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Message from the District Governor

Greetings, Fellow Rotarians:

October is Vocational Service month. Vocational Service is one of the Four Avenues of Service that allows Rotarians to share their skills and expertise as business leaders.

Vocational Service is:

- Mentoring
- Career Days
- Vocational Awards
- Business Assistance

When professionals join a Rotary Club, they do so as a representatives of their particular business or profession. Rotarians have the dual responsibility of representing their vocation within the club and exemplifying the ideals of Rotary within their workplace.

Vocational Service includes:

- The promotion of the highest ethical standards in all occupations
- The recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations
- The contribution of your vocational talents to address the problems and needs of society
- The values expressed in the Four-Way Test and the Declaration for Rotarians in Business and Professions.

Remember that World Polio Day is on October 24. Do something in your club that week to bring awareness to Polio eradication.

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

Your Governor, **Larry**



Monroe President Sally Petty & DG Larry Jubie at Miracle League field grand opening (see page 3).

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In Memory of Senior Assistant Governor



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The Editor's Ramblings

- With the changes in the requirements to have a passport or enhanced driver's license to cross our international border, I wonder what percentage of Rotarians in District 5050 have one of those documents. What is the impact on our cross border activities, including conferences and seminars?
- October is *Vocational Service Month*. "Business! Mankind was my business. The common welfare was my business. The dealings of my trade were but a drop of water in the comprehensive ocean of my business!" So declares the ghost in Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*, a sentiment echoed in the RI theme for 2001-02. Business and professional life is the bedrock of the Rotary movement, and Vocational Service has always been a significant force in promoting honor, integrity, and trustworthiness in the business world. (A quote from *A Century of Service* by David C. Forward, 2003).
- A mind puzzle from PCP Ed Nadort, Rotary Club of Coquitlam Sunrise. "As we get older it is important to keep exercising, not just for the body but the brain as well. How many three-letter words can you make from the letters in Rotary Club, using no proper names, no abbreviations and no foreign language. Aim for 40."
- **The Rotary Club of Marysville Sunrise**: Make a correction on page 31 of the D5050 Directory. They still meet on **Thursday** mornings at 7:15 a.m. The club meets at Fanny's Restaurant (just East of I-5), 505 Cedar St., Marysville. The PAJ



visited with President Doug Newman at their breakfast meeting on September 10, 2009.

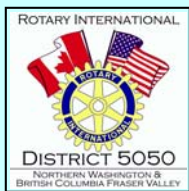
- **NID – Ethiopia: October 17 – 24, 2009**: For those Rotarians interested in joining a National Polio Immunization Day and wheelchair delivery, please visit the website for this upcoming trip www.ethiopia-nid.org. DG Larry and PDG Harv, and several others from our district, will join the group from the Pacific Northwest that is organized by the Seattle Rotary District 5030 every October. Your clubs may also want to consider the opportunity to sponsor wheelchairs to be given out at the same time. Staff members of the Gates Foundation and our Surrey and Surrey Fraser Heights clubs have already done so. For more information contact AG Christiana Flessner at cflessner@cdnwheelchair.ca
- **Tribute to the late Senior Assistant Governor Ron Goldfinch**: On pages 5 & 6 you will find a full presentation of a tribute shared by past District Trainer and Assistant Governor Carol Tichelman. While your editor tries to hold articles to under 250 words, I decided that her sharing about Ron and his life is a gift that should be shared with all of you. She spoke about a couple and their marriage, youth and family, club-community-international-vocational service, education, sports, a joyful spirit of life and the gift of Rotary that one man gave to another...and beyond.

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October 3, 2009

District 5050 Membership Seminar
 Bellingham, WA

November 14, 2009

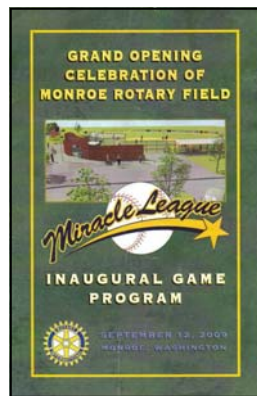
Foundation Dinner
 Surrey, B.C.

May 14-16, 2010

District 5050 Conference
 Marysville, WA

June 20-23, 2010

Rotary International Convention
 Montreal, Canada



**A Rotary Club President's Vision is No Miracle!
The Vision is Reality through Work & Partnering**



Rotary Field

Ten years ago the Rotary Club of Monroe, under the leadership of 2000-01 Club President Ric Carlson, formed the Miracle League, a baseball program for kids of all ages with mental and physical disabilities. The games are played by a special set of rules. Nobody keeps score. Everybody hits; everybody gets on base, and everybody scores. Visit their website at: www.monroemiracles.org.



The first running around the bases, and the first hit (see the ball in the middle of the photograph against the dark background) by 13 year old McKenna Dahl.

Photographs by Bob Knight

Editor's note: The following includes information provided by Debe Franz, President of the Rotary Club of Lake Stevens/Granite Falls and is based on an article by Pam Stevens, Editor of the *Lake Stevens Journal*. It was a D5050 Simplified Grant Project.

Lake Stevens new Born Learning Trail

As part of the celebration and ribbon cutting for the addition to Lundeen Park in Lake Stevens, WA, a Tales and Trails party was held during which families enjoyed song, puppetry and juggling by a family entertainer.



Holding scissors (l to r) Carl Zappora (United Way), DG Larry Jubie, Terri Spencer (Education Foundation & Rotary) and Vern Little (Lake Stevens Mayor).

Debe Franz said, "the Born Learning Trail is an outdoor learning trail that provides a fun, easy way for Lake Stevens parents and caregivers to use outings to build learning for school readiness." The trail has an ADA wheelchair accessible sidewalk.

It was installed through a community wide effort, including the Kiwanis & Lions clubs.

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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Members of the Surrey Fraser Heights Rotary Club

Front row (l-r) Mark Soares (Club Service), Val Barker (Stenographer), Ramona Soares (International Service), Tiffany Parton (Youth Programs), Cathrine Levan (President), Larry Stinson (Past District Governor), Kuldeep Ardawa, Georgia Bekiou (President Elect), Leslie Woodman, Monika Verma, Laura Meda.

Back row: Mary-Lou McCausland, Bryan Anderson, Joy Kirkwood, Michael Levan (Membershio), Jim Mihaly (PR), Glen Hope (Foundation), Keith Vincent, Grover Barrett (Treasurer), Pradeep Bholah, George Pedersson, Debbie Reynolds (Fundraising).

*The photograph was shot by MLA Dave Hayer***

Surrey's newest Rotary Club celebrates charter

The article contributed by Jim Mihaly, Publisher of the Surrey/North Delta Leader

The Rotary Club of Surrey Fraser Heights staged its Charter Night with over 100 guests in attendance at Eaglequest Golf Course on Sept. 18. Fourteen Rotary Clubs from both the US and Canada were on hand from District 5050, including fellow Rotarian and MLA of Surrey-Tynehead, David Hayer. MLA Hayer (**) presented a certificate on behalf of the BC Government in honour of the celebration.

[** David Hayer is a Member of the Legislative Assembly for the region of Surrey/Tynehead, B.C. He was born in India, moved to Surrey in 1972 and is a member of the Rotary Club of Surrey.]

Under the leadership of Cathrine Levan, Surrey's newest Rotary club boasts a membership of 29 and growing. "Thanks to the hard work of our amazing volunteers, we have not only char-

tered our club, but we have started an Interact club to teach youth about the joys of giving back. Our Interact club already has 44 members!" said Levan.



Additional photos from the event at Eaglequest Golf Course taken by Bob

The Rotary Club of La Conner USA was in attendance at the charter night and offered to assist with funding a Shelter Box. Not to be outdone, a guest of the Fraser Heights Rotary Club upped the ante by donating two Shelter boxes. The Shelter Box project is part of the Surrey Fraser Heights Rotary Club's international project that will see a drive to fund 10 shelter boxes. "Shelter boxes are self contained units that are sent out within hours of a natural disaster," noted Levan. "A shelter box includes everything required to house 10 people for 6 months. This includes a tent, stove, water purification system, pots, pans and other necessities."

Along with the international project, the Surrey Fraser Heights club is also partnering with the Starlight Children's Foundation to host a Halloween party for seriously ill children. "We want to make a difference in the world as well as in our own backyard," said Levan. "Our club is very vibrant and committed. It's a privilege to work with such a dynamic and energetic team."

The dignitaries in attendance representing Rotary clubs included: Sean Hogan, Youth Programs, Past District Governor Larry Stinson, Rotary Extension Chair Gene Vickers, Past District Governor Rod Thompson, along with the Executive Directors of many notable local charities.



Photos tell it all

The South Everett-Mukilteo club helped distribute over 1600 backpacks full of school supplies to low income students.

By Mark Kendziorek





Ron as 2009 District 5050 Conference MC

Senior Assistant Governor Ron Goldfinch June 20, 1954 - September 5, 2009

A Tribute by Assistant Governor Carol Tichelman on September 11, 2009

Last Saturday (September 5, 2009) a heart of gold stopped beating.

We try to share with Marie, Megan, Scott, Audrey, Marilyn, Tina and the rest of the family the grief they feel, but it is not really in our power to do so. We are compelled to measure the loss of our friend and colleague, father and husband each in our own way and turn instead to the extraordinary life that touched us all.

Other than the time he attended the University of British Columbia, Ronald Brian Goldfinch lived all of his 55 years in Chilliwack. He loved this community, was very proud of his heritage

here, and was forever proud to call Chilliwack home.

What might come as a great surprise to many is that Ron was very musical. He always landed the lead roles in the school musicals due his great voice - and much to the chagrin of his school chums. He also played a number of instruments - his favourite being the clarinet...that little gem of information now explains his appreciation of anything musical - and his very great affection for Charlie Young. I will always remember the great joy Ron experienced when Charlie started playing his clarinet again last year - and every time Ron has heard Charlie play since.



Charlie with his band at district conference

What might not come as a surprise to many is that Ron always made friends easily - and treasured and nurtured those friendships. Ian Meissner has been his buddy since Grade 1 - and every time I was at a Goldfinch Christmas Open House or other social gathering I was always amazed at meeting yet another of Ron's childhood friends.

Ron met Marie - a transplant from Yakima, Washington, just before his final year at UBC. They were engaged within 3 months and were married after Ron graduated with a Bachelor of Commerce degree in July, 1977. From the first moment they met (at the Royal Hotel) they became a unit and have completed each other. No one can know Ron without also knowing Marie - and vice versa. While Ron and Marie were both very independent and self-confident --- they were always happiest when the other was present. It was always "Ron and Marie" as if their names were melded together.

Ron was first and foremost a family man. He and Marie had 2 great kids - Megan and Scott. Ron told Collin Rogers recently - just prior to Collin becoming a father for the 1st time - that becoming a parent was one of the best things that had ever happened to him --- and that it just keeps getting better. In one of the last conversations I had with Ron the week before he died he mused

--- "...every day I appreciate what I have at home --- and how good things are for me at home just makes it so much easier to deal with outside problems and issues".



PDG Larry & Karola Stinson, Marie & SAG Ron Goldfinch, and Al & PDG Kathy DeTuerk (with a pet)

Harry Mertin must have known what he was doing when he sponsored Ron's membership into Rotary in 1991. Not only was Ron a highly respected member of the business community - he already had a long history of community service with the YMCA Board, Youth Soccer, Parent Advisory Councils and all the other things a young and involved businessman and father does. Ron served as our Club Treasurer from 1992 to 1995; was a Director from 1995 to 1997 and was our President in 2000 - 2001. Two of Ron's proudest accomplishments from that year were taking the negotiations for development of the Blue Heron Nature Reserve to the agreement stage - and for the Breakfast & Literacy program started at Central Elementary School. If you were a member of the Club that year - you will remember with a chuckle Harry Mertin's Foundation Fundraiser --- the sale of QROOP shirts which stood for "Quick Removal Of Offensive President".

Another great thing that started in Ron's President's year is a social gathering at the end of the business week that was dubbed the "Rotary Round Table". It started with an intimate group of us (which included Fred Lewis --- and oh how Ron loved joking about Fred Lewis!!!) - and has grown over the years. This afternoon will be the largest meeting of our Rotary Round Table.

Tribute to Ron Goldfinch continues on page 6

A Tribute to Ron Goldfinch continued from page 5

Ron "GOT" Rotary the year he joined as he and Marie became Host Parents to the 1st in a long line of Youth Exchange Students. (we lost count – but I think they hosted 13 or 14 students --- not to mention all the other short-term and temporary stays). That young girl from Finland hooked them for good - Tina's involvement in Ron and Marie's life is legendary---and she arrived in Chilliwack yesterday from Finland.

Very few members of Rotary Clubs end up offering to serve outside the Club. In 1994 – 2 years after joining the RC of Chilliwack - Ron and then non-Rotarian Marie began serving on the District Youth Exchange Committee. They served on that Committee for over 10 years, with Ron as Chair for a number of them. Oh, how they loved that work! This service to Rotary outside the Club also started a pattern of greater service for Ron – as well as significantly more incredibly strong friendships for Ron and Marie – (notably the Thomsons and the Lissers – a bond which formed on the Youth Exchange Committee). These friendships are evidenced by the non-Club members here today and others who will be at the Celebration of Life following the meeting.



Tina and Ron

Ron was asked to serve as Assistant Governor in 2006 and gladly said yes. His influence as mentor for this group of peers precipitated his being given a new title that had never been used in the District before – Senior Assistant Governor – which allowed him to serve past the 3-year limit. Like his work in all aspects of the Club – Ron did not just take title roles. Ron was never afraid to set-up or take-down at any Club function, work the bar at the Bruin's Dinner or the Beer Garden at the Exhibition and do whatever was needed when it was needed. The same holds true in his District service.



First District 5050 Rotary Leadership Institute Team:
Mike McKone, Ron Goldfinch, Carol Tichelman, Gene Vickers and Denis Boyd

For the past 2 years he has proudly shared his wisdom and Rotary knowledge as a Team Member with the District Visioning Team as well as being part of the Faculty with the Rotary Leadership Institute. If the District Foundation Dinner was coming up – he would call up the District Foundation Chair and offer to take care of the silent auction ---- or fill in anywhere needed. The District Conference this past spring would not have been nearly the success it was if it were not for Ron ensuring every detail was taken care of – even if he had to do it himself.

Ron was a huge supporter of the Rotary Foundation, was a member of the Paul Harris Society, and just recently received his PHF +7 pin.

While 3 of those were bestowed on Ron for Service – he was most proud of the Paul Harris he received at the Conference this spring in recognition for all his contributions to the District.

Ron lived and breathed the 4 Way Test, and was a shining example of Service Above Self. His quirky humour and sarcasm was never hurtful – and you knew you were in his good books if he felt comfortable enough with you for you to be the recipient of his sarcasm.

Ron and Marie loved opening their home – be it to their children's friends, Rotary exchange students, billeting junior hockey players, hosting Guess Who's Coming to Dinner, visiting GSE Team members, District Conference attendees, any and all of their friends --- and Ron was known to occasionally bring home a stray --- and befriend them.

Ron respected everyone and always tried to see the bright side of any situation – and would want us to try and find the bright side now. Ron always said he wanted to die either skiing or biking – and that happened. He was biking the seawall at Stanley Park with Marie – albeit 20 or 30 years sooner than anyone could have imagined. It was Ron and Marie – until his last breath.

We will always remember Ron as a robust man in the prime of his life. Many hearts and lives around the world are richer for having known Ron.

Please stand now in a moment of silence in memory of everyone's friend – Ron Goldfinch.

Donations to The Rotary Foundation may be made in memory of Ron Goldfinch. His Rotary membership number is 1831403 and the number for the Rotary Club of Chilliwack is 141. If you would like would like other information and/or a copy of a donation form that is addressed to the Rotary of Chilliwack, send an email to AG Carol Tichelman: carol@tichelman.com.

A Report on Hearing The Cry of Hunger, written by Karen Bradwell, Parent Volunteer, about Chilliwack Rotary Club's Breakfast for Literacy Program.

You would expect to hear many sounds when you enter any classroom. Back to school sounds. The scraping of chairs, friends seeing each other for the first time since summer began and the nervous laughter of new beginnings. One particular sound you don't always expect to hear is the cry of hunger. It is an unfortunate circumstance that is heard all too often in our schools today. Yet one would think, that in today's revolving world, hunger only happens in third world countries.

Approximately, ten years ago a cry of hunger was heard at Central Elementary Community School in Chilliwack, B.C. A concerned parent was taken back by the need for such an everyday staple that we all take for granted, breakfast. This parent approached the administration of the school, voiced her concern while recognizing a need. The principal whole heartedly agreed with her and together they humbly approached the Chilliwack Rotary Club and asked for help on behalf of the children at Central Elementary School. Needless to say, the Breakfast Program was born and still thrives to this day.

Since this program began, the school has benefited in so many ways. First and foremost, the children in need can go to school and receive a nutritional breakfast. They can continue to class able to sit and concentrate on their studies rather than worry about the rumbling in their stomachs. This program also relieves the burden to the parents who may not have food that morning or possibly the next. Knowing there is help at your own child's school does ease the stress of where to find the next meal. The school's teachers and administration also benefit from this wonderful program. Children who come to class hungry are unable to concentrate on their schoolwork. They can also be disruptive and not realize why.

Let's not forget those who volunteer at the program. Parents who volunteer at the program on a weekly basis have the pleasure to serve and meet those students. The feeling one gets from helping others is beyond words. Do we need to say more? Of course the list is endless. Without the Chilliwack Rotary Club's assistance for the past 10 years many students would attend school and not be able to function to their fullest potential on an empty stomach. Unfortunately, hunger has no boundaries. It has become more prevalent than ever before in today's society. Yet, we have caring individuals who stand up and state that they can help make a difference. All it takes is a helping hand and the willingness to do so. The Chilliwack Rotary Club does just that. One simple gesture, an open hand saying "let us help you put food in a child's body", and a smile upon their face.

Chilliwack Rotary Club is the essence of community while always willing to lend a helping hand. They recognize a need in their own community and act upon it. They give us a vote of confidence to know that there still is kindness in the world as well as people willing to extend the olive branch of hope.



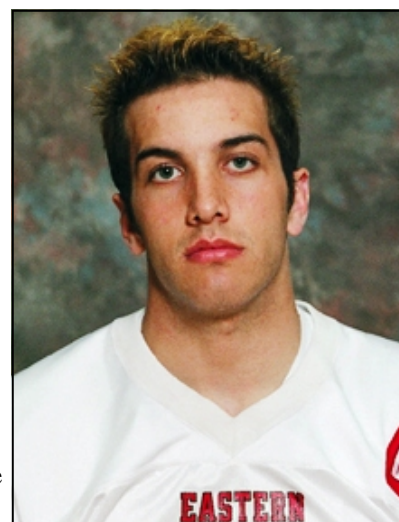
Kyler Randall to Receive Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship

by Maureen McCarthy, Media Contact, Rotary Club of Whatcom County North

BELLINGHAM, August 14, 2009—Ferndale High School graduate Kyler Randall has been awarded a 2010 Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship. Randall's application for the scholarship was sponsored by Whatcom County North Rotary Club.

Randall graduated from Ferndale High School in 2000, and from Eastern Washington University--with a B.A. in Social Studies--in 2004. He is currently serving as a Youth Development Volunteer for the Peace Corps in Honduras. His one-year Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship will allow him to pursue post-graduate education at a university in one of five possible Spanish speaking countries: Peru, Mexico, Puerto Rico, Uruguay or Spain.

According to Rotary International, "The purpose of the Ambassadorial Scholarship program is to further international understanding and friendly relations among people of different countries and geographical areas. The program sponsors several types of scholarships for undergraduate and graduate students as well as for qualified professionals pursuing vocational studies. While abroad, scholars serve as goodwill ambassadors to the host country and give presentations about their homelands to Rotary clubs and other groups. Upon returning home, scholars share with Rotarians and others the experiences that led to a greater understanding of their host country."



Editor's Note: The attached is a university photograph of Kyler Randall that I located through a web search. He was selected for Eastern Washington University's Big Sky Conference Scholar-Athlete Award for the 2003-04 school year. He played four years on Eastern's football team and set the school's career receiving record.

ROTARY WORLD HELP NETWORK ASSISTS ROSE MUHANDA MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN KENYA

By Dr. Sandra Harper, Rotary Club of Vancouver South, B.C.

A young Kenyan nurse, Rose Muhanda, has just finished her three-year Clinical Medicine course to become a Clinical Officer. The training gives her the skills of a physician, including minor surgery and delivery of babies. She also completed a course, partially funded by Langley Central Rotary Club, that allows her to distribute anti-viral drugs.

Now, Rose Muhanda is running the largest medical clinic in Kenya at a small town called Butere. This clinic, the largest in Kenya with twenty-two beds, is attached to a HIV Clinic, which distributes anti-viral drugs, provided by the Kenyan government. The HIV Clinic presently treats 214 poor, rural women - most of whom are married and uneducated. Because infants are sometimes born with HIV and other babies get infected from being breastfed, babies are also cared for in the clinic for HIV. Muhanda says that one hundred adults and fifteen children, at any one time, receive anti-viral medication to keep HIV under control. Family counseling is an important element of support.

In Kenya, the present rate attributed to deaths by the HIV virus is officially 7-8%. The greatest increase in the disease is now among married couples. Because of these new findings, Muhanda has recently organized one and two-day clinics, where she and a hundred volunteers tested and provided medical support to 852 people.

Wayne Crossen, as President of Rotary World Help Network, District 5040, heard about the good medical service Rose Muhanda provided in Kenya. After Crossen visited her clinic, he came back to British Columbia and encouraged Rotarians in Vancouver's lower mainland to jump into high gear. Rotarians gathered up items for this clinic, including an EKG machine from BC Bio-Med, microscopes, two Pulseometers to measure a patient's pulse, temperature and oxygen levels. Other Canadians donated a laptop computer for Rose to keep her records and notes on. All these items were included in a large container shipped to Kenya by Rotary World Help Network.

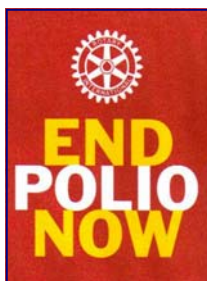


Wayne Crossen & Rose Muhanda

When the WHN container was delivered recently to western Kenya, Crossen was there as a volunteer and was able to deliver these important donations to Rose Muhanda. She was so delighted and honored on receiving this support from Rotary World Health Network that she named her newly-born son Wayne.

In Western Kenya, the support of Rotary World Help Network in providing equipment to this clinic has enhanced the abilities of Rose Muhanda and her staff to provide medical service and support in the rural areas, including women, men and children, living with HIV. Just one more important example on how Rotary makes a difference in the lives of others.

A note about the author: "I am a Rotarian in Vancouver South but I volunteer, as a Rotarian, to help build wells and teach as a volunteer at a university in Western Kenya. I think World Help Network is an unsung group of hard working heroes who do their work and never expect any thanks. They gather all this equipment up from the lower mainland and then load the containers. In Kenya, Rotarians unload and distribute. I became interested in Rotary when I was a Principal in North Delta and the North Delta Rotarians were making such a difference there with their local projects. I joined them and eventually moved into Vancouver. My club is proud of the support they have provided for wells, education on HIV, and the first computer lab in western Kenya." Sandra can be contacted by email at: sharper7604@shaw.ca.



October 24, 2009: World Polio Day

This is a day of reckoning of the scourge called Polio, of all the bitter memories it has left in its wake, and the many lives claimed by the disease. Yet, amidst the somber thoughts, the sweet taste of success brought by focused global strategies in significantly cutting the rate of disease, offers a glimpse of the light at the end of the tunnel.

World Health Organization data as of July 15, 2009 - Number of Polio cases in 2009: **642**

Afghanistan	11	India	107		
Nigeria	333	Pakistan	21	Non-endemic countries	170

In the congratulatory note to India, the WHO Director General Margaret Chan, said, 'I am confident that India will soon become polio-free and attain a historic milestone.' Under the aegis of UNICEF and WHO noteworthy strides have been made across the world, especially in polio endemic regions of Iraq and Afghanistan. [Subscribe to The Rotary Foundation monthly newsletter at the following address.](#)

<http://www.rotary.org/en/serviceandfellowship/polio/rotaryswork/Pages/PolioPlusNewsletter.aspx>



Auctioneer Kip Toner

Annual Auction for Literacy: Harvesting Hope
 By PCP Virginia Dugaw, Rotary Club of La Conner, WA

The Rotary Club of La Conner held its Third Annual Auction for Literacy, "Harvesting Hope," on August 29 in Maple Hall. One hundred eleven guests enjoyed reception mimosas and then sat down to a bountiful brunch from Nell Thorn Restaurant with wine pairings from Jeff Hellam and Hellam's Vineyard. Volunteers from other La Conner organizations, The Soroptmists of La Conner, the La Conner Sea Scouts, the Museum of Modern Art (MOMA) and Christ the King Church, lent a huge hand by serving the courses and making our guest welcome.

Kevin Paul, husband of Rotarian Patricia Paul, a member and tribal leader of Swinomish Tribal Community opened our event playing a hand drum and singing a Plateau Honor Song. He sang a traditional honor song from his family to honor the Ro-

tary of La Conner and all of our guests. Michael Getz, solo guitarist from Seattle, entertained us with his musical interludes throughout the day. Joining us for the festivities were DG Larry Jubie and Linda, PDG Harv Jubie and Jan, PDG Jack Frisk and PDG Rob Martin and Joan and Rotarians from several other clubs.

Chairman Rick Bolduc and his committee had wonderful silent auction items from local businesses, merchants and organizations as a lure for everyone before the live auction. The very special (twenty) one-of-a-kind items, only available at this auction, made for an energetic, rewarding and very fun live portion of the day. Congratulations go to those who will "Glamp on the Nooksack", "Be a Firefighter for a Day" fly in a one-of-a-kind jet, stalk the wild La Conner Turkey on a photographic safari or one of the other fun, exciting packages put together by the Rotary teams.

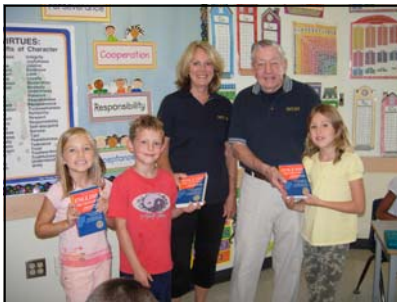


Fred Martin, a Rotarian for 53 years, and his wife, Margaret

A hearty thanks goes out to all who made this our most successful auction ever. We will be able to give scholarships, aid the La Conner Regional Library, help Boys and Girls Club with afterschool programs, help the La Conner Sea Scouts, continue with the mentoring and reading programs in the La Conner Schools and much more.

Dictionaries Delivered with a Note to the Parents Report by PCP (2001-2002) Gordon Shaffer

The Rotary Club of White Rock Peace Arch (B.C.) distributed about 250 free dictionaries to 3rd grade students, teachers and school principals at White Rock Elementary and three South Surrey elementary schools. Below is a copy of a "Dear Parent" note that Club President Dan Higgins wrote for the parents of the children who received the dictionaries.



Elaine Baxter & Gordon Shaffer



September, 2009

Dear Parent:

Today the White Rock Peace Arch Rotary club presented your third grade child with a dictionary for children on behalf of the 35 members of our club.

We are distributing over 200 *Webster's English Concise Edition* dictionaries to the five elementary schools in White Rock and South Surrey that send their students on to Semiahmoo secondary, which is our club's selected school to receive scholarships.

Our hope is that these dictionaries will be of great value as their young minds pursue their future education, strengthening their overall understanding of the English language, and of the many benefits an improved vocabulary can provide.

Both Rotary International and its 2009 Literacy program and the White Rock Peace Arch Rotary club believe strongly in the value of a good education, and we believe strongly that providing these dictionaries is one of the best ways to demonstrate that commitment.

It gives us great pride and pleasure to present your child with a dictionary today, and we hope that he or she and the rest of your family will use it for many years to come. We hope that the gift of these dictionaries will serve as a reminder to our community that the White Rock Peace Arch Rotary club cares deeply about our future leaders.

Sincerely,

Dan Higgins,
 President, 2009-2010
 White Rock Peace Arch Rotary club

Rotary District 5050 Statistics

Prepared by District Secretary Dennis Radcliff

**Monthly Attendance Report for August, 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	69	0	0	-1	65.00 %
Abbotsford- Matsqui	25	0	0	24	4	0	-1	58.00 %
Abbotsford-Sumas	26	1	0	24	4	1	-2	74.73 %
Aldergrove	29	0	0	29	4	0	0	58.20 %
Anacortes	66	0	0	67	4	0	1	73.28 %
Arlington	69	0	1	67	4	-1	-2	63.00 %
Bellingham	174	0	3	171	0	-3	-3	67.85 %
Bellingham Bay	122	0	5	114	4	-5	-8	51.61 %
Bellingham Sunrise	45	0	0	45	4	0	0	63.00 %
Burlington	70	0	5	67	4	-5	-3	60.98 %
Burlington Mid-Day	25	2	0	25	4	2	0	85.00 %
Chilliwack	195	0	1	191	4	-1	-4	78.70 %
Chilliwack Mt. Cheam	61	0	0	61	4	0	0	65.68 %
Chilliwack/Fraser	67	0	0	65	4	0	-2	59.00 %
Cloverdale	23	0	0	24	3	0	1	69.00 %
Coquitlam	46	3	0	45	4	3	-1	65.03 %
Coquitlam Sunrise	29	0	0	29	0	0	0	67.00 %
Everett	175	4	2	179	4	2	4	61.43 %
Everett-Port Gardner	45	0	2	43	4	-2	-2	88.00 %
Fidalgo Island	42	0	0	42	4	0	0	74.36 %
Haney	43	0	2	41	4	-2	-2	55.00 %
Hope	17	0	0	17	4	0	0	80.88 %
LaConner Lake	48	0	0	48	5	0	0	63.98 %
Stevens/Granite Fall	36	1	0	37	4	1	1	57.00 %
Langley	31	0	0	31	4	0	0	74.00 %
Langley Central	76	0	0	74	4	0	-2	70.70 %
Langley Sunrise	22	0	0	21	4	0	-1	70.20 %
Marysville	67	0	1	67	4	-1	0	71.97 %
Marysville Sunrise	19	0	0	18	4	0	-1	73.61 %
Meadow Ridge	48	0	0	48	4	0	0	51.56 %
Mission Midday	25	0	0	25	0	0	0	0.00 %
Mission Morning	31	1	0	33	4	1	2	79.90 %

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Club Name	Members as of	New Members	Terminations	Total Members	Number of Meetings	Gain/Loss	YTD Gain/Loss	Attendance
	June, 2009	This Month	This Month	This Month	This Month	This Month		Percentage
Monroe	26	2	0	25	4	2	-1	95.00 %
Mount Baker Rotary	54	1	0	59	4	1	5	73.00 %
Mount Vernon	50	0	0	51	4	0	1	64.00 %
North Delta	45	0	0	45	4	0	0	44.44 %
North Whidbey Island Sunr	32	1	0	33	4	1	1	71.00 %
Oak Harbor	90	0	0	91	0	0	1	0.00 %
Port Coquitlam Centennial	28	1	1	22	4	0	-6	67.00 %
Port Moody	44	0	0	40	4	0	-4	65.30 %
San Juan Island	24	2	0	26	4	2	2	79.00 %
Sedro Woolley	102	0	0	99	4	0	-3	66.46 %
Semiahmoo (White Rock)	58	2	0	61	3	2	3	73.22 %
Skagit (Mount Vernon)	72	0	0	68	4	0	-4	52.00 %
Snohomish	18	0	0	17	4	0	-1	78.00 %
South Everett/Mukilteo	61	0	0	61	4	0	0	69.00 %
South Whidbey Island	73	2	3	74	4	-1	1	67.50 %
Stanwood/Camano Island	40	0	0	41	4	0	1	52.00 %
Surrey	20	1	0	19	4	1	-1	58.67 %
Surrey-Fraser Heights	20	8	2	26	4	6	6	55.06 %
Surrey-Guildford	26	0	0	23	0	0	-3	0.00 %
Whatcom County North	54	0	0	60	4	0	6	78.33 %
White Rock	64	2	0	66	4	2	2	77.60 %
White Rock Millennium	18	1	0	22	4	1	4	79.35 %
White Rock Peninsula	17	2	0	18	4	2	1	75.00 %
White Rock-Peace Arch	33	0	0	33	4	0	0	75.00 %
Totals	2936	37	28	2921	199	9	-15	
Average attendance percentage								64.01 %

Note: Number of meetings field may not be correct for months prior to September 2004 when this field was added.

Highlights for the Month of August, 2009

- Total number of members in District 5050 as of August 31, 2009 was 2,921 (versus 2,953 as of August 31, 2008).
- August 2009: Inducted 37 new members and terminated 28 members.
- Average Attendance for the District for the month of August, 2009, was 64.01 % (versus average attendance of 66.74% for August, 2008)