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### Message from the District Governor

Greetings Fellow Rotarians:

December was a time for reflection, for our families, our friends and the family of Rotary. January is a time for revival, to bring a fresh determination to our goal of providing children who suffer from hunger, disease and ignorance with the hope of a long, healthy and fulfilling life.

January is Rotary Awareness Month, a time to refocus on our core values of Service, Fellowship, Diversity, Integrity and Leadership. Our International President, DK Lee, reminds us that... "When we are known as Rotarians, then everything we do reflects upon us all. By living by our core values and committing to Service Above Self, we build a stronger Rotary and a better world for all".

And as we look to the future, we extend our hearty congratulations to the Rotary Club of Langley, who has just celebrated 50 years of service, and now embarks on another 50 years of "Making Dreams Real".

Your Governor,  
Larry



**Karola & DG Larry Stinson**

In front of their barn, along with Karola's horse in the spirit of Christmas.

*Photo by Larry's niece, Nicole Wagner*

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### **Rotary Awareness Month**

Things for Rotarians to consider.

1. **Wear your Rotary pin every day.**
2. **Share your stories with at least one non-Rotarian each week.**
3. **Visit the Rotary International and District 5050 web sites.**
4. **Invite one new person to a Rotary club meeting.**

*Based on an article in South Whidbey Island Rotary Club's The Rotary Rooter*



**EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK: *The frustration of missing self-imposed deadlines!***

I am writing this note on Friday, January 9, 2009; more than a week later than I try to complete the PAJ and send it on the way out to District 5050 and beyond. A lot has taking place in each of our lives, and the lives of others here at home and abroad. I traveled to Florida for two weeks in November to attend the wedding of a granddaughter, and then I traveled to my former home in Orange County, California, for another two weeks to visit family and friends.

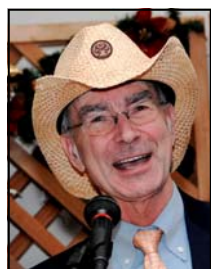
In designing each edition of the PAJ an effort is made to balance the publication with community and international articles. For January there are a number of articles relating to education, including ways in which the Four Way Test is being taught to elementary students in Maple Ridge (BC), concerns by the president of a technical college in Bellingham (WA), and a letter by an ambassadorial scholar from Turkey who has come to study at the University of Washington in Seattle.

In western Washington and in the Fraser Valley of British Columbia, we have been hit with massive amounts of snow and the disastrous flooding from the melting of that snow. Yesterday I observed and photographed the services of emergency responders who were rescuing a family from the raging waters of the Snohomish River in historic downtown Snohomish, Washington. Last night I was watching CBC Vancouver, B.C. and learned of the flooding in Chilliwack, at the northeast portion of District 5050.



Every day we observe and learn about examples of people performing *Service Above Self* at places around the world and right here at home. *Bob Knight*

**A Man of Many Hats: DG Larry's Final Official Visit on 12-5-2008**



*The photographs were provided by Ken Bramble.*

During his visit to his home Rotary Club of Chilliwack, B.C., District Governor Larry wore the hats he had displayed during all of his visits: to promote the District's and RI conferences in 2009.

**Preparing for 2009-2010 Rotary Year**

**Incoming Club Presidents**

District Trainer Beverlee Rasmussen has been sending regular email to our Present Elects in helping them to prepare for their new adventure, including attendance at Pre-PETS on January 31, 2009, in Bellingham, WA, and PETS for three days in March, 2009, in Seattle, WA. Register on-line for those sessions by going to our district web site. Questions can be sent to DT Beverlee by email at [beverlee@telus.net](mailto:beverlee@telus.net) or by telephone in Langley, B.C. at 604-533-0084.

**Incoming Assistant Governors**

District Governor Elect Larry Jubie has announced the following selections for area AGs beginning in Rotary Year 2009-2010:

- Area A - Carol Tichelman**, (CP 2005-06) Rotary Club of Chilliwack, replacing Ron Goldfinch
- Area C - Bert Monsma**, (CP 2004-05) Rotary Club of Langley Central, replacing Brian Thomasson
- Area D - Darrell Burnham**, Rotary Club of Port Moody (CP 1995-96, formerly with Vancouver East, D5040), replacing Denis Boyd
- Area H - Brock Stiles**, (CP 2007-08) Rotary Club of Sedro Woolley, replacing John Piazza
- Area J - Lyle Ryan**, (CP 2005-06) Rotary Club of Everett, replacing Amy Black

## Local students learn and apply Rotary code of ethics

Article written by Cailin Green

Students in local elementary schools are learning how to apply the Rotary Four-Way Test to make the right decision when faced with a challenge. Coordinated by the Meadow Ridge Rotary Club in Maple Ridge, Rotarians from both the Meadow Ridge Rotary Club and the Haney Rotary Club are visiting elementary schools in Pitt Meadows and Maple Ridge to introduce the Rotary code of ethics. The program has been very well received by both teachers and students.



What is the Rotary code of ethics? It is called the Four-Way Test. “Of all the things we think, say or do: Is it the TRUTH? Is it FAIR to all concerned? Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS? Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?” Every Rotarian is required to learn the Four Way Test.

Last year, two Rotary members, Dave Rempel and Matt DeBruyn of the Meadow Ridge Club, received approval from the School Superintendent to investigate the possibility of introducing the Rotary code of ethics to students in the district. The idea is not new in Rotary, as a similar program has been in operation in various other parts of North America, including here in British Columbia.

Grade 7 students, divided into groups of five or six and accompanied by a Rotarian, are given three or four examples of typical moral dilemmas that they could encounter. Each student group discusses if and how the Rotary Four-Way Test can help in their decision-making process. For each dilemma discussed, a Rotarian is there to help define and summarize the conclusions the students present.

A large focus is put on in-depth discussions among the students. Students, teachers and Rotarians alike find the sessions very inspiring. At the end of the session, each student receives a combination key-chain-coin that has the Rotary Four-Way test engraved on it, to be carried as a reminder of this ethical decision-making tool in the future.

Amber Flanagan, last year’s District 42 Facilitator for Social Responsibilities at the elementary school level, and grade 7 teachers, Deryk Tyler and Randy Bates, of the Hammond Elementary School helped DeBruyn to put together a pilot project.



Student and teacher

Tyler has used the Four-Way Test in his class to help his students understand more about Remembrance Day. He showed the movie *The Sound Of Music* over a four day period to look at how and why WWII developed. Throughout, the students were asked to use the Four-Way Test to evaluate different characters’ decision making. Over the four days, the students became very familiar with using this tool. Tyler plans to use the Four-Way Test again with other interesting topics.

Rotary International is a secular organization open to all persons regardless of race, color or creed. The stated purpose of the organization is to bring together business and professional leaders to provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world.

A number of requests from other schools and teachers to become involved in the program have already come in. If you would like more information, contact Matt DeBruyn, Meadow Ridge Rotary, at 604-462-1570 or [mattdebruyn@shaw.ca](mailto:mattdebruyn@shaw.ca).

*Photographs by Meadowridge Rotary Club President, Robert Campbell.*

## *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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## Showcase Rotary Water, Health and Hunger Projects – GUATEMALA

Written by Donald M. Anderson, Chairman, D5050 WHH Projects

Editing and photograph by Pete Kinch, Exec. Director, HFPF

Poverty stricken villagers in remote Guatemalan mountains find self-help through **Hands For Peacemaking Foundation (HFPF)**, partnering with District 5050 Rotary Clubs. Headquarters is Barillas, a 14-hour drive from Guatemala City (7-hours hazardous mountain road beyond Huehuetenango) – or an hour's charter flight, weather permitting.



The area has 250 tiny villages, many accessible only by mountain trail. Mayan villagers grow coffee, cardamom, and sugar cane.

They often carry their produce to market, trudging mountainous miles to town. Families live without water, sewer or electric utilities. Typically they live in one-room huts with un-vented open wood-fire for heating/cooking. Smoke and carbon monoxide fill the air, sicken children & elderly, while soot

covers the walls and ceiling. The incomplete combustion consumes twice the fuel as the vented stoves that HFPF and Rotary install. With these highly efficient stoves deadly smog-fumes are eliminated. Convenient cooking uses less fuel!

Water carried from polluted streams is replaced by catchment-systems and local storage purified by filtration and/or chlorination. (When this requires engineering, volunteer Rotarian experts are available.) Small scale well drilling is not usually successful in these mountains, but sometimes a spring can be modified to provide a pure source.

In Barillas, HFPF operates a small factory to fabricate school desks, bringing skills and employment opportunities. HFPF Field Director Marco and Mimi Maldonado host Rotary work teams, negotiate with village leaders, supervise workers, arrange logistics and keep records, facilitating a successful operation. This is a beautiful NGO partnering which is essential for success in international projects. Ask any Rotarian who's been there.

Several clubs have sponsored projects and sent work teams. They've rebuilt the headquarters building, built schools, put new roofs on widows' huts, and installed stoves and water systems. Contact Rotarian Pete Kinch (email: [hfpf2@firetrail.com](mailto:hfpf2@firetrail.com)), HFPF Executive Director, for projects, work trips and speaking engagements that highlight this Showcase Project activity.



The late Leon Aller (founder of HFPF) with Marco and Mimi Maldonado on September 27, 2007, at the Rotary Club of Snohomish, WA. Photograph by Bob Knight

**Additional note by Don Anderson:** "The Hands For Peacemaking Foundation work in Barillas, Guatemala, is something that many of our District Rotarians and clubs are already familiar with. Both Harv and Larry Jubie (Past and Future DG's) have made many work trips there, and they can vouch for the truth of the article's good recommendations. But more of our clubs need to know about this opportunity. With short, simple air trips you can suddenly find yourself located in an area that is about as remote from the blessings of "Civilization" as if you had travelled to the other side of the globe! And while you are there helping, you are kept in healthy comfort by the ministrations of Marco and Mimi Maldonado at the HFPF Mission House facility. We are indeed privileged to have this organization right here within our District, well integrated with Rotary."

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Editor's Note: The following club program article was reported in the Rotary Club of Bellingham (WA) weekly bulletin, *The Tattler*, dated 24 November 2008.

**Bellingham Rotarians Hear About Educational Concerns**

Reported by Chuck Snyder  
 Photograph by Marty Haines

Our program today was our own Tom Eckert, President of Bellingham Technical College (BTC). He opened our eyes with some statistics, such as only 66% of students graduate high school nationwide, 50% for disadvantaged minorities, and less than a third in some urban areas. GED recipients fared no better, with only 3% getting a college degree afterward.

Once at the top of the list of top 21 industrialized nations, the U.S. now ranks 16th in education. In addition to those sobering numbers, there has been a large economic shift in this country. In 1950 33.1% of workers were employed in manufacturing compared to just 10.7% in 2003. This means that future job growth will continue to be in sectors that require a college or other advanced degree. Combined with the figures above, it isn't a good match.

The vast majority of new jobs will require college or specialized degrees of some sort. As it is, 67% of businesses report not being able to find qualified workers. Along with this goes a demographic shift. The population is getting older, and is expected to grow from 300 million to 360 million by 2050. It is also growing more diverse through immigration. 9.9 million children live in households where a language other than English is spoken. Putting together this puzzle means that much work needs to be done right away to provide the proper workers to sustain our economy.

How does Whatcom County (where Bellingham is located) compare? We are above the average with a graduation rate of 73%; but eighteen thousand adults have no high school diploma. 72% of those with substance abuse problems have no diploma and 15% of the population is below the poverty line. BTC has developed a five year plan to try and answer these needs. Given that the average age of a student there is 28, and that enrollment is growing faster than funds allow, this will be a challenge. The goal is more career and technical courses in the high schools, which have been lost over time. In many cases a two year degree will suffice but students need to find a way and encouragement to go beyond high school.

The school has a goal of expanding the existing 34 associate degree programs and 57 certificate degree programs by adding six new degree programs and 12 certificate degrees. Online courses will be expanded, and every major program will have evening and weekend options. Many courses can be taken online with only occasional lab work needed at the campus. Transfer options to universities will be expanded, and three rural access points will be established in the rural portions of the county. Adult basic education and English as a second language classes will be enlarged as well.

With an increase in enrollment of 13% from last year and a total enrollment of 3500, the main challenge may be absorbing a budget cut of five to seven percent in the current year and between 20% and 30% for the next biennium. The plan is well tailored to the needs identified, but will we be willing to devote the resources to achieve it? Stay tuned.

Thanks, Tom, for a most needed eye-opening.



## Letter From An Inbound Ambassadorial Scholar

*Ahmet Altun, MD, is District 5050's first inbound Ambassadorial Scholar in many years. He will be hosted by Rotary Club of Everett and attend the University of Washington to study ophthalmology. He is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Kayseri, District 2430, Turkey and lives in Istanbul.*



Actually, when Larry Byers, the president of Rotary Club of Everett, offered me to write an article for *Peace Arch Journal*, I was so excited. I would like to express my sincere appreciation for this warm suggestion.

As far back as I can remember, Rotary has been part of my life after meeting the members of Rotary Club of Kayseri. My earliest memories of Rotary extend back to when I was a member of a project, an ophthalmologic examination of a secondary school in the town of Amarat, that was sponsored by Rotaract and Rotary Club of Kayseri in 2007.

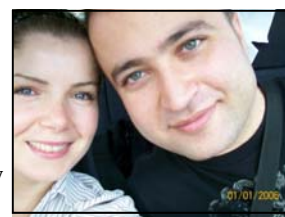
After completing the project successfully, our all tutelar club's members, especially Rotarians Ahmet Ertuz, Zekayi Ergan and Sule Kirdok, encouraged me and the other members of Kayseri Rotaract Club to spread this project over district 2430.



Children in a secondary school in **Kayseri** during project

Children everywhere need our support and caring to keep them safe and healthy in an uncertain world. By deciding to spread the project, we examined 2950 students in 10 months. After examination we provided medicine, glasses and operations to those in need. This project, 2008 Healthy Eyes in the Year 2008, was selected as the European Regional Winner in 2008. We were so proud of this award.

I am now working as an ophthalmologist in Istanbul. It seems the year of 2009 will be full of exciting events for me. On the first day of January I have wedding in Ankara. My fiancé, Gulengul, is also a doctor of medicine and is working in Istanbul. And then I will start my ambassadorial scholarship by May of 2009 at University of Washington, Seattle.



Gulengul & Ahmet

When I was honoured to be an ambassadorial scholar, I was so excited. Thanks to Rtn. Malik Aviral, the former governor of 2430, for helping and encouraging me to be an ambassadorial scholar. Being exposed to so many cultures while growing up will be an eye opening experience for me. I am looking forward to meeting the members of Rotary in District 5050.

With My Warm Rotary Regards,  
Ahmet Altun, MD



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### Plan now to attend District 5050's Literacy Seminar

Saturday, 21 March 2009, 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Information provided by Rhian Piprell, D5050 Literacy Chair

District 5050 will be having its inaugural literacy seminar at the **Hampton Inn** (Fox Hall), Bellingham. Come and **make dreams real** in the work of literacy in District 5050. The day will be action packed with guest speakers, exhibits and a unique opportunity to share ideas, and learn new tools while celebrating Rotary Literacy month.

- Your attendance will count towards the District and International literacy awards for 2008-9.
- Record your literacy program and get the recognition you deserve; exhibit your club's literacy program; and share the work that is going on around the district.

Bring a new or gently used children's book; and enter a draw that might find you taking all the books back for use in your community.

The cost: \$40 per person, with breakfast buffet and lunch. Register at [www.district5050.org](http://www.district5050.org). Contact at Rhian at [cpiprell@shaw.ca](mailto:cpiprell@shaw.ca) if you have questions and/or would like to exhibit.

*From the Rotary Club of South Whidbey Island*

## Personal Response Emergency Plan (PREP)

The power outages caused by windstorms during the winter of 2006-2007, as well as numerous outages in prior years, have made most residents of Whidbey Island amply aware of being without light, heat, water, and the ability to prepare meals. Most of us were without power for less than a week each time, but we still had the ability to travel to a grocery, to a hospital, or to the mainland. What if there is a major natural disaster that cuts off the island from the mainland, and we are on our own for 2 to 3 weeks?

The Rotary Club of South Whidbey Island is publishing a series of articles over the next 17 months to provide readers with basic information on the causes and effects of natural disasters, their frequencies, and the risks that accompany these events. The series, published in *The Whidbey Marketplace and Community Journal*, will include ways to prepare the readers, their families, and their homes for a natural disaster. With this information and some care and planning, the readers can mitigate the risks of these disasters and care for themselves for two to three weeks with no external help.

The Club is selling compact survival kits that are easily stored in a car and contain items for survival, first aid, and personal hygiene for two to three days (see attached photo). We are marketing these kits now and promoting their value as Christmas gifts.

In 2010, we will be establishing community shelter kits (in steel containers from Boeing), fashioned after the concept of the Rotary "ShelterBox" program to be placed at key locations around South Whidbey Island in collaboration with organizations such as the Red Cross and local organizations.

**For further information:** Contact Grant Heiken in Freeland, WA, at [heiken@whidbey.com](mailto:heiken@whidbey.com) or telephone 360-331-5904



*From the Rotary Club of Skagit (Mt. Vernon), WA*

## 21st Annual Wild Game & Seafood Dinner and Auction

**Saturday, January 31, 2009 - Door open at 5:30 p.m. - Dinner at 7:00 p.m.**  
**McIntyre Hall of Skagit Valley Community College, Mount Vernon, WA**  
 2501 East College Way, Exit off of I-5 at College Way

You are invited to come and join us for a GREAT time of fun. This year's theme is "Margaritaville." Dress causal and bid often! Tickets are still available for \$90 per person. There are so MANY great silent and live auction items to bid on.

How about your club putting a "table" together? **For tickets or more information, please contact Gregg Davidson at 360-428-2130 or Peter Browning at 360-336-9380.**

*From the Rotary Club of Snohomish, WA*

## Second Annual Crab Feed and Silent Auction

**Saturday, February 7, 2009 - 6:30 to 9:00 p.m.**  
**St. John's Episcopal Church's Parish Hall**  
 913 2nd Street, Snohomish, WA



Enjoy an evening of fellowship, while supporting the projects of the Snohomish Rotary.

Cost of the pre-paid tickets is only \$30 per person. Each person will get two beer tickets, and there will be wine for sales, **please contact Club President Todd Smith at his Edward Jones Financial Services Office by email at [Todd.Smith@edwardjones.com](mailto:Todd.Smith@edwardjones.com) or telephone him at 360-563-1042 (Tammy Holten)**



### Polio Presentation to the Rotary Club of Marysville, WA

On December 10, 2008, Dr. Linda Venczel, a Senior Program Officer with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, talked to the Marysville Noon Rotary Club about the status of efforts to eradicate polio. Dr. Venczel joined the Global Health Program of the Gates Foundation on October 1, 2007. She previously served as deputy branch chief of the polio eradication branch of the United States Centers of Disease Control and Prevention.

Dr. Venczel spoke about the Gates Foundation, the status of polio eradication, and the role of Rotary in that process.



The values and principles of the Gates Foundation are that:

- All lives, no matter where they are lived, have equal value.
- Science and technology can save lives.
- The focus is on reducing inequities.

30 million children in 2006 were not immunized. Most were in just 10 countries, including (not in order of numbers): Angola, Bangladesh, China, Ethiopia, India, Indonesia, Nigeria, and Pakistan. Progress is being made toward polio eradication. In

1988 there were 350,000 cases in 125 endemic countries; in 2007 there were 895 cases in 4 endemic countries.

As part of the intensive eradication effort there are better tools, better tactics, and better advocacy. There are also intensive efforts toward the critical role of new funding streams, including filling a gap in 2008-2009, in United States funds, of 490 million dollars.

She quoted Bill Gates, Jr., who has said that “The extraordinary dedication of Rotary members has played a critical role in bringing polio to the brink of eradication....we are committed to helping reach that goal.” With very sincere emotion, Linda added her, “*Thank you Rotary!*”



*Photograph of Linda Venczel and the Marysville Rotary meeting by Bob Knight and photo of the boy by the Gates Foundation.*

*The following is based on information provided by PDG (2003-04) Rob Martin*

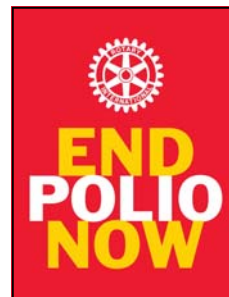
### END POLIO NOW : Frequently Asked Questions

#### **Q. What is the approximate dollar amount spent on the global polio eradication effort each year?**

**A.** In 2008 and 2009, about US\$700 million per year is needed in donor contributions to fund the final eradication phase. This level of expense is expected to decrease as wild polio virus transmission is interrupted in the four remaining polio endemic countries and outbreaks in previously polio free countries are reduced in number. By the time that transmission is interrupted in all countries, Rotary will have contributed over US\$1 billion to a program which is expected to total approximately US\$10 billion in donor funds.

#### **Q. What part does Rotary pay for and how?**

**A.** Rotary International’s contribution to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative since 1988 accounts for nearly 12% of all contributions to the Global budget and represents approximately 66% of private sector contributions to the Initiative. In addition, Rotary plays a leading role in soliciting financial support from donor nation governments, an effort which since 1988 has achieved more than US\$6 billion in contributions. Currently, Rotary is funding needs in the following areas: salaries for technical advisers, surveillance, social mobilization, and stipends for the millions of volunteers who conduct NIDs and perform house-to-house follow up visits. The global polio eradication is our organization’s #1 priority.



Information about the global polio eradication budget is available to the public on the website [www.pollioeradication.org/fundingbackground.asp#FRR](http://www.pollioeradication.org/fundingbackground.asp#FRR) .