

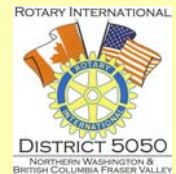


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MESSAGE FROM THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Greetings Fellow Rotarians.

July was a busy Rotary month with 12 “official” Club Visits, our Foundation Grants Seminar, the awarding of District Simplified Grants and the interviewing of Ambassadorial Scholar candidates. I am truly amazed by the number of dedicated Rotarians I encounter who continuously and unselfishly give of themselves in our Clubs, our District Committees, and throughout our world in advancing the Object of Rotary.

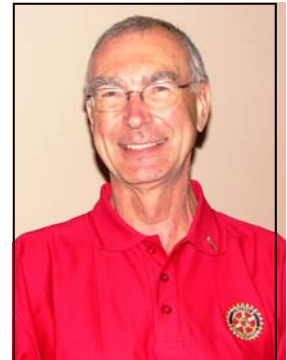
This month I would like to focus on Rotary’s primary objective – the global eradication of polio. When Rotary committed to this task a little over 20 years ago, there were 125 endemic countries in the world. There are now 4 – Nigeria, India, Pakistan and Afghanistan. And although the number of polio cases has decreased worldwide by over 99%, eradicating the virus, particularly the highly virulent type 3 virus, from the remaining hot spots in these countries is a major task. Only intensive immunization activities will get the job done.

Rotary Clubs are being asked to commit \$1,000 per year for 3 years to raise the funds to match the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation \$100 Million Challenge Grant. Our Golfun Tournament, coming up on August 22, is dedicating its sponsorship proceeds to this cause. For a \$1,000 sponsorship, a Club will not only receive a Paul Harris to award but that sponsorship will be matched by a private donor, thereby doubling the amount that will go to this effort.

For information on how to participate, go to the District website www.district5050.org or contact DGE Larry Jubie at lwjubie31@hotmail.com

Let’s “Tee Off On Polio” at Golfun this year and “Make Dreams Real” for the children who will otherwise fall victim to this crippling and potentially fatal disease.

Your Governor,
Larry



District Governor
Larry Stinson

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Traveling with the PAJ Editor's Notebook

By Bob Knight

On July 11, 2008, my wife, Pat, and I traveled from the land of Boeing in urban Snohomish County to the rural Fraser Valley area of Chilliwack. We went there at the invitation of Carol Tichelman to observe the passing of the District Governor's banner from PDG John Bosch to DG Larry Stinson, and were home-hosted by John and Fay Kovacs. Following the luncheon meeting of the Rotary Club of Chilliwack, the Kovacs drove us on a tour of some of their club's local service projects, including the Blue Heron Reserve.



Chilliwack area looking northwest to the Fraser River

The Chilliwack community is proud of the local Rotarians, as noted in a portion of a Letter to the Editor by a George H. Epp, in the July 11, 2009, edition of the *Chilliwack Times*. In his letter Mr. Epp stated:

"I have been reading...about the generosity of the Chilliwack Rotarians and their commitment to the Chilliwack community in the many ways in which they support very significantly a variety of programs. These include \$50,000 to rebuild and expand Chilliwack General Hospital emergency and lab facilities, a \$100,000 pledge to equip a 150-seat multi-purpose auditorium in the city's new cultural centre, \$20,000 of that already presented."

The next morning we headed west to Surrey for District 5050's Grant Seminar that I will refer to later in this edition.



The Famous Rotary Discount Band with Charlie Young (with the sax)



Past DG (2007-08) John Bosch greeting DG (2008-09) Larry Stinson and passing on the new District Governor's banner.



Larry's pet mascot presented by his Chilliwack Club



Larry and Karola Stinson's country ranch



The Great Blue Heron Nature Reserve on the Vedder River

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.

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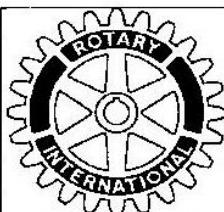
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Rotary Friendship Exchange
District 5050 & District 9450

Visit Western Australia
As part of an RFE Team

The Rotary Friendship Exchange program gives Rotarians and their families the opportunity to experience other cultures firsthand, by participating in reciprocal visits with Rotarians from other countries and their families. Introduced in 1984, this program aims to advance international understanding among Rotarians. It provides Rotarians with the opportunity to form personal contacts and make long-lasting friendships while exploring different areas of the world.

Team exchange

The team exchange provides the opportunity for several Rotarians or Rotary couples to travel to different communities in a host district for a period of up to one month.

If you would like to participate in a RFE to Western Australia, here is your opportunity. District 5050 and District 9450 are planning an RFE in 2009. The exchange will be for 15 days in each district. The exchange will start on 20 April 2009 in District 9450 and on 29 June 2009 in District 5050. The Teams will be a maximum of 14 members.

The RFE committee is looking for Rotarians who would like to participate in this exchange as well as Clubs that would like to host the Rotarians from District 9450.

Rotarians interested in traveling as part of the RFE Team, and Clubs interested in hosting the visiting RFE Team please contact:

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One of the major cities in Rotary District 9450 is Perth. According to Wikipedia, Perth is the capital of Western Australia and the fourth-largest city in Australia. The estimated population in 2007 was over 1.5 million people. The metropolitan area is located in the south-western part of the Australian continent between the Indian Ocean and a low coastal escarpment. The suburbs of Perth are situated on the Swan River.

You can look at District 9450 Governor (2007-2008) Eli Quartermaine's June, 2008, District Newsletter (including a special report on Rotary club activities) by clicking on the following:

<http://www.rotaryd9450.wa.inaust.org/html/Public/Newsletter/Newsletter.php?IssueNo=7>

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Adventures of the Traveling Peace Arch

Written by Bruce Kleeberger and posted on the Rotary Club of White Rock Peninsula's web site.

The fabled, and rarely seen, Traveling Peace Arch arrived at the Rotary Club of White Rock Peninsula (BC) on July 15, 2008. Rotary Club of Bellingham Sunrise President Michael Smith presented the rarely seen gem to President Lyle Konner. It is the first time that the relic has been "out of the box" since June, 2007.

The immediate past custodians may hold the be dubious honour of the longest keepers of the District 5050 symbol of inter club fellowship.

The Traveling Peace Arch was created in May, 2003, and it has traveled across the border between "sons of a common mother" ever since. It is a club's responsibility, when it is brought to a regular meeting by a visiting club, to pass it on, in a cross-border exchange as soon as possible. The quickest exchange in its history was a mere 4 hours. Six Bellingham Sunrise Club members and guests visited White Rock Peninsula to bring the relic north of the border.

Editor's Note: *District Facilitator and Traveling Peace Arch Coordinator Carol Tichelman has been searching around the district for many months trying to local the evasive creature. She was very relieved to learn that it has once again surfaced. Carol has since learned that the precious icon was delivered to the Rotary Club of La Conner (WA).*



A much traveled treasure

In the August, 2006, edition of the PAJ we learned that Gordy Shaffer, Past President of the Rotary Club of Peace Arch, had traveled with the replica of the monument to a San Francisco Giants baseball game (see the photograph taken during that visit).

Carol has provided us with the following chart with the history of the Travelling Peace Arch..

Travelling Peace Arch history since 2003

Date	To	From	# travelling
July 21, 2008	LaConner	White Rock Peninsula	5
July 15, 2008	White Rock Peninsula	Bellingham Sunrise	6
Missing in action			
May 2007	District Conference	LaConner	n/a
November 13, 2006	LaConner	Haney	6
September 13, 2006	Haney	Everett	8
August 8, 2006	Everett	Langley	3
July 13, 2006	Langley	Whatcom County North	2 (Mel & Rose)**3 hours!
July 13, 2006	Whatcom County North	White Rock Peace Arch	2
June 22, 2006 (side trip)	RC of Vallejo, CA	WRPA	Gord Shaffer, PP
May 15, 2006	White Rock Peace Arch	Mt. Baker	2
April 11, 2006	Mt. Baker	Chilliwack	18
January 20, 2006	Chilliwack	Oak Harbour	5
November 18, 2005	Oak Harbour	Langley	1
October 13, 2005	Langley	Anacortes	8
May 23, 2005	Anacortes	Port Coquitlam Centennial	14
May 13, 2005	Port Coquitlam Centennial	Anacortes	at Dist Conference
May 26, 2004	Anacortes	Port Moody	5
May 19, 2004	Port Moody	Mt. Vernon	8
December 9, 2003	Mt. Vernon	Cloverdale	4
November 7, 2003	Cloverdale	Bellingham Bay	3
August 18, 2003	Bellingham Bay	White Rock	2
July 17, 2003	White Rock Semihamoo		
July 17, 2003	Bellingham Sunrise		
July 11, 2003	Chilliwack		
May 2, 2003	Anacortes		

The PAJ is requesting brief articles and photographs about the Travelling Peace Arch.

District Governor Larry's Visitations



Clockwise from the top left corner:

Arlington Club President Karri Hansen presented Larry with a piece of glass art by PE Kurt McVay during a picnic with the club on the shore of Lake Shoecraft (Stanwood, WA).

While with the Burlington club, Larry visited the new Burlington library in which a book stack was dedicated in his honour. He also took a photo of a train (one of his hobbies is model trains).

During the DG's visit to the Mt. Baker club he was treated to a steak bar-beque by the "culinary masters." He compared cowboy hats with Club President, Virgil Stremler.

Some Photos from the Rotary Leadership Institute in Chilliwack

Provided by Assistant Governor and Dean of the session, Denis Boyd



The class with Dean Boyd



The class in session



The faculty (L to R): Mike McKone, Ron Goldfinch, Carol Tichelman, Gene Vickers, and Denis Boyd

D5050 Family of Rotary Co-Chairs

Maureen & Denis Boyd

and

Past R.I. President (1992-93) Cliff Dochterman



Rotary Clubs of Haney and Meadow Ridge (BC) attended each others installation of club officers for 2008-2009

AG Denis Boyd was assisted by Rod in passing out pins to Meadow Ridge; Robert in passing out pins to Haney.



Haney President Rod & Denyse Hughes - Meadow Ridge President Robert & Cailin



Some Notes from District 5050 Rotary Foundation Seminar

Reported by Bob Knight, Editor, PAJ
Reviewed by DRFC/PDG Rob Martin

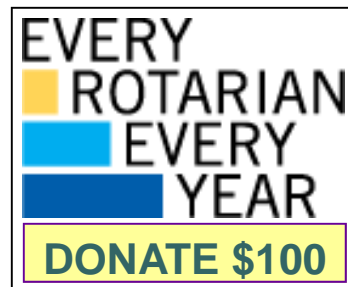
On Saturday, July 12, 2008, Rotarians responded to Past District Governor Rob Martin's invitation to learn about how Rotary clubs and their members can use the Rotary Foundation to make a difference in the lives of people around the world.

After a welcome by District Governor Larry Stinson, PAG Bill Robson and DGN Wayne Wiebe presented an overview of Foundation grants; PDG Rod Thomson described the

grant application forms and CRCID (Canadian Rotary Collaboration For International Development), and Robert Harris reported on an ongoing project in Haiti. Bruce Lisser showed pictures of medical clinics in Africa; DGE Larry Jubie invited Rotarians to take part in D5050's Golfun for Polio Plus; and Don Anderson encouraged participation in the district's WHHDOG (Water, Health & Hunger District Operations Group).

Information about Matching Grants:

- The focus of grants is improvement in humanitarian conditions.
- District 5050 will have anywhere from \$80,000 to \$100,000 to spend for matching grants.
- TRF Trustees have set the minimum amount from The Rotary Foundation for their contribution at \$5,000.
- There are two main types of matching grants; competitive, and non-competitive. Competitive grants ask for \$50,000 or more from TRF. Non-competitive grants are between \$5,000 and \$49,999.00 from TRF. The applications for competitive grants are reviewed twice per year. Non-competitive grants are reviewed as they are sent in.
- Smaller clubs are encouraged to join with other clubs to make an application. One club will be the "lead" club.
- At least three (3) members must serve on a grant application committee (improves the chances that at least one person will still be involved through the grant process).
- Oversight is critical.
- It is recommended that some club members travel to the site.
- The grant application committee should provide information on the role of any third parties.



Matching grant formula (example):

Club contribution	\$3,333
District contribution	\$3,333 (matching to club's amount)
TRF contribution	\$5,000 (club's amount and half of district's amount)

For a total matching grant: \$11,666.00

Editor's Note:

The mission of The Rotary Foundation is to support the efforts of Rotary International to fulfill the Object of Rotary, Rotary's mission, and the achievement of world understanding and peace through local, national, and international humanitarian, educational, and cultural programs. For more information, go to http://www.clubrunner.ca/dprg/DxHome/_home.aspx?did=5050, and use the links on the left side of the page, or go to <http://www.rotary.org/foundation/index.html>.

For District 5050 grant application questions, send an email to Bill Robson at william_robson@yahoo.ca or telephone him on his cell phone, 604-340-9700.

For information on the Canadian Rotary Collaboration For International Development go to <http://www.crcid.org/>.

Miscellaneous Notes of Interest

From Our District Governor's Weekly Notes

DG Larry noted that our annual "GolFun" Tournament coming up on August 22nd at the Surrey Golf Club. This year's event is a particularly special one as the sponsorship proceeds will be dedicated to the Polio Eradication Goal of raising \$100 million to match the grant made to The Rotary Foundation by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Clubs are being asked to consider a \$1,000 sponsorship for which they will receive recognition at the event, a Paul Harris Fellow award for their use, recognition at the Foundation Dinner, and a \$1,000 match from a private donor for their sponsorship. And the biggest prize of all will be knowing that their donation will save thousands of innocent children from the ravages of this terrible disease. Fifteen clubs in the District have already signed up and sent in their Sponsorship Form. We are hoping that all 55 clubs in the District will participate in this effort. That would be quite a feather in our cap! Click on the following site for registration and sponsorship forms:

http://www.clubrunner.ca/dprg/dxhome/dxeventstab/_eventitem.aspx?did=5050&index=3775&linkcat=5&dir=f&tail=0

So let's Make Dreams Real for those kids still at risk and finish the job to eradicate polio.

NEW Polio Website

Through the new web site www.Rotary.org/endpolio Rotary urges everyone *"to become part of history by donating to the global effort to wipe out the crippling disease polio."* By the time the disease is eradicated, Rotary will have contributed more than \$850 million and countless volunteer hours to the cause.

NEW Rotary Volunteers Handbook

The Rotary Volunteers Handbook (263) has been revised, and the new edition is now available free from the Download Library on www.rotary.org. It can also be purchased for US\$3.50, either online or through RI Publications. The Rotary Volunteers Handbook provides information and guidelines for local and international volunteers, project sponsors and committee chairs.

Membership Matters for Zones 22, 23 and 24

Copies of past editions can be found by going to the following site and referring to the left side of the page:

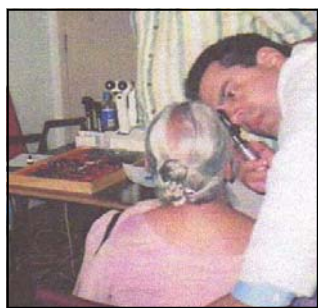
http://www.clubrunner.ca/zprg/dxprogramhome/_programhome.aspx?zid=22&pageid=37. On page 3 of the June, 2008, edition, there is an article on educating new Rotarians as part of a *Yearlings Programme*.

On To Birmingham on the Queen Mary 2

For information on attending Rotary International's 100th Convention (June 21-24, 2009), and live like the rich used to travel to or from Europe, go to www.rotaryconvention2009.com and click on Queen Mary 2.

The following article is based upon information provided by Anup S. Jubbal, member of the Rotary Club of Surrey-Guildford.

SUCCESSFUL FREE EYE CAMP AT MIRI-PIRI



Sunday July 13, 2008, the Canadian Eyesight Global organized a successful free eye clinic at the Guru Nanak Sikh Temple, Surrey, B.C. Approximately 180 people (including men, women, children and seniors) had their eyes screened and were given free eye drops. Six eye doctors participated and were supported by dedicated volunteers.

Special thanks to President Balwant Singh Gill and executive committee members of the Guru Nanak Sikh Temple; President Sangha and members of the senior center for their cooperation and generous support for organizing the eye camp.

Canadian Eyesight Global, sponsored by Rotary Club of Surrey-Guildford (BC), is in the process of establishing an Eye Hospital and Prevention of Blindness Center, in the village of Chabba. For more information contact Anup S. Jubbal, President, Canadian Eyesight International, at [email:asjubbal@CanadianEyesight.org](mailto:asjubbal@CanadianEyesight.org).



The following article was written by Past Club President (2005-06) Isabella Beane. The information is based on an article and photographs published in the July 23, 2008, edition of the Rotary Club of Port Moody's weekly newsletter, The Golden Spike.

Camp Jubilee Rotary Camp 2008

We had a most successful week at Camp Jubilee this past week. The 62 lucky students enjoyed the most wonderful weather which really enhanced the experience for all of them. They took part in a variety of activities including canoeing, kayaking, archery and low ropes as well as a variety of very imaginative and energetic games, all co-ordinated by a great group of young youth counselors. Our own past exchange student Thomas was among this group. It was great to see him again and to know that he was a part of our kids' camp programme.'



A HUGE thanks to all who gave up their time to attend camp on behalf of our club: Cleone Todgham, Ann Hulbert, Frank Matchett, Bahman Movafegh and Josephine Kovacs. In addition, Adam Knipfel and Lesley McKelvie represented the Coquitlam club. Many thanks to all of you for your time; I know how precious it is to all of us. Ann and I spent a wonderful couple of days enjoying the camp, the weather and the kids and getting totally exhausted watching the activities.

Now we start to prepare for next year!



Guatemalan Children

Anacortes Rotarians Providing For Dental Care in Guatemala

Information for the article was provided by PCP (1981-82) Von W. Kuehn

It is the intention of Water, Health & Hunger District Operations Group (WHHD OG), a small group of District 5050 Rotarians, to form a resource for others looking to start an international project that addresses the above issues or wants to get involved in an existing project that uses a multiple club approach. The project described below describes one local club's effort to bring quality dental care to a poor region of Central America.

For the last six years the Rotary Club of Anacortes has sponsored a dental clinic in the Rio Dulce region of eastern Guatemala. We work in close collaboration with the Rotary Club de la Asunción in Guatemala City. This is an example of a model to deliver health care on a continuous level to the poor of a large underserved area by a relatively low-key operation. Since the country of Guatemala lacks a consistent ability to encourage local dental care, either private or public, there are many areas of the country that need assistance. This project has been in place for over 17 years and has had over 100 different volunteer dentists from around the world come singly or with their spouses to work for a month. There are 12 volunteers each year. Many volunteers have served multiple times. Each team is eligible for Volunteer Service Grants (VSG) from TRF to travel and live at the project site.

The money for the clinic operation comes from a small fee charged to the individual patients or their village, fund raising by the Anacortes club, donations from friends of the project, volunteers and their clubs, etc. Continuity is provided by two local employees, the project administrators in Anacortes, the Rotary member in charge in Guatemala City, and the Padre at the mission that hosts the volunteers at the clinic.

The clinic has benefited by various matching grants to purchase equipment and a pick-up to extend our services to outlying villages. The truck in service now was purchased two years ago through a district service grant and matching grant from TRF.



If there are any Rotarian dentists who would like a very rewarding experience serving these people, contact Von Kuehn, Anacortes Rotary Club vonbetty@comcast.net for more information.

Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship Opportunities and Alumni Information

PDG Rod Thomson has sent the PAJ a report with some statistical information on how some of the alumni of Rotary Fellowship programs are involved.

Ambassadorial Scholarships, The Rotary Foundation's oldest and best-known program, was founded in 1947. Since then, nearly 38,000 men and women from about 100 nations have studied abroad under its auspices. Today it is the world's largest privately funded international scholarships program. Nearly 800 scholarships were awarded for study in 2005-06. Through grants totaling approximately US\$500 million, recipients from about 70 countries studied in more than 70 nations. The purpose of the scholarships program is to further international understanding and friendly relations among people of different countries and geographical areas. The program sponsors several types of scholarships for undergraduate and graduate students as well as for qualified professionals pursuing vocational studies. While abroad, scholars serve as goodwill ambassadors to the host country and give presentations about their home-lands to Rotary clubs and other groups.

For further information and ways to apply for an Ambassadorial Scholarship click on the following web site:
<http://www.rotary.org/en/StudentsAndYouth/EducationalPrograms/AmbassadorialScholarships/Pages/Howtoapply.aspx>

Rotary Center Alumni - Post-Fellowship Employment

Statistics are for all alumni through class V, except for Universidad del Salvador and University of Queensland, which have not completed their studies yet. These statistics are accurate as of 1 July 2008. There are 205 peace fellows that have reported their current position to The Rotary Foundation. The following are examples of how some have been employed:

- 63 work for NGOs or perform other peace-related work (31%)
- 42 work for a government agency (20%)
- 21 are pursuing PhDs in peace-related fields (10%)
- 21 work in research or academic support positions (10%)
- 20 work for United Nations agencies or the World Bank (10%)
- 16 are teachers/professors (8%)

Some of their work locations:

- 70 reside in North America (34%)
- 45 reside in Asia and the Middle East (22%)
- 42 reside in Europe (20%)
- 19 reside in South America (9%)
- 12 reside in Africa (6%)
- 13 reside in Australia and Oceania (6%)

Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Alumni - Post-Program Employment

RPCS participants generally come to the program from existing employment and return to the same position upon completing the program. However, after the completing the program, participants report more opportunities for promotion and career advancement are available to them. Statistics are for the first four classes (July 2006, January 2007, July 2007, and January 2008). There were 70 participants in the first three classes. The following are examples of how some have been employed:

- 29 work for NGOs or other peace-related work (41%)
- 21 work for a government agency (30%)
- 7 are teachers/professors (10%)
- 6 work in research or academic support positions (9%)
- 3 work for United Nations agencies or the World Bank (4%)
- 2 are journalists (3%)
- 1 is pursuing a masters' degree in a peace-related field (1%)

Program participants reside around the world:

- 40 reside in Asia and the Middle East (57%)
- 11 reside in North America (16%)
- 10 reside in Africa (14%)
- 3 reside in South America (4%)
- 2 reside in Europe (3%)
- 2 reside in Central America and the Caribbean (3%)
- 2 reside in Australia and Oceania (3%)

Question: How is your Rotary club reaching out to the scholarship alumni? Of the 205 peace fellows noted above, only 10 have become Rotarians (5%).

Rotary Club of Kelowna

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***Rotary made a commitment to the children of the world to eradicate polio, a terrifying and cruel disease. We are almost there.
This goal is achievable.***

**Interested in climbing?
We need your help!**

We are putting together a team to climb Mount Aconcagua in Argentina in January 2009 to publicize the “Rotary Peaks for Polio” project that will raise \$1 million for Polio Plus.

Would you like to join us?

Fundraising climbs to raise \$1 million will start in 2010.

Our January 2009 team will be part of a professionally organised expedition led by Laurie Skreslet who is a certified mountain guide, has led over twenty expeditions to Mount Aconcagua, has an impeccable safety record, and was the first Canadian to climb Mount Everest. Laurie has committed to help Rotary with its polio campaign and to lead the “Rotary Peaks for Polio” fundraising climbs.

Our team in January 2009 will be ambassadors to help publicize “Rotary Peaks for Polio” and encourage others to join a full Rotary expedition of 20 climbers in 2010; we already have some climbers committed for 2010.

Rotary fellowship - a personal challenge - a wonderful cause - it doesn't get much better!

Mount Aconcagua is one of the world's famous “Seven Summits”. On the Argentina / Chile border it is the highest peak in the western hemisphere. The summit at 23,000 feet can be accessed by a non-technical route that numerous climbing enthusiasts attempt each year. It is an achievable goal for people who are physically and mentally fit; you do not have to be a technical climber. The climate ranges from warm summer temperatures during the walk-in, to winter conditions near the summit. The rarefied atmosphere on Aconcagua permits spectacular views throughout the climb.

An important part of all the Mount Aconcagua trips is the training week in the Canadian Rockies near Calgary; six days spanning the third weekend in November. The expeditions in January will take 21 days plus any time you wish to add to enjoy the Mendoza area, the finest wine growing area in South America.

Would you like to join us in January 2009?

We do need your commitment by September 15, 2008.

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