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Message from the District Governor

Greetings Fellow Rotarians:

One of the guiding principles of Rotary is the advancement of peace through fellowship and the service of Rotarians. One of the most effective tools available for building peace is education. In recognition of 100 years of Rotary in Canada, all 23 District Governors with Canadian based Rotary Clubs in their districts have agreed to support a Canadian Rotary Centennial Project to build a 20 room school in Jalalabad, one of the safest regions in Afghanistan. This is being done as part of the Canadian Federal Government's Afghanistan Challenge Program (the Canadian Government is providing half of the construction costs). This new school would meet the needs of 4,000 students (two-thirds of whom are girls) who currently are studying in an open area, with palm trees providing the only shelter. The students will attend classes in three shifts.

In Afghanistan, 87% of women are illiterate, and 63% of Afghan children between the ages of 6 and 13 do not go to school. However, it is reported that since 2001, school projects have brought new life to general, technical and vocational education, particularly benefiting girls.

The project goal will be reached if each club in our district donates \$250.00. If you have already made a donation, THANK YOU. If you have not, here is what Rotarians in District 5050 can do to support this very important project: Make a direct donation by going to www.afghanistanchallenge.ca. Click on NEW SCHOOL and then click on GIVE NOW; or you can write a check to Rotary District 5050 with "Afghanistan Challenge" in the notation and mail it to DG Larry Jubie, 328 Alverson Blvd., Everett, WA 98201.

Let's start this new year by making a difference in the lives of others.

Linda and I wish you all a very Happy and Prosperous New Year.

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

Your Governor, Larry



DG Larry & Linda Jubie

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Brayden Welsh, Roxanne Meer, Sheldon Frank (UFV Welding instructor), Travis Medley, and James Motion.

Welding Students Create Huge Rotary Wheel

Article and Photograph provided by Patty Well-born and based on a full article published on November 4, 2009, by the Marketing & Communications Department, University of Fraser Valley, B.C.

Rotary International's large symbol of the wheel conveys many images... but not usually of university students hoisting welding torches.

This fall, the Abbotsford-Sumas Rotary Club commissioned a group of the University of the Fraser Valley's first-year welding students to produce one of the largest, and for sure the heaviest, Rotary wheels to be found in B.C. It measures 12 feet in diameter and weighs 1,400 pounds.

"The Abbotsford-Sumas club approached me about a year ago and it seemed like it would be an interesting opportunity for the students to get some additional welding and fabricating experience," explains UFV Welding instructor Sheldon Frank. "Whenever we do a project like this, it's a learning experience for all students going through the program — not just the handful who worked on it." Frank liked the idea of doing a community project and decided it would *be* something different for this year's intake of brand-new welding students.

The raw material, 3/8-inch carbon-plated steel, was donated by the Rotary Club to UFV and arrived at Chilliwack's Trade and Technical Center in seven, very heavy, 4x8-foot pieces. Frank drew the wheel on AutoCAD and programmed it to a computer numeric controlled (CNC) burning table, and then the group cut the metal pieces using a plasma torch. The students were then left with seven big pieces of metal and the task of getting them, prepared, fitted, and finally welded together for shipping.

The completed wheel will be installed on the large grassy area beside Highway #1 at the Sumas Road exit to Abbotsford. Luckily, the wheel is designed to break down into two pieces for shipping, but a hoist will be required to position it at the roadside location.



Rotarians from Haney Make Noise for the Salvation Army

Haney, B.C., Rotarians, Salvation Army Major Ed Chiu and Santa Claus [aka PDG Dick Drew], joined Federal Member of Parliament Randy Kamp, to make a noise and attract attention to the Salvation Army's kettle drive. Santa joined Major Ed the following night at the Salvation Army's annual Christmas dinner for needy children and their families.

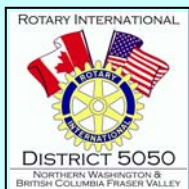
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District 5050 Events

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February 6, 2010

District Team Training/Pre-PETS
Bellingham, WA

March 5-7, 2010

PETS (president elect training)
Seattle, WA

April 17, 2010

District Assembly
Surrey, B.C.

May 14-16, 2010

District 5050 Conference
Marysville, WA

June 20-23, 2010

Rotary International Convention
Montreal, Canada

Editor's note: The *Peace Arch Journal* has carried reports on many international experiences by Rotarians, including articles about Surrey-Guildford Rotarian PP Anup Jubbal (PAJ 4-08 & 5-08). This time Anup sent a report about his return trip to India to establish an eye hospital, and the purchase of a medical van with eye-testing equipment.

An Individual Mission to Heal Eyes in India

On June 10, 2009, Anup Jubbal and his wife, Saroop, left Vancouver, B.C., for an extended trip to India in order to establish an eye hospital and take delivery of a mobile van. At the Rotary International Convention in Birmingham, England, they hosted a booth for their club, and promoted the work of Canadian Eyesight Global. On June 30, 2009, they arrived in Delhi, India, where he met with a representative of the government of India, and also with Mr. Arun K. Arora, President and CEO of Shroff Eye Hospital, New Delhi.



Anup Jubbal, Karola Stinson, Saroop Jubbal, and PDG Larry Stinson, at the Rotary International Convention

They discussed assistance available from his institution, as well as from governmental agencies, for restoration of eyesight and prevention of blindness. On July 3, 2009, they rode a train to Amritsar, Punjab.



Anup reported that he was invited by the Rotary Club of Amritsar Central, District 3070, to be the installing officer for the new club president and slate of officers for 2009-2010. (see photo on the left).

On August 9, 2009, an eye check-up camp was organized in the village of Chabba, Amritsar, which was attended by more than 525 people from neighboring villages. Approximately 108 people were selected for free cataract (IOL) surgeries, which were funded by Canadian Eyesight Global and performed by the team of Dr. Bhupinder Singh and associates at Nirmaljot Eye Hospital in Amritsar. He noted that five (5) more free eye camps for free cataract (IOL) surgeries will be scheduled in the coming months in various parts of Punjab.

The cost of sponsoring an eye camp for approximately 100 cataract (IOL) surgeries is \$4,200. Anup said that they are seeking support for the establishment of the Sri Guru Hargobind Sahib Mata Sulakhani Eye Hospital and Prevention of Blindness Centre in Chabba.



An air conditioned Mobile Medical Van, TATA's 407, equipped for eye check-ups in the rural areas of Punjab, has been delivered. It has a slit lamp and an auto refractometer that were provided by Canadian Eyesight Global.



The van will be traveling in the rural areas of Punjab for eye screening and will support the Prevention of Blindness program. Rotarian Anup said that funds for the van equipment were provided through a Rotary matching grant, in coordination with the Rotary clubs of Surrey-Guildford, BC., and the District 3070 Rotary Club of Ludhiana North East, India (to see on a map where the location of that club in relationship to Amritsar click on:

http://www.rotaryclubmembers.com/pages/club.php?club_country=India&club_state=Punjab&club_name=Ludhiana+North+East).

For information contact: Canadian Eyesight Global (CEG), telephone (604) 582-0579, visit their web site at www.CanadianEyesight.org, or email info@CanadianEyesight.org.

Editor's Note: It is my understanding that CEG is a personal effort by Anup Jubbal.

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.

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Note about a GSE To India Team Member: Betty Jo Anzaldua

From a report by Patricia Paul, Rotary Club of La Conner, WA

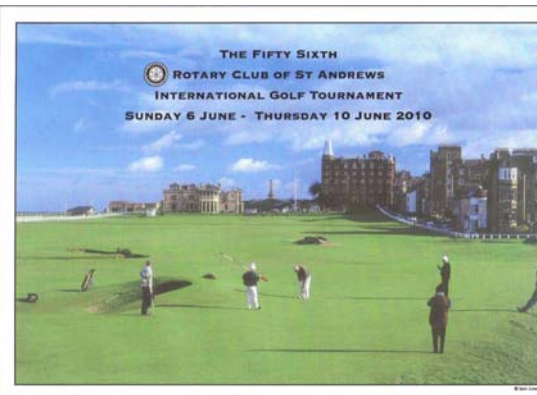


Betty Jo Anzaldua and her mother, Rebecca, stopped by our October 25, 2009, Rotary meeting to thank our club for sponsoring Betty Jo for the Rotary Foundation's Group Study Exchange to India! Betty Jo works with La Conner Rotary member, Danya Wolf, who successfully recruited her to apply. Betty Jo has served as a volunteer for the Rotary Club of La Conner's annual auction, serving as a hostess, among other duties. She wrote in her application letter to the Rotary Foundation that the main reason she sought to become a member of the Group Study Exchange "is to apply and share my vocational skills in a different environment and culture."

Her background is as an AmeriCorp VISTA Volunteer that works to fight poverty. She completed her service through the Skagit County Community Action Agency's Literacy Program, and currently works for the Skagit County Health Department as a staff assistant. Betty Jo is also beginning a career in real estate.



How about pre-RI Convention 2010 Golf in Scotland?



Clive Evans, Past President (2008-09) of the Rotary Club of Coquitlam Sunrise, submitted the delightful picture of the golf course in St. Andrew's, Scotland. He has twice played in the Rotary International of the British Isles golf tournament - 2007 and 2009. Clive noted that it is truly an international event and a wonderful way for any golfing Rotarian to embrace the home of golf.

In order to obtain information about the four day event and the registration form, send an email either to Clive at cliveej@shaw.ca or to Bill Whyte, the Tournament Convener for the Rotary Club of St. Andrews, at standrewsrotarygolf@msn.com.



A note from District Governor Elect Wayne Wiebe

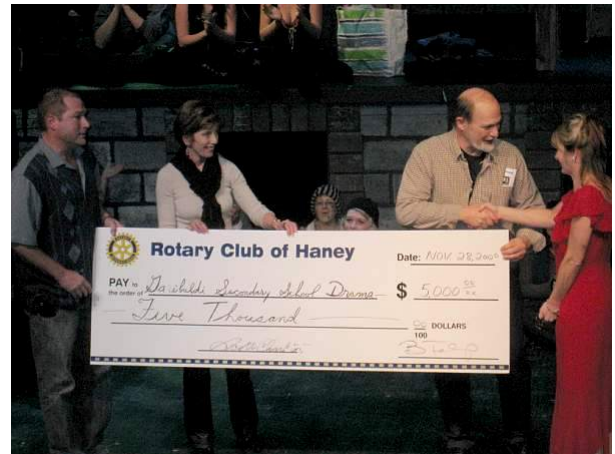
Urgent: Assistant Governor Needed for Area F

We are looking for a Rotarian to step forward and take on the task of AG for the five clubs in Area F, starting this month. The new AG will be expected to work with the incoming Presidents-Elect at pre-PETS and at PETS, and may have some duties to fulfill for Larry Pollett, the retiring AG for the area.

If you are interested, or know of someone you think would be a good candidate, please contact DGE Wayne Wiebe at 604-534-2824 or wawiebe@gmail.com. As DG Larry is so fond of saying, "The future of Rotary is in your hands."

Two Youth Service Projects by the Rotary Club of Haney, B.C.

Donation to Garibaldi Secondary School, Maple Ridge School District



Rent drama photo courtesy of Colleen Flanagan, Maple Ridge News

Twenty-six members of the Haney Rotary Club attended the production of the play, *Rent*, at Garibaldi Secondary School. Following the play the club helped the school pay the "Rent" with a donation of \$5,000 toward upgrading their sound system. Making the presentation from left to right are Rotarians Scott Charlton, Club President Bonnie Telup, Past President Rod Hughes, and the teacher in charge of the school drama program, Cindy LaCroix.

Donation to Youth Safe House

The Iron Horse Youth Safe House was started about five years ago as a partnership between the District of Maple Ridge, the Federal government and the Rotary Club of Haney, BC. The house is a safe place for kids, from 13 to 19, and to help them get away from drugs, pimps, bad homes, the street...you name it. It provides a warm bed, good food and counseling, and it has been full since it was opened. Funding is provided by the Federal Government. It the author's understanding that the District of Maple Ridge helped with locating the property and providing the house. Our Rotary Club put up \$25,000 seed money at the beginning and provided a similar amount over the next two years. This year we will be providing them with \$15,000. www.alouettehomestart.com



The two articles were submitted by PDG Dick Drew.

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 Rotary Club of Skagit, WA

Information provided by PDG Rod Thomson

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Canada, which assumes presidency of the G8 in 2010, first placed polio on the group's agenda when it last held the presidency in 2002.

Worldwide here are approximately 1.2 million Rotary club members belonging to 33,000 Rotary clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas. There are more than 700 Rotary clubs and nearly 28,000 Rotary members in Canada.

Refer to the article on page 8,
 "...NEW VACCINE AGAINST POLIO

The January, 2010, *Rotarian* - page 55 & 56.



Editor's Note: The following is the last of three articles by Assistant Governor Carol Tichelman. The first article (see page 10, November, 2009, edition of the *Peace Arch Journal*) covers the team's arrival in Ethiopia. The second article (see page 9, December, 2009, edition of the *PA-J*) covers their polio immunization efforts in eastern Ethiopia. The distance between Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, and south below Sudan to Kampala, Uganda, is 735 miles/1,182 Km.

On to Uganda!!! By Carol Tichelman

After being and working together for ten days, the 50 Rotarians from the US and Canada shed tears, said good-bye to each other and our Ethiopian Rotary friends and went our separate ways. Seventeen of us (three from D5050) headed for an 8-day adventure to Uganda. For this part of our trip we were led by Ben Abe, a member of the Seattle University Rotary Club who has lived in the US for over 35 years, but whose ancestors came from northern Uganda.



The map copied from Wikipedia

Participating in a Polio NID had been on my 'bucket list' for years --- and the experience in Ethiopia surpassed my wildest dreams. I assumed that the Uganda service and travel opportunity would be just an interesting add-on...but those thoughts were soon dashed. We were in for another incredible, life changing learning experience.

We landed in Entebbe and boarded our bus (our new home for the next week!). Our drive from Entebbe through Kampala showed 2 very progressive cities with the outskirts surrounded by slums...very similar to what you might see in any North American city or what we saw in Ethiopia...the difference being that this country is very lush. We drove on over increasingly worsening roads --- and 10 agonizing hours later arrived in Gulu in Northern Uganda.

In the next week we had life-changing eye-opening experiences every minute of every day. I had no idea how ravaged the northern part of Uganda had been from the internal strife of the LRA (Lord's Resistance Army), the IDP Camps (Internally Displaced Persons), AIDS/HIV infections, Idi Amin...and the list goes on.



Kalang Primary School - Drums in the center are being used in scene on the right



I also learned very significantly the power of Rotary – and the intense desire of the young Rotarians in Uganda to improve life for their people.

We worked in schools, opened a grain mill, and had an amazing emotional half day visit to an orphanage - to name just a few experiences.



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Carol's report continuing from page 6

We all also learned how to rehabilitate a borehole (water-well) – and that because Rotary provided a reliable source of water to a village of 400 persons – they were now eligible for a US-AID malaria prevention and treatment program!



Celebration in Owero village with water from the rehabilitated borehole
 “Where there is water - There is life”

We also shared the beauty of a celebratory Rotary meeting at which we were all given adopted Acholi names, and at which I had the privilege as the senior ranking Rotarian present to award a Paul Harris Fellowship to a Past President of the Gulu Rotary Club.

Polio has returned to Uganda – and the NID there started without our prior knowledge on our last day in Gulu – what a downer for all of us to learn.

At the end of this amazing experience we went for a 2-day decompression stay at a Safari lodge for relaxation, game drives, river trips on the Nile and fellowship. We ended this 20-day journey spending a night in Kampala – most in a lovely hotel and one unfortunately in a hospital being treated for malaria.

The next morning we emotionally started our 40-hour journey home...smarter, wiser and with very precious new friends and even more special memories.

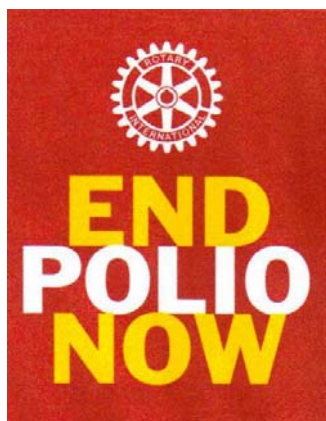


We flew United from Seattle to Washington DC (and return). From Washington to Rome to Addis to Entebbe to Addis and to Washington DC we flew Ethiopian Airlines. They were ALL phenomenal flights. The Addis-Entebbe-Addis flights were on a Boeing 737 and the other flights were Boeing 767s.

The following is a top 11 from a long list of things that Carol has said that she learned on her trip:

- That not every city has a sewer system.
- The future is in the hands of the younger generation.
- Black children, big eyes, beautiful smiles --- that is love.
- That no matter the differences we all love and care and feel.
- Unless you have walked in their shoes you have no right to judge.
- Our fight against polio is not over – but it is worth every cent.
- That HIV/AIDs is a scourge.
- That I did not know what I thought I knew.
- Drink scotch without ice cubes.
- Every moment of every day is a gift sent from above!!!
- Rotary ROCKS!!!

Assistant Governor Carol Tichelman is available to any club wishing a presentation on the Uganda experiences. Note that the Uganda and the Ethiopian presentations are two separate programs due to the amount of content. Her email address is carol@tichelman.com.



AFGHANISTAN FIRST IN WORLD TO USE NEW VACCINE AGAINST POLIO

Critical step as global eradication effort faces entrenched challenges

15 December, Kabul – A new vaccine against polio will be used for the first time today in polio immunization campaigns in Afghanistan. The bivalent oral polio vaccine (bOPV), recommended by the Advisory Committee on Poliomyelitis Eradication, the global technical advisory body of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative as a critical tool to eradicate polio, can provide the optimal concurrent protection needed by young children against both surviving serotypes (types 1 and 3) of the paralyzing virus. This will vastly simplify the logistics of vaccination in the conflict-affected parts of this country. This sub-national immunization campaign, from 15-17 December, will deliver bOPV to 2.8 million children under five in the Southern, South-Eastern and Eastern Regions of Afghanistan.

Of the three wild polioviruses (known as types 1, 2 and 3), type 2 has not been seen anywhere in the world since 1999. This achievement led to the development of monovalent vaccines, which provide protection against a single type with greater efficacy than the traditional trivalent vaccine. To determine whether a bivalent vaccine could effectively protect children living in areas where both types circulate, a clinical field trial completed in June 2009 compared bOPV with the existing vaccines. For both types 1 and 3 polio, bOPV was found to be at least 30% more effective than the trivalent vaccine and almost as good as the monovalent vaccines, yet in a package that could deliver both at once.

The bOPV allows countries to simplify vaccine logistics and to optimize protection using a mix of the available polio vaccines according to local needs. In southern Afghanistan, where access to children can be limited depending on the security situation, using bOPV helps maximise the impact of each contact with a child.

Most of Afghanistan is polio-free: 28 out of the 31 children paralysed by polio this year come from 13 highly insecure districts (of 329 districts in the country). In 2009, polio eradication efforts in Afghanistan have focused on improving operations and creating a safe environment for vaccination teams. Nongovernmental agencies have been contracted and local leaders involved to ensure that parties in conflict are approached, safe passage for vaccinators assured and children reached. Due to such preparations and strengthened supervision and staffing, the proportion of the nearly 1.2 million children under five years old in the Southern Region who could *not* be reached was reduced from more than 20% in early 2009, down to 5% during the July and September 2009 campaigns. The availability of bOPV multiplies the effect of such improvements. However, in the 13 highest-risk districts of Kandahar and Helmand provinces in the Southern Region, the proportion of children who are still unimmunized is well above 20% – and more than 60% in some areas.

Four countries in the world have never stopped polio transmission – Afghanistan, India, Nigeria and Pakistan. Types 1 and 3 polio circulate in limited parts of all these countries, and the others will follow Afghanistan's lead in using bOPV during the coming months, marking the adoption of a major new tool in the international effort to eradicate polio. While the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, a public-private partnership leading the effort, has reduced the incidence of polio by more than 99% (from an estimated 1000 children affected daily in 1988 to 1483 children in all of 2009 to date) polio still has a foothold in the four endemic countries. The consequences are severe beyond those areas: 16 previously polio-free countries are currently suffering outbreaks following importations of the virus; in four of these, polio transmission has lasted more than a year.

The availability of bOPV is part of a range of new and area-specific tactics in 2009 to reach eradication more quickly. The swift production of the vaccine was the result of extraordinary collaboration between the World Health Organization, UNICEF, vaccine manufacturers and regulatory agencies.

The vaccination campaign in Afghanistan is financed by the Government of Canada, the second-highest per capita donor to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative with US\$260 million in contributions. Canada, which assumes presidency of the G8 in 2010, first placed polio on the group's agenda when it last held the presidency in 2002. The G8 is the single-largest donor bloc to polio eradication.

The Global Polio Eradication Initiative is spearheaded by the World Health Organization, Rotary International, the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and UNICEF.

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Recruiting for GSE Team to Ireland



Slieve Russell Hotel, Ballyconnell, Island
Location of District 1160 annual conference
September 23 to 26, 2010

District 5050 is now recruiting for Group Study Exchange members to join Team Leader Debe Franz, the president of the Rotary Club of Lake Stevens-Granite Falls, for this year's Group Study Exchange trip to District 1160 (which includes the whole of the Irish island). The team will be leaving in August, 2010.

**Go to District 5050's web site home page
Click on the following:**

GSE Team Ireland Looking For Team Members

District Rotarians are encouraged to get the word out to potential candidates, ages 25 to 40. They must have worked in their profession for at least two years and live or worked within the area of Rotary District 5050.

The application deadline is Friday, February 5, 2010. Interviews are tentatively set for the second and third weekend in February.

Goodbye for GSE Team to India



GSE Team (l to r) Kristin Parsons, Linda Murray (team leader), Erin Sebbby, Allen Heinrichs, Lori Froese, and Betty Jo Anzaldua (see story on page 4).. (Lower & far right) PAG Joan and PDG Rob Martin.



On Sunday, December 20, 2009, a farewell reception was held for the GSE team which left for India on December 27, 2009. Their host district is 2010, and they will be traveling through the whole state of Uttar Pradish in northwestern India (26 on the map). They flew into New Dehli. The district conference will take place near the Taj Mahal!!

Have fun and check out their daily blog reports at:
[Http://indiagse2010.blogspot.com/](http://indiagse2010.blogspot.com/)

ROTARY
District 5050
Conference

Tulalip Resort
May 14-16, 2010
Golf tournament May 13
Marysville, Washington

For more information log on to
www.district5050.org

Register now for District 5050's Conference 2010

Join District Governor Larry Jubie for this year's District Conference at the fabulous Tulalip Resort & Casino. Rooms are amazing and the spa is absolutely delightful. Register early!

Go to the District Events section of the District 5050 web site and click on [District Conference 2010](#).

Conference speakers will include Steven Solomon and Dr. Linda Venzel.

- Steven is a past ambassadorial scholar. He will talk about his experiences and his work with The Rotary Foundation.
- Linda is with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.. She will talk about her travels for polio eradication, and the partnership between the Gates Foundation and Rotary International.



Steven, DG Larry, Linda and AG Christiana Flessner
The photo was taken at PETS & the t-shirt, with signatures, will be auctioned off.

Do you have the required travel documents?

A Hodgepodge of Items That Have Come Across the Editor's Computer



Rotary Global History Fellowship

PDG Rod Thomson has alerted us to this organization and their web side, through which other interesting Rotary related internet sites can be found.

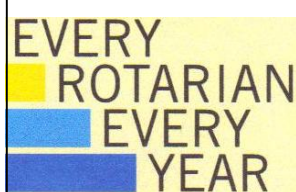
There is a monthly Rotary history newsletter , founded by PDG Ed Blender, that can be located at:

www.ourfoundation.info.

Some items from District Governor Larry Jubie



Ice fountain in front of Jubie house Linda and the chief district *pilot*

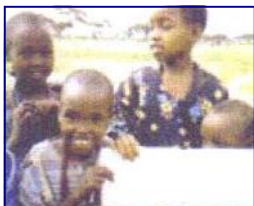


An Ongoing Campaign Every Year at Least \$100 per Rotarian

What your gift can do...

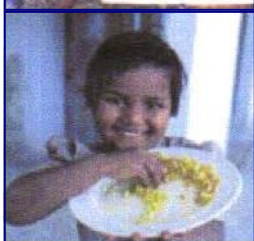
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Tuition and books
For one year of school
For two children in Kenya



US\$500

Ten-month food supply
For a child in Guatemala



US\$1,000

Clean drinking water
For over 300 people
In India



To find copies of monthly EREY newsletters click on:
<http://www.rotary.org/en/Contribute/Funds/EREYnewsletter/Pages/ridefault.aspx>

Information noted by Barrie Seaton, D5050 PR Chair

The following RI web site item is a report by Janis Young, "Revised RI Strategic Plan gets back to basics". The priorities:

- Support and strengthen clubs.
- Focus and increase humanitarian service
- Enhance public image and awareness

http://www.rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/News/Pages/091117_news_strategicplan.aspx

POLIO PLUS GIVING

I read an email from Rotary International Director John Blount. He related that of the top Five Zones in giving to The Rotary Foundation, our RI zone, 24, was number one in giving to Polio Plus for the period of July 1 to October 31,2009, at \$408,482. *District 5050 was number ONE in Zone 24 West* for giving to Polio Plus.

Total contributions to the \$200 million challenge at the end of October, 2009 are \$101.5 million.

This is due to the generosity of Rotarians like yourselves and Clubs like your own. Keep up the good work. I am proud of each and every one of you.

LITERACY

We are now at the half-way mark of the Rotary year, and soon it will be too late to meet our goals. Literacy is one of RI President John Kenny's key emphases.

Look at the club literacy check list below:

- Undertake a literacy project at home or abroad.
- Plan to do something publicly visible to celebrate Rotary Literacy Month in March.
- Plan to send members to the Literacy District Seminar on Saturday, March 27, 2010, in Bellingham, WA.
- Is your club aware of CALS, CLE and the Imagination Library?
- Does your club sponsor The Dictionary Project?
- Does your club have a Literacy Chair?

If you have any questions or would like your club to know more about the literacy opportunities contact Rhian Piprell, our District Literacy chair, at 604 937 4132 or by email at rpiprell@library.coquitlam.bc.ca

WATER & SANITATION PROJECT OPPORTUNITIES

WASRAG, in partnership with the Millennium Water Alliance, has reached agreement with the U.S. Department of State to participate in a \$300,000 program to provide access to water and sanitation services and create greater hygiene awareness in schools in some 15-20 target countries. Rotary clubs in developing countries, with support from international partner clubs, can participate in this program.

Explore their web site at: www.wasrag.org

For inquiries by email: contact Amanda Robertson, Project Manager, RI/USAID Humanitarian Grants, at amanda.robertson@rotary.org.

Rotary District 5050 Statistics

Prepared by District Secretary Dennis Radcliff

**Monthly Attendance Report for November, 2009**

Club Name	Members as of June, 2009	New Members This Month	Terminations This Month	Total Members This Month	Number of Meetings This Month	Gain/Loss This Month	YTD Gain/Loss	Attendance Percentage
Abbotsford	70	0	0	66	3	0	-4	67.00 %
Abbotsford- Matsqui	25	4	2	29	4	2	4	60.00 %
Abbotsford-Sumas	26	0	0	24	4	0	-2	85.71 %
Aldergrove	29	0	0	29	4	0	0	72.20 %
Anacortes	66	0	0	66	4	0	0	76.34 %
Arlington	69	0	0	67	3	0	-2	61.00 %
Bellingham	174	2	0	173	5	2	-1	73.09 %
Bellingham Bay	122	0	0	116	4	0	-6	55.86 %
Bellingham Sunrise	45	0	0	45	3	0	0	57.00 %
Burlington	70	0	0	64	3	0	-6	50.00 %
Burlington Mid-Day	25	3	0	30	0	3	5	75.00 %
Chilliwack	195	0	3	184	4	-3	-11	80.00 %
Chilliwack Mt. Cheam	61	0	0	64	4	0	3	81.25 %
Chilliwack/Fraser	67	0	0	65	0	0	-2	0.00 %
Cloverdale	23	0	0	24	0	0	1	0.00 %
Coquitlam	42	0	0	45	4	0	3	68.92 %
Coquitlam Sunrise	29	1	1	29	4	0	0	71.55 %
Everett	175	0	4	179	4	-4	4	62.38 %
Everett-Port Gardner	45	0	0	43	3	0	-2	92.00 %
Fidalgo Island	42	2	0	43	4	2	1	77.76 %
Haney	43	0	0	44	0	0	1	0.00 %
Hope	17	0	0	17	4	0	0	69.12 %
LaConner	48	0	0	48	5	0	0	58.38 %
Lake Stevens/Granite Fall	36	0	0	37	4	0	1	60.00 %
Langley	31	1	1	31	4	0	0	68.00 %
Langley Central	76	0	0	72	3	0	-4	72.04 %
Langley Sunrise	22	0	0	22	3	0	0	80.30 %
Marysville	67	0	0	66	4	0	-1	65.24 %
Marysville Sunrise	19	1	0	18	3	1	-1	75.00 %
Meadow Ridge	48	1	0	48	0	1	0	61.98 %
Mission Midday	25	0	0	26	4	0	1	64.00 %
Mission Morning	31	0	1	32	4	-1	1	87.60 %

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Monroe	26	1	0	25	4	1	-1	93.00 %
Mount Baker Rotary	54	0	0	60	4	0	6	88.00 %
Mount Vernon	50	0	0	51	4	0	1	67.00 %
North Delta	45	1	1	43	4	0	-2	66.06 %
North Whidbey Island Sunr	32	0	0	33	4	0	1	76.00 %
Oak Harbor	90	0	0	91	2	0	1	57.00 %
Port Coquitlam Centennial	28	0	0	22	4	0	-6	67.00 %
Port Moody	44	0	0	40	4	0	-4	66.70 %
San Juan Island	24	2	1	28	3	1	4	85.71 %
Sedro Woolley	102	0	0	100	3	0	-2	76.52 %
Semiahmoo (White Rock)	58	6	0	65	4	6	7	83.47 %
Skagit (Mount Vernon)	72	0	1	66	4	-1	-6	75.00 %
Snohomish	18	0	1	16	3	-1	-2	84.00 %
South Everett/Mukilteo	61	0	1	64	3	-1	3	100.00 %
South Whidbey Island	73	1	0	75	4	1	2	59.36 %
Stanwood/Camano Island	40	1	0	40	4	1	0	63.00 %
Surrey	20	0	0	20	4	0	0	53.75 %
Surrey-Fraser Heights	20	1	0	29	2	1	9	63.79 %
Surrey-Guildford	26	0	0	23	0	0	-3	0.00 %
Whatcom County North	54	2	0	56	4	2	2	89.92 %
White Rock	64	0	1	66	4	-1	2	80.00 %
White Rock Millennium	18	0	0	23	3	0	5	77.78 %
White Rock Peninsula	17	0	0	18	4	0	1	67.65 %
White Rock-Peace Arch	33	0	0	32	5	0	-1	72.92 %
Totals	2932	30	18	2932	186	12	0	
Average attendance percentage								67.5 %

Highlights for the Month of November, 2009

- Total number of members in District 5050 as of November 30, 2009 was 2,912 (versus 2,949 as of November 30, 2008).
- November 2009: Inducted 30 new members and terminated 18 members.
- Average Attendance for the District for the month of November, 2009, was 67.5 % (versus average attendance of 73.39 for November, 2008)