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Message from the District Governor

My fellow Rotarians,

Flowers are blooming in my garden, buds are bursting open on my fruit trees, plants need trimming and my lawn needs mowing. Yard work is taking a (far) distant second place to Rotary activities for me this year. April showers don't help matters, either.

April provides you with an excellent opportunity to continue to be active in literacy projects, and we can carry on with ideas shared at our recent Literacy Seminar. In the Rotary world, April is "Magazine Month" and you need look no farther than The Rotarian to find a magazine with excellent articles and information. For the Canadian clubs, the Rotary Canada supplement brings information about Rotary activities across Canada and adds a Canadian perspective to the Rotary information being shared.

Don't forget to register for the District Conference by April 11th and take advantage of the early bird pricing for the conference and accommodation. Club presidents and secretaries have been receiving lots of information and encouragement about this, and I hope you are hearing about it at the club meetings. Someone staying at the host hotel on the Thursday evening will be winning a great mid-week stay at The Harrison Resort & Spa, and we have a fun-filled Thursday planned for attendees. Just go to our website and sign up to "Let the Good Times Roll" in Harrison, May 5-8.

Have another great month, and "Be your Best" as you continue "Building Communities and Bridging Continents." Keep up the good work!

Wayne A. Wiebe, District Governor 2010-2011



Arlene & DG Wayne Wiebe

Taken during their recent visit to the Rotary Club of Hope, B.C.



DG Wayne visited the Rotary Club of Oak Harbor, WA, and presented President Jeff Wallin a 75 year Rotary club certificate.

*The Peace Arch
Journal*



The monthly newsletter
for District 5050

Wayne Wiebe
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 of *The Peace Arch Journal* 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. The maximum number of words should be 250. 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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*Let The Good
Times Roll!!!!
District 5050's
Conference 2011*

Go online now at www.district5050.org and sign up for this year's conference at Harrison Hot Spring Resort and Spa from May 5 (Thursday) to May 8 (Sunday). The first day will include golf and tours, and a buffet dinner and entertainment in the evening by the Reid Sisters (pictured below).

The Reid Sisters:

Jacqueline, Krisandra, and Melanie, promise to please us with a performance, both a capella and with accompaniment. They have been referred to as the "Andrew Sisters of the 21st Century."



On page 3 can be found more information about some the other entertainers & guest speakers.

2010-2011 Rotary Theme



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District 5050 Conference - Speakers & Entertainers



Jennifer Jones: Serving as R. I President Ray Klingensmith's representative to our annual conference, Jennifer is a member of the Rotary Club of Windsor-Roseland, ON, and a Past District Governor of District 6400 (which has clubs in Ontario and in Michigan). Jennifer is the President of Media Street Productions Inc., a television production and post-production company. In April, 2008, Jennifer acted as the Host Organizing Chair of the Rotary World Peace Summit.



Christopher Gaze: Artistic Director of Vancouver's Bard on the Beach Shakespeare Festival, Christopher will be the featured speaker on Friday morning's session, **Rotary and the Arts**. Born in England, he moved to Vancouver in 1983 and founded Bard on the Beach in 1990. His voice is heard regularly on the radio, in cartoon series, and commercials.



Peter Luongo and the Langley Ukulele Ensemble: Peter (seated in the center) is currently in his 30th year as director of the internationally acclaimed Langley Ukulele Ensemble. He is an administrator in the Langley School District. His devotion to working with young musicians has allowed thousands of student to have the opportunity to develop their singing and ukulele playing skills while developing positive attitudes toward leadership and showmanship. The Langley Ukulele Ensemble will entertain during the Friday night dinner.

Apoorva Mallya: A member of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Apoorva is Program Officer in Immunization Programs, Vaccination Delivery. He earned an MBA in strategy and health at Washington University in St. Louis, MO, and has a passion for global health issues as well as strong strategic, financial, and management skills. Apoorva previously worked for EEG Management Consultants and served as a community health case worker in the rural areas of Maharashtra, India.



The Redline Band (left to right) Terry, Greg, Vive, Mike, and Paul. The band was created in 1990 by four musicians who were tired of playing in the basement and were itching to perform. They were jamming in Vive's basement and noticing that more and more friends and friends of friends were stopping by to have a listen (and dance, and drink and have a good time). Vi told the *PAJ*, "So get ready to dance your butts off."



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Notes on Incoming District Leader's Meeting

Report by incoming PAJ Editor, Dave Truman



On February 19, 2011, DGE Jane Helten's incoming district team met in Bellingham, WA, for training and fellowship.

The session was led by incoming district trainer Cheryl McKeever (seen on the left with DGN Sean).

There were a number of sessions for the new team. Webmaster Tiffany Parton addressed the group and answered questions about the new Clubrunner website that will take effect on July 1, 2011. PDG Dave Robinson discussed membership concerns. Each committee chair spoke briefly about their area of responsibility.

And of course, DGE Jane Helten inspired the team to get their portfolios ship-shape for the upcoming Rotary year.



Register for The District Membership Seminar

Assistant Governor (Area H) Scott Dudley is hosting the 2011 District 5050 Membership Seminar, April 23, 2011, to be held at the **Hampton Inn** from **9 a.m. to 3 p.m.** 3985 Bennett Drive, Bellingham, WA
See notice on District 5050 website.

A Few Items from Around District 5050

From the Rotary Club of Abbotsford, B.C.: *Articles provided by Stacey Irwin*

They celebrated Rotary International's 106th birthday with a visit from District Governor Wayne Wiebe and a cake. The moment was also celebrated with the newest members that the club has gained in the past eight months. "Rotary has been in service for over a century and our new members are symbolic of how we continue to evolve and make Rotary strong. They are the future of Rotary." (Pictured from left to right):



Vishesh Jalan; Hugh Ellis; Club President, Lenora McQueen; Don Beer; Barry Hawse; Will Van Baalen; Leon Lokombo; Jane Cooper; Rick Lucy; District Governor, Wayne Wiebe; Marvin Declare; Jatinder Sidhu; and Jason Blumenfield.

They welcomed the Traveling Peace Arch

President Leona McQueen is seen receiving the miniature arch from Marysville (WA) Rotary club's President Gayl Spilman.



From the Rotary Club of South Everett-Mukilteo (WA): *A Night on Broadway-Act III*



On Friday, March 18, 2011, friends of the club filled the Everett Events Center for their annual dinner and live auction. The event was chaired by Terri Stefnik. The live auction was conducted by area entertainer, John Curley (seen in the far right frame). Pictured in the middle are Maxine Bosch, Jackie Kendziorek, Pat Knight, and PDG John Bosch. The event grossed over \$145,000, including \$18,400 for the Senior Services of Snohomish County Meals on Wheels program.



Baños Project - Copan, Honduras

Reported by Bob Moles, Project Chairman,
Rotary Club of Bellingham Bay, WA

Representatives of the Rotary Clubs of Bellingham Bay, Whatcom County North and Sedro Woolley recently returned from the village of Copan, Honduras, after finishing construction of new restrooms in a regional elementary school.

The Rotary Clubs and their members spent over two years raising the needed \$44,000 and planning the construction process. Twelve Rotarians with family members traveled to Copan in January, and together with the Rotary Club of Copan Ruinas, wrapped up construction and dedicated a beautiful new facility.

The school, which serves over 1400 students, was in serious need of replacement of facilities that were so grossly inadequate and in significant disrepair, that total replacement was the only option. The new "Baños" now provide over three times the number of toilets and urinals, and additionally provide separate men's and women's facilities for teachers and administrative staff. Most important, young students, especially girls, will have the needed privacy that will prevent them from dropping out of school, never getting the education essential for breaking the seemingly endless cycle of poverty so pervasive in Honduras.

The facilities include new wash stations with automatic shut-off valves that will eliminate wasted water from previous broken and leaking faucets and teach students good hygiene. A large capacity water storage tank system has been installed along with two large pressure tanks that will insure continuous water supply during the frequent power outages.



A ribbon-cutting celebration with teachers, parents, students, Rotarians and members of the Copan community took place on the day before the group returned home, with Rotarians receiving personal thanks from the school teachers and parents.

Girl students learned how to operate the new restroom wash stations.





A Report on District 5050's Literacy Seminar 2011

Written by Bob Knight, with photos by Bob & Hugh Mitchell

District Rotarians met on March 26, 2011, at the Hampton Inn, Bellingham, WA, and participated in an excellent program. The program was hosted by District Literacy Chair, Barb Hoenselaar, with a welcome by District Governor Wayne Wiebe.

Club presidents Rhian Piprell and Elspeth Bowers (pictured above) shared ways to present picture books as part of a "Literacy Minute" at a club meeting.

Lindsey McGuirk, from Village Books in Bellingham, told about an Espresso Book Machine (using a Xerox 4112) in which they can work with authors and print their books.



Bob Knight, DGE Jane Helten, DGN Sean Hogan, DG Wayne Wiebe, and PDG Larry Jubie

Joanne Johnson, a science teacher, and Royce Buckingham, a lawyer, talked about their participation with the Young Authors Workshop that is held annually at Skagit Valley Community College. Royce has written stories for screen plays and an Xbox game for Microsoft.



Barb



Wayne



Lindsey



Royce



Catriona

Barney Bourns and Danny Palmerlee shared about their experience in taking books to Guatemala and providing support for local teachers and librarians.

Catriona Sturton, Regional Director of Dolly Parton's *Imagination Library*, provided us with background and update for that service for children from birth to age five. She gave examples in which Rotary clubs have partnered with Kiwanis and Lions clubs in bringing the Imagination Library to their community. She encouraged visiting her at the *Imagination Library* booth at the R.I. Convention in New Orleans.



An important part of the seminar, in addition to the fellowship among the Americans and the Canadians, was the sharing of literacy projects, such as the distribution of dictionaries to 3rd and 4th grade students.

More District 5050 Items

Chilliwack-Fraser, B.C.: On March 5, 2011, they held their annual "Swing into Spring" fundraiser. This was a wonderful evening of fellowship – that also included a dance competition between the three Chilliwack Rotary clubs. The judges for the competition were the Rotary District Governor, a City official and a community personality. The host club, Chilliwack Fraser, has won the competition for both years of the fundraiser's existence. Lots of money was raised for the construction of the Chilliwack Salvation Army Food Bank. *Report by AG Carol Tichelman*



DG Wayne Wiebe, City Councillor Ken Huttema, & Event MC, Simon Ratcliffe



Everett, WA: Past President Marc Baker is joining others in IFMR's **POLIO PLUS Motorcycle Ride to 2011 Rotary Convention in New Orleans.** As of March 24, through meeting with friends and Rotary clubs, he has raised over 3,200 dollars, and he is still meeting with friends and clubs. Marc noted that "You have given me faith in that we can conquer this dreaded disease." He can be contacted at: mqbhdrotary@gmail.com. See map in the February 2011 *Peace Arch Journal*, page 9.



Haney, B.C.: The club recently sponsored, "Haney Fund Bowls for the Kids." It was an evening of bowling, pizza and draft beer as the Haney club members and partners challenged one another to establish who was the least proficient bowler. Everyone had a great time and plans are underway to hold it again next year. The evening was organized by the club's Vice President Keesha Rosari and raised over \$2,000 for Big Brothers and Big Sisters. *Report by PDG Dick Drew*

White Rock, B.C. Milton Carrasco, CEO of Transoft Solutions, and his wife Valerie presented the club with a \$10,000 donation and a request that the majority of the funds be used for projects in East Africa. On hand to receive a cheque for \$8,000 was Philip Hansen, President of CNIS. The remaining funds will be used for the club's World Service projects. CNIS (Canadian Network for International Surgery) is an organization that sends surgeons abroad to Africa and South America to train local doctors, nurses, medics, midwives in hands-on activities, such as trauma/injuries, basic surgery and obstetrics. Pictured left to right: Derek Lucas, Club President, Frank Sequeira, Past President, Philip Hansen, President of CNIS, Milton and Valerie Carrasco.





District Governor Nominee Sean and Carol Hogan Trip to Kenya

The February 2011 edition of the *PAJ*, on page 7, had an article titled, “Sean’s Report from Africa”. Below are some of the photographs taken during his trip. Carol and Sean are seen in the far right side of the photograph on the left.



Rotarians respond to Japan earthquake, tsunami

Rotarians have been finding a number of ways to help victims of the devastating earthquake and tsunami in Japan that killed thousands and left hundreds of thousands more homeless. In response to the disasters, The Rotary Foundation established the [Rotary Japan Disaster Recovery Fund](#) (* see below), which will support long-term recovery projects in the affected areas. More than US\$500,000 has been donated since the fund opened on 11 March.

Printed from article by Ryan Hyland and Dan Nixon, Rotary International News, 25 March 2011

- In response to the massive earthquake and tsunami that struck off the coast of Japan on 11 March, the Board of Trustees of The Rotary Foundation has established the Rotary Japan 2011 Disaster Recovery Fund. All contributions will support long-term recovery projects carried out in the affected areas. The Trustees will manage the fund. Donate online or by check made payable to The Rotary Foundation and include the notation "Rotary Japan 2011 Disaster Recovery Fund, #G10005." Send your contribution to: The Rotary Foundation, 14280 Collections Center Drive, Chicago, IL 60693



The Rotaract Club of Tokyo is encouraging Rotaractors around the world to post messages of support on Twitter for survivors of the Japanese earthquake and tsunami. *Photo courtesy of Rotaract Club of Tokyo*



Shelter, warmth and dignity is being delivered to families throughout the affected areas of Japan. This photo is in Ofunato, Iwate Prefecture, Japan. Photograph: Mark Pearson

ShelterBox's work continues throughout Japan

It is now three weeks since the 9.0 magnitude earthquake hit Japan, triggering a tsunami that claimed thousands of lives, destroyed hundreds of thousands of homes and wiped out swathes of Japan's northeast coast.

ShelterBox arrived on the ground less than 24 hours after the earthquake struck and more than 1,500 ShelterBoxes have now been committed to the people of Japan as they begin to rebuild their lives. This aid is being sent into the country based on official requests being made to ShelterBox from the Japanese authorities.

ShelterBox Response Teams (SRTs) have been working closely with the Japanese authorities and Rotary districts in the Iwate, Miyagi and Fukushima Prefectures. *ShelterBoxes* are being distributed throughout these Prefectures to families who lost everything in the tsunami.

The above message was posted on April 1, 2011: <http://www.shelterbox.org/news.php?id=639>

Rotary District 5050 Statistics

Prepared by District Secretary Dennis Ratcliffe



Monthly Membership and Attendance Report for February, 2011

Club Name	Members as of June, 2010	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	57	7	0	59	4	7	2	78.39 %
Abbotsford-Matsqui	29	0	1	27	4	-1	-2	58.00 %
Abbotsford-Sumas	25	0	0	27	4	0	2	80.77 %
Aldergrove	27	1	0	29	4	1	2	80.60 %
Anacortes	70	0	1	73	3	-1	3	71.29 %
Arlington	70	1	0	70	4	1	0	65.53 %
Bellingham	168	1	0	168	3	1	0	69.00 %
Bellingham Bay	111	4	0	116	4	4	5	55.28 %
Bellingham Sunrise	45	0	0	42	4	0	-3	73.00 %
Burlington	59	0	0	57	4	0	-2	67.11 %
Burlington Mid-Day	37	2	0	38	4	2	1	48.00 %
Chilliwack	186	0	0	179	4	0	-7	88.00 %
Chilliwack Mt. Cheam	68	0	0	63	4	0	-5	78.23 %
Chilliwack/Fraser	64	1	0	68	4	1	4	67.94 %
Cloverdale	19	2	0	25	4	2	6	68.09 %
Coquitlam	42	1	1	41	4	0	-1	61.76 %
Coquitlam Sunrise	29	0	0	28	4	0	-1	64.00 %
Everett	170	1	0	162	4	1	-8	66.87 %
Everett-Port Gardner	40	0	0	42	0	0	2	50.00 %
Fidalgo Island	38	0	0	35	4	0	-3	77.70 %
Haney	43	0	0	46	0	0	3	50.00 %
Hope	13	0	0	17	4	0	4	73.20 %
LaConner	42	0	2	42	4	-2	0	72.29 %
Lake Stevens	28	1	0	29	4	1	1	69.30 %
Langley	31	0	0	30	4	0	-1	84.48 %
Langley Central	73	1	2	65	4	-1	-8	64.58 %
Langley Sunrise	27	0	0	32	4	0	5	87.50 %
Marysville	66	3	1	65	4	2	-1	69.02 %
Marysville Sunrise	16	0	1	15	3	-1	-1	86.96 %
Meadow Ridge	48	0	0	45	4	0	-3	61.90 %
Mission Midday	34	1	0	35	4	1	1	67.00 %
Mission Morning	36	0	0	26	0	0	-10	50.00 %
Monroe	27	1	0	32	0	1	5	79.00 %
Mount Baker	61	0	1	59	4	-1	-2	82.00 %

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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
Mount Vernon	47	1	0	47	4	1	0	71.00 %
North Delta	42	0	2	42	4	-2	0	69.32 %
North Whidbey Island Sunr	34	0	0	30	3	0	-4	79.31 %
Oak Harbor	92	1	1	90	4	0	-2	48.73 %
Port Coquitlam Centennial	25	0	0	20	4	0	-5	65.22 %
Port Moody	40	0	0	42	4	0	2	70.51 %
San Juan Island	28	0	0	30	4	0	2	82.50 %
Sedro Woolley	89	0	0	90	3	0	1	66.67 %
Semiahmoo (White Rock)	58	2	0	57	4	2	-1	75.34 %
Skagit (Mount Vernon)	66	0	0	65	4	0	-1	100.00 %
Snohomish	16	0	0	12	0	0	-4	82.00 %
South Everett/Mukilteo	62	0	1	63	4	-1	1	88.00 %
South Whidbey Island	68	0	1	56	4	-1	-12	75.74 %
Stanwood/Camano Island	33	0	0	33	0	0	0	66.00 %
Surrey	17	5	0	29	4	5	12	76.36 %
Surrey-Fraser Heights	29	0	0	15	4	0	-14	76.79 %
Surrey-Guildford	23	2	0	18	4	2	-5	93.00 %
Surrey-Newton	35	0	0	33	4	0	-2	98.48 %
Whatcom County North	42	0	0	46	4	0	4	73.84 %
White Rock	65	0	0	69	4	0	4	85.38 %
White Rock Millennium	25	0	1	24	4	-1	-1	80.41 %
White Rock Peninsula	14	0	0	14	4	0	0	87.76 %
White Rock-Peace Arch	33	0	0	32	4	0	-1	61.72 %
Totals	2882	39	16	2844	199	23	-38	

Highlights for the Month of February, 2011

- Total number of members in District 5050 as of February 28, 2011, was 2,844 (versus 2,903 as of February 28, 2010).
- February, 2011: Inducted 39 new members and terminated 16 members.
- Average Attendance for the District for the month of February, 2011, was 71.77 % (versus average attendance of 66.94 for February, 2010)