

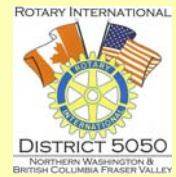


# Rotary District 5050

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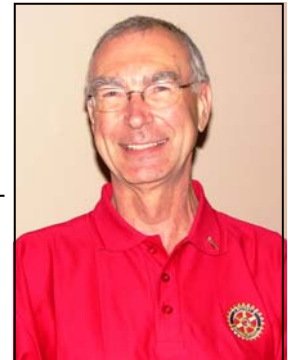
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### Message from the District Governor

Greetings Fellow Rotarians:

January saw the start of a new cycle of training activity in the District with the District Team Training Seminar and Pre-PETS being held in Bellingham this past Saturday, January 30. DGE Larry Jubie, just back from the International Assembly in San Diego, rolled out International President-Elect John Kenny's theme and goals for the 2009-2010 Rotary Year.



February is World Understanding Month, a time when we focus on the fourth Object of Rotary – the advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace. It is through our international service projects that we reach out to lend a helping hand and, in so doing, build a more peaceful tomorrow.

Our International President, DK Lee, tells us that one of life's lessons which he learned at an early age was that "everyone, everywhere, sometimes needs help from others." In these uncertain economic times, many of our fellow Rotarians here in District 5050 are facing serious financial pressures and disruption to their families and businesses. In our Clubs we need to find ways to provide our support and understanding, to keep them as part of the family of Rotary while they deal with these challenges.

Our theme this year is Make Dreams Real – we need to "keep the dream alive" for all our members if we are to achieve that.

Your Governor,  
Larry

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**Editor's Notes:** I was invited to become a Rotarian because I am a Social Worker and our incoming Club President was looking for someone to be his Community Service Chair. As a Social Worker I have dealt with people who are full of pain and who too often wait too long to ask for help. It is my personal belief that we need to be alert to the short sighted view that, in the rush to deal with the financial crisis that our two counties are experiencing, to cut back on the already limited funding for mental health services.

*Bob Knight*

On page 3 is a copy of a letter from the Governor for Rotary District 5100 regarding the death of two exchange students and the injury of several others. The January 28, 2009, edition of *The Seattle Times*, in an article written by Mary Hudetz for *The Associated Press*, it was reported that a 24-year old male (who later died from self-inflicted gun shot) "fired at a group of young people outside an under-21 nightclub...among the seven injured in the shooting spree were five foreign youths - all exchange, like the Peruvian who died. They were from Italy, France, Ecuador, Guatemala and Taiwan."

With a heavy heart, District Governor Larry Stinson has shared the following:

"We are all saddened by this senseless act and express our sincere condolences to the families of the victims, their fellow Youth Exchange students, and all Rotarians in District 5100. I am attaching information (on page 3) regarding a fund established by District 5100 to assist in dealing with this tragic event. District 5050 will be making a contribution to this fund on behalf of the Rotarians in our District and our own Youth Exchange program. For further information you may refer to the District 5100 website at [www.district5100.org](http://www.district5100.org)."

**District 5050 RYLA 2009**

**June 4 (Thursday) to 7 (Sunday)**

Based on information from Sean Hogan



Each Rotary club is invited to select at least two young adults (preferably one male and one female), ages range between the final year of high school and age 25, married or single. to attend the next RYLA Camp that will be at the Zajac Ranch again (near Mission, BC). Since District 5050 clubs are in both Washington State and British Columbia, the planners hope to have an equal mix of Americans and Canadians. We ask for candidates who hold a position of leadership and/or display leadership potential.

Information and registration forms can found at the RYLA website:

[www.ryla5050.org](http://www.ryla5050.org).

We are asking clubs to submit their candidates using the online applications at our website. If you would prefer the paper application, please email us and we will forward one to you. "First Artificial Deadline" is March 31, 2009. Each club has two guaranteed spots up to that date. After that, applications are accepted on a first come basis. The ultimate deadline is April 30, since we have to commit our numbers to Camp Zajac by early May.

You can send RYLA related emails to [ryla@buckleyhogan.com](mailto:ryla@buckleyhogan.com)

*Left are RYLA campers at a community project.*





**ROTARY INTERNATIONAL  
DISTRICT 5100  
District & District Youth Exchange  
Information Release**



January 28, 2008

On behalf of all of the Rotarians of Rotary District 5100, we would like to express our sincere appreciation of the outpouring of support we have received, both locally and internationally, concerning the shooting incident in Portland on January 24, 2009. The incident resulted in the death of two exchange students in our program and the injury of several others. Much of the correspondence has indicated a desire to provide assistance.

District 5100 has established a fund to assist with medical, travel, and memorial/transportation expenses incurred by the victims, their families, and the host families. Should there be any funds remaining after paying these expenses, the remaining funds will continue as the Martha (Tika) Paz De Noboa Memorial Scholarship Fund. Contributions can be sent to the following address:

Portland Rotary Charitable Trust for Youth Exchange  
Attention: Jan 24th Fund  
619 SW11th Avenue, Suite 123  
Portland, Oregon 97205

Also, the Rotary Club of Clackamas has established a fund in memory of Ashley Wilks that will be used to fund college scholarships. Contributions can be sent to the following address and should be designated Ashley Wilks Memorial Fund:

The Clackamas Rotary Foundation  
c/o Thomas Joseph  
P.O. 601  
Clackamas, Oregon 97015

In addition to monetary help, many have offered volunteer support. Brandie Kajino is coordinating various volunteer offers. Brandie's contact information is;

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Thank you;

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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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**WHITE ROCK PENINSULA PHS ROTARY CLUB**  
**"THE NEW GUYS ON THE BLOCK"**

Our Short History By Cass Parel

White Rock Peninsula PHS Rotary Club was chartered 6th March 2008 with 23 Paul Harris Society members. Charter President Lyle Konner. This is a unique achievement, the first and only Rotary club in the world to achieve this status, hence the letters P.H.S. This status is achieved by every members' commitment to contribute US\$ 1,000 annually to The Annual Programs Fund, Polio Plus, Polio Plus Partners or The Humanitarian Grants Program.

The mandate for our club was to have fun whilst working together on local and international projects. In the short time since our charter we believe we have achieved our mandate and have had fun whilst achieving our set short term goals, with the realization that there is still a long road ahead to implement all our ambitious goals.

Since our charter, members have raised funds and completed a wheelchair distribution project in Mexico. The joy expressed by the recipients was a heart felt and humbling experience. This to be an annual project.

Funds for the next wheelchair distribution project in Mexico are in hand. The Wheelchair Foundation has arranged for another container of wheelchairs to be delivered to our host Rotary Club in Cancun. The funds were raised at our first annual "Drive For Mobility", a no prize golf fellowship weekend at Predator Ridge Golf Resort Vernon. This will be an annual event for golfers and non golfers alike in the Kelowna region.

We have now partnered with the South Surrey Learning Center. At their Christmas dinner, a \$5,000 cheque was presented to them for the purchase of technical equipment.

A project for the provision of clean water to a remote village consisting of fifty homes and a school in Guatemala has been approved. Total value of the first phase is approx. \$ 59,000. This will be partially funded by our contribution to The Paul Harris Society and Rotary Foundation.

Together with the White Rock Players we are currently presenting the successful Covent Garden production of *The Royal Opera House in HD*. The five performances are *Carmen*, *The Sleeping Beauty*, *The Tales Of Beatrix Potter*, *Le Nozze Di Figaro* and *Romeo and Juliet*.

One of our members will soon be leaving on a one month long mission providing much needed dental services to rural areas of Guatemala. Two of our members will be leaving for India to participate in the Polio Plus National Immunization Day in Delhi.

A local project supported by our club is a weekly "Bread Run". About 50 unsold fresh loaves of bread are collected from a bakery, bagged and delivered to a local Womens' Shelter. To enable this project to include meat and vegetables, fridges have been purchased.

Funds have been approved for local scholarship awards and recipients will soon be selected.

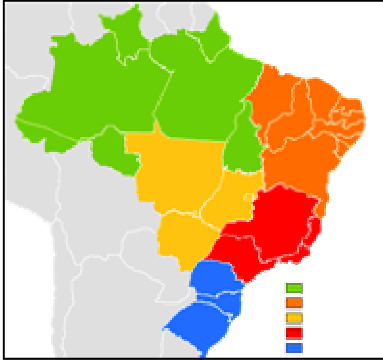
Well done guys. Not a shabby achievement.



Wheelchair distribution in Mexico

# Group Study Exchange (GSE)

## A Trip to India or Brazil



**Brazil**

**Get the word out about an opportunity of a lifetime.**



**To be part of a District 5050  
Rotary GSE**



**India**

Rotary sponsors a Group Study Exchange each year to promote international goodwill. In 2010 they are sponsoring two teams of young professionals to travel to India and Brazil for a 4-6 week exchange. The team members, except for the team leader, are non-Rotarians.

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

### **Let potential candidates know the following information:**

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

The following are the criteria for eligibility:

- Between 25 and 40 years of age
- Live or work in Rotary District 5050 (South Everett north to Vancouver, BC)
- Willing to promote international goodwill
- Physically able to meet rigorous travel schedule for 4-6 weeks
- Not related to a Rotarian
- Willing to speak about your experiences when you return

**For further information and applications go to: [www.district5050.org](http://www.district5050.org)**

**Or**

**Write to Linda Murray, District 5050 Administrator, at:  
[Linda@evergreensecurity.com](mailto:Linda@evergreensecurity.com)**

*The above maps were copied from Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia.*

**Jodi Widmann (Lewis)  
Rotary Club of Marysville (WA)**

**District 5050 Treasurer**



My name is Jodi and I have been a member of the Marysville Rotary Club since 1995. I have had the opportunity to serve my club in many capacities and was our club President during the Rotary Centennial – 2004/05. I am currently serving as the District Treasurer and have had the good fortune to get to know Rotarians from all over the District.

I graduated from Lake Stevens High School in 1981 and then left home to attend college at Washington State University – GO COUGS!! I graduated with one degree in History and one degree in Secondary Education, but decided that teaching wasn't the right path for me. So, of course, now I'm a banker. I have been in banking for 20 years and have always worked for small community centered banks. My last 5+ years have been spent working for North County Bank in Marysville where I am a Loan Officer – but really, I do a little of everything and love it.

My husband Lewis and I just celebrated our 20<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, and we have two active sons – Conor who is 11 and in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade, and Brock who is 7 and in the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. They keep us very busy with all their activities.

My favorite memories of Rotary so far are the District Conferences (I haven't missed one in many years), attending the Rotary International Conference in Chicago during our Centennial, my trip to Guatemala to help build a school back in 2003, and the baby shower that my club threw for me when I was expecting Conor back in 1997. That was a hoot – all those grown men playing baby shower games!

Although my Rotary time is limited right now because of my kids, I look forward to many more years of Rotary service and getting back into the swing of things once they get a little older.

**Notes from Assistant Governor (Area I) Lee Harman**

On January 14, 2009, AG Lee wrote the PAJ Editor to say that "I'm on my way to participate in the upcoming India NID, participating with District 5240, Simi Valley, 27 January. I'm going to "round out" my knowledge of Polio Plus and the NID process.

Having just revisited India via the movie "Slumdog Millionaire," I'm reminded of the abject poverty and circumstances that require incredible work and vigilance to administer the polio vaccines. I'll be taking plenty of pictures and will have a formal report when I've returned February 6th.



Young Ja & RI President Dong-Kurn Lee and Judy & AG Lee Harman

They were attending a Rotary Membership Conference in Phoenix, Arizona.



Participants on the India NID

At the orientation meeting in Simi Valley last weekend, I learned that it takes some 10 to 15 oral vaccinations to complete the process where in North America, three doses suffice. Hence the intensity of the program in the four remaining endemic areas.

The leader of the trip (DG Anil Garg of District 5240) and I will be traveling in India by air to a remote northern territory, directly south of Nepal."



## District 5050 Training

On Saturday, January 31, 2009, District Trainer Beverlee and District Governor-elect Larry met with Assistant Governors and other district leaders; followed by a meeting with the President-elect for 2009-2010.



District Trainer Beverlee Rasmussen & District Governor-elect Larry Jubie.



The President-elects were welcomed to the planning for their Rotary year with balloons, followed by a sharing of experiences in Rotary and what is special about each of their own clubs. In the afternoon the PEs met in small groups with their AG and discussed developing goals. DGE Larry introduced the Rotary theme that has been selected by Rotary International President-elect John Kenny: *The Future of Rotary Is In Your Hands*.

The team of club presidents for 2009-2010 are being referred to as the *Pilots*. Thus the reason for the hats being worn by Beverlee and Larry in the upper left corner.

### Invitation to Join the District Training "Team"

The following message is addressed to past club presidents and district leaders

In order to better serve our emerging leaders District 5050 is starting the process of creating a District Training "Team". Currently one person (the District Trainer) has the responsibility to organize major training events including Pre-PETS, PETS, the District Team Training Seminar and the District Assembly. This new team (committee) will work closely with other district training already in place including the Rotary Leadership Institute and the Foundation and Membership Seminars.

Ideally we would like to see a team of seven including members from both sides of the border. Meetings will be held primarily by phone but could include two meetings per year in person.

Past Presidents and those who currently do not hold a position in the District who have some training and/or organizational experience are encouraged to join us.

If you are interested or would like to learn more, please send an e-mail to Beverlee Rasmussen at [beverlee@telus.net](mailto:beverlee@telus.net) or telephone her at 604-533-0084. Her mailing address is: 3963 - 205B St., Langley, BC V3A 282.

## Miscellaneous Notes

### Upcoming District Literacy Seminar

This is a new event for our District and is being organized by our Literacy Chair, Rhian Piprell. The date is **March 21, 2009** and the location Fox Hall at the Hampton Inn in Bellingham. Literacy is one of the ongoing Rotary emphases and one of the ways in which we can help to Make Dreams Real for children in need. For more information (and registration) go to the District Website [www.district5050.org](http://www.district5050.org) or contact Rhian at [cpiprell@shaw.ca](mailto:cpiprell@shaw.ca)

### District Public Relations Chair on the road

On January 29, 2009, Barrie Seaton attended the Rotary Club of Snohomish's Thursday morning breakfast club. While there he assisted in the induction of two returning Rotarians. Marci Owens, who is the new Director of the Snohomish Boys and Girls Club, was formerly a member of Monroe. Mark Judy, who is the CEO of Valley General Hospital and lives in Snohomish, was formerly a member of Everett.

Barrie shared a PowerPoint presentation covering many aspects of the role of clubs and districts including:

- Conducting a public relations campaign in your local community.
- Tapping into local talents or connections to seek free placements for Rotary materials.
- Working with local media and providing them with pre-produced Rotary International materials.

Why do we need a public relations campaign:

- To increase public awareness of Rotary.
- To boost Rotary membership.
- To increase fundraising and public recognition opportunities; public trust; friendship and fellowship; and local community support and involvement.



Barrie Seaton, Marci Owens, Mark Judy and Club President Todd Smith

### The Peace Arch Journal's visit to the Rotary Club of Everett Port Gardner

Report and photographs by Bob Knight



Club President Sean Bailey and acting Sergeant-at-Arms Shawn O'Donnell



It was a beautiful morning as I headed west on Wednesday from Snohomish to attend the 7:15 a.m. breakfast meeting at the Everett Golf & Country Club, 1500 52nd St., Everett, Washington (the same venue used by the South Everett/Mukilteo club on Fridays. Just as I entered the room I could see the sun shining over the Cascade Mountains.

The program included a presentation by representatives from Summit Assistant Dogs located in Mount Vernon, Washington ([www.summitdogs.org](http://www.summitdogs.org)). Their theme is *Meeting the needs of people living with disabilities*. The photo on the left shows a handler demonstrating the many skills of a thoroughly trained dog.



*The following letter was forwarded to the PAJ by PDG Rob Martin*

## **Joint letter about polio from the RI president and Foundation chair**

Dear fellow Rotarians,

This is another historic day for Rotary. Our organization was honored today to host philanthropist Bill Gates Jr. at Rotary's International Assembly in San Diego, California, USA.

Speaking to 2009-10 district governors-elect, Gates congratulated Rotarians on the success of the partnership between Rotary International and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to raise funds for polio. To date, Rotarians have already committed more than US\$60 million toward the \$100 million Gates Foundation challenge grant awarded in November 2007.

In recognition of Rotary's impressive fundraising success and steadfast commitment to polio eradication, Gates announced that his foundation has decided to increase its challenge grant by \$255 million – for a total of \$355 million. By accepting the increase, Rotary also accepts the challenge to raise an additional \$100 million in matching funds by 30 June 2012 and raises the combined Rotary-Gates Foundation commitment to a total of \$555 million.

All of the resulting \$555 million will be spent in support of immunization activities carried out by the Global Polio Eradication Initiative in polio-affected countries. The initiative is spearheaded by Rotary, the World Health Organization, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and UNICEF.

In another welcomed development today, the United Kingdom's Department for International Development pledged £100 million (US\$150 million) and the German government is giving an additional €100 million (US\$130 million), both to the global initiative. These contributions are separate and will not count toward Rotary's match of the Gates Foundation challenge grant.

The infusion of funds is crucial if the world is to finally be rid of polio, a crippling, sometimes fatal disease that poses the highest risk to children. Although the initiative has reduced the number of polio cases by 99 percent over the past two decades, the wild poliovirus still persists in four countries -- Afghanistan, India, Nigeria, and Pakistan -- and imported cases from these endemic countries threaten other developing nations.

Your continued participation in this effort is vital. The Rotary International Board of Directors and the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation have unanimously agreed to accept this challenge grant to ensure the success of the PolioPlus program. Rotary and the Gates Foundation intend for their funding partnership to set an example for the rest of the world. We feel confident that this extraordinary partnership will serve as a catalyst for further donations from others to help us realize the dream of a polio-free world.

When Rotary entered the fight against polio in 1985, we promised every child a world free from the threat of polio. We are almost there. This funding agreement between Rotary and the Gates Foundation is a huge step forward, bringing us even closer to our goal. Success is our only option. Together, we can End Polio Now. For more information, please visit [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org).

Dong Kurn Lee  
Rotary International, President 2008-09

Jonathan Majiyagbe  
The Rotary Foundation, Chair 2008-09



### **District 5050 representatives to The Rotary Foundation Seminar**

Onyeka Dozie provided the attached photo of our district's attendees at the January 30, 2009, seminar held in Richmond, B.C.

From l to r: Russ McMurchie, Bill Robson, Bev Robinson, Jane Helten, Christiana Flessner, DG Larry Stinson and Onyeka Dozie.



### “The Conference in the Country”

District Governor Larry Stinson and his planning Committee are hard at work putting the finishing touches on the planning for the “Conference in the Country” in Chilliwack, B.C., from May 28 – 31, 2009. The Conference events will be primarily held at Heritage Park ([www.chilliwackheritagepark.com](http://www.chilliwackheritagepark.com)), with some events at our host hotel being the Best Western Rainbow Country Inn.

A complete agenda and registration forms will be coming out in February. You will be responsible for booking your own accommodation and you may start doing so now. There are a variety of options for you as follows (and Conference rates have been arranged with the following hotels/motels):

- Best Western Rainbow Country Inn - [www.rainbowcountryinn.com](http://www.rainbowcountryinn.com)
- Travelodge Chilliwack – [www.travelodgechilliwack.com](http://www.travelodgechilliwack.com)
- Comfort Inn - [www.comfortinn.com/hotel-chilliwack-canada-CN235](http://www.comfortinn.com/hotel-chilliwack-canada-CN235)
- Travel and stay in your own RV at the Heritage Park venue...\$10 + GST/night for dry camping and \$17.50 + GST/night for electrical hook-ups
- Enjoy the wonderful hospitality of local Rotarians with our “Home Stay” opportunities. Space available on a first come – first served basis. Please contact Doug Wickers via email at [dkwick@telus.net](mailto:dkwick@telus.net) (please indicate Rotary District Conference in your re: line)

The following is a tentative outline (subject to change) of the Conference events:

- Thursday:** golfing at Chilliwack Golf and Country Club  
Tours of the area for non-golfers  
Evening social at the Best Western Rainbow Country Inn
- Friday:** Opening Ceremonies  
Plenary Sessions  
Home Hosting in the evening (groups dining in the homes of Rotarians)
- Saturday:** Plenary Sessions  
Reception with a country-themed demonstration  
Governor’s “Rhinestone Ball”  
Dancing
- Sunday:** Closing informal breakfast at the Best Western Rainbow Country Inn

\*\*\* NO TIES \*\*\* NO SUITS \*\*\* LOTS OF FELLOWSHIP \*\*\*



*Information provided by PDG Rob Martin*

## **Rotary Foundation Announce Important Changes to the Rotary Foundation's Programs and Services Beginning in 2013**

### **Rotary Foundation Six Areas of Focus:**

Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution  
Disease Prevention and Treatment  
Water and Sanitation  
Basic Education and Literacy  
Economic and Community Development

### **Rotary Foundation District Grants**

Opportunities for smaller activities, either locally or internationally will be available through District Grants. These will be modeled after the District Simplified Grants as they are currently established. These will be provided to the District as a block grant from the District's available DDF. Up to 50% of a District's DDF may be applied for each year. These funds will be administered locally using the guidelines established by the Rotary Foundation

### **Rotary Foundation Global Grants**

These grants will focus on larger, **sustainable impact** projects that concentrate on long term effects that meet specific standards for quality and have clear Rotarian involvement. These will focus on maximizing global resources from Rotary partners. These will be awarded in the six areas of focus.

These grants may be either Club or District developed projects, or packaged projects identified by the Foundation's Partner Non Government Organizations. Club or District sponsored projects will function much as they do now. Both Humanitarian and Education projects will be included in these Global Grant project opportunities.

Packaged grants will be coordinated with one of Rotary's Global Partners. These will have a standardized approach to developing and managing these projects. These funds will come entirely from the World Fund, not District Designated Funds (DDF).

The Foundation will identify partner organizations in each of the six areas of focus. These partners will provide funding, expertise and advocacy.

The Share system will remain in place. Total District/Club contributions will be split 50/50 as they are now. A District may elect to receive up to its 50% or can elect to receive a lesser amount. The current World matching arrangement will remain in the current model, but this will only apply to the Global projects, NOT the District sponsored projects with their half of the DDF funds. This is much as it is now. District Simplified Grants are smaller but don't receive any match, except from Clubs' contributions. It is important that every Club become familiar with the different new grant options and understand how these may affect their projects.

To learn more about the Rotary Foundation's Future Vision plan and see how these changes might affect your Rotary Club, visit [www.rotary.org/futurevisionnewgrantspilot@rotary.org](mailto:www.rotary.org/futurevisionnewgrantspilot@rotary.org)

A video has been prepared for this purpose also. It can be viewed at the following Web address:  
[http://www.rotary.org/en/Members/RunningADistrict/FutureVisionPilotProgram/Pages/pilot\\_video.aspx](http://www.rotary.org/en/Members/RunningADistrict/FutureVisionPilotProgram/Pages/pilot_video.aspx)

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