

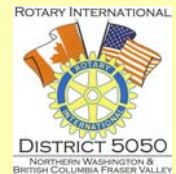


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Greetings Fellow Rotarians,

As we embark on a new Rotary Year, it is appropriate that we consider the theme and the focus of our International President, DK Lee, that will guide us in the coming months.

Every year we are losing thousands of children to entirely preventable causes: for lack of clean water and basic sanitation; for lack of nutritious food; for lack of proper care. The number is as staggering as it is unacceptable – 26,000 children under the age of 5 die every day from these causes — causes that we can do something about.

Rotary, in recent years, has adopted a consistent set of service emphases: health and hunger, water and literacy. We are being asked this Rotary Year to focus at least one Club Project that will have the effect of reducing child mortality within these service emphases. Clean water to prevent deaths caused by water-borne illness, adequate food to prevent deaths caused by malnutrition and lack of resistance to disease, access to vaccines and medicine to combat disease, and education to prevent deaths caused by ignorance and to break the cycle of poverty.

Even in our own communities we can make a difference in the lives of our children. Children die due to lack of smoke detectors in their homes, for failure to wear bicycle helmets, or for the lack of proper child safety seats in our vehicles. Rotary Clubs can undertake programs to support the use of these simple safety measures.

Children are the world’s greatest dreamers. It is up to us as Rotarians to help provide the opportunity for those dreams to be realized – to “Make Dreams Real”.

As Governor John comes to the end of his term, I would offer hearty congratulations to him on a very successful year for our district. His conference in Everett was a true celebration of our clubs’ accomplishments and their fulfillment of President Wilf’s theme “Rotary Shares”. John and Maxine shared of themselves throughout the year and deservedly join the venerable ranks of our PDGs and PDG partners in the district.

I am looking forward to visiting all of the clubs in the coming months, seeing what you have done in your communities, and learning of your plans to “Make Dreams Real.”

Your District Governor (2008-2009), Larry



**DG Larry and
Karola Stinson**

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2008 RYLA attendees’ weekend begins



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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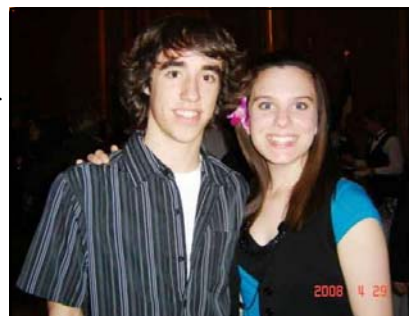
Editor's Note: I introduced you to Taylor Smith on page 7 of the June, 2008, edition of the *Peace Arch Journal*. I considered providing only an excerpt of Taylor's letter; however, I think it important to listen to the full process that he shared.

My Adventures in Citizenship: A Program for Canadian Students

Written by Taylor Smith (tays292@hotmail.com)

I wasn't sure what to expect going in; whether the other kids would be all essay winners and people who had competed for their spot in this trip, or, like me, had somewhat lucked out and were going on it to try new things and experience another part of Canada. But it wasn't just how they had come to be on this trip that I was guessing about, it was

what that would mean about the people. I was assuming what these kids were going to be like without even having seen or met them. I could already picture a bunch of kids who spent all their time studying, replaced social life with online chat, and saw this trip as wonderful asset to their university application. What I found was almost completely the opposite. Although there were a few exceptions, most of the kids were just like me. They liked the same music as me and enjoyed the same pastimes. We got along very well. The only difference was the outlooks these people had on life. The friends I made there seemed to have such purpose and direction in their lives (a quality I believe myself to be lacking). Because nobody knew anyone else, any pre-judgements generally associated with meeting new people were not there. Everyone was very accepting and eager to make new friends. I started that process by talking about what I like most—music, friends and hobbies, and in doing so, made a small group of friends that shared my interests.



Taylor is pictured with Carrie McDonald who attended from her home in Sydney, Nova Scotia

This group stuck together throughout the trip and experienced what it had to offer with one another. We were able to share our views on issues, and learn from each other. I believe that I benefited very strongly from that part. All these people had a set of views and beliefs that I didn't seem to know about. Their outlooks were something that I did not share, and I thought to myself, "Why?" Honestly, I couldn't think of an answer except that I wasn't trying. I didn't care about these things because they didn't directly affect me, therefore they didn't interest me. But they did interest all of these other people. So maybe there was something that I was missing out on.

The more the trip progressed, the more interested I became. To keep up on the discussions my friends were having meant listening and really thinking about what was being said, so I did—not just about politics, but about life. We couldn't exactly talk about what we did last weekend, so the main topic was life in general—how it *should* be, and how this related to how it *could* be. We talked about philosophy—topics I believe that I was always interested in, but never really pursued because there was no one to pursue them with. But now these fellow pursuers were all here, and I realized that I didn't need anyone to come with me. Anyone can make a difference. Whether it's as small as making one person's day better by saying "hi" when you pass them in the streets, or as big as helping to replant trees after a forest fire. These people were from all around the country, yet they all shared similar views on how the world should be, and that was what was tested on this trip.

So what did I take out of this trip? I took a way of life. I learned about the power of positive thinking and the relationship you can build with the person standing next to you in line at the supermarket. I learned that a friendly gesture can make someone's day, and that nothing should be taken for granted because there are those that have nothing to take for granted. What I learned on this trip was quite possibly a life-changing experience, and it is one of the best decisions I have ever made to go.

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District 5050 Water, Health & Hunger Project Possibilities

Peace Corps Volunteer Brittany Gallagher is assigned to work in Tamtala, a small village in Western Niger – terribly remote, far from modern industry and commerce. She is acutely aware of health and hunger needs there, resulting in severe child mortality. When Brittany was home on leave, she turned to Rotary in hopes of changing this – speaking at the White Rock Millennium and South Whidbey Clubs. The children of Tamtala have hope, thanks to such volunteers as Brittany and The Rotary Foundation. But that hope depends upon individual Rotarians in our Clubs pitching in to make a project idea a reality – an actual pure water system or medical or food provision in the needy village.

This Rotary year every Club in District 5050 has committed to participate in a project that reduces child mortality, as we take up the challenge from R I President-elect D. K. Lee. Assisting clubs in finding these opportunities and providing technical guidance in planning, the Water Health & Hunger District Operations Group ("WHHDOG") is a committee of Rotarians with experience in such projects. WHHDOG is currently advising clubs on project possibilities for water catchment, storage and purification in remote mountain villages in Guatemala with Hands For Peacemaking Foundation; and also on pure water wells in Mozambique with local Mozambique drilling NGOs. WHHDOG is available to assist in sorting out the many planning options for new club project ideas, such as for Tamtala Village in Niger. The Tamtala Village need is not yet a project – but we hope to make it one.

Some committee members have expertise in water systems – filtration, drilling, chlorination; some are physicians and dentists who have served abroad. Some members have made a dozen trips on such projects, and have learned (often the hard way) to carefully tailor a project to the cultural and financial realities of the villagers who are to maintain the system. Experienced WHHDOG members can assist District 5050 clubs in establishing effective partnerships with clubs in areas which have needs, such as the Rotary Club of Niger.

Many projects are mature and expanding, with a history of multi-club participation -- such as the work of Surrey-Guildford & other clubs with Canadian Eyesight International (<http://www.canadianeyesight.org/>), described in the April 08 Peace Arch Journal.

RI's Water and Sanitation Rotary Action Group ("WASRAG") website (<http://www.wasrag.org/projects.php>) lists many candidate projects looking for club support. Whether generating a new project or joining in a proven showcase project, the experienced volunteer Rotarians of WHHDOG stand ready to assist your club.

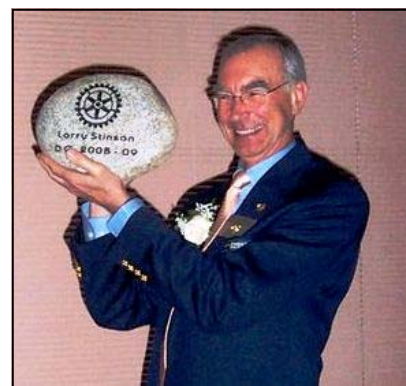


"Retiree" & surviving grandson, Chibebe Village, Zambia, 2001

A Classic Presentation to District Governor Larry Stinson

This special token of appreciation was given to our new District Governor during his visit on June 24, 2008, for the installation of the 2008-2009 officers of the Rotary Club of White Rock.

Thanks to club member J. Clifford Grant for the photograph.





Heath Gunn

The following is an article that Club President (2007-08) Heath Gunn wrote in the June 17, 2008, edition of the Rotary Club of South Whidbey Island's weekly newsletter *The Rotary Rooter*.

Our program last week (June 10, 2008) was amazing. **Jim Johnson** spoke and brought old TV news clips about his Rotary Club's role in admitting women to Rotary. His club, in Seattle's International District, admitted 15 women in 1986 and promptly sued for an injunction to keep Rotary International from revoking the club's charter. At that time, Rotary International was open to adult males only. This was all pending a United States Supreme Court ruling on a suit from a club in California. Jim was president of his Rotary Club when all this happened, and it's a great bit of history, preserved largely by luck. More amazing is the fact that his presentation at our club was the first time he ever spoke about this momentous event.

The Court's ruling came on May 4th, 1987, and at that time only affected clubs in the United States. However, Rotary moved quickly to strike the word "males" from its constitution. Our own club had a woman in attendance at regular and board meetings well before May 4th, 1987. She was Dolores Cobb, the mayor of Langley, and she showed up as a member on the roster of August, 1987. So our club moved quickly to admit women. In fact, our first woman president, Sharon Fitts Drew, served from 1991-1992.

Rotary youth clean up town

By Glen Kask, Past-Club President (2007-2008), Rotary Club of Mission, B.C.

When 60 young adults put their leadership skills to practical use an amazing amount can be accomplished in a short time. The town of Mission found that out when a contingent from the Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) program descended on its downtown core with power washers, scrub brushes and ladders on Saturday, June 14. Included in the revitalization crew were Sophie Lussier and Jennifer Ugolini, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Abbotsford; Susan Boury and Nicole St. Pierre, sponsored by the Abbotsford-Sumas rotary Club; and Amanda Morrison of Abbotsford; sponsored by the Aldergrove Rotary club.



Road to RYLA camp

The youth were attending a weekend leadership camp held at the Zajac Ranch, north of Mission. Each was sponsored by a Rotary Club in Rotary District 5050, which stretches from Mt. Vernon and the San Jan Islands in the US to Maple Ridge and Mission in Canada. The RYLA program demonstrate Rotary's respect and concern for youth while providing an effective training experience for selected youth and potential leaders. The program helps encourage leadership of youth by youth and recognizes publicly young people who are rendering service to their communities

Each year the leadership participants choose an "outside" project and this year they teamed with a group of volunteers who will be brightening up Railway Ave. The three blocks in the downtown core of the community contain several "forgotten" heritage buildings which once faced the railway which was the heart of commerce a century ago. Cloverdale Paints has donated paint to decorate the Railway Ave. buildings in heritage colors. A heritage consultant has donated architectural drawings to guide the project. Dozens of volunteers donated equipment, snacks and labour to assist the RYLA crew in the first phase of the revitalization.

The youth descended on downtown Mission and for four hours, washed, scrubbed, raked, scraped and cleaned the buildings which will soon be repainted. "It's exciting to see these young people take a leadership role in this much-needed project," said Mayor James Atebe, who worked along side the RYLA volunteers.



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

30 June 2008



Dear Club President:

In February of 2008 I wrote to request your assistance in contacting your Member of Parliament to urge Canada's continued financial support for Global Polio Eradication. Clubs throughout Canada responded to this call for action by declaring their own commitment to a polio free world and urging Canada's continued support. I thank you for your follow up to my urgent appeal.

I am pleased to report that the Government of Canada heard our collective voice and has announced a commitment of C\$60 million over the next three years to support polio eradication efforts in Afghanistan. I enclose information on this announcement, which can be viewed on the Government of Canada website at:

<http://www.canadainternational.gc.ca/canada-afghanistan/projects-projets/tuberculosis-poliomyelite.aspx>

Minister Oda has also advised me that the Government is considering a further grant to assist the Polio Eradication effort that would be less country specific.

I encourage you to contact your Member of Parliament to express Rotary's appreciation for Canada's ongoing support. You may wish to highlight any efforts your own club is making as part of Rotary's \$100 Million Challenge Campaign to ensure we seize the opportunity to rid the world of polio once and for all.

I am confident that the Government of Canada will continue to demonstrate its longstanding leadership in support of global polio eradication, and I look forward to sharing news of our ongoing collaboration with the government of Canada toward our shared goal of a polio free world.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "W. J. Wilkinson".

Wilfrid J. Wilkinson
President, Rotary International

cc: Hon. Bev Oda, Minister for International Cooperation
Dr. Robert Scott, Chairman, The Rotary Foundation
Dr. Monty Audenart, Member, Rotary International Board of Directors

The following has been divided into two parts: Part I was written by District Facilitator Carol Tichelman, providing background to *Club Visioning*, and Part II was written by Club President John Dugaw, sharing about the experience at the Rotary Club of La Conner.

Club Visioning in District 5050 Part I

Club Visioning is alive and very successful in District 5050.

What will your Rotary Club accomplish in the next five years? Who has the vision for consistency and continuity in programming and fund raising in your Rotary Club? A Club Visioning exercise will answer these questions, and many more, as part of the Rotary Club Leadership Plan.

On October 27 2007 twelve Rotarians from District 5050 attended a Club Visioning facilitator training session held in conjunction with three neighbouring Districts. The session was led by PDG Steve Wilcox and PDG Cathy Smith from D5960. PDG Steve is the creator of the Rotary Visioning process. We were all very excited about the process as soon as the training day was over. Six months later, and eight Club Visioning Sessions completed (with many scheduled in the coming months), I believe I can speak for the whole Visioning Team that this process has been one of the most rewarding experiences in our Rotary lives.



Carol Tichelman speaking with a group

One of the first Clubs we were invited into was on the verge of surrendering their Charter, and no member was prepared to assume the responsibility of President Elect. When the four-hour session was complete the four-member Facilitation Team left very tired and satisfied (as we are after each event). The Club had a President-Elect, a President-Nominee and a commitment from all members as to where they as a Club would be in 5 years. Most of the Facilitation Team has been involved in similar processes in other aspects of our community and corporate lives, however this particular process is unique. It is tightly scripted and designed specifically for Rotary Clubs. Whether the club is highly functioning or on the verge of surrendering their Charter, ANY Club will benefit from the process.

At the end of the four-hour process the members of each club have a clear vision of:

- What the club stands for in the community that it serves
- The target membership size for the club in 5 years
- Identification of the attributes the club will have
- The top-three prioritized objectives for focusing efforts in each of the four Avenues of Service
- Recommendations for improvements in the club's leadership development
- A significantly better understanding of the Club Leadership Plan, and completion of the first of the nine steps contained in the CLP.

As a member of the Facilitation Team in District 5050 I can firmly avow that this is one of the most valuable and useful membership development and retention tools that can be used anywhere in the Rotary world. Paul Harris once said: *"Rotary is not an organization for retrospection. It is rather one whose worth and purpose lie in future activity rather than past performance"*

Carol Tichelman, D5050 Vision Facilitation Team Leader & Trainer

Part II

The Rotary Club of La Conner Develops a Five Year Vision

The new Vision Facilitation preprogram in District 5050 was presented at Pre-PETS. In La-Conner we had never done a retreat or a long range planning session. Our club has grown from a twenty member club when I joined in 2000 to forty eight members with twelve couples. We had a lot of ideas being put forth in meetings which the board seemed to like; but we really had no idea as to what the general membership wanted. We did not have a five year plan; we had agreed on a focus on literacy for the club but that was really all we had on paper. We didn't know, and as leaders that made it very hard to make decisions that may have long range club commitments.



Club President (08-09) John Dugaw inviting club members to attend his club's upcoming Visioning seminar.

We didn't know, and as leaders that

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Club Visioning in District 5050, Part II

In my experience a leader needs to have some sort of idea of why to go, where to go, how to go, and when to go. In my 17 years in Rotary I had seen progress in a club come to a "sand in the gas-tank" halt just because of one or two members really did not agree with the leadership, and I didn't want to find our club and myself there. However, by the time our twelve member delegation completed our day of training at a great District Assembly, I heard so many positive ideas and felt so much energy I was certain we were ready to take on the issue of long range planning. Our facility coordinator, PAG John Milnor, somehow organized our small banquet room to work effectively for us as a group to communicate and also to interact with the facilitators.

Twenty of us completed the pre-visioning questionnaire and sent it into District Trainer Carol Tichelman, (who did not share them with the rest of the facilitation team). The team came in with open minds to face the twenty-six visioning members from the Rotary Club of LaConner, including one member with over fifty years of service and one with only three months.

The careful guidance of our facilitators fostered a "safe" environment for any idea to be proposed and have a hearing. We listened, we saw, we wrote, we described our ideas, we listened and talked some more, we sorted, we voted, and at the end, we all understood what the group saw as our club's future. In four concise hours we developed a consensus view on issues that had been simmering for years.

We still have to present the findings to the general membership. The after session work involves sorting the data into a presentable format, development of "an elevator speech" to explain why and how this was done, and bringing it all to the club at a club assembly. During the visioning session I could literally feel the stress draining from me as I heard ideas that I deeply felt were important, brought up, supported and added to the final grouping. The Visioning was easy, but bringing the process to the club was much more difficult and painful as people expressed concern that they would be attacked for their ideas in the sessions and that complaints about how things are, were, or might be would dominate the discussion. The session was a very safe environment for even the quietest members to speak up and get their ideas on the table. Everyone has equal value; every idea at the outset is equal. The group doesn't go through the pain, contentiousness and power posturing of debate, we just voted. We needed to start looking at ourselves as a club of forty eight members moving to sixty. I think we are there, and it is a wonderful new beginning.

John Dugaw, Club President, 2008-2009
Rotary Club of La Conner

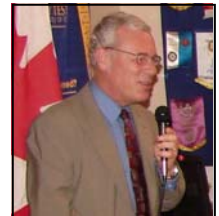


Assistant Governor Ron Goldfinch working with the members of the Rotary Club of la Conner. Washington

The Duck Fart Award



La Conner Rotary Club's outgoing club president (2007-2008), Dennis Milliken, was recognized with this very unique plaque.



Club President (2008-2009) John Dugaw reported that the *club drink* is made using a 3 ounce glass, adding Kalua in the bottom, then Baileys Irish Cream, and topping off with Crown Royal.

Question: Was that part of their visioning?

MORE OPPORTUNITY TO FELLOWSHIP WHILE PLAYING GOLF



Fourth Hole at Surrey Golf Club

District 5050's Golfun 2008

TEE OFF ON POLIO

Friday, August 22, 2008, at 1:00 p.m.
Surrey Golf Club
(Home of the Rotary Club of Cloverdale)
7700 - 168th Street, Surrey, B.C.

Event Captain: DG-E Larry Jubie Cost: \$110.00 CAD

Information and Forms: www.district5050.org

Larry Jubie is looking for sponsorships at \$1,000
 Make checks payable to: Rotary District 5050
 P.O Box 1875, Marysville, WA 98270 USA

For sponsorship recognitions:

- Singage at the tournament.
- A Rotary Foundation Paul Harris Recognition.
- Acknowledgment at awards banquet and the Foundation dinner.
- Knowing that you have done your part to eradicate Polio.

For Double the Pleasure - Golf with Cloverdale Rotary on Thursday

August 21, 2008, is the 16th Annual Rotary Charity Golf Tournament for Local Cloverdale Projects

Cost: \$200 per golfer

Registration: 11:00 a.m.

Shotgun: 1:00 p.m.

Contact for information: Telephone Rebecca L. Darnell at 604-532-9119 or send a FAX to 604-532-9127

4th Annual Golf Tournament benefiting Burned Children Recovery Foundation

The Rotary Club of Snohomish is a sponsoring partner

Friday, September 12, 2008

Golf Club at Echo Falls,

20414—121st Ave. SE., Snohomish, WA

Event Captain: Todd Smith, Club President (2008-09)

To receive an application form and other information: Send an

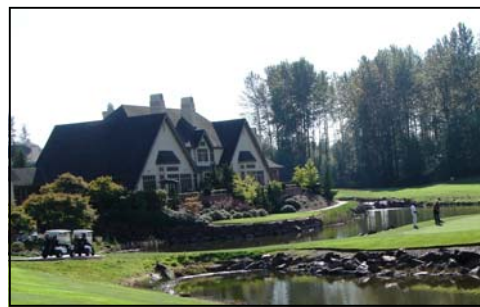
Email: smith.tlek@clearwire.net

Cost: \$500 for a foursome Hole-in-one: Win a car

Check-in: 12 Noon Tee-Off/Shotgun Start: 1:00 p.m.

Dinner Auction & Awards: 6:30 p.m.

For information on the Burn Foundation please go to
www.burnedchildrenrecovery.org.



18th Hole in front of the beautiful club house

The President and Founder of Burned Children Recovery Foundation was the victim of a camp fire in February 13, 1967. The non-profit organization is committed to effectively supporting burn children survivors and their families during the rehabilitation process. Helping them to heal, and go on to lead full and productive lives. Each August the foundation sponsors Camp Phoenix at Samish Island Camp, Bow, WA.

Rotary District 5050**Membership & Attendance: April, 2008**

Based on monthly report by District Secretary (2004-2009) Bert J. Monsma



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Rotary Club of...	Meetings Held	Attendance				Membership		
		This Month %	Rank	Year to Date %	Rank	Start of Year	Present	Change
Abbotsford	5 of 5	94.86	1	73.39	27	70	73	+3
Abbotsford-Matsqui	4 of 4	84.00	9	81.10	11	26	29	+3
Abbotsford-Sumas	5 of 5	88.00	=6	75.56	20	29	27	-2
Aldergrove	4 of 4	80.20	17	77.88	15	28	29	+1
Anacortes	5 of 5	81.00	15	82.30	5	58	60	+2
Arlington	4 of 4	58.00	=46	59.60	52	69	67	-2
Bellingham	4 of 4	71.64	28	69.16	=35	178	181	+3
Bellingham Bay	5 of 5	56.49	49	57.48	54	108	118	+10
Bellingham Sunrise	4 of 4	58.00	=46	69.00	=35	41	42	+1
Burlington	4 of 4	61.15	=41	69.65	34	79	77	-2
Burlington Mid-Day	4 of 4	75.00	=23	76.30	18	37	30	-7
Chilliwack	4 of 4	87.80	8	88.96	2	190	192	+2
Chilliwack Fraser	0 of 0	0.00	=54	72.68	28	82	81	-1
Chilliwack Mt. Cheam	4 of 4	74.21	25	68.62	38	62	63	+1
Cloverdale	5 of 5	61.00	=41	66.90	42	20	20	-
Coquitlam	5 of 5	69.12	=33	68.67	37	46	57	+11
Coquitlam Sunrise	5 of 5	60.00	=44	69.81	33	31	31	-
Everett	5 of 5	68.87	35	68.11	40	200	201	+1
Everett-Port Gardner	5 of 5	51.00	52	60.50	50	49	42	-7
Fidalgo Island	5 of 5	71.56	29	64.52	43	53	48	-5
Haney	4 of 4	50.00	53	61.73	48	41	41	-
Hope	4 of 4	90.30	3	71.84	29	14	13	-1
La Conner	4 of 4	89.00	5	76.10	19	43	48	+5
Lake Stevens	4 of 4	83.00	=11	78.70	13	48	44	-4
Langley	4 of 4	69.59	32	61.01	49	33	32	-1
Langley Central	5 of 5	70.72	31	70.54	31	78	82	+4
Langley Sunrise	5 of 5	75.30	=23	73.47	25	21	17	-4
Marysville Morning	4 of 4	82.00	=13	73.67	24	24	21	-3
Marysville Noon	5 of 5	79.00	18	77.70	16	79	78	-1
Meadow Ridge	5 of 5	66.51	37	60.03	51	42	43	+1
Mission	5 of 5	82.42	=13	82.30	7	30	33	+3
Mission Midday	5 of 5	73.60	26	77.98	14	29	25	-4
Monroe	5 of 5	92.00	2	87.30	3	31	30	-1
Mount Baker	5 of 5	88.00	=6	82.30	6	53	59	+6
Mt. Vernon	4 of 4	76.00	=20	76.50	17	45	45	-
North Delta	4 of 4	61.00	=41	68.40	39	38	43	+5
North Whidbey Island Sunrise	5 of 5	76.00	=20	73.90	23	22	28	+6
Oak Harbor	4 of 4	60.00	=44	58.50	53	105	96	-9
Port Coquitlam Centennial	0 of 0	0.00	=54	81.41	9	24	29	+5
Port Moody	4 of 4	64.30	39	64.14	44	55	50	-5
San Juan Island (Friday Harbor)	5 of 5	62.00	40	61.90	46	28	27	-1
Sedro Woolley	4 of 4	67.00	36	62.90	45	97	95	-2
Semiahmoo (White Rock)	4 of 4	83.80	10	81.16	10	61	57	-4
Skagit (Mount Vernon)	4 of 4	69.00	=33	84.30	4	69	69	-
Snohomish	4 of 4	71.00	30	67.40	41	21	25	+4
South Everett-Mukilteo	4 of 4	73.00	27	89.50	1	63	65	+2
South Whidbey Island	5 of 5	80.69	16	74.59	21	66	72	+6

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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	65.00	38	70.30	32	39	40	+1
Surrey	5 of 5	58.00	=46	56.60	55	27	24	-3
Surrey-Guildford	4 of 4	56.00	=50	61.75	47	28	23	-5
Whatcom County North	4 of 4	83.33	=11	80.82	12	68	60	-8
White Rock	4 of 4	89.76	4	81.56	8	66	66	-
White Rock Millennium	5 of 5	77.75	19	73.95	22	34	23	-11
White Rock Peninsula PHS	5 of 5	76.09	=20	73.45	26	0	21	+21
White Rock-Peace Arch	4 of 4	56.33	=50	70.67	30	28	32	+4
Totals						3006	3024	+18

Highlights for the Month of April, 2008

- Total number of members in District 5050 as of April 30, 2008 was 3,024 (versus 3,029 as of April, 2007).
- District membership increased by 5 members (net) for the month of April, 2008 (versus a net increase of 9 members in April, 2007).
- Average Attendance for the District for the month of April, 2008 was 72.73 % (versus average attendance of 72.11 % for April, 2007).

CLUB ATTENDANCE:

The top 5 clubs for attendance for the 10 months YTD to April, 2008 were:

1. South Everett-Mukilteo 89.50 %
2. Chilliwack 88.96 %
3. Monroe 87.30 %
4. Skagit (Mt. Vernon) 84.30 %
5. Anacortes 82.30 %

CLUB MEMBERSHIP

The top clubs for membership growth/net increase in members for the 10 months YTD to April 30, 2008 were:

1. White Rock Peninsula + 21 (new club)
2. Coquitlam + 11 (club reported numbers do not reconcile year/year)
3. Bellingham Bay + 10
4. Mount Baker, North Whidbey Island Sunrise, & South Whidbey Island + 6
5. La Conner, North Delta, & Port Coquitlam Centennial + 5
6. Langley Central, Snohomish, & White Rock-Peace Arch + 4

The five largest clubs as of April 30, 2008, were:

1. Everett 200
2. Chilliwack 190
3. Bellingham 178
4. Bellingham Bay 108
5. Oak Harbor 105

District 5050 Number of Members:

<u>Month/Year</u>	<u>2005/2006</u>	<u>2006/2007</u>	<u>2007/2008</u>
April	3,086	3,029	3,024

From our lowest point in this Rotary year at 2,962 members as at September, 2007, District 5050 increased by a net of 62 new members over the last 7 months to 3,024 members on April 30, 2008!!!!