

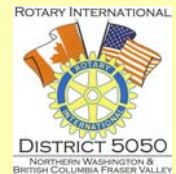


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DG Larry Stinson
During visit to Monroe

MESSAGE FROM THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Greetings Fellow Rotarians:

October saw a number of Foundation-based activities in the District, including the departure of GSE Team Australia for District 9470 in the Australian Outback and a visit by Rotary Foundation PolioPlus Chair, Dr. Robert Scott.

Our First Nations/Native American GSE Team has been in Western Australia since early October and by reading the postings from team members on their “blog” – <http://gse2australia.blog.com> - they are not only having a unique experience but furthering Rotary’s fourth Object, namely the advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace.

Rotary’s primary objective remains the global eradication of polio, and Bob Scott visited Chilliwack on October 9 to report on the current status of this effort and to plead the case of the thousands of children who will yet be crippled or even die if we should slacken our resolve.

With November being Foundation Month, it is a time for each of us to recommit our support for The Rotary Foundation. It is through Foundation programs that we are able to combat the deadly effects of malnutrition, disease and ignorance so prevalent in parts of our world.

It’s up to us – let’s “Make Dreams Real” by investing in The Rotary Foundation.

Your Governor,

Larry

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McIntyre Hall
Site of the Foundation Dinner
Friday, November 7, 2008





DGE Larry Jubie

District 5050 Planning for Rotary Year 2009-2010 Help Wanted

As District Governor Elect Larry Jubie prepares for his term, he has announced the following openings which are to be filled and start effective July 1, 2009. Letters of Inquiry (see information below) must be sent to him by November 30, 2008.

District Secretary

Qualifications: Must have previous experience as a Rotary Club Secretary.

Basic duties: The person selected for the position will receive training from District Secretary Bert Monsma. General description on page 6.

Assistant Governor - There are two positions to be filled.

Qualifications: Be a Past Club President and be an active member of one of the Rotary clubs within the Assistant Governor area for which you are selected.

The role: To assist the governor with the administration of your assigned clubs (you can locate a copy of the Assistant Governor's Training Manual at:

<http://www.rotary.org/en/AboutUs/SiteTools/DownloadLibrary/Pages/ridefault.aspx?k=Assistant%20Governor&txtKeywords=Assistant+Governor>).

The term of the position. Responsibilities begin on July 1 of the new Rotary year, and persons may serve for three years, at the discretion of the district governor. Preparation for your role will usually begin with the District 5050 Team Leadership Seminar & Pre-PETS on January 31, 2009.

Areas include:

- **Area A:** Will work with the Rotary Clubs of Chilliwack, Chilliwack Fraser, Chilliwack Mt. Cheam and Hope. Their current AG is Ron Goldfinch.
- **Area D:** Will work with the Rotary Club of Haney, Port Moody, Coquitlam, Coquitlam Sunrise, Meadow Ridge and Port Coquitlam Centennial. Their current AG is Denis Boyd.

Application process for the District Secretary and the Assistant Governor positions:

If you would like to apply for one of the above positions and/or if you have , please send your letter of inquiry to DGE Larry Jubie by email at: LWJubie31@hotmail.com.

Ambassadorial Scholarships

District 5050 is the proud sponsor of two outstanding Ambassadorial scholars – now beginning their academic year abroad. Yashar Keramati is Canadian, sponsored by the Coquitlam club, and Brittany Gallagher is from the US, sponsored by the South Whidbey club. The 2009-2010 scholars are committed to presenting programs to your club, and I strongly encourage you to invite them to speak. Yashar is available to speak to clubs now and Brittany will be available after she returns from a two-year Peace Corps assignment in Niger (March, 2009). You can connect either of them through District 5050 Scholarships Chair Catherine W. Scherer

In District 5050 we are fortunate to have two more scholars who will be outbound for academic year 2009-2010. Encourage high-potential people from your area to apply for one of Rotary's prestigious scholarships. Think through your contacts and acquaintances for possible candidates; advertise locally through universities and newspapers to find a pool of qualified people. Our District offers the Ambassadorial scholarship for one academic year abroad, and the Peace Fellowship for a full master's program at one of Rotary's Peace Centers. For information and/or to arrange for speakers, contact Catherine W. Scherer at cwsch@whidbey.com or at 360-730-2355.

The application window for the Ambassadorial scholarship is open until June 30, 2009. The Peace Fellowship is continually open. Extensive information on both programs can be found on the RI website at:

<http://www.rotary.org/en/StudentsAndYouth/EducationalPrograms>.

The Peace Arch Journal
District 5050

Larry Stinson Governor

The *Peace Arch Journal* is published monthly as a service to District club officers and members. It is intended as a source of news and opinion from throughout the district.

The mission is to promote communication, understanding, fellowship, and fun beyond club meetings, in a manner complementary to shared efforts at placing *Service Above Self*.

Please send articles and news in MS Word docs, with or without pictures, attached to emails and make some kind of reference to Rotary in the subject line. Note that the editor is not a professional journalist, and he appreciates conservation of space in order to meet the sender's needs and the editor's time.

Deadline is the 15th of the month.

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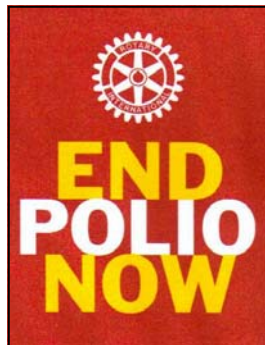
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G8 renews commitments to polio eradication

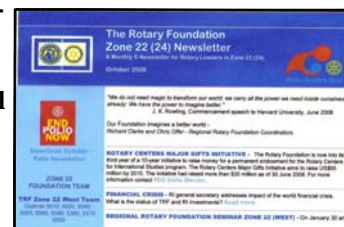
The statement by the G8 nations at their 8-9 July summit meeting in Japan was resolute and clear. "We will meet our previous commitments to maintain or increase financial contributions to support the Global Polio Eradication Initiative and encourage other public and private donors to do the same."

Together, the G8 countries - Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Russia, the United Kingdom, and the United States - account for more than half of all funding of the initiative and provide key advocacy support for ending polio.

Ending polio worldwide remains Rotary's top goal. Vital to helping achieve that goal is Rotary's US\$100 Million Challenge to match the Gates Foundation's \$100 million grant to The Rotary Foundation for polio eradication.

The above information was included in a monthly E-Newsletter for Rotary Leaders in Zone 22 (24). If you would like to receive your own copy (partial example is pictured on the right side), send an e-mail to Rotary Regional Foundation Chair Chris Offer at:

ChrisOffer@dccnet.com



Major Donors step up in the fight to finish polio

Major gifts (US\$10,000 or more) are helping to fuel Rotary's US\$100 Million Challenge at a pivotal time in the battle for a polio-free world. Rajashree Birla, an honorary member of the Rotary clubs of Mumbai and Mulund, India, led by example when she made a \$1 million gift to Rotary's challenge. Then she arranged a meeting on polio eradication with Usha Mittal, wife of Lakshmi Mittal, the prominent businessman who leads ArcelorMittal, the world's largest steel maker. At Birla's encouragement, Mrs. Mittal generously responded with a \$1 million contribution to the challenge.

Inspired by his wife, Martha, a polio survivor, Wilson Looney, of the Rotary Club of Atlanta, Georgia, USA, made a \$100,000 gift in August 2007 and another \$100,000 in January 2008. Both gifts challenged fellow members to raise matching amounts, an effort extended districtwide by 2007-08 District 6900 Governor Bill Woufin. Atlanta Rotarians R.Charles Loudermilk and Howell Adams each stepped forward with contributions of \$100,000, and the effort raised a combined total of \$595,448. A 50 percent match from PolioPlus Partners increased the amount to \$893,171 - enough to pay for Rotary International's share of the social mobilization costs of India's NIDs in January and February. Contributions received by The Rotary Foundation after 1 December 2007 were counted toward Rotary's challenge.

Robert Durchslag, a roofing contractor in Elgin, Illinois, USA, decided he too wanted to support polio eradication in a major way. In April, just six months after joining the Rotary Club of Elgin, he made a gift of \$ 10,000 to Rotary's challenge.

Major gifts to Rotary's US \$100 Million Challenge*

Amount	Number of gifts
\$100,000 or more	14
\$25,000 or more	16
\$10,000 or more	61

* As of 15 September 2008

Polio Facts & Figures

Area	Number of cases in '08
Afganistan	16
India	397
Nigeria	646
Pakistan	43
Non-endemic countries	71

Total worldwide 1,173
(Data as of 16 September 2008/World Health Organization)

For the latest on the number of polio cases, progress reports on polio-endemic countries, and other information, go to

www.polioeradication.org

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A Letter from South Africa

By Christina Kirkley

My name is Christina and I spent the year of 2007 as a Rotary International Ambassadorial Scholar from District 5050 in the country of South Africa. As I look back on that year of learning and experience, a flood of memories come back. Good times with great people, expectations challenged, eyes opened, heart filled. A country full of hope in the face of staggering odds. A place to grow – to stretch the normal bounds of a North American life.

During my scholarship year, I studied a post-graduate diploma of theology at the University of Stellenbosch (near Cape Town) and spent time visiting local Rotary clubs. It was great to share things about Canada and the USA with South African Rotarians. But, what they were always most interested to hear was what I thought of South Africa. A hard question to answer when you're immersed in such a complex society.

Truthfully, I have never been to a place as diversely beautiful or complexly puzzling as South Africa. I continue to live here (now in Johannesburg) while observing, learning and appreciating such a fascinating place. Things are uncertain here, but my outlook remains cautiously optimistic about the direction the country is headed through the mires of HIV/AIDS, political corruption, poverty and inadequate education. There is much to be done!



Christina on the top of Table Mountain with her back to Cape Town and the large bay.

'Service Above Self' moves us closer to that goal. May we all join the good fight and "be the change we want to see in the world"!

Thank you to all those who transformed a year of my life into an unforgettable experience in South Africa!



Currently, I am studying for my master's and continue to be involved in work at an orphanage in Johannesburg where I have been involved since 2003. I also work at a church in the area and enjoy serving the community where I can.

There is so much possibility when love wins over selfishness. And I am ever grateful to Rotary International for recognizing that 'Service Above



**McIntyre Hall at Skagit Valley Community College
2501 East College Way, Mt. Vernon, Washington
Exit off of Interstate 5 at College Way**

**District 5050's
Annual Foundation Dinner
Friday, November 7, 2008**

Time: 5:30 to 10:00 p.m.

Cost: \$65 per person

Keynote speaker:

Penny LeGate, Channel 7 News

Register at www.district5050.org

Each Rotary club is asked to donate one or two auction items worth \$100.

Niger Project a Model for District 5050 Water, Health and Hunger Efforts

Reported by Catherine Scherer,
Member of the Rotary Club of South Whidbey Island, WA

Peace Corps Volunteer Brittany Gallagher has established the foundations of a model project in her small village, Tamtala, in Niger. Last May, she spoke of her experiences to US and Canadian clubs. DG Larry Stinson suggested she design a project in which District 5050 clubs could participate.



Brittany in Tamtala

That suggestion became reality with the presentation of her proposal, *Moringas for Health*.

Niger is ranked 174 out of 177 countries on the United Nations Human Development Index. Inadequate nutrition and unclean water are often killers.

Peace Corps Volunteers have been encouraging the cultivation and use of *Moringa oleifera*, a tree known for its vitamin-rich leaves and tolerance to drought. Moringa seeds can also be used to purify water.

Gallagher's village of Tamtala was the site of the first Moringa plantation of 622 trees in the region. It's successful implementation provided the foundation for her proposal to Rotary to establish Moringa plantations in multiple villages in the region. She asked the participation of Gaston Kaba, a leader in the Rotary Club of Niamey, the largest town near her village. Kaba, whose work was profiled in a recent Rotarian Magazine, is no stranger to successful Rotary projects. He has partnered with Rotary clubs in the US, France, Germany, Belgium, Mexico, Australia as well as others in Niger to bring to fruition projects involving clean water, education, health, medicine, and income generating activities. Securing his agreement, she created the project plan, timelines, budget and local infrastructure before approaching District 5050.

RC of South Whidbey has taken on leadership and fundraising activities in District 5050 and has pledged \$2,000 to seed the project, with a goal of \$4,000 by December 1. During phase 2 and 3, fundraising will continue as well as an application for matching grants. We invite any club interested in this project to schedule a presentation and/or contact Rotarian Catherine Scherer at cwsch@whidbey.com

Documents detailing the plan, budgets, and timelines along with a list of other projects undertaken by partnering club Croix-du-Sud are available upon request.



As a Peace Corps volunteer

As a separate note, Gallagher was named one of the two Ambassadorial Scholars from District 5050 for the 2009-2010 academic year. Her Peace Corps commitment will end this winter. The goal is to fund phase one and have the project under way before she departs Niger to undertake her ambassadorial year.

Embrace the Rotary Foundation's Twin Pillars of Support

From Past R.I. President Jonathan Majiyagbe
Trustee Chair of The Rotary Foundation

The Rotary Foundation is recognized as one of the most respected private foundations in the world. Through the Foundation, we as Rotarians have an unprecedented opportunity to use our global grassroots strength and international prominence to help solve major problems such as food and water security -- if the Foundation's financial resources keep pace.



Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair Jonathan B. Majiyagbe and his wife, Ayo, take a spin on the dance floor at the Major Donor Dinner.

Photo by Rotary Images/Alyce Henson

The twin pillars of Foundation support – the Annual Programs Fund and the Permanent Fund – are crucial to meeting world needs.

The Foundation enables our clubs and districts to multiply their service efforts many times over. This effect is increasing as the Foundation's humanitarian grant projects become larger in scale to

profoundly improve the lives of more people.

We can help *Make Dreams Real* for children and their families today by giving at least US\$100 to the [Annual Programs Fund](#) through the Every Rotarian, Every Year initiative. And we can help ensure their needs will be met tomorrow by building a strong endowment through contributions to the [Permanent Fund](#).

Our Foundation's humanitarian grants, Rotary World Peace Fellows, and other programs are essential to realizing a better world. Together, let's embrace both pillars of Foundation support and expand our capacity to improve health, support education, alleviate poverty, and light the way to peace.

100% Paul Harris Fellow Club

On May 21st, 2008, the **White Rock Peninsula Rotary Club** became the first in District 5050 to earn this recognition. It is only the second Rotary club in British Columbia to be so recognized, and joins nine other Canadian based Rotary clubs:

On June 8, 2008, PDG Dave Robinson visited the club and after speaking about Membership, presented Paul Harris Recognition to the club members. He congratulated the club in achieving this historic milestone and encouraged them to continue to support the Rotary Foundation and the tremendous work it does to improve the lives of those less fortunate.



Dave seen with club member Dennis Williams



District 5050 Secretary

Past Club President Bert Monsma is a nine-year member of the Rotary Club of Langley Central. He served three terms as Club Treasurer, for which he was awarded a PHF. He was also the 2002-03 Club Vice President and Director of Membership and has served on a number of committees.

Bert and his wife Susan live in Delta, and have two grown sons, and two grandchildren. He has worked for a major chartered bank for many years holding positions such as Commercial Branch Manager, Divisional Manager Commercial Marketing and Senior Manager Business Development. He is now employed by Envision Financial Services in Business Banking, located in Langley.

District Secretary Monsma has said that “with regards to the District Secretary Role I could not find any job description nor manual on RI website or anywhere (there is an excellent one for Club Secretaries) so I will give you in point form what I do.”

The District Secretary’s responsibilities are to (in no specific order of importance):

- Maintain all District Attendance Records, by club.
- Maintain all District Membership Records, by club.
- Follow up with Club Secretaries on the clubs’ monthly reports.
- Provide District Governor and AGs with monthly report on the District’s membership and attendance.
- Responsible for Training of Club Secretaries, including formal training sessions at the District Assembly.
- Be a resource for Club secretaries.
- Be a resource for District Governor and Assistant Governors.
- Receive, act and reply on any District Correspondence (all email) as required.
- Receive, act and reply on any correspondence (all email) from Club Secretaries as required.
- Record and maintain minutes of any District Executive meeting.
- Perform any other duties that usually pertain to the office of Secretary.

Bert noted that “with the implementation of the District Administrator position, the duties of the District Secretary have been significantly reduced. The correspondence is nominal, other than answering email queries from clubs.”

Editor’s Note: The free taxi service reported on in the following article was previously shared with readers on page 6 of the September, 2006, edition of the Peace Arch Journal.



Everett Rotarian Ralph Quass
A Rotarian since 1964

A Welcome Home Service by Members of Everett Rotary

Reported by Mark Nesse
Photographs by Ron Jacobson & Bob Knight

Service above Self suggests *sacrifice*, but our club has found that providing a free *taxi service* for US Navy sailors returning from a deployment of 6-7 months is its own reward. Everett, WA (USA), 30 miles north of Seattle, is homeport to the USS Abraham Lincoln and a US Navy Carrier task force.



The USS Lincoln aircraft carrier is back home.

Some years ago our club launched this simple service: Offer returning sailors a ride. This idea has not been complicated by a Mission, Values or Vision statement – there are no goals and objectives. We simply want to thank sailors who serve their country. Their service has been very concrete – we reciprocate.

Taxi rides can be across town, to nearby cities, or to SeaTac International Airport about 45 miles to the south. Some sailors are traveling light for a short leave; others are changing duty stations and lug one or more heavy sea bags with all their earthly possessions. They are all eager to re-unite with their families, friends, and wheels. All look forward to an end to the two biggest fatalities of a Navy deployment – sleep and privacy.

Many of our *taxi* trips are memorable. This past Sunday Past President Lyle Ryan and his wife PJ were taking a young sailor and his father to SeaTac (Seattle International Airport) when the sailor mentioned that he had wanted to treat dad to the best clam chowder in the world (dad had joined the ship at San Diego for the final leg home to Everett.) FULL STOP. Detour to Mukilteo, Washington, and *Ivar’s Acres of Clams* restaurant. Lyle treated everyone to clam chowder, then headed south for their flight to Denver. Paul Harris is smiling.

Everett Rotary’s web site: <http://www.evrotary.org/>



Above photo, RI President Dong Kurn Lee addresses government and civic leaders during a September forum convened by UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon in New York.

A Rotary Forum at the United Nations In New York City, NY

Reported by PDG **Douglas W Vincent**,
 Rotary Club of Woodstock-Oxford, Ontario, Canada
 Rotary United Nations Representative, Zone 22

At the event, attended by top government and civic leaders, Lee praised the 20-year partnership between Rotary and the United Nations in fighting polio and reaffirmed Rotary's commitment to working with the UN to eradicate polio and build a healthier, more peaceful world.

"We have brought the world closer to the end of a disease and to the achievement of the fourth Millennium Development Goal: reducing child mortality," Lee said in a speech during a breakout session on health and education. "We have created partnerships that will endure and will yield benefits far beyond the elimination of one disease."

Lee and other RI leaders spent four days in New York participating in several forums, convened to assess progress made toward achieving the Millennium Development Goals adopted by world leaders in 2000. The forum brought together a broad coalition of government leaders, philanthropists, and development agencies who recommitted to slashing poverty, hunger, and disease by 2015. Speakers included Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation co-chair Bill

Gates, UNESCO Director-General Kiochiro Matsuura, WHO Director-General Margaret Chan, and other philanthropists and government leaders.

"Rotary's agenda addresses all of the millennium goals: health, hunger, cleaner environment, and education," says Sylvan Barnet, RI representative to the United Nations. "This event was a useful way to promote Rotary to different world leaders and organizations." RI General Secretary Ed Futa said the meeting he attended was a high-powered event. "The thing that impressed me the most was that everyone -- heads of state and CEOs -- recognized Rotary International and the work we are doing," Futa said.

In his comments regarding the successful discussions, UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said "Governments, foundations, businesses and civil society groups have rallied around the call to action to slash poverty, hunger and disease by 2015, by announcing new commitments to meet the Millennium Development Goals. "Today we did something special. We brought together a broad coalition for change," Ki-moon said. The gathering "exceeded our most optimistic expectations," he stated, noting that it generated an estimated \$16 billion, including some \$1.6 billion to bolster food security, more than \$4.5 billion for education and \$3 billion to combat malaria.

Other events during the week included:

A White House symposium on global literacy, attended by RI Vice President Monty Audenart and hosted by U.S. First Lady Laura Bush. The event summarized and reported on the six UNESCO literacy conferences held around the world since an inaugural White House conference on global literacy in 2006.

A luncheon discussion focused on financing education to achieve the millennium goals. Representing RI, Barnet shared information about some of Rotary's recent polio immunization efforts in Afghanistan with Afghan officials.

A forum on long-term solutions to the global food crisis. Futa was among the 100 CEOs, government leaders, and heads of foundations and UN agencies who participated.

NOTE:

For background information on PDG Douglas W. Vincent please visit the following web site address:

<http://www.dougvincent.com>

This report can also be found on the R.I. web site at www.rotary.org



**Daphne Fortin (Louis)
Rotary Club of White Rock, B.C.**

Rotary Club President (2008-2009)

I was born in New Brunswick and grew up in the province of Quebec. After marrying my husband Louis 38 years ago, we experienced a series of corporate transfers which enabled me to become familiar with most areas of Canada. We relocated for the last time in 1991, to White Rock, B.C. I worked as a Realtor since shortly after arriving and was invited to join Rotary in 1998 by one of my clients.

I have served a total of 6 years on the Board in several Directorships and have been active on service and fundraising projects. One of my keenest interests has been the Rotary Foundation and as a result, I served as Polio Chair in 2002-2003 which was an extremely rewarding experience.

Louis and I have one daughter Christine, who also lives and works in our community and has been a member of the Rotary Club of White Rock for several years. This August, my Rotary spouse Louis, also joined our Rotary club so Rotary truly has become a family affair.

Rotary has given me the opportunity to give back to my community that has been so very good to me and my family. I enjoy my life and I am happy to part of a Rotary club that contributes to the local community and the world community. I hope to be able to give service in Rotary and continue to enjoy the good people within Rotary for many years into the future.



Leeon & Virginia Aller

In Memory of Leeon Aller: A True Visionary

Leeon Aller, Past President of the Rotary Club of Snohomish (shown with his wife, Virginia), died on Tuesday, October 14, 2008.

In an article that was published in the September, 2006, edition of the *Peace Arch Journal*, it was noted that for “over the past 60 years Dr. Leeon Aller, 85, and his wife Virginia, 80, have dealt with war, terrorism, abject poverty, natural disasters, cholera and other epidemics, malnutrition, polluted waters, countries devastated by deforestation. More than 50 years ago the Snohomish couple founded Hands for Peacemaking, a respected non-profit organization dedicated to helping solve poverty, illiteracy, illness and unemployment. HFP has benefited 40 countries, especially in South Africa, South and Central America and Southeast Asia. Leeon, often accompanied by Virginia, has been in every country except India and Russia.”

In an article in the October 18, 2008, edition of the *Herald* (Everett, WA), Herald writer David Chirocop reflected on the many aspects of the life of Leeon and Virginia Aller. Dr. Aller was a longtime Snohomish family physician who founded a medical clinic, an international charity, and a prison ministry. A medical partner and close friend, Dr. Brad Gerrish, said that, “He was drawn to solving problems...was a visionary and had a wonderful capacity to envision a solution and the creativity and dogged determination to inspire others.”

Chirocop said that Pete Kinch (past Rotary club president and Executive Director of Hands for Peacemaking Foundation) “remembers Aller, harmonica in hand, soliciting donations from the Port Gardner Rotary Club in the late 1980s.”

AG (Area J) Amy Black, expressing her condolences to Virginia and members of the Rotary Club of Snohomish, said that “Dr. Aller was a major force behind several international projects, and Rotary International has lost one of its best representatives! I have very fond memories of him visiting our club meetings and chatting with him at various district events. He will be so missed. We can only pick up where he left off!”

Click on the following in order to read more about the life of our friend:

<http://www.heraldnet.com/article/20081018/NEWS01/710189912/0/FRONTPAGE>

<http://www.legacy.com/HeraldNet/DeathNotices.asp?Page=Lifestory&PersonId=119396245>

Rotary International Polio Plus Committee Chair Guest of the Rotary Club of Chilliwack

Article by Terri Powers and photography by Ken Bramble



Presentation of a cheque in the amount of \$135,000

Photograph: Front row: Carol and John Blessin. Left to right in the back row: Harv Jubie, Bill Robson, Larry Jubie, Bob Scott, and D.G. Larry Stinson.

On October 9th in Chilliwack, Dr. Robert Scott spoke at a fundraising dinner organized and hosted by John Blessin and Deb Winters, of the Rotary Club of Chilliwack. Attendees included D.G. Larry Stinson, Past D.G. Harv Jubie, and Incoming Governor Larry Jubie. Past D.G. Dave Robinson introduced Bob Scott, chair of the R.I. Polio Plus Committee.

It was easy to listen to Bob, with his charming Scottish accent and easy way with the crowd. He took a photograph of the assembly to include in his report...in order to show there actually were people there willing to listen...then moved into the room to address his slides.

Polio has no cure, and consists of three viruses, P-1, P-2, and P3. There have been no cases of P2 since 1999, so we consider that virus eradicated. P-3 maims, but does not kill. P-1 is the worst, and it is *this* virus we are struggling to

eradicate first. The World Health Organisation, Rotary International, The Center for Disease Control in Atlanta, and the governments of the world have united in this effort, and been largely successful.

There are only four countries left world wide with the P-1 virus: Nigeria, Afghanistan, Pakistan and Algeria. In spite of this, progress is fragile, as P-1 can be imported. Political conflict, poor conditions, cost, and the volume of new births work against us. Vaccinators work in extreme and dangerous environments, and nearly 100 have died. Government partners are crucial to success.

In order to meet the Gates \$100 million challenge grant, Rotary needs to match it within three years. If all the clubs in the world committed at least \$1000.00 a year we would make it, but some clubs, as in India, find that goal impossible. Because of this, we who can, must. Rotary dollars fund operational costs, and money isn't squandered. We pay vaccinators \$1.00 per hour or less in India. We pay for hats, jackets, and megaphones. We pay for research, and we influence others.

In addition to the \$5000.00 or so raised by those attending the dinner, our District PolioPlus Chairs, Larry Jubie and Bill Robson, presented Bob Scott with a cheque for \$135,000.00 (it included \$110,000 raised through Golfun's "Tee Off On Polio" Challenge plus \$25,000 in DDF contributed by the district).



Joint District 5040/5050 Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) program

On a beautiful fall Saturday, approximately 85 Rotarians came to Surrey, B.C. from two neighboring Rotary districts to learn and to share ideas in Rotary knowledge and leadership skills. The program was held October 18, 2008, at the campus of Kwantlen Polytechnic University (which will be the site of the District 5050 Assembly on April 4, 2009). The co-chairs of the day were AD Denis Boyd (D5050) and PDG Chris Offer (D5040), seen in the lower-left photograph welcoming participants to the day's activities.

The RLI is an unofficial affiliate of Rotary International. It is a grassroots-training program that was begun in New Jersey by club Rotarians. Its purpose is to prepare future leaders through a quality training and educational experience. Attendees included both experienced and very new Rotarians. Visit the following site:



Rotary fellowship while learning



http://www.clubrunner.ca/dprg/dxprogramhome/_programhome.aspx?did=5040&pageid=20974

District 5050 Attendance & Membership Report for August, 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	4 of 4	63.97	33	63.72	38	66	68	+2
Abbotsford-Matsqui	4 of 4	59.00	=44	79.50	9	30	30	-
Abbotsford-Sumas	4 of 4	85.42	2	87.71	2	24	24	-
Aldergrove	5 of 5	59.30	=44	63.60	39	29	28	-1
Anacortes	4 of 4	68.00	=21	69.00	23	59	59	-
Arlington	4 of 4	65.00	=28	59.00	=49	67	69	+2
Bellingham	3 of 3	67.94	24	70.51	20	180	181	+1
Bellingham Bay	4 of 4	56.80	49	58.54	51	120	121	+1
Bellingham Sunrise	4 of 4	61.00	41	64.00	=36	43	43	-
Burlington	5 of 5	67.05	25	66.86	26	77	71	-6
Burlington Mid-Day	4 of 4	65.00	=28	70.00	=21	27	28	+1
Chilliwack	5 of 5	80.10	7	82.20	4	195	193	-2
Chilliwack Fraser	4 of 4	60.00	=42	61.00	=47	78	70	-8
Chilliwack Mt. Cheam	4 of 4	63.11	=36	64.51	33	62	62	-
Cloverdale	4 of 4	70.00	=16	63.00	=40	21	22	+1
Coquitlam	4 of 4	69.19	=19	73.35	=15	48	47	-1
Coquitlam Sunrise	4 of 4	60.00	=42	62.00	=42	25	27	+2
Everett	4 of 4	62.89	38	61.45	=47	190	191	+1
Everett-Port Gardner	4 of 4	63.00	=36	62.00	=42	42	41	-1
Fidalgo Island	4 of 4	66.31	=26	71.40	19	49	50	+1
Haney	4 of 4	53.00	=52	54.50	54	42	42	-
Hope	4 of 4	82.70	4	82.10	5	13	13	-
La Conner	4 of 4	81.00	=5	78.50	11	49	48	-1
Lake Stevens	5 of 5	56.36	50	64.18	35	44	44	-
Langley	4 of 4	64.29	30	64.09	=36	32	28	-4
Langley Central	4 of 4	62.50	=39	61.47	46	77	78	+1
Langley Sunrise	4 of 4	85.30	3	86.55	3	19	17	-2
Marysville Morning	4 of 4	75.00	12	78.50	10	17	17	-
Marysville Noon	4 of 4	68.00	=21	68.85	24	75	73	-2
Meadow Ridge	4 of 4	64.01	=31	64.59	32	45	45	-
Mission	4 of 4	63.30	35	66.30	27	33	32	-1
Mission Midday	4 of 4	58.65	46	64.42	34	28	29	+1
Monroe	4 of 4	89.00	1	90.50	1	29	29	-
Mount Baker	4 of 4	77.00	=9	80.50	8	59	59	-
Mt. Vernon	4 of 4	69.00	=19	71.50	18	46	48	+2
North Delta	3 of 3	51.59	54	54.71	53	43	43	-
North Whidbey Island Sunrise	5 of 5	68.00	=21	72.50	17	30	32	+2
Oak Harbor	5 of 5	58.00	47	59.00	=49	95	96	+1
Port Coquitlam Centennial	4 of 4	62.00	=39	65.50	30	24	23	-1
Port Moody	4 of 4	63.35	34	63.30	=40	46	45	-1
San Juan Island (Friday Harbor)	0 of 0	0.00	55	0.00	55	27	27	-
Sedro Woolley	4 of 4	55.00	51	58.00	52	97	95	-2
Semiahmoo (White Rock)	4 of 4	66.00	=26	62.00	=42	49	50	+1
Skagit (Mount Vernon)	4 of 4	53.00	=52	61.50	45	70	71	+1
Snohomish	4 of 4	74.00	=13	81.00	7	24	24	-
South Everett-Mukilteo	5 of 5	74.00	=13	74.50	14	65	63	-2
South Whidbey Island	4 of 4	77.82	8	77.85	12	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	4 of 4	64.00	=31	65.50	28	44	42	-2
Surrey	4 of 4	57.00	48	65.50	29	25	25	-
Surrey-Guildford	4 of 4	77.00	=9	65.00	31	23	22	-1
Whatcom County North	4 of 4	81.05	=5	81.86	6	58	60	+2
White Rock	4 of 4	70.00	=16	67.50	25	58	61	+3
White Rock Millennium	4 of 4	72.73	15	70.22	=21	21	21	-
White Rock Peninsula PHS	4 of 4	70.00	=16	73.00	=15	23	23	-
White Rock-Peace Arch	3 of 3	76.82	11	75.13	13	32	32	-
Totals						2967	2953	-14

No report received from:
Rotary Club of San Juan Island (Friday Harbor)

Highlights for the Month of August, 2008

- Total number of members in District 5050 as of August 31, 2008 was 2,953 (versus 2,972 as of August 31, 2007).
- District membership decreased by 13 member (net) for the month of August, 2008 (versus a net decrease of 12 members in July, 2007).
- Average Attendance for the District for the month of August, 2008 was 66.74 % (versus average attendance of 69.20 % for August, 2007).

CLUB ATTENDANCE:

The top 5 clubs for attendance for the 1 month YTD in August, 2008 were:

- | | | |
|-------------------------|---------|------------------|
| 1. Monroe | 89.00 % | |
| 2. Abbotsford-Sumas | 85.42 % | |
| 3. Langley Sunrise | 85.30 % | |
| 4. Hope | 82.70 % | |
| 5. Whatcom County North | 81.05 % | La Conner 81.00% |

No clubs had less than 50% attendance in August, 2008.

CLUB MEMBERSHIP

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

- | | |
|----------------------------|-----|
| 1. White Rock | + 5 |
| 2. Abbotsford | + 2 |
| Arlington | + 2 |
| Coquitlam Sunrise | + 2 |
| Mt. Vernon | + 2 |
| North Whidbey Isle Sunrise | + 2 |
| Whatcom County North | + 2 |

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

- | | | |
|-------------------|-----|-----|
| 1. Chilliwack | 193 | - 2 |
| 2. Everett | 191 | + 1 |
| 3. Bellingham | 181 | + 1 |
| 4. Bellingham Bay | 121 | + 1 |
| 5. Oak Harbor | 96 | + 1 |
| 6. Sedro-Woolley | 95 | - 1 |

District 5050 Number of Members as of:

Month/Year	2005/2006	2006/2007	2007/2008	2008/2009
August 31	2,992	3,006	2,972	2,953