

Rotary Club of White Rock
Peninsula PHS (BC)
McJac's Roadhouse Grille
Restaurant
1781 King George Highway
South Surrey BC V4A 4Z9
Tuesday 6:30 to 8:00 P.M.
http://mcjacsroadhouse.com/location.php



Rotary Club of Burlington Mid-day (WA)

Alfy's Pizza 1080 S. Burlington Blvd. Burlington, WA 98233 (360) 757-1776

Tuesday 12:00 Noon



HAS YOUR CLUB CHANGED LOCATIONS? TELL THE PAJ!

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"The Conference in the Country"

2009 Rotary District 5050 Conference May 28 – 31, 2009

Host Hotel

Chilliwack Heritage Park 44140 Luckakuck Way, Chilliwack, BC Best Western Rainbow Country Inn 43971 Industrial Way, Chilliwack, BC

Please complete this form to register for the conference and individual events. You will receive a confirmation e-mail once your Registration has been processed.

Rotarian Name FIRST	LAST Nam	e on Badge				
E-mail Address	Rotary Club of Phone ()					
	CITYPROVINCE/STATE					
	LAST Nam					
Please indicate if you are:						
PDG-Year	Club President 08/09 () President Elect 09/10 ()	Pioneer Me	mber-Yrs in Rotar	у		
Youth Exchange ()			eract Member ()		
Registration Packages—all	amounts are Canadian funds	#	Cost	Total		
Full Registration — Rotarian	Includes: All conference sessions, Friday lunch, Saturday breakfast, lunch & Governor's Rhinestone Ball, Sunday breakfast		\$295.00	rotar		
DEDUCT AN 'EARL'	Y BIRD DISCOUNT' if registering for above item by APRIL 15, 2009	MINUS	\$ 25.00			
Full Registration — Partner of Rotarian	Includes: All conference sessions, Friday lunch, Saturday breakfast, lunch, & Governor's Rhinestone Ball, Sunday breakfast		\$265.00			
Full Registration — Youth Exchange, Rotaract, GSE	Includes: All conference sessions, Friday lunch, Saturday breakfast, lunch, & Governor's Rhinestone Ball, Sunday breakfast		\$230.00			
Saturday Only	Includes: All Saturday conference sessions, Saturday breakfast, lunch, & Governor's Rhinestone Ball		\$180.00	W		
A la Carte Events	Training of Control of Manifoldino Dan					
Thursday Golf	Includes: Green Fees at Chilliwack Golf & Country Club (\$25 per cart—pay at course) + Thursday Evening event detailed below. Golf Partners: Golf Chairperson will contact golfers with event details		\$ 80.00			
Thursday Evening	Beef-on-a-Bun Dinner + a musical night with Chilliwack's talented and entertaining Elvis impersonator—Steve Elliott at our Conference Host Hotel the Best Western Rainbow Country Inn		\$ 30.00			
Friday Night Dinner	Rotarian Home Hosted Dinner. Indicate single or couple. (Only available to Full Conference Registrants)	1 or 2	N/C			
Saturday Night Dinner and Rhinestone Ball	Rotarian or Guest—NAME		\$ 80.00			
Sunday Breakfast	Breakfast at the Best Western Country Inn		Included—full registration			
Alternate Accommodation -	Available as a 'First-Come-First-Served' limited option		registration			
Home Stay	Overnight Stay at the home of Chilliwack Rotarians — Thursday, Friday and Saturday night. Indicate single or couple	1 or 2	N/C			
RV Dry Camping	Park at Heritage Park Thursday, Friday and Saturday at \$12.00 per night. (Limited Electrical Hookups available. Cost \$20.00/night)		\$12.00 or \$20.00			
\$50.00 cancellation	pr fee after May 1, 2009; No refunds after May 21, 2009	GRAN	D TOTAL			
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Cheque enclosed — or F	Please charge my M/C () Visa () Account NumberSignature		Expiry			
HOTEL RESERVATIONS not Best Western Rainbow Cou	included in prices listed above. Special Conference rates available barntry Inn 604-795-3828 1-800-665-1030 www.rainbowcountryinn.com/858-0636 www.comfortinn.com/hotel-chilliwack-canada-CN235 Sta	Standard \$1	09.99; King Busin	ess \$119.		
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Scan + E-mail completed for Fax Registration Form to se Mail Registration Form + pa 'Rotary Conference 2009') to PO Box 28, Chilliwack, B. C.	rm to svanish@shaw.ca or Indicate cure FAX 1-604-792-8104 or yment cheques (made payable to b Rotary Club of Chilliwack, V2P 6H7	any Food	Restrictions			
Questions: Shirley Van Escl	n at svanish@shaw.ca					

The Peace Arch Journal District 5050

Larry Stinson Governor

The *Peace Arch Journal* is published monthly as a service to District club officers and members. It is intended as a source of news and opinion from throughout the district.

The mission is to promote communication, understanding, fellowship, and fun beyond club meetings, in a manner complementary to shared efforts at placing *Service Above Self*.

Please send articles and news in MS Word docs, with or without pictures, attached to emails and make some kind of reference to Rotary in the subject line. Note that the editor is not a professional journalist, and he appreciates conservation of space in order to meet the sender's needs and the editor's time.

Deadline is the 15th of the month.

Address any and all information to *Peace Arch Journal* editor:

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Rotary Group Study Exchange



If you are a business or professional person between the ages of 25 and 40 and would like to travel to India on a cultural and vocational exchange, we'd love to hear from you!

The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International sponsors Group Study Exchanges each year. In Dec 2009 a team of young professionals, led by a Rotary Team Leader, will travel to India for a 4 - 6 week vocational and cultural tour.

Rotary provides a round trip airline ticket, accommodations with host families, meals and group transportation while in India. Team members are required to pay for incidental personal expenses.

If you meet the following criteria and would like the opportunity of a lifetime, we want to hear from you:

- Between 25 and 40 years of age
- Live or work in Rotary's District 5050
- Willing to promote international goodwill
- Physically able to meet rigorous travel schedule for 4 6 weeks
- Are not related to a Rotarian
- Willing to speak about your experiences when you return

Application Deadline: April 10, 2009

For further information contact:

Bert van Dalfsen

Evening at 601-853-2152

Email at vandalfsen@shaw.ca

GSE application link

http://www.rotary.org/en/serviceandfellowship/fellowship/groupst udyexchange/pages/ridefault.aspx

See the Group Study Exchange article on page 5 of this edition of the PAJ.

Share this information in your community.

Invitation to an Experience of a Lifetime!

The following was submitted by Elaine Howardson, Outbound GSE Team Coordinator (USA)

Email: elaine howardson@telus.net

Rotary's Group Study Exchange (GSE) program is one of many ways the oldest service club in world brings people

together from different countries to share knowledge, experiences, and goodwill. Applications to join the next GSE team on an all expenses paid trip to India are now being accepted.

This past fall, a team of young business and professional people led by Rotarian Tage Cawley travelled to Western Australia for five weeks on an Aboriginal GSE. Tage said, "As a team leader I really benefited from the GSE experience. It was a fantastic opportunity to educate a group of non-Rotarians on the good work Rotarians do not only in our community, but around the world. It was great to meet Rotarians from another District and find out what projects they are working on as well as fundraising opportunities which may be applicable to my Club and District. I really enjoyed the hospitality put forth by our hosts in welcoming us into their lives and into their homes. I have made friends for life not only amongst my team, but also with the people I met during my trip."



L-R (Aboriginal Boomerang Instructor, Niki Cleary, Paula Tait, Carlos Echevarria, Tage Cawley (Team Leader), Jay Havens, Keetah McBeath)

Team member Niki Cleary of the Tulalip Tribes said "I wasn't sure what to expect when I applied to be on the GSE team to Australia, but it was a great experience. I am a print journalist and on our trip I was able to work in a number of newspapers, radio and television stations. I met some incredible Rotarians and learned a lot about mainstream Australian culture and the way indigenous culture is viewed in Australia. And, I can't imagine a better group of people to travel with; my fellow team members have become lifelong friends."

Niki goes on to say, "For me, GSE has been a life changing experience. Since our trip I've taken a long look at my life and what I am doing within my community. I've found a renewed passion for making a difference at work and within my tribe. I recommend GSE to everyone no matter what you do in life; it will change the way you look at the world. I can't thank Rotary enough for providing this opportunity."

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The deadline for submitting an application to be a team member of the trip to India is Friday, April 10, 2009. Refer to other information on page 4 of this edition of the PAJ.

Paul Harris Society

PDG Harv Jubie requests that Club Presidents remind their clubs that we are approaching the last quarter of this Rotary Year and PHS Members should be making their contributions to The Rotary Foundation in order to maintain their PHS status. Gifts may be made to the Annual Programs Fund or Polio Plus to qualify for PHS recognition.

Questions regarding the PHS may be directed to PDG Harv at jubiecon@gte.net

Membership Matters

Rotary Zone 22 produces a monthly newsletter which includes interesting articles and ideas around Rotary membership. The March 2009 edition can be downloaded from the following web site:

http://www.clubrunner.ca/zonedata/22/html/704/MEMBERSHIP%20 MATTERS%20-March%202009.pdf

You can sign up for an online subscription for *Membership Matters* by sending an email to Bryn Styles, editor, at: bryn.styles@gmail.com.

A Collection of items

<u>Help Wanted</u>! DG Elect Larry Jubie has announced that there are some important position in the district organization which will need to be filled. Please contact him at lwjubie31@hotmail.com if you would like to be considered. We have openings for:

- 1. Group Study Exchange Committee Chair (currently held by Bert van Dalfsen).
- 2. Inbound GSE Team Coordinator (currently held by Danielle Mullen).
- 3. Asst. Governor for Area G: serving Fidalgo Island, LaConner, North Whidbey Island, Oak Harbor, South Whidbey Island, Anacortes and San Juan Islands Rotary Clubs (the AG position is currently held by DGND Jane Helten). Information on the role of Assistant Governor can be found at the following R.I. web site address:

http://www.rotary.org/en/Members/RunningADistrict/DistrictLeaders/Pages/AssistantGovernor.aspx

A correction to an article on page 5 of the March 09 PAJ: Update on the Eyesight Global Project



Lyle Konner, President of the Rotary Club of White Rock Peninsula PHS, has written that the Canadian Eyesight global project article contained an error. David Hothi is a member of the White Rock Peninsula PHS club, not the Millennium. Club.

He reported that Winston Conyers, another member of our club, went there as well.

See page 2 for the new location of President Lyle's Rotary club.

<u>A follow-up story</u>: Rotarian Anup Jubbal reported that a very successful Eye Screening Clinic was held on Saturday, March 14, 2009, at the Kwantlen University. He noted that over 200 people's eyes were screened, and free drops were distributed. Four eye doctors and surgeons participated, as well as a number of Rotarians from Rotary Club of Surrey-Guildford and volunteers.

On March 12, 2009, Anup visited the Rotary Club of Arlington and discussed partnering with that club in connection with the eye clinics.



In the photograph, from left to right, are Bruce Ballon, President Kerri Hansen and Anup Jubbal.



From the Rotary Club of South Whidbey Island: **Spring into Action!** Useless Bay Golf & Country Club, Whidbey Island, WA - \$100 per person

"A Taste of Whidbey" is the theme of our spring fundraiser event on **Saturday April 25, 2009**. It is expected to be outstanding, with an amazing retinue of chefs, great Entertainment. First, we are putting a local spin on our event, focusing the meal elements on four local chefs, bringing out their best to tantalize your taste buds. **Sieb** Jurrians from Prima Bistro will be featured on the appetizers, Edgecliff Restaurant featured on the salad, **Chef Blue** from Useless Bay Golf and Country Club featured on the main course, and **Chef** Gordon working his magic on the dessert. Quadruple Yum! They understand that the Bloom Winery will be featuring some of its award-winning wines to round out the local flavor. Silent auction will begin at 5:00 p.m.

For details, send an email to June at <u>junedavis51@msn.com</u>.



President Elect Training Seminar 2009

The 2009-2010 District 5050 "Pilots" participated in three days of training at the DoubleTree SeaTac Hotel. They experienced dynamic Rotary speakers, participated in small group discussions which included Rotarians from other districts and met with District 5050 leaders, including their Assistant Governors. Your PAJ Editor did not stay long at the hotel because it was snowing at his house.







Seen in the hotel lobby were DGE Larry Jubie, DT Beverlee Rasmussen, DG Larry Stinson and PDG Dave Robinson.

During one of the district sessions, District Secretary Bert Monsma shared with the incoming club presidents some of the RI club related requirements. One example: Update the club's bylaws to be current.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following is a brief report on the Literacy Seminar. Because of space and time limitations more is coming in the May, 2009, edition of the PAJ



DG Larry Stinson

District 5050's 1st Literary Seminar

On March 21, 2009, about 55 Rotarians from around the district gathered during a beautiful sunny day at the Hampton Inn, Bellingham, Washington.



District Governor Larry Stinson began the seminar with a quote from RI President DK Lee who had written on poverty for Rotary World (January, 2009). "Poverty is what turns diseases like measles and pneumonia into death sentences. When there is not enough money even for food, there is no possibility of paying for medical care. And when children are malnourished, they become less able to withstand even common childhood illnesses. In

the long term, there is only one route out of the vicious cycle of poverty and disease: education. We in Rotary understand this, and that is why water, health and hunger, and literacy are our emphases this year. If we are to Make Dreams Real by reducing child mortality, we must focus not only on children's

immediate needs for safe water, nutritious food, and basic health care but on their need for an education that will lift them, and future generations, out of poverty."



District 5050 Literary Chair Rhian Piprell and her committee arranged for presentations on children, family and international literacy projects. Participants shared examples of club projects, including the distribution of dictionaries to elementary schools, and books with a combination of Spanish & English.

John Anderson and PDG Mary Kalbert with a display from the Rotary Club of Friday Harbor



Stories about Dolly Parton's Imagination Library reminded us of David Dotson's presentation at the 2007 District 5050 Conference (July, 2007, PAJ). We learned that the Imagination Library is now connected with Rotary (refer to:

http://www.rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/PressCenter/PressReleases/Pages/090306 dollypartonRiliteracy.aspx).

Rhian is encouraging all Rotary clubs in District 5050 to establish a Literacy Chair and list their literacy projects on the District web site. The March, 2009, edition of the PAJ will have information about Brittany Gallagher, who will be going to Fiji as a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar, and about the Book Mobile in Guatemala.

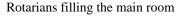
Rotary District 5050 Training Assembly 2009 "World Peace Through Understanding"

Saturday, April 4, 2009, turned out to be a beautiful Spring day. District 5050 Rotarians came together at Kwantlen Polytechnique University, Surrey, B.C.

The main purpose of the District Assembly is training. District Trainer Beverlee Rasmussen and her team arranged programs to prepare for a productive and rewarding 2009-2010 Rotary Year. The day's theme was "The dreams of the world's poor and suffering are in our hands," a

quotation from Past RI President Bill Boyd. The team noted that "through effective meetings, cooperative action, and access to resources, Rotarians with a "can do" attitude will continue to be the world's leaders in peace building." The following is a photo album of the day:







DG Larry Stinson



D5050 Training Team (L to R) Wayne Arnold, Cheryl McKeever, Beverlee Rasmussen and Gary Johnson



The keynote address was given by RI Regional Membership Chair and PDG Alana Bergh, from Anchorage, Alaska. She shared that she had just returned from visiting Rotarians in Russia

Alana asked, "Why do we talk about membership all the time?...Take time to talk about the joyful experience (of being a Rotarian)." She reflected that "the Membership Team is the team that takes care of our members." "Think of the big circle of associates...around the world. Make the weekly meetings something to look forward to all week."

She asked the question, "How much does your club care about you?" Think about what we do and the service we give. Korean Airlines message is: "Caring More About You!"



PDG Rod Thomson & Club Administration



PCP Barrie Seatton & Club Public Relations



Outbound GSE Team Coordinator Elaine Howardson



Former GSE Member Stacey Irwin



Enjoying lunch in the court yard



Donation to the Kwantlen Foundation Cheryl McKeever, Christiane Hodson & Beverlee Now \$355 Million for Polio!



Listening to Bill Gates

Rotary District 5050

Membership & Attendance: February 2009

Ordered by: Club Name



	Meetings	Attendance This Month Year to Date			Printed 31/03/2009 Membership			
Rotary Club of	Held	%	Rank	%	Rank	Start of Year	Present	Change
Abbotsford	4 of 4	78.87	17	73.94	20	66	71	+5
Abbotsford-Matsqui	4 of 4	65.00	=35	67.75	35	30	26	-4
Abbotsford-Sumas	4 of 4	82.29	11	85.14	5	24	28	+4
Aldergrove	4 of 4	75.90	20	75.04	17	29	29	-
Anacortes	3 of 3	80.00	16	70.97	28	59	63	+4
Arlington	4 of 4	55.00	50	63.00	=45	67	69	+2
Bellingham	3 of 3	70.06	=26	71.19	27	180	183	+3
Bellingham Bay	4 of 4	54.39	51	56.02	54	120	120	
Bellingham Sunrise	4 of 4	69.00	=28	68.13	34	43	40	-3
Burlington	4 of 4	57.34	=47	62.01	48	77	74	-3
Burlington Mid-Day	0 of 0	75.00	21	72.75	24	27	26	-1
Chilliwack	4 of 4	85.00	=7	86.79	3	195	193	-2
Chilliwack Fraser	4 of 4	65.15	=35	63.89	44	78	68	-10
Chilliwack Mt. Cheam	4 of 4	60.16	43	65.72	39	62	65	+3
Cloverdale	4 of 4	71.00	24	66.63	37	21	21	
Coquitlam	4 of 4	59.30	=44	71.90	26	48	49	+1
Coquitlam Sunrise	0 of 0	70.00	=26	73.06	23	25	28	+3
Everett	4 of 4	66.82	34	66.98	36	190	188	-2
Everett-Port Gardner	4 of 4	59.00	=44	60.63	50	42	45	+3
Fidalgo Island	4 of 4	64.17	37	65.55	41	49	49	
Haney	4 of 4	60.50	42	61.31	49	42	45	+3
Норе	4 of 4	83.30	10	80.71	7	13	15	+2
La Conner	4 of 4	81.50	12	78.60	11	49	45	-4
Lake Stevens	0 of 0	0.00	=53	62.59	47	44	36	-8
Langley	4 of 4	66.97	33	64.75	42	32	28	-4
Langley Central	4 of 4	67.86	32	68.28	33	77	75	-2
Langley Sunrise	4 of 4	88.90	5	85.40	4	19	18	-1
Marysville Morning	0 of 0	0.00	=53	75.33	16	17	17	
Marysville Noon	4 of 4	74.25	22	80.30	9	75	68	-7
Meadow Ridge	4 of 4	63.30	38	65.78	38	45	47	+2
Mission	4 of 4	89.10	4	78.35	12	33	30	-3
Mission Midday	4 of 4	69.44	=28	70.42	30	28	27	-1
Monroe	4 of 4	85.00	=7	84.63	6	29	26	-3
Mount Baker	4 of 4	81.00	=13	80.63	8	59	55	-4
Mt. Vernon	4 of 4	68.00	=30	68.88	32	46	44	-2
North Delta	4 of 4	57.56	46	59.38	52	43	43	
North Whidbey Island Sunrise	4 of 4	81.00	=13	74.13	19	30	36	+6
Oak Harbor	4 of 4	57.00	=47	57.00	53	95	90	-5
Port Coquitlam Centennial	4 of 4	61.00	=40	64.25	43	24	26	+2
Port Moody	4 of 4	61.00	=40	65.66	40	46	52	+6
San Juan Island (Friday Harbor)	0 of 0	0.00	=53	87.14	2	27	27	10
Sedro Woolley	4 of 4	57.00	=47	60.13	51	97	101	+4
Semiahmoo (White Rock)	4 of 4	77.00	18	73.25	22	49	54	+5
Skagit (Mount Vernon)	4 of 4	97.00	1	76.38	14	70	73	+3
Snohomish		68.00	=30	74.75	18	24	21	
South Everett-Mukilteo	4 of 4 4 of 4	92.00	2	88.63	1	65	64	-3 -1

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Rotary Club of	Meetings Held	This M	Rank	Year t	o Date Rank	Start of Year	Present	Change
South Whidbey Island	4 of 4	70.77	25	73.26	21	73	70	-3
Stanwood-Camano Island	4 of 4	62.00	39	63.38	=45	44	43	-1
Surrey	4 of 4	52.00	52	55.50	55	25	22	-3
Surrey-Guildford	4 of 4	90.00	3	70.13	31	23	23	-
Whatcom County North	4 of 4	87.90	6	79.82	10	58	57	-1
White Rock	4 of 4	81.00	=13	75.75	15	58	62	+4
White Rock Millennium	4 of 4	76.19	19	72.46	25	21	20	-1
White Rock Peninsula PHS	4 of 4	73.53	23	70.45	29	23	20	-3
White Rock-Peace Arch	4 of 4	83.59	9	77.77	13	32	32	-
					Totals	2967	2947	-20

No report received from: Rotary Club of Lake Stevens Rotary Club of San Juan Island (Friday Harbor)

Rotary Club of Marysville Morning

Highlights for the Month of February, 2009

- Total number of members in District 5050 as of February 28, 2009 was 2,947 (versus 3,003 as of February 28, 2008).
- District membership decrease by 7 member (net) for the month of February, 2009 (versus a net increase of 18 members in February, 2008).
- Average Attendance for the District for the month of February, 2009, was 70.84 % (versus average attendance of 73.29% for February, 2008). No clubs had attendance of less than the 50% required.

CLUB ATTENDANCE:

The top 5 clubs for attendance for the Eight (8) months YTD to February 28, 2009 were:

1.	South Everett-Mukilteo	88.63%
2.	San Juan Island	87,14%
3.	Chilliwack	86.79%
4.	Langley Sunrise	85.40 %
5.	Abbotsford-Sumas	85.14%

CLUB MEMBERSHIP

The top clubs for membership growth/net increase in members for the YTD to February 28, 2009 were:

- 1. North Whidbey Island Sunrise & Port Moody
- + 6
- 2. Abbotsford and Semiahmoo (White Rock)
- + 5 ock + 4
- 3. Abbotsford-Sumas, Anacortes, Sedro-Woolley & White Rock
- Six clubs had a +3 increase: Bellingham, Chilliwack Mt. Cheam, Coquitlam Sunrise, Everett-Port Gardner, Haney & Skagit (Mount Vernon

The ten largest clubs in our District and number of members as of February, 2009 were:

1.	Chilliwack	193	- 2
2.	Everett	188	- 2
3.	Bellingham	183	+ 3
4.	Bellingham Bay	120	+ 0
5.	Sedro-Woolley	101	+ 4
6.	Oak Harbor	90	- 5
7.	Langley Central	75	- 2

8. Burlington 74 - 3 9. Skagit (Mt. Vernon) 73 +3 10. Abbotsford 71 +5

District 5050 Number of Members as of:

Month/Year	2005/2006	2006/2007	2007/2008	2008/2009
February	3,057	2,996	3,003	2,947