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## Message from the District Governor

Greetings Fellow Rotarians:

Linda and I have been in training for the past two years. The time has gone by fast and we are now ready to start flying. Put on your helmets, buckle your seat belts and start heading for the runway. With the help of all of my fellow Pilots, we are guaranteed to have a great year ahead of us.

But first, let us take a moment to thank Past District Governor Larry Stinson and Karola for all of their hard work this past year. When you see Larry around the District, take the time to give him a pat on the back and a thank you for his dedication to Rotary.

I am writing this prior to returning from the International Convention in Birmingham, England. Linda and I will be returning just prior to the end of June. We are very excited to be attending this convention with our two sons, Larry and Joel. They are home from college for the summer and are looking forward to the trip.

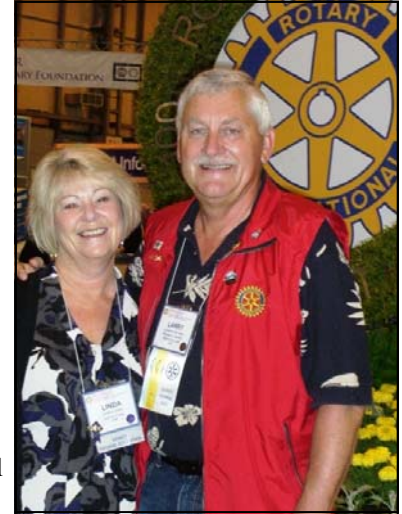
We have attended a number of installations this past month. It is always fun and interesting as we learn more about the Clubs in our District.

We have a lot of work to do this year and we want to provide as much help as possible. Our District web site has a link on it for "Information Resources for 2009 – 2010 Presidents and Secretaries." It has a number of items on it to help you find resources that are available.

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

Your Governor,

Larry



**Linda & DG Larry Jubie  
At the R.I. Convention**

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**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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**[www.district5050.org](http://www.district5050.org)****Some notes from your Peace Arch Journal editor****“THE FUTURE OF ROTARY IS IN YOUR HANDS”**

I have been pondering how to begin this first edition of our new Rotary year, and I decided to begin by quoting from comments by District Governor Larry Jubie in which he reflected on the Rotary International theme for Rotary Year 2009-2010.

You will notice the new banner on page 1. It includes the photographic image of the welcoming gate that stands at the middle of our International Rotary District 5050. It is a beautiful symbol that boldly proclaims the friendship that we continue to experience as we travel across the artificial line that separates our two countries.

It is my personal belief that the purpose of our district newsletter is to promote communication, understanding, fellowship, and fun beyond club meetings, in a manner complementary to shared efforts at placing *Service Above Self*.

Let me offer to each of our readers a question for you to consider: “How can I contribute in helping to make the Peace Arch Journal a product that is representative of who we are as Rotarians?”

At our 2009 district conference **we observed the Rotary of the future and of the Rotary of today.**



Examples included the energy of Rotary Youth Exchange, a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar and a bunch of Rotarians from Langley doing a fantastic line dance routine.

Thank you for the honor to be your PAJ editor. *Bob*

### The R.I. Theme for July is *Literacy*

*From Yvonne Swanberg, President of the Rotary Club of San Juan, WA*

San Juan Rotary has an active Literacy program here in the islands and also in Mississippi as we distribute dictionaries to third graders. Our Literacy program is spearheaded by Barbara Fagan.

We have distributed the Rotary dictionaries to third graders through the San Juan Islands over the last three years, and in 2008 we added a class of third graders (photo at the right) in the state of Mississippi.

Our club sponsors the local Spelling Bee for elementary students and participated in the Knowledge Bowl (a competition between our local service groups). We have contributed time and materials to the computer center at Skagit Valley College, Friday Harbor branch, as well.



### The Installation of Club Boards for 2009-2010

*From Marco Terwiel, president of the Rotary Club of Meadow Ridge, BC*

The two Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows Rotary clubs had their installations on June 10 and 12, 2009, at the home of the respective incoming presidents. We have the impression that the record attendance for both events was not only due to the great weather, but even more so due to the informal atmosphere and dress code. Yet the installation was carried out in a dignified manner by, respectively, the incoming DG Larry Jubie and the outgoing DG Larry Stinson.

Both clubs draw their members from the same community and most members are either friends or acquaintances; however, each club's "culture" of how things are done is quite different. That is one of the attractions of Rotary that you can find a club where you feel comfortable, matching your personality, skills and availability for service to your liking.

As the incoming presidents, we both decided during our PETS training to cooperate as much as possible in our quest to serve our communities. We started our year by extending an invitation to each other to attend the installation. I have the impression that the Haney club president, Bonnie Telep, had as much fun as I had in taking over the reins of the Meadow Ridge Club, and we are looking forward to our coming year.



*From Bob Knight, the Rotary Club of Snohomish, WA*



Left photo: Jim Church (President Elect), Rick Homme (Club Service), Marci Owens (Community Service), Thom Engel (Vocational Service), Jane Gunnyon (Secretary), Lisa Caldwell (Treasurer), Bob Knight (Public Relations), Brian Berard (President) and Any Black (Installing Officer and outgoing Assistant Governor). Not pictured: Carla Swisher (International Service) & Jim Walters (Sergeant-at-Arms). Right photo: PCP Rick Homme & Virginia Aller (wife of the late Leon Aller).

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**District 5050 Events**

[http://www.clubrunner.ca/dprg/dxhome/\\_home.aspx?did=5050](http://www.clubrunner.ca/dprg/dxhome/_home.aspx?did=5050)

**July 11, 2009**

Foundation Seminar  
Bellingham, WA

**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

**Assorted District 5050 Items**



The Rotary Club of La Conner invites you to join us for  
**Harvesting Hope 2009 - Bountiful Brunch**  
Saturday, August 29 11:00 AM  
Maple Hall, La Conner  
Tickets \$65.00 per person

Bountiful Brunch Menu  
Catered by Nell Thorn Restaurant  
Mimosa Greeting  
Assortment Pastries and Breads  
Frittata of Fine Herbs  
Dungeness Crab Salad  
Grilled Hanger Steak  
Kabob of Summer Fruits and Panna Cotta Quenelle  
Kattata Blackberries

Sample of Live Auction of Unique Packages  
Firefighter on a Fireboat -Live your fantasy!  
Helicopter to San Juan Islands and overnight at a Bed and Breakfast!  
"Lost Dinner" with actor Kevin Tighe! of the TV series "Lost"  
The ultimate Baby Shower Package!  
All Day Cooking School with 3 Seattle area Chefs!  
Fabulous Silent Auction Items

**Email Rick Bolduc for information**  
**BOLDUCRICK@aol.com**

**Golfun on August 21, 2009  
Don't miss the parade!**



**Starts on Friday at 11 a.m.**

**Surrey Golf Club**

7700- 168th Street, Surrey, B.C.

**Cost per person is \$100US.**

Registration & sponsorship forms:  
go to the District 5050 web site.

Event Captain: DGE Wayne Wiebe  
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*From John Dance, PCP of the Rotary Club of Langley Sunrise, BC*



Mayor Rick Green, a Rotarian, is seen cutting the ribbon at the June 18, 2009, grand opening of the of play ground equipment at the Langley Fine Arts School. Langley Sunrise gave \$5,000 toward the project. Two of the Rotarians pictured are (l to r) past presidents Grant Gilmour and John Dance.

**Rotary District 5050 Foundation Seminar on Saturday, July 11, 2009**



Bill Robson, D5050 Foundation Grants Committee Chair and Past AG, will be the host of the seminar.

**Fox Hall at Hampton Inn**

**3985 Bennett Drive, Bellingham, WA**

(Located just off I-5 and new Bellingham Airport)

Cost: \$40.00 Register on District Web Site

Registration, with coffee and muffins, will begin at 8:00 a.m. Program will end at 2:00 p.m. Seminar includes lunch from 11:30 to 12:30. District Governor Larry Jubie will open the event. With presentations by such as PDGs Rob Martin and Dave Robinson, there will be updates on District Simplified Grants and Matching Grants, Annual Giving and PolioPlus, Ambassadorial Scholars and Group Study Exchange, etc.

Send questions to Bill Robson's email address: [William\\_robson@yahoo.com](mailto:William_robson@yahoo.com)

## District 5050 Was Represented at the Rotary International Conference 2009

**Editor's note:** I want to express my appreciation to George Henny, Past President of the Rotary Club of South Whidbey Island for permitting modified version of his letters to his club newsletter, *The Rotary Rooter*, to be included in this edition of *The Peace Arch Journal*. I hope that George's personal reflection, and the associated photographs provided by others, give each of us a taste of what an RI convention is like. More about the convention may be found at [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org) and a future edition of the *Rotarian* magazine.

I have begun this multi-page report with a photograph of our governors and a group photo of representatives from District 5050, who were standing outside the Queen Victoria Pub (taken by a British Rotarian).



DG Larry & Karola Stinson and DGE Larry & Linda Jubie at Warwick Castle



(left to right) Christiana Flessner, Carol Hecht, Dave & Bev Robinson, Russ De Wolfe, Karola Stinson, Ginny Dugaw, George Henny, Elaine Howardson, Ron Howardson, Danielle Mullen, Larry Stinson, Rick Bolduc, Judy Harman, Marie Goldfinch, Ron Goldfinch and Lee Harman.

### George Henny's Letters From the Convention

#### Part 1

The Rotary International Convention is underway! **Russ DeWolfe** (Club President for 09-10) and I arrived in Birmingham, England on Friday morning, June 19, 2009. Around 20,000 Rotarians are registered this year. As luck would have it, I managed to get some great tickets for us to the Concert of Concerts Saturday night, with British diva Katherine Jennings and the Birmingham Symphony Orchestra. After scoping the convention area, we headed to Birmingham, exploring the downtown core.

On Saturday, we spent most of the day in the House of Friendship, where you can casually explore all kinds of Rotary projects underway with clubs around the world, enjoy live music, and enjoy plenty of Rotary shopping. After linking up at the Wheelchair Foundation booth, we jumped into the car and headed to central Birmingham for the Concert of Concerts. That was when serendipity and fun took hold. As Russ and I walked up to the front, still in our polo shirt and short sleeves from the House of Friendship, we started recognizing the faces with us. On one side sat **Sakuji Tanaka**, RI Convention Chair and Trustee of The Rotary Foundation. On the other side of Russ were **Incoming RI President John Kenny and his wife Jane!** Next to them was the **Lord Mayor of Birmingham** and his wife, Birmingham Convention Committee Member **Brian Fuller** and his wife, and **RI President D.K. Lee and his wife Young.** Wow!

Imagine getting to meet them all that way, get pictures, and have an outstanding fellowship event, all in one go! Truly wonderful people, generous of their time and resources, and skillfully leading Rotary forward and inspiring Rotarians to achieve great things in our world and truly Make A Difference Together.



Three Elaines and Abdullah in the Friendship Room (Howardson on the right).

On Sunday morning, Russ and I attended the "Northern Lights Breakfast" where Rotarians from Zones 22 and 23 gather, and what a delight. At our table, **Past RI President Wilf Wilkinson and Joan** sat, as well as **Robert Scott**, chairman of the International Polio Plus Committee. We were also able to visit with **Incoming RI President John Kenny and Jane**, and to wrap things up, **RI President D.K. Lee** spoke to the group. What an experience!

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On Sunday the first plenary session launched with an amazing display of Korean culture in honor of RI President D.K. Lee's home country of South Korea. It unfolded in brilliant color and talent as the Korean Dance Troupe displayed what can only be described as beauty in motion, as the dancers twirled and swirled, fans shifting shapes like a turning kaleidoscope. A group of young singers called "The Little Angels" filled the auditorium with their silvery voices. Finally, a demonstration followed of Korea's national sport, Tai Kwon Do, with two dozen black belts smoothly kicking and punching, leaping and splintering boards. The flag ceremony followed, with the flags representing all of the countries where Rotary is present - 153 flown (some flags represented more than one, like the U.K.). After the opening remarks, we got our first surprise. Not listed on the program for security reasons, the **Secretary General of the United Nations, Ban Ki-moon** stepped out and addressed the assembly. He reinforced the U.N.'s support of Rotary in its work around the world, commending the work we are doing as Rotarians to lead the world in the eradication of polio.

**RI President D.K. Lee** spoke about this past year - about all of the ways that Rotary Clubs have done amazing work to "Make Dreams Real" and reduce avoidable childhood mortality. But he also challenged us, because the work is ongoing. Truly, "The Future Is In Our Hands." This has a double meaning - we are responsible for our future, and it requires each of us to do the work necessary to reach the future we envision.

Part 2

It is one moment that defines an experience, but the totality of many points of light that creates a lasting image. Simply put, the Rotary International Convention is the singular place to get a true sense of the internationality of Rotary. And it is quite humbling. But one thing is consistently true: Rotarians abide by the same principles around the world, and thus, it is almost a sure thing that you will find a friend, a colleague, and a common bond with the people you meet at the RI Convention. "Service Above Self" and "The Four-Way Test" are spoken - and lived - here.

And just when you are ready to be a mere peon in the Rotary world, **John Kenny, RI President-Elect**, said this to our Incoming Club President **Russ DeWolfe** in his Scottish brogue: "You are the most important person in Rotary, because without Clubs and their Presidents, there would be no Rotary International, and I would not be here." During a plenary session, **RI PE John Kenny** eloquently shared, "We in Rotary have potential that is unmatched by any other humanitarian organization in the world. We can bring health to the sick, education to the illiterate, water to the thirsty, and sustainable livelihood to the poor and the hungry." "It is for this reason that I selected the theme, "The Future of Rotary Is In Your Hands."

Some of the other convention presenters and topics:

- **Clarissa Brocklehurst**, Chief Water, Sanitation and Hygiene, UNICEF, spoke about the huge issues of water, sanitation and hygiene, or as she put it, "taps, toilets and soap." For a successful solution, all three must be tackled at once. UNICEF is looking to partners like Rotary to help.
- **Illiteracy** is closely linked to extreme poverty, pollution and illness, and hunger. "Illiteracy is a form of imprisonment," said one speaker. Literacy projects must be done carefully, and to be truly effective, must be in concert with other vital needs.
- **Tom Henderson**, CEO of ShelterBox, shared how ShelterBox is making a difference when disaster strikes. Rotarians are there, not only financially, but to be a helpful and trusted source of "real" information in a disaster area. My eyes teared up with pride as I saw what we Rotarians do. I am proud to be a Rotarian!
- Actress **Mia Farrow** spoke on Tuesday. As a polio survivor, she is a fervent advocate for Rotary's efforts for polio eradication. "We are almost there, we just have to push a little further." She also shared about her experiences in Darfur, where millions have suffered atrocities we cannot imagine. Some of the worst affected are the children, so D.K. Lee's theme of reducing avoidable child mortality is emphasized as she works to help the plight of those in the Darfur region.
- **Dr. Jane Goodall** was featured on Wednesday. Her work with chimps and battling the loss of their environment has enabled her to be an inspiring voice for change. "Find others with your passion and work together." "We need to join our head and our heart." "So how, with our intellect, can we sit and let the world fall apart? What happened to WISDOM?" "Every single day we live, we make a difference, and we have a choice as to what kind of difference we are going to make."



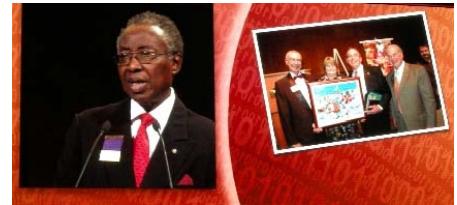
Dr. Jane Goodall and DG Larry Jubie

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**George Henny's Convention Letter - Continued from page 6**

- Our own Past District Governor **Dave Robinson** was featured during a session on membership retention. Getting the right members with "Rotarian hearts" at the outset will help retain them and grow the club. Interestingly, recommended practice for new members is to have a mentor. And recruiting younger members is vital!

District 5050 had great representation at this year's convention, with at least 27 members from around the district. On Tuesday, we took a picture (see page 5) and raised a glass in celebration. Also, to our surprise and delight, in the middle of the Foundation update speech by Rotary Foundation Chair **Jonathan Majiyagbe**, a slide flashed up with our own District Governor **Larry Stinson with Heath and Robin Gunn and Lee Harmon!**



Rotary is truly international. Never do you get a greater sense of Rotary around the world than at a convention like this. But what makes an RI Convention so worthwhile are the connections you make. Have a literacy, water, illness or hunger project in mind? Meet people directly from a country that needs help. The opportunities are endless, and we need more people to catch the fire of Rotary so we can make an even greater difference.

This year's RI Convention has been a superb experience, and I have barely touched on the highlights of it here. We have "Made Dreams Real" this year.

I am looking forward to next year's RI Convention in Montreal, Canada. Russ and I are already registered to go, and we encourage you to attend. It is the best way to get a true sense of the world of Rotary. Truly, **The Future of Rotary Is In Your Hands!**



Russ DeWolfe with P.R.I. President D.K. Lee and Young



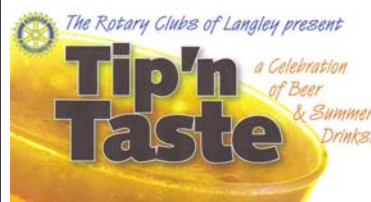
R. I. President John Kenny with George Henny (right) Russ DeWolfe all packed for 2010



**DG Jubie's Official Visits**

**July**

8	Marysville	DG Banner Transfer	
20	White Rock	Peace Arch	Noon
21	Coquitlam	Sunrise	7:15 am
21	Abbotsford		Noon
22	Abbotsford-Sumas		7:00 am
<i>Langley Central Changed to Oct. 14 for dinner</i>			
22	Snohomish		7:00 am
27	Bellingham		12:15 pm
27	La Conner		6:00 pm
28	White Rock		12:15 pm
28	White Rock Peninsula		6:30 pm
29	White Rock Millenium		7:00 am
29	Anacortes		Noon
30	Marysville Sunrise		7:15 an
31	Oak Harbor		Noon



**A Follow-up**

The photograph below is PCP John Dance sitting on a Harley - Davidson motorcycle.

John reported that the lady beside him was a model who was provide by Barnes Harley Davidson in Langley.

They raised \$141 just from the pictures taken.

A full copy of the poster announcing the June 13, 2009, event can be found on page 3 of the June, 2009, *Peace Arch Journal*.

