

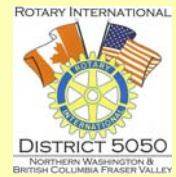


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### MESSAGE FROM THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Greetings Fellow Rotarians:

With the arrival of December, we are nearly half-way through this Rotary Year and I am coming to the end of my official Club visits. It has been a wonderful experience travelling to all corners of our District, visiting the Clubs, and learning all they are doing in their communities and internationally. I would like to express my sincere appreciation for the warm reception I have received during my travels. Rotary is strong in District 5050 and I have seen it first-hand.

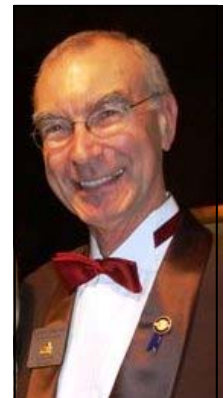
December is Family Month and I would like to share with you a message from our International President, DK Lee, on the importance of the coming holiday season:

*“This is a time for reflecting on the importance of friends and family and for thinking about the many good things we enjoy. It is also a time to think about how we can contribute to making the world a little better each day.”*

*As we in Rotary focus on finding how to **Make Dreams Real** for others, we are also working to realize our own dreams of peace, international understanding and goodwill. Children everywhere, whether near or far away, need our support and caring to keep them safe and healthy in a sometimes uncertain world. We can make a positive difference for the children of the world.”*

Karola and I would like to extend to each and every one of you, and your families, our wish for peace, good health and happiness as you celebrate the holiday season.

**Your Governor,  
Larry**



**DG Larry Stinson**

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**Wishing you  
A Merry Christmas!**



**AN EDITORIAL NOTE:**

**A Rotary Tradition:  
Club Banner Exchange**

One of the topics that I enjoy sharing with our readers has been how much fun my wife and I have visiting other Rotary clubs. In addition to the fellowship, it is a time for learning and experiencing the excitement of being a partner with other Rotarians around the world.

In November we flew to Florida to attend the wedding of a granddaughter. While we were on the east coast, we decided to drive up to Virginia and visit historical Williamsburg (we had last been there in 1971 with our young children). I went to the R.I. web site and discovered that the Rotary Club of Williamsburg met for dinner on Thursday evening in the Williamsburg Lodge (<http://www.williamsburgrotary.org/>).



**Williamsburg Club President Tom Bowe exchanged club banners with Past Club President (2000-2001) Pat Knight of the Rotary Club of Snohomish, WA.**

In the 2003 Rotary International publication, *A Century of Service: The Story of Rotary International*, by David C. Forward, on page 72, the following reference is made to the banner exchange tradition:

“One of the colorful traditions of many Rotary clubs is the exchange of small banners, flags, or pennants. Rotarians traveling to distant locations take banners to exchange at make-up meetings as a token of friendship. Clubs use the decorative banners for display at meetings and district events. The exchange is a meaningful gesture that serves as a tangible symbol of international friendship.”

**Note:** I want to invite you to send me stories and photos of experiences that you have had in the exchange of club banners.

**Family of Rotary**

Editor's note:

The following article (slightly edited for space) was submitted by Maureen Boyd, Co-Chair of District 5050 Family of Rotary Committee, to show how Rotary impacts the lives of our family members. We want to thank Christie for sharing her letter of appreciation for Rotary.

**I Grew Up With Rotary**

By Christie Crean

As far back as I can remember, Rotary has been part of my life. So when the opportunity to join the Coquitlam Club came along, I took it... no questions asked.

My earliest memories of Rotary extend back to when I was two years old and my family welcomed our first Rotary exchange student. Because my father was the youth exchange counselor, we met people from many different places; to this day we are still in touch with most of them. Being exposed to so many cultures while growing up was an eye opening experience for our whole family.

During my childhood, I was a member of the Royal City Youth Ballet. The Ballet Company put on productions year round and kept me and my parents very busy. Because the Rotary Club of New Westminster sponsored the Ballet Company, I remember being the entertainment for numerous Rotary luncheons and installation dinners.

My parents and grandmother saw Rotary as an essential part of their lives and involved us as much as they could. Because of this I attended many events and conferences. In June, 1995, I went with my family and my grandmother to the RI Convention in Nice, France. I remember the town being turned upside down for the conference. Everywhere you looked you could see Rotary. I particularly remember a parade of floats made of flowers. The conference was an amazing experience for me!



Christie with her uncle and Past President of the Rotary Club of Vancouver, B.C., Tom Crean.

In the fall of 1999, Rotary changed my life. I had the opportunity to accompany my dad to Zimbabwe, Africa, on a Rotary Hearing Health Care Project.

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***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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This experience allowed me to see first hand the difference Rotary makes in a developing country. I spent 5 weeks in Africa helping on different projects, including installing a microscope in Bilawayo Hospital. Unfortunately, while we were there my grandmother was very ill. My dad flew back home, and I stayed for the remaining time with the rest of the group. My grandmother knew what a opportunity this trip was for me and insisted that I stay. She died soon after my dad returned home, and I came back for the funeral. My grandmother was an amazing woman and truly believed and lived the values of Rotary.

In the summer of 2003, I was asked if I wanted to attend RYLA. I decided that this could be an interesting experience, so away I went for the weekend. RYLA was an opportunity to learn more about Rotary with other youth who shared the same hopes and ideas as I did.

After a year working as a nanny in Austria, I began work at the family funeral home, (Kearney Columbia Howell Funeral Chapel) and decided that I would take the apprenticeship program. I started schooling in September, 2004.

On February 12, 2006, my life changed. My mother fell ill with an unknown illness and died at the age of 48. I was 20, the second oldest of 5 children. This as you can imagine turned my life and my family's life upside down. I was living in Vancouver with a friend at the time and moved back home to be with my family and help out as best I could. As terrible as this experience was, it made me stronger as a person.

I completed my funeral schooling and received my funeral-directing license in 2006. Since then, I have been working as a licensed Funeral Director. I am the fourth generation of the Kearney family to be involved in the business, and am very proud of our heritage. As we celebrate 100 years of the company's existence, I know my great grandfather, Thomas Kearney, would be very proud. My job consists of meeting with the families when someone has passed away, arranging the funerals, and ensuring all is completed properly, and that their needs are met. I help organize community events that the funeral home sponsors. Every year we hold an Honour a Life celebration at Christmas for families we have served during the year. We do this in partnership with Queens Park Care Center, QP Hospice, Royal Columbian Hospital, Crossroads Hospice and the Salvation Army. We also do a teleconference, which is a satellite downlink by the Hospice Foundation of America. I arrange for guest speakers. and am now the official voice for the company on CKNW. I am a board member of the New Westminster Chamber of Commerce and BC Bereavement Helpline.



Christie with the father of the bride, Michael Crean.

In the spring of 2007, PDG Bernie Pregler asked if I wanted to join the Coquitlam Rotary Club. He put me in touch with PP Pam Stroud and in July, 2007, I joined Rotary. My father and my Uncle Tom (past presidents of the New Westminster Rotary Club and the Vancouver Rotary Club) were delighted to welcome me as an official member of their Rotary family.

In September of this year I married my husband, Jake Power, and we live at the Quay in New Westminster.

In conclusion, Rotary has been a big part of my life and I hope for it to continue to be. It has given me the opportunity to unite with other individuals who share the same desire for public service in our community and the world. I truly believe in the values of Rotary and strive to live them everyday in my personal and professional life. I am proud to be a member, and I am looking forward to my future in Rotary.

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Every week District 5050 club presidents have been receiving email letters from District Governor Larry Stinson sharing important and interesting information. The following is a brief summary of some of these items:

**(Rotary) Governor's Weekly Notes**

**A Project to Reduce Child Mortality** - As I have travelled around the District a number of clubs have expressed concern about coming up with a project that will have the effect of reducing child mortality. An article in the November edition of the PAJ told of a project in Niger, West Africa, developed by one of our 2009/10 Ambassadorial Scholars, Brittany Gallagher and involves the planting of Moringa trees, the leaves of which can be used to make a nutritional supplement. The project is being organized through the Rotary Club of South Whidbey Island and is very cost effective (approximately \$600US will fund a plantation in a village). Clubs interested in participating in this project may obtain further information from Cathy Scherer at [cwsch@whidbey.com](mailto:cwsch@whidbey.com) or by contacting their Assistant Governor.

**TRF Contributions** - Canadian Rotarians wishing to take advantage of the current favorable RI exchange rate (\$1.04 CAN = \$1.00 US) should consider making an online contribution to The Rotary Foundation prior to midnight October 31. After that the rate will change. Online contributions can be made at <http://www.trfcanada.org/>

**Humanitarian Service Opportunities** - Rotarians often inquire about how they can become involved in humanitarian aid trips. There is an interesting link on the home page of the District 7080 website entitled "Opportunities for Service". Simply go to <http://www.rotary7080.org/> and you will see it. While coordinated from D7080 these travel opportunities are apparently open to all Rotarians regardless of location so long as there is available space.

**Candidates for District Governor 2011/2012** - The District Nominating Committee will soon be considering candidates for the position of District Governor for the 2011-2012 Rotary Year. Clubs are invited to recommend qualified candidates to the Nominating Committee. The recommendation must be in the form of a resolution adopted at a regular meeting of the club, certified by the club secretary, and forwarded to PDG Harv Jubie, Chair of the District Nominating Committee, at 6717-45th Place NE Marysville, WA, USA 98270, by the deadline of January 31, 2009.

A club may only recommend one of its own members. Candidates must meet the following qualifications: (a) be a member in good standing of a functioning club in the District; (b) will have been a member of one or more Rotary clubs for at least 7 years at the time of taking office; (c) must have served as a club president for a full term or if a charter president for the full balance of the term from the date of charter (minimum 6 months); and (d) be willing and able to fulfill the duties and responsibilities of District Governor.

Direct questions regarding the procedure for candidacy please direct them to PDG Harv Jubie, email [jubiecon@gte.net](mailto:jubiecon@gte.net) or telephone 360-659-5556.

**Canadian Rotarian Magazine Supplement** - I have been advised that the RI Board has approved the proposal to create a Canada Supplement to the Rotarian Magazine effective July 1, 2009. An Editorial Advisory Committee has been appointed which includes our own PDG Rod Thomson. As a result of this decision the mandatory annual subscription rate for Canadian Rotarians will increase from US\$12 to US\$16 also effective July 1, 2009. More information will be available in the coming months regarding content in the Supplement.

**Attendance & Make-Up Guidelines** - There have been a number of inquiries as to what constitutes a "make-up" for purposes of meeting the attendance requirements. Attendance requirements are set out in Article 9 of the Standard Rotary Club Constitution which applies to all Rotary Clubs (page 254 of the 2007 version of the Manual of Procedure). Many of the potential activities require approval of the Club Board and so these will vary from club to club. Attached to the above email to the club presidents was a set of Guidelines that was provided by our District Secretary, Bert Monsma, which you might find useful.



**Bill Leung (Karen)  
Rotary Club of Coquitlam**

**Rotary Club President (2008-2009)**

I am 56 years old, and was born and raised in a small farming community in Eastern Saskatchewan (population 350). My family moved to Vancouver in 1968.

I attended the University of British Columbia for a couple of years in 1970-72. I decided that university was not for me, so I worked for a couple years at dead end jobs before deciding I'd better look for something longer-term. I answered a career ad and joined Scotiabank (a Canadian-based bank providing a complete range of retail, commercial, corporate, investment and international services) in 1974, and have been with the bank ever since. I am currently a branch manager in Coquitlam.

I have been married to Karen for 30 years, and I have lived in Coquitlam for 28. We have two children: Marisa who is 20, (soon moving to London England) and Spencer who has just turned 17 (soon graduating from high school).

I don't have many hobbies, but I like to fly-fish and can play a couple of chords on the guitar. I gave up hockey last year with a bum shoulder. My family enjoys camping, and we try to get in at least one trip each year to the Cariboo.

I have been a member of the Coquitlam club since 1999, and have served in various capacities on every board since 2000. One of the great things about Rotary is the opportunity to meet wonderful people, and our club is no exception. My life has been enriched, if for no other reason than having developed personal and business associations with people whom I might not have otherwise met. Actually, I would have to say that those thoughts extend beyond our own club, because it seems everyone I have ever met in Rotary is an exceptional person.

The opportunity to work as a group to effect positive change makes the whole Rotary experience very rewarding.

**Adventures in Leadership: For Youth Ages 15 - 17**

The very first Adventures in Leadership will be held on **February 27 to March 1, 2009** (Friday evening to Sunday noon) at Camp Alexandra in White Rock, BC. The cost to the club is \$250 per applicant. This is our youth leadership program for high school students. We are looking for applicants in the 10th and 11th Grades (ages 15 - 17). Candidates will be accepted on a first come basis until all spots are filled.



**Adventures in Leadership** is a program offered by Rotary International. All costs are paid by the sponsoring Rotary club - there is no cost to participants. Adventures will give participants insight into some of the basics of what it means, and takes to be a leader: to create a well-rounded individual with increased perspective and enthusiasm for growth, who is able to make informal decisions.

**Adventures in Leadership** will teach participants through a variety of exercises involving leadership and growth. The sessions include: Pre-judging and assumptions; goal setting and time management; risk taking; and choices and problem solving. The program is led by youth, with guidance from adult Rotarians, in accordance with Rotary guidelines. Candidates are selected and sponsored by a local Rotary Club, with a mix of females and males.

Rotary clubs are being asked to submit candidate applications by December 7, 2008; however, because of the shortness of this notice, you are encouraged to send your applications as soon as possible.

For more information and to receive a copy of the application form, write Sean Hogan, District 5050 Youth Coordinator, at [shogan@buckleyhogan.com](mailto:shogan@buckleyhogan.com).

If you are interested in a Rotary club presentation on Adventures in Leadership or on any or all of our District Youth Programs, please let Sean know and he will have one of their speakers come to your club.



**Report on District 5050's 2008 Rotary Foundation Dinner**

With information provided by PDG Rob Martin and AG Lee Harman

The Foundation Dinner was held on November 7, at McIntyre Hall, in Mount Vernon, Washington. Over 200 people were treated to an informative and enjoyable evening. Speakers were District 5050's Ambassadorial Chair, Cathy Scherer, and one of the two outgoing scholars, Yashar

Keramati, who gave a wonderful presentation about his educational plans, and future plans to work to help lift impoverished people to economic success. Other speakers were the Outbound GSE Team Leader Bev Harrington, who will be leading a team to Ecuador and Mark Kendziorrek and Heidi Johnson who talked about their experiences, and the many needs they saw. Mark's club has already written a Matching Grant and Heidi has been working with the Meadow Ridge Club on a major project. It was great to hear about the good work of our GSE Teams!



DG Larry Stinson, Robin & Heath Gunn & AG Lee Harman.

The evening continued with an auction which raised over \$5,000 for Polio Eradication, including a painting entitled "Winter Scene" which is now owned by Rotarians Robin and Heath Gunn from the Rotary Club of South Whidbey Island. Lee



Penny LeGate & DG Larry

Harman acquired the painting last June while motorcycling to Romania with a German friend where he was feted by the new (five years old) Rotary Club of Resita (D2241). The 'Father' of their club is Mr. Pavel Fistea. He is most pleased with his club's "discovering" the artistic talent of Mr. Vasile Popovici. The club published a compendium of Popovici's art work, which led to the sale of many pieces, which helped this struggling artist. Important to the role played by Resita Rotary is Popovici's connection to our Polio Plus efforts: He is a 39 year old polio survivor, is self-taught, and paints his beautiful works despite being severely handicapped.

Lee reported that the Arlington Club teamed with Stanwood and Burlington Noon to do a Matching Grant program with the Rotary Club of Resita, Romania. They outfitted a wing of the Casa Dorca Orphanage and helped buy them a 12 passenger Mercedes bus for their transportation needs.

Our final speaker was Penny LeGate, who did a masterful job of describing the current Polio Eradication work around the world. Her story about her time in Ethiopia was exceptional, and was a great end to an inspiring evening. She left the audience with an elegant "keep of the good work" and "don't give up" speech, entreating all Rotarians to stay the course, rise to the occasion, work hard and conquer Polio.

**District Governor's Visit to Chilliwack Fraser Rotary Club on October 1, 2008**



DG Larry Stinson & AG (Area A) Ron Goldfinch



DG Larry presented Brian Wierks his third PHF pin



Dr. Ben Burgoyne welcomes Dr. Lee Harman to the Wall of Honor at Cascade Valley Hospital, Arlington, WA.

Photograph by Sarah Arney, *The Arlington Times*

Locate copy of the article at:

[http://www.pnwlocalnews.com/north\\_sound/arl/news/33856599.html](http://www.pnwlocalnews.com/north_sound/arl/news/33856599.html)

## Lee Harman (Judy) Rotary Club of Arlington, WA

### Assistant Governor, Area I

I'm proud to say that I'm a 24 year veteran of Rotary. As a busy ophthalmic surgeon, my club (Arlington) in the early days often granted me "grace" for violating the 100% attendance rules in vogue back then. I appreciated that and soon realized that Rotary was much bigger and more important than a single weekly meeting. This really became apparent whenever I visited a Rotary Club meeting overseas, where my wife and I were always treated with an esteem usually reserved for the closest of friends. But then, again, as Rotarians, we were friends.

I was granted the privilege of Club Presidency in 2004/5, the Centennial Year. As a surgeon, I learned much during my presidential year, especially that a surgeon's training and mentality (read: style of leadership!) can often run roughly when applied to a volunteer organization like Rotary. We accomplished a lot (the club receiving the Presidential Citation) but it wasn't an entirely smooth year. When asked to consider Assistant Governorship several years later, I knew I'd have to mellow out and research other leadership styles, all of which would be more suited to Rotary Success than my personal "benevolent dictator" style. I credit Denis Boyd's Leadership Institute and his efforts at PETS to bringing these small points to my leadership awareness.

During the World Vintage Air Rally in 1990, my club president wrote a simple note to all of the fellow presidents of clubs we might encounter along the route of flight. Though my aircraft was usually the slowest and therefore last of 35 airplanes to arrive, at each stop Rotarians, particularly in the developing world, met us and treated all the pilot/participants with great honor and respect, as if each was a Rotarian. Landing in Islamabad, Pakistan, late one Sunday night, everything was closed....until the Rotarians there opened up banks, restaurants and a hotel to host us. Simply amazing. The absolute highlight of that trip was "making up" at a Rotary Club in Calcutta, sitting next to a lady Rotarian (no ladies in the US clubs at that time) and finding out she was professionally involved with Mother Teresa's "Mother Houses." Through her, the very next day, two of us were introduced and shook hands with Mother Teresa. What else need I say? To complete the experience, 35 antique vintage aircraft arrived in London, 27 took off, and 12 of us made it all the way to Brisbane, Australia. Without Rotary along the way, the group of us might well not have successfully completed the trip.

My latest Rotary high point was last summer having the opportunity to visit the Resita, Romania, Rotary Club (refer to the Rotary Foundation dinner report on page 6). It was there that I learned that one of their favorite "projects" was discovering, befriending and promoting a 39 year old, self-trained artist. Mr. Vasile Popovici is a severely handicapped Polio survivor (of the same epidemic which claimed the life of his older sister at age 16.) Vasile lives with his mother in a very poor home, painting with his mother's help by holding the brush in one hand as a fulcrum and the end in his mouth to move the brush. I've recently been asked to be next year's District Polio Plus Chairman. There's lots to be done and I hope to round out my Polio Plus knowledge by participating in a National Immunization Day (NID) program next year.

### **A clarification in connection with the November, 2008, edition of the PAJ, "100% Paul Harris Fellow Club"**

PDG John Bosch has noted that the Rotary Club of White Rock Peninsula (WRP) is the second club in District 5050 to receive the 100% Paul Harris Fellow Club award. The first club to receive this honor was the Stanwood Camano Island Club. Their banner was presented to them by DG Rod Thomson and District Foundation Chairman Rob Martin in November, 2006.

Stephen Morach, Foundation Chair, Stanwood/Camano Island Rotary Club, said that his "club wants to congratulate the White Rock Peninsula Club for becoming the second club in District 5050 to be so honored. It appears that the White Rock Peninsula club is the first Canadian club in District 5050 to have achieved this honor. It is wonderful that two clubs in our district have been recognized as 100% Paul Harris clubs, and we hope that other clubs will join us and continue to support the Rotary Foundation."

DG Larry Stinson has noted that WRP is the first 100% Paul Harris Society Club in the District, i.e. every club member has committed to contributing \$1,000 per year to The Rotary Foundation.



## Projects Using Engineers Without Borders

Article Provided by Don Anderson

**ROTARY HAS THE REACH** to effect life-saving changes in even the poorest, most remote villages. Club members who travel on Water, Health and Hunger projects experience the “Before/After” results of these projects. Rotary is not an engineering/construction outfit – we rely upon partners & subcontractors. Introducing the kindred organization -- **ENGINEERS WITHOUT BORDERS (“EWB”)**: professional engineers and students who put concrete reality into the Rotary Reach (see : <http://www.ewb-usa.org/index.php>).

Rotary Project ideas need engineering design and implementation; and well-planned EWB projects need local leadership, liaison and funding that Rotary

clubs world-wide provide.

EWB chapters in District 5050 -- Student Chapter at WWU and Northwest Washington Professionals, Bellingham -- provide opportunity for synergistic cooperation with Rotary, here and now. Consider EWB’s “Axim Water System Extension” project in the seaside fishing town of Axim, Ghana:

*The community public water system does not include approximately 60 percent of the population. This project will extend the public water system to supply the poorest part of the population. In addition, the public main will be constructed to front public property, schools and churches so that people without plumbing to their homes will still have access. Future phases include emergency back up power for the water treatment plant so that water availability is guaranteed during power outages. Water quality testing equipment will be furnished so local operators can verify water quality on a regular basis. Finally, the project includes public education on the importance of hand washing in maintaining good health.*

For details contact EWB Chapter President Gary Fortenberry, at [gary.fortenberry@ch2m.com](mailto:gary.fortenberry@ch2m.com). Other joint Rotary/EWB projects: <http://www.ewb-usa.org/Rotary&EWB.php>.

The Rotary Funding Process for EWB projects is at:

<http://www.ewb-usa.org/downloads/ROTARY%20FUNDING%20PROCESS%20rev%20314.doc>



## Port Moody Rotary Club’s Support of PolioPlus and the Family of Rotary

Information provided by Linda Balzer, editor of their club bulletin, *The Golden Spike*

After attending the 2008 District Conference our Club President, Keith Vernon, thought that we should give each guest speaker a ‘certificate’ with the words that Polio eradication is within our grasp and that the Rotary Club of Port Moody is committed to ensure that the risk of crippling and deadly polio is eliminated throughout the world. As a token of appreciation for speaking at our club, we will donate vaccine for ten children.

Along with that thought, we have put out an invitation to our club members that if they are invited out to someone’s home for dinner, a birthday party, anniversary or some ‘celebration’ where you would ‘take’ a gift, that they take a ‘certificate’ instead with however many ‘dollars’ they would like to donate. They write a cheque to the Rotary club for the amount. A certificate is made and they take it as a ‘gift’. The Rotarian who wrote the cheque will get a credit towards his ‘Paul Harris’; Rotary gets the money for Polio; and the recipient is happy. We have done it for a retirement gift and dinner invitation gifts. The club keeps a ‘spread sheet’ and three times a year we send the money to The Rotary Foundation.

In our bulletin we now have a ‘page’ just for the Family of Rotary. Photos are put on that page of people who have just joined the club; people in the club who are ill; and just fun Rotary photos. It seems to be going over very well and the club looks forward to see who will be on the next week. Our Family of Rotary person sends cards out to anyone who is ill, first bringing it to the club for all the members to sign. We had one Director who was in hospital on his birthday, so we did a video at the Club of everyone singing “Happy Birthday” to him.

We have many activities throughout the year that we invite the spouses to participate. We go to the Eagle Ridge Manor and decorate the manor for the seniors; and then a couple of weeks later throw a big ‘tea party’ for the residents and their families. Santa shows up and it is a great ‘family’ activity.



**The Rotary Foundation Policy Changes**

Posted on the District 5050 Web Site on October 15, 2008, by Bill Robson,  
District 5050 Foundation Grants Subcommittee Chair

The following new policy changes are scheduled to take place effective July 1, 2009:

- Paul Harris Fellow medallions will not be provided automatically but will be available for purchase.
- The individual donor will be the only person authorized to transfer Foundation recognition points.
- Foundation recognition points will expire upon the death of the donor or the death of the surviving spouse of a Major Donor (US\$10,000+).
- Foundation recognition points and recognition amounts will only be transferred for transactions of 500 points or more.

Why are these changes being made?

- It has long been the wish of The Rotary Foundation Trustees to simplify the Foundation's programs and allow more resources to meet donors' expectations. The Future Vision Plan and these changes are intended to simplify the recognition program and, therefore, make the Foundation a more efficient, timely, and cost-effective steward of the gifts of many Rotarian and non-Rotarian donors.

Will club presidents still be able to transfer Foundation recognition points from members' IDs?

- Historically, Rotary club presidents have been allowed to authorize transfers of Foundation recognition points from the IDs of current and former members of their club. Once this change is implemented, only the Individual donor may transfer Foundation recognition points from their ID.

What does it mean that Foundation recognition points expire upon the death of the donor or the death of the surviving spouse of a Major Donor?

- Because only the donor will be authorized to transfer Foundation recognition points, any remaining points will expire after the donor's death, A surviving spouse of a Major Donor, however, may still authorize transfers on the donor's behalf.

What does the new 500 point threshold for transfers mean?

- Though individuals, clubs, and districts may still transfer Foundation recognition points to name new Paul Harris Fellows and present further Paul Harris awards, the minimum transfer from an account will be 500 points. Transfer requests of less than 500 points, or Paul Harris Fellow recognition amounts, would not be processed.

Editor's note: You can send comments and questions to Bill Robson at [William\\_robson@yahoo.ca](mailto:William_robson@yahoo.ca).

**District 5050 Events**

Go to [www.district5050.org](http://www.district5050.org) for information.

January 31, 2009 (Saturday) Bellingham, WA

- District Team Training Seminar: 8:30 a.m.
- Pre-PETS: 11:30 a.m.

March 6 - 8, 2009: Seattle, WA

- PETS

April 4, 2009 (Saturday) Surrey, B.C.

- District 5050 Assembly: (Saturday) Surrey, B.C.

May 28-31, 2009: Chilliwack, B.C.

- District 5050 "Conference in the Country"

**District Literacy Seminar**

**Saturday, March 21, 2009, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Fox Hall at the Hampton Inn, Bellingham, WA**

This event is for all club members interested in conducting literacy programs locally & internationally, club literacy committee chairs, assistant governors and other district leaders. There will be sessions for the whole group together, a plenary speaker, and a separate break-out session. It will include a hot breakfast buffet and lunch.

**For information:** Rhian Piprell at [cpiprell@shaw.ca](mailto:cpiprell@shaw.ca)

You can register for the seminar on the District Website:  
[www.district5050.org](http://www.district5050.org)

**District 5050 Attendance & Membership Report for October, 2008**      *Prepared by Bert Monsma, District Secretary*

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Rotary Club of...	Meetings Held	Attendance				Membership		
		This Month %	Rank	Year to Date %	Rank	Start of Year	Present	Change
Abbotsford	0 of 0	69.23	28	70.71	23	66	65	-1
Abbotsford-Matsqui	0 of 0	0.00	=54	79.50	11	30	30	-
Abbotsford-Sumas	5 of 5	79.20	11	83.61	6	24	25	+1
Aldergrove	5 of 5	78.60	14	70.10	26	29	29	-
Anacortes	3 of 3	67.00	=35	69.75	27	59	62	+3
Arlington	5 of 5	67.00	=35	59.50	51	67	72	+5
Bellingham	0 of 0	76.02	18	72.60	19	180	181	+1
Bellingham Bay	4 of 4	57.52	50	58.47	53	120	117	-3
Bellingham Sunrise	5 of 5	65.00	=40	64.75	41	43	44	+1
Burlington	5 of 5	73.04	20	67.81	33	77	70	-7
Burlington Mid-Day	4 of 4	65.00	=40	73.00	18	27	26	-1
Chilliwack	5 of 5	99.40	1	88.45	3	195	193	-2
Chilliwack Fraser	5 of 5	68.00	=31	64.50	43	78	71	-7
Chilliwack Mt. Cheam	5 of 5	58.81	48	64.19	=45	62	64	+2
Cloverdale	5 of 5	71.00	23	66.75	36	21	20	-1
Coquitlam	5 of 5	79.64	10	73.92	17	48	50	+2
Coquitlam Sunrise	4 of 4	77.00	17	68.13	31	25	28	+3
Everett	4 of 4	68.72	30	65.74	39	190	191	+1
Everett-Port Gardner	5 of 5	62.00	45	64.00	=45	42	42	-
Fidalgo Island	4 of 4	69.90	26	70.38	25	49	49	-
Haney	5 of 5	67.00	=35	60.75	49	42	42	-
Hope	5 of 5	73.80	19	81.13	9	13	13	-
La Conner	4 of 4	83.00	7	81.83	7	49	48	-1
Lake Stevens	4 of 4	61.63	46	63.69	47	44	44	-
Langley	5 of 5	58.57	49	62.53	48	32	28	-4
Langley Central	5 of 5	68.79	29	65.44	40	77	77	-
Langley Sunrise	5 of 5	81.20	9	84.53	5	19	17	-2
Marysville Morning	5 of 5	70.00	25	77.25	13	17	17	-
Marysville Noon	0 of 0	0.00	=54	69.57	28	75	71	-4
Meadow Ridge	4 of 4	68.18	=31	66.78	35	45	46	+1
Mission	5 of 5	82.60	8	74.20	16	33	31	-2
Mission Midday	4 of 4	66.67	39	66.85	34	28	26	-2
Monroe	5 of 5	89.00	4	90.25	2	29	30	+1
Mount Baker	3 of 3	85.00	5	80.75	10	59	57	-2
Mt. Vernon	4 of 4	65.00	=40	68.25	29	46	48	+2
North Delta	5 of 5	69.34	27	60.46	50	43	44	+1
North Whidbey Island Sunrise	5 of 5	68.00	=31	71.50	21	30	33	+3
Oak Harbor	5 of 5	59.00	47	58.75	52	95	95	-
Port Coquitlam Centennial	5 of 5	65.00	=40	66.00	=37	24	24	-
Port Moody	0 of 0	77.67	16	67.93	32	46	47	+1
San Juan Island (Friday Harbor)	5 of 5	94.00	2	91.25	1	27	27	-
Sedro Woolley	5 of 5	57.00	51	57.00	=54	97	97	-
Semiahmoo (White Rock)	5 of 5	79.00	=12	68.25	30	49	53	+4
Skagit (Mount Vernon)	5 of 5	67.00	=35	66.25	=37	70	72	+2
Snohomish	5 of 5	68.00	=31	78.00	12	24	23	-1
South Everett-Mukilteo	5 of 5	93.00	3	85.50	4	65	62	-3
South Whidbey Island	4 of 4	72.35	=21	74.74	15	73	71	-2

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Rotary Club of...	Meetings Held	Attendance				Membership		
		This Month %	Rank	Year to Date %	Rank	Start of Year	Present	Change
Stanwood-Camano Island	5 of 5	64.00	44	64.75	42	44	43	-1
Surrey	4 of 4	53.00	53	57.25	=54	25	25	-
Surrey-Guildford	5 of 5	56.00	52	64.25	44	23	22	-1
Whatcom County North	5 of 5	83.81	6	81.80	8	58	59	+1
White Rock	4 of 4	72.00	=21	71.00	22	58	61	+3
White Rock Millennium	5 of 5	77.91	15	71.63	20	21	20	-1
White Rock Peninsula PHS	4 of 4	70.67	24	70.48	24	23	23	-
White Rock-Peace Arch	3 of 3	79.09	=12	77.20	14	32	31	-1
<b>Totals</b>						<b>2967</b>	<b>2956</b>	<b>-11</b>

No report received from:

Rotary Club of Abbotsford-Matsqui

Rotary Club of Marysville Noon

### Highlights for the Month of October, 2008

- Total number of members in District 5050 as of October 31, 2008 was 2,956 (versus 2,967 as of October 31, 2007).
- District membership increased by 2 member (net) for the month of October, 2008 (versus a net increase of 5 members in October, 2007).
- Average Attendance for the District for the month of October, 2008 was 72.33 % (versus average attendance of 73.24 % for October, 2007).

#### CLUB ATTENDANCE:

The top 5 clubs for attendance for the four (4) months YTD to October, 2008 were:

1. San Juan Island (Friday Harbor) 91.25 %
2. Monroe 90.25 %
3. Chilliwack 88.45 %
4. South Everett-Mukilteo 85.50 %
5. Langley Sunrise 84.53 %

No club had less than 50% attendance in October, 2008.

#### CLUB MEMBERSHIP

The top clubs for membership growth/net increase in members for the YTD to October 31, 2008 were:

1. Arlington + 5
2. Semiahmoo (White Rock), + 3
3. Anacortes, Coquitlam Sunrise,  
North Whidbey Island Sunrise & White Rock + 2

The seven largest clubs in our District and number of members as of October 31, 2008, were:

1. Chilliwack 193 - 2
2. Everett 191 + 1
3. Bellingham 181 + 1
4. Bellingham Bay 117 - 3
5. Sedro-Woolley 97 + 0
6. Oak Harbor 95 + 0
7. Langley Central 77 + 0

#### **District 5050 Number of Members as of:**

Month/Year	2005/2006	2006/2007	2007/2008	2008/2009
October 31	3,028	3,003	2,967	2,956