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Message from the District Governor

Greetings Fellow Rotarians:

Linda and I have been visiting several clubs to help with the installation of new Officers and Boards. We have been warmly greeted by Rotarians and spouses all over District 5050.

Well, it is now August, membership and extension month. As the cover on your new District Directory says, "It is time to invite someone to join Rotary." If you are uncertain how to do this, check with your club membership chair or look at our District website www.district5050.org "How to Propose a New Member." Each of us is responsible for bringing in qualified new members. Only Rotarians have the ability to increase our membership by inviting others to join our clubs.

August is also our District Polio Plus fundraiser, Golfun. This year it will be held on August 21st at the Surrey Golf Club. We need club and member sponsors as well as golfers at the course. You can register to play online at the district website. You and your club can be a sponsor by donating to Polio Plus. Contact DGE Wayne Wiebe or any Assistant Governor to discuss this very important event

We will be traveling around District 5050 for the next three months, starting with our visit on July 20, 2009, to the White Rock Peace Arch Rotary Club. We consider this time to be one of the most enjoyable of the year.

Thank you for all of your hard work. Remember, "THE FUTURE OF ROTARY IS IN YOUR HANDS."

Your Governor,

Larry



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Notes from the PAJ editor

Carol wrote: "I love the new title banner - and it is a beautiful picture. Your comments about the purpose of the PAJ are also wonderful." "You might print a little 'errata' in your next PAJ as the line dancers at the District Conference were from the **Abbotsford** clubs, not the Langley.

Thanks for your letters!



Transferring The District Governor's Home Club Banner



One July 8, 2009, Assistant Governor Carol Tichelman accompanied Past District Governor Larry Stinson down from Chilliwack, B.C., to attend the noon meeting of the Rotary Club of Marysville, WA, the home club of District Governor Larry Jubie. The meeting was chaired by Club President Larry Trivett.

Guests included District Governor Nominee Jane Helten, PDG Kathy DeTeurk, PDG Harv Jubie, AG Lee Harmon and Linda Jubie. During the meeting DG Larry Jubie inducted two new members, DeAnna Emborski and Scott Frank.



Mike Leighan (Scott's sponsor) with Scott and DeAnna



The three Larrys at the posting of the banner Home of the District Governor



PDG Larry enjoyed showing his new uniform & his BlackBerry lacking any email messages.



DG's New Pin.

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District 5050 Events

http://www.clubrunner.ca/dprg/dxhome/_home.aspx?did=5050

August 21, 2009

Golfun
Surrey, B.C.

September 12, 2009

Rotary Leadership Inst. - 1 & 2
Coquitlam, B.C.

November 14, 2009

Foundation Dinner
Surrey, B.C.

May 14-16, 2010

District 5050 Conference
Marysville, WA

June 20-23, 2010

Rotary International Convention
Montreal, Canada

Rock 'N' Roll to End Polio on August 30, 2009
Located at Tulalip Casino Resort - Site of D5050 Conference 2010



Rock 'n' Roll to End Polio!

Program CANCELLED

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, 2009
2:00PM - 10:00PM

TULALIP AMPHITHEATRE
(North of Tulalip Casino and Resort)

Entry Donation - \$50 for Adults, \$10 for Children
ALL Net Proceeds to benefit Polio Plus, Rotary International and to match The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation grant

END POLIO NOW!

- Ample FREE Parking
- Food & Drink Available
- Open Seating - Bring blankets and low profile lawn chairs
- Special Sunday Night Hotel Rate
- Special Guests
- Drawing - Must be present to win

PRESENTED BY THE ROTARY CLUB OF SOUTH EVERETT-MUKILTEO
SPONSORED BY TULALIP TRIBES

For more information please call 425.894.8364 or email stratton.reporting@comcast.net

Proportional to the number of tickets sold to your club members and guests, your club's Polio Plus account will be credited at least 80% of these sales.

Tickets or questions? Log on to www.semr.org or call 425-894-8364

The Peace Arch Journal



The monthly newsletter for District 5050

Larry Jubie
Governor

The monthly publication is 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.

It is requested that articles be submitted by the 15th of the month prior to the month of publication.

Address any and all information to *Peace Arch Journal* editor:

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Visit District 5050's Web site at:

http://www.clubrunner.ca/dprg/DxHome/_home.aspx?did=5050

Miracle League Ballpark Under Construction



Monroe Rotary Club's Dream



The dream to build a field as their Rotary Centennial Project, was reported in the September, 2003, edition of *The Peace Arch Journal*. It was to be fully handicapped accessible and constructed with an even, flat playing surface for kids to play on. Follow-up PAJ articles have appeared in the December, 2003, and the June, 2007, editions.

The above photos of the construction were shot by Bob Knight on July 14, 2009. PCP Mark Mason has reported that their **grand opening celebration** is to be held at the site (next to the Monroe Senior Center and the Boys and Girls Club) on **Saturday, September 12, 2009, at noon**. Over \$1million has been raised, with another \$150,000 still needed in order to install a bathroom and concession stand. The field will be called "Monroe Rotary Field, Home of the Miracle League." The field will be owned and maintained by the City of Monroe.

Rotary Club's REC for KIDS: A Lesson In Safety

Article on the grand opening was sent to the PAJ by Ian Lagasse



The REC For KIDS initiative is a cooperative project created by several Rotary Clubs in the Surrey/ Langley area. The concept is to "intake" surplus and underutilized bicycles and other sporting equipment then refurbish these items and redistribute them to disadvantaged children.

A strategic partnership between REC For KIDS, Options (a local community service agency), and Rocky Cycle (a full service bike shop) has been established. This alliance was formed to teach bicycle maintenance and repair to at risk teens.

The top left photo is Chief Superintendent Fraser McRae of the Surrey RCMP (Royal Canadian Mounted Police) presenting a helmet to Ruby the first recipient of a bike. Others (l to r) are Derek Lucas, White Rock Rotary Club President Elect and Surrey City Councilor Linda Heppner.



Lower left: students of a bike repair class at the REC For KIDS premises.



Lower right: PDG Larry Stinson signing the official guest book at the official opening of the office.



New Public Relations Publication

Report from Barrie Seaton,
District 5050 PR chair

125,000 copies of the District 5050 PR newsletter, *Rotary Clubs in District 5050*, and were distributed for all 56 Rotary clubs through the assistant governors. The publication is the result of a lot of input from a

lot of people in our District and we would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who participated and provided information

The publication can be a good addition to your club's new member kits as it provides information about Rotary's activities both in District 5050 areas and around the world. It can be used as an insert in your local newspaper and dropped off at libraries, medical offices, youth centers and schools. We are confident you will find many areas and reasons to use the publication.

Remember this publication is the result of funds from Rotary International as well as your District, so please make the most of this opportunity. As always, any thoughts, feedback, experiences or suggestions for future publications are welcomed.

Send your comments to Barrie Seaton,
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Rotary Leadership Institute Parts One & Two Saturday, September 12, 2009 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Cost: \$85.00 per **Location:** Coquitlam, B.C.

Advance registration and payment is required. It can be done by contacting AG Denis Boyd by email at: denboco@shaw.ca.

This program is for Rotarians interested in learning more about Rotary and leadership. To be a strong Rotary leader it is important to know about Rotary. This program features Parts One and Two of the Rotary Leadership Institute material. It is necessary to take the segments of the program in order, and one is taken at a time in a full day workshop.

Part One features sessions entitled: Leadership Characteristics; Rotary Beyond the Club; Membership Retention; Intro to the Rotary Foundation; Leadership - Team Building; and Service Projects.

Part Two features the following sessions: Leadership - Goals; Vocational Service/Ethics; Membership Recruitment; The Rotary Foundation - SHARE; Leadership - How to Run Meetings; and Analyzing a Rotary Club.

Future dates for RLI programs: October 24 (US); November 14 (Can); January 23 (US); February 20 (Can); March 27 (US); and April 24 (Can).

District Governor Jubie's Official Club Visits

August, 2009

4	South Whidbey Island Everett (at Naval Station)	Tuesday	7:00 a.m. Noon
5	Skagit (Mount Vernon)	Wednesday	7:00 a.m.
6	Langley	Thursday	6:15 p.m.
11	Mission Mid-Day	Tuesday	Noon
12	Mission Chilliwack/Frasier	Wednesday	7:00 a.m. Noon
13	Chilliwack Mt. Cheam Hope	Thursday	7:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.
14	Chilliwack	Friday	Noon
18	Mount Baker	Tuesday	Noon
19	Stanwood/Camano Island	Wednesday	Noon
(Sept. 4)	South Everett/Mukilteo	Friday	Noon
25	Fidalgo Island Mount Vernon	Tuesday	7:00 a.m. Noon
26	North Whidbey Isle Sunrise	Wednesday	7:15 a.m.
27	Sedro-Woolley	Thursday	Noon

September, 2009

1	Meadow Ridge	Tuesday	Noon
2	Port Moody Coquitlam	Wednesday	7:15 a.m. 12:15 p.m.

Golfun 2009

**Friday,
August 21, 2009**

Surrey Golf Club
7700168th Street, Surrey, BC

**The district needs at least
144 golfers -
Rotarians, Friends & Relatives
\$100 for golfer / \$40 for dinner only**

Register on District 5050 web site

Information: DGE Wayne at wawiebe@gmail.com



District 5050 Rotary Foundation Seminar

On Saturday, July 11, 2009, 62 Rotarians from District 5050 gathered on a beautiful, sunny day to hear presentations on many aspects of The Rotary Foundation. The seminar was held at Bellingham, WA, in Hampton Inn's Fox Hall. Photos taken by the PAJ Editor.

The attendees were welcomed by District Governor Larry Jubie, who introduced the facilitator for the day, PAG Bill Robson. Bill has assumed the position of District 5050 Foundation Committee Chair from PDG Rob Martin. Some of the presenters are pictured below:



DG Larry Jubie



PAG Bill Robson



PCP Bev Robinson



DGE Wayne Wiebe



AG Christiana Flessner



PDG Dave Robinson



Dr. Ahmet Altun



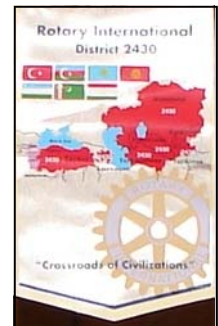
PDG Rob Martin



PCP Steve Miller



DG Larry received a D2420 banner from Inbound Ambassadorial Scholar from Turkey, Ahmet Altun



Dave & Bill tried to get the Pictures to fit the screen (no luck)



Rob & PCP Bev Harrington



Attentative participants

NOTES: Another presenter was PCP Steve Morach. More information about the Rotary Foundation & the seminar on page 7.

Editor's Notes: The following article, which includes some of my notes taken during the Foundation Seminar, is a continuation of the pictorial report on page 6. In the development of this article, in which I have aimed to provide accurate information, I have spent a considerable amount of time perusing the RI web site. In doing so I found a useful document: *District Rotary Foundation Committee Manual for Nonpilot District* (© 2009 Rotary International 300-EN-(509). It can be downloaded at: http://www.rotary/RIdocuments/en_pdf/300en.pdf



The Rotary Foundation and District 5050's July, 2009, Seminar

Article prepared by Bob Knight based his notes from the seminar, emails received and other sources

District Rotary Foundation Chair Bill Robson began by noting that The Rotary Foundation (TRF) was founded in 1917 by past RI President Arch Klump with \$26.00 that was left over from the RI Convention.

Members of the District 5050's Rotary Foundation team for 2009-10 (most pictured on page 6) include:

- **Bill Robson**, Chair for the next three years.
- **Cathy Scherer** -Ambassadorial scholarships
- **Christiana Flessner** - Annual Giving in Canada
- **Stephen Morach** - Annual Giving in the U.S.
- **Steve Miller** - District Simplified Grants
- **Rod Thomson** - Foundation Alumni
- **Bev Robinson** - Grants/WCS
- **Rob Martin** - GSE Chair
- **Dorothy McKim** - GSE Inbound (CA)
- **Bev Harrington** - GSE Inbound (US)
- **Amy Black** - GSE Outbound
- **Dave Robinson** - Permanent Fund
- **Lee Harmon** - Polio Plus

Bill presented information about SHARE, the system through which TRF program awards are distributed worldwide. It is called SHARE because:

- Rotarians SHARE their resources with their fellow Rotarians around the world. Fifty per cent of annual giving is credited to the World Fund to fund programs for which every district/club may apply.
- TRF Trustees SHARE some decision-making with the districts, who use 50% of the contributions credited to the District Designated Fund (DDF) to fund district programs..
- Rotarians SHARE Rotary with the world through their Foundation.

He noted that the money is put away for three years, and then half goes to the district and half to the World Fund. This last year, donations from District 5050 amounted to \$617,989. DG Larry Jubie encouraged donations to the Annual Program Fund and that only unrestricted funds go into the SHARE program. An example of restricted funds are those contributed to Polio Plus.

Bev Robinson reported that matching grants have been reduced by 70%, down to \$9.5 million dollars. Dave Robinson said that the funding for Matching Grants was not stopped because of a decision not to spend any more money. The funding was stopped because the number of grant requests increased so dramatically that the available funding was exhausted sooner than usual. TRF did not spend less than was available; they just spent it faster.

Steve Miller's PowerPoint presentation on District Simplified Grant process can be found on the Home page of the D5050's web site. Go to the left side bar under **Site Pages/Rotary Foundation**. The information will be very useful as clubs prepare for next year.

A few other items from the Foundation Seminar include: GSE teams will come from and go to Brazil and India. Our GSE to India will experience a Polio NID. Because of the diplomatic efforts of PRI President Jonathan Majiyagbe, Polio NIDs are taking place in Nigeria, with the drops being produced in Indonesia.

Local Community Festivals A Great Time To Share Rotary

On Sunday, July 19, 2009, two Rotary clubs had displays on 2nd Street at the annual Kla Ha Ya Days festival in Snohomish, WA. The Everett Port Gardner club sold raffle tickets for a classic old Chevrolet and the Snohomish club used their blue trailer to sell sno-cones.



Jack Shannon & Jeannie Bertsch selling raffle tickets



Alex Suprenant, Marci Owens & Stephanie Geiger from the Boys & Girls Club of Snohomish

Port Moody Rotary and “Christmas In July” Food

The following is based on PCP Peter Cuthbert’s article in the July 22, 2009, edition of *The Golden Spike*

Rotarians collected 2,511 pounds of food in partnership with SHARE, a Family and Community Services Society (<http://www.sharesociety.ca/programs.htm>).

Peter reported, “We more than tripled last years donation, (and we were working out of two locations then)! There was great support from our Club. We had such fun helping Share achieve their goals and had great camaraderie to boot!

Of course an excellent effort like this takes Team Work. So many thanks to Ron Baker, Gerry Glazier (and his hard working wife), Brian Dunne, Elie, (who could say no to Elie!?), John Dalton

(and his bright young daughter), Jonathan Schaden, Tom Williams, Vida (our honorary member). A special big thank you to Ann Hulbert who

worked from our start time to the bitter end, when Share's truck driver (with the help of Tom) loaded, boxed and weighed all the food donations.

Heather Scott, Share's Director of Development, spent considerable time down at Thrifty Foods on Saturday; even to the extent of helping loading up! Thanks also go out to Thrifty's staff and our own Jerry (who is relocating and will be sadly missed by us).

This is what Rotary is all about, making a difference for the less fortunate and in turn this is what makes our Club so successful, when we all work together making a real difference in our own communities.”

Peter



Jonathan Schaden, Ann Hulbert & Peter Cuthbert



Peter & Ann with helpers, Ciaran & Eric Scott

Rotary District 5050

Membership & Attendance: May 2009

Ordered by: Club Name



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Rotary Club of...	Meetings Held	Attendance		Membership		Start of Year	Present	Change
		This Month %	Rank	Year to Date %	Rank			
Abbotsford	4 of 4	72.95	23	74.69	19	66	73	+7
Abbotsford-Matsqui	4 of 4	55.00	=50	65.55	38	30	25	-5
Abbotsford-Sumas	0 of 0	0.00	=55	84.27	5	24	27	+3
Aldergrove	5 of 5	81.40	=8	75.87	17	29	29	-
Anacortes	4 of 4	80.09	=11	73.51	20	59	64	+5
Arlington	4 of 4	68.00	=32	63.73	44	67	70	+3
Bellingham	2 of 2	65.26	=41	70.38	29	180	177	-3
Bellingham Bay	4 of 4	65.43	40	56.37	54	120	123	+3
Bellingham Sunrise	4 of 4	69.00	=30	68.73	33	43	45	+2
Burlington	5 of 5	69.86	29	60.59	50	77	73	-4
Burlington Mid-Day	0 of 0	65.00	=41	72.45	24	27	26	-1
Chilliwack	4 of 4	95.00	2	87.39	3	195	194	-1
Chilliwack Fraser	4 of 4	70.29	=27	64.13	43	78	67	-11
Chilliwack Mt. Cheam	4 of 4	70.29	26	66.77	37	62	63	+1
Cloverdale	4 of 4	66.00	=37	65.45	=39	21	23	+2
Coquitlam	4 of 4	64.67	43	70.90	28	48	48	-
Coquitlam Sunrise	4 of 4	66.00	=37	71.32	26	25	29	+4
Everett	4 of 4	66.77	34	67.38	36	190	185	-5
Everett-Port Gardner	4 of 4	63.00	=44	60.27	51	42	44	+2
Fidalgo Island	4 of 4	77.69	15	67.92	35	49	44	-5
Haney	5 of 5	73.00	22	61.92	48	42	43	+1
Hope	4 of 4	82.30	7	79.65	9	13	17	+4
La Conner	3 of 3	66.70	35	78.05	13	49	48	-1
Lake Stevens	0 of 0	69.44	=30	64.47	42	44	36	-8
Langley	4 of 4	54.00	52	63.27	47	32	30	-2
Langley Central	4 of 4	73.73	21	68.86	31	77	76	-1
Langley Sunrise	4 of 4	90.10	4	87.43	2	19	22	+3
Marysville Morning	4 of 4	80.26	10	76.11	16	17	19	+2
Marysville Noon	4 of 4	74.19	=19	78.01	14	75	67	-8
Meadow Ridge	4 of 4	55.32	=50	63.57	45	45	47	+2
Mission	4 of 4	79.50	13	78.81	11	33	31	-2
Mission Midday	4 of 4	60.87	49	68.81	32	28	24	-4
Monroe	4 of 4	80.00	=11	83.45	6	29	26	-3
Mount Baker	4 of 4	88.00	6	82.36	7	59	54	-5
Mt. Vernon	0 of 0	63.00	=44	68.09	34	46	49	+3
North Delta	4 of 4	52.78	53	58.99	52	43	46	+3
North Whidbey Island Sunrise	4 of 4	70.00	=27	73.18	21	30	37	+7
Oak Harbor	5 of 5	63.00	=44	57.82	53	95	90	-5
Port Coquitlam Centennial	4 of 4	68.00	=32	65.00	=39	24	27	+3
Port Moody	4 of 4	61.15	48	64.85	41	46	50	+4
San Juan Island (Friday Harbor)	4 of 4	81.00	=8	85.55	4	27	25	-2
Sedro Woolley	4 of 4	63.00	=44	60.64	49	97	102	+5
Semiahmoo (White Rock)	4 of 4	76.00	=16	74.82	18	49	56	+7
Skagit (Mount Vernon)	4 of 4	66.00	=37	73.18	22	70	72	+2
Snohomish	4 of 4	92.00	3	78.91	10	24	19	-5
South Everett-Mukilteo	5 of 5	100.00	1	91.64	1	65	61	-4

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Rotary Club of...	Meetings Held	Attendance				Membership		
		This Month %	Rank	Year to Date %	Rank	Start of Year	Present	Change
South Whidbey Island	4 of 4	71.48	=24	72.59	23	73	73	-
Stanwood-Camano Island	4 of 4	71.00	=24	63.55	46	44	42	-2
Surrey	4 of 4	51.00	54	55.09	55	25	21	-4
Surrey-Frasser Heights	0 of 0	0.00	=55	0.00	56	0	0	-
Surrey-Guildford	3 of 3	74.00	=19	72.18	25	23	26	+3
Whatcom County North	4 of 4	88.56	5	81.52	8	58	55	-3
White Rock	4 of 4	76.50	=16	77.35	15	58	64	+6
White Rock Millennium	4 of 4	78.57	14	71.31	27	21	20	-1
White Rock Peninsula PHS	4 of 4	66.67	36	70.25	30	23	18	-5
White Rock-Peace Arch	3 of 3	75.76	18	78.16	12	32	33	+1
Totals						2967	2955	-12

No report received from:
 Rotary Club of Abbotsford-Sumas Rotary Club of Surrey-Frasser Heights

Highlights for the Month of May, 2009

- Total number of members in District 5050 as of May 31, 2009 was 2,955 (versus 3,015 as of May 31, 2008).
- District membership increase by 0 member (net) for the month of May, 2009 (versus a net decrease of 9 members in May, 2008).
- Average Attendance for the District for the month of May, 2009, was 71.78 % (versus average attendance of 73.91 for May, 2008).

CLUB ATTENDANCE:

The top 5 clubs for attendance for the eleven (11) months YTD to May 31, 2009 were:

- | | |
|---------------------------|--------|
| 1. South Everett-Mukilteo | 91.64% |
| 2. Langley Sunrise | 87.43% |
| 3. Chilliwack | 87.39% |
| 4. San Juan Island | 85.55% |
| 5. Abbotsford-Sumas | 84.27% |

CLUB MEMBERSHIP

The top clubs for membership growth/net increase in members for the YTD to May 31, 2009 were:

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| 1. Abbotsford, North Whidbey Island Sunrise & Semiahmoo (White Rock) | + 7 |
| 2. White Rock | + 6 |
| 3. Anacortes & Sedro-Woolley | + 5 |
| 4. Coquitlam Sunrise, Hope & Port Moody | + 4 |
| 5. Abbotsford-Sumas, Arlington, Bellingham Bay, Langley Sunrise, Mount Vernon, North Delta, Port Coquitlam Centennial & Surrey Guildford | + 3 |

The eleven largest clubs in our District and number of members as of May 31, 2009 were:

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| 1. Chilliwack | 194 | - 1 |
| 2. Everett | 185 | - 5 |
| 3. Bellingham | 177 | - 3 |
| 4. Bellingham Bay | 123 | + 3 |
| 5. Sedro-Woolley | 102 | + 5 |
| 6. Oak Harbor | 90 | - 5 |
| 7. Langley Central | 76 | - 1 |
| 8. Abbotsford | 73 | + 7 |
| 9. Skagit (Mt. Vernon) | 72 | + 2 |
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| Burlington | 73 | - 4 | South Whidbey Island | 73 | + 0 |
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District 5050 Number of Members as of:

Month/Year	2005/2006	2006/2007	2007/2008	2008/2009
May 31	3,093	3,054	3,015	2,955



Come Join Us As We Celebrate

A New Rotary Club!

The Rotary Club of Surrey - Fraser Heights
invites you to attend our
Charter Night Celebration

When: Friday, September 18th
Where: Eaglequest Golf Course
at Coyote Creek 7778 152 Street, Surrey BC
Cost: \$60.00 US per person
Time: 6:00 Meet and Greet & Silent Auction
7:00 Dinner



What's The Buzz About the New Club?

The Rotary Club of Surrey - Fraser Heights is an exciting new evening club that meets in Fraser Heights, Surrey, B.C. at the Satay Garden Restaurant, Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. We welcome visitors and look forward to visiting Rotarians who might need a make up meeting.

The focus of the club is to partner with business to fund-raise on a large scale. We are just getting on our feet and need the support of the established clubs to help us get up and running. We will have a gift registry set up on our Clubrunner website very soon and donations can be made via Paypal, visa or check.

On Charter night, we will have a silent auction to help us with startup costs and to aid us with our first local service Project, an old fashioned Halloween party for sick children on October 24, 2009.

For tickets: please call 604-930-8338 or email Charter President Cathrine Levan at clevan@shaw.ca.

Tuskegee Airman's Visit to The Rotary Club of Lake Stevens/Granite Falls



On July 31, 2009, George Hickman, Jr., 85 years old, told club Rotarians and guests some of his experiences as a member of the famed Tuskegee Airmen in World War II. It was a time when the U.S. military was still segregated. These dedicated and determined group of young men had volunteered to become America's first African-American military airmen.

On March 29, 2007, The Tuskegee Airmen were recognized during a United States Congressional Gold Medal Ceremony. The following statement was published in the program for the ceremony held in the Rotunda of the United States Capitol:

"On freedom's wings bound for glory these intrepid men roamed the skies in defense of liberty for all men. Before the Air Force shattered the sound barrier, the Tuskegee Airmen shattered the race barrier. Their deeds will be forever etched in the annuals of those who sought freedom and justice."



With American Legion members (l-r): Randy Celori, Bob Bechtloff, Ron McEntire, **George Hickman Jr.**, Pete Reeder and Tom Thorleifson

A few added notes from District Governor Larry Jubie

- **October 24 is World Polio Day.** I know that this is quite a ways away; however, I would like every club here in District 5050 to plan a program on Polio that week.
- **October 17 to 24, 2009,** I will be join with several other District 5050 members to attend an NID in Ethiopia.
- **Rotoplast** is planning a mission this fall (September 20th to October 4th, 2009) to the Phillipines and is looking for PART-NERS. Here is an opportunity for a member (or members) of your club to participate in an international project helping kids in Cebu, Phillipines who are afflicted with cleft lip/palate. If your club donates up to \$2000 US you will have the chance to send one volunteer on the mission. This will be on a first come first served basis. Contact Ken Funk, in Abbotsford, BC, by email at ken.funk@shawcable.com or by telephone at 604-504-3493.