



# Rotary District 5050 Peace Arch Journal



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## Message from the District Governor

Fellow Rotarians,

Happy new year to you! I hope you are invigorated to Be Your Best in the next six months, working to make our clubs bigger, better, and bolder.

January is Rotary Awareness Month and provides you an excellent opportunity to make more people aware of the good works each of your clubs is doing in your community and internationally. What are some things you could do to create public and club awareness? During club meetings and at appropriate social gatherings, share what it means to you to be a Rotarian. Personal stories are very compelling, and I'm sure others would be interested in hearing your story. Publicize your club's local and international projects, possibly in a letter to the editor or a Rotary information page in your local newspaper. For those of you using Facebook and/or Twitter, you have exciting opportunities to tell about Rotary.

Invite a friend to your club meeting (always a good idea) or plan a special meeting to which a number of prospective members could be invited. Use Rotary videos during your club meetings so all can see just how much we are doing, and in what a wide variety of ways we are serving others. "Rotary Minutes" in which information about Rotary is shared at your meetings have been very popular. If you're not already including them in your meetings, perhaps now is the time to re-introduce that idea.

Do you know that in our district we have a number of awards to present? Just go to the District Directory and on page 44 you will see them listed. If you have ideas about who deserves some of these awards, please contact Larry Stinson to share your thoughts.

Presidential Citation forms are due in to the District Governor by the end of March, so you still have nearly three months to complete the requirements. I will be asking AGs to submit forms from all clubs, even those (few, if any) who fall short of the minimum number of points. I want to see how well each of our clubs is doing, and I encourage Rotarians to help your clubs earn these awards this year.

Have another great month, happy new year, and keep up the good work!



**DG Wayne addressing his home club of  
Langley, B.C.**

**Wayne A. Wiebe  
District Governor 2010-2011**

## 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.

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

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### Editor's Notebook:

This edition of the PAJ has been difficult to put together in the normal timely manner. In the December edition I reported that we would be spending time with our daughter and her family in Florida. While there we learned that our daughter-in-law and mother of the two guys that lived with us, Deborah Knight, was killed during an apparent home robbery. Then just a few days ago gun fire erupted in Tucson, Arizona. While reflecting upon all of that I began thinking of the lyrics to the song by Jill Jackson and Sy Miller, "*Let There Be Peace on Earth*".

*Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me;*

*Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.*

*With God as our Father, brother all are we,*

*Let me walk with my brother in perfect harmony.*

*To take each moment and live each moment, in peace eternally.*

*Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.*

It is my belief that this is why it is so essential, as District Governor Wayne noted in his message: "to make more people aware of ...what it means to you (and me) to be Rotarians."



### Incoming R. I. General Secretary John Hewko

John will officially replace retiring General Secretary Ed Futa on July 1, 2011. He was formerly an international partner with the law firm Baker & McKenzie and, more recently, the Vice President for Operations and Compact Development at the Millennium Challenge Corporation.

### 2010-2011 Rotary Theme



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## District's Visioning Team at Snohomish

On November 21, 2010, four members of our District Club Visioning Team traveled to Snohomish, Washington. They spent four hours with members in the warm home of PCP Lisa Caldwell, while outside there was a threatening snow storm.



Cheryl McKeever, Christiana Flessner, Carol Tichelman, and Linda Murray



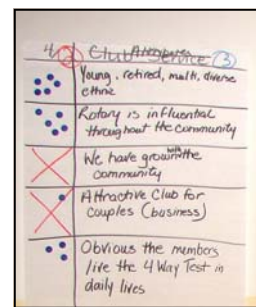
An historic building in which this room was once a blacksmith shop.



Club members were asked to write a letter in which they were to describe what their Rotary Club would look like in the next five years. The team led them through a discussion of those ideas and listed them out on large flip chart paper.



Bob Knight & Pete Reeder



Toward the end of the session each club member studied the statements and prioritized each item—during the first round with a blue dot, and then with a red dot during the second round. An example: Club Service: Strong recruiting process, fun club socials, annual financial plan, strong new member mentoring, and effective/strong communication plan.

**Snohomish members want to thank the visioning team!**

# Rotary Club Sharings

**Bellingham Sunrise:** Bellingham Sunrise celebrated its 20th club anniversary with a cowboy-themed party. Scott and Shannon Michelich and Steve Alvord created a fun video, but Jim Hildt's dancing stole the show.



**Coquitlam:** For 35 years we have participated in the Salvation Army Ring the Bells Campaign every Christmas season under the

leadership of our charter member, Ken Webber.

**Anacortes:** With a custom-constructed "wine tree," members of the Anacortes Rotary Club helped raise \$2,100 for the Island Hospital Foundation during December's Celebration of Trees. Our architects are already hard at work designing for 2011!

**Abbotsford-Matsqui:** On Saturday, December 18th, 2010, club members participated in their second distribution Four Way Test Teddy Bears. They included a total of 350 bears outfitted with blue vests that bore the Rotary Crest and the Four Way Test. The facilities included Menno Place (a Residential Care and Hospital facility in Abbotsford) and the Cottage and Worthington Pavilions (a long term care facility associated with Abbotsford Regional Hospital, Fraser Health Region).



The bears brought smiles to the faces of

the recipients and warmed the hearts of the Rotarians who participated in the distributions. The club has received great feedback on the project from facility staff and families of the residents. This community outreach project was spearheaded by club members Nico Human (President 2008-2009) and Des McKay. It has brought happiness to the recipients and has exposed the Rotary Four Way Test to many in the community.



(L-R) Rotarians Brian Siborne, Dorothy Funk, Matt Robinson, and Eckart Adam, getting ready for the distribution.

**Langley:** The Rotary Clubs of Langley, Langley Central and Ajijic Mexico donated \$1000 to buy construction wood for Hope House boys' home near Chapala, Mexico. Under the guidance of a local volunteer, the Hope House carpenter-in-training boys used woodworking equipment purchased in 2009 by a TRF Matching Grant and built bunk-beds and wardrobes.

The furniture will be donated to the Love-in-Action home for girls, near Chapala, where it is much needed.



**Rotary Club Sharings (continued from page 4)**

**Surrey-Guildford:** In reflecting back at the closing of the year, we were kept busy with social events, volunteering and fundraisers and our Seniors' Christmas Dinner (see photo). We continue to assist at Cindrich Elementary School with the Breakfast Club every Wednesday morning, preparing and serving breakfast to students in need. We held three fundraisers this year: annual tree chipping in January, dinner/dance in the spring, and our annual book sale in September (we want to thank all those who volunteered or supported us); and we established our Interact Club at North Surrey Senior Secondary School. We also combined with the students from North Surrey to donate funds for two shelter boxes for Haiti.



**South Whidbey Island:** During the holiday season, the Rotary Club of South Whidbey sponsored eight local families in need. The effort was organized by past presidents of the club and current acting president, Rick Brown. Together, the ...club raised enough cash for gifts and clothing for all eight families. In addition, the Rotary Club coordinated with the Goose Community Grocer, who on their own, provided enough food for each family to enjoy a complete holiday dinner with friends and relatives. A very special thanks goes out to all those who participated! You can follow South Whidbey Island on Facebook.



**Marysville (noon):** On December 8, 2010, a World War II bombardier shared stories of his experience flying over Europe on bomb runs and talked about some of the aircraft that were flown, including a model of a B-17 flying fortress.



**Snohomish Rotary Club's Third Annual Crab Feed (Pre-Ordered)**

**Annual Crab Feed**



**Sat. Feb 5th \$35 per person**

**There are two seatings this year**

**4:00 to 5:30 and 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.**

**St. John's Episcopal Church, 913 2nd Street  
(next to Bank of America)**

**To order tickets for "will call"**

**Send email to Bob Knight at [rdkpdk@aol.com](mailto:rdkpdk@aol.com)  
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**Check to see if our store is open at:  
[www.snohomishrotary.org](http://www.snohomishrotary.org)**



**US Rotarians: IRA Charitable Rollover by January 31**

**Note from Bill Robson, D5050 Rotary Foundation Chair**

The US Rotarians in our district have a great opportunity to support The Rotary Foundation. New legislation has extended the IRA charitable rollover -- a provision that permits individuals age 70½ and older to make tax-free distributions of up to US\$100,000 from an IRA directly to charity. Rotary can save US Rotarians money, if they consider a gift

to The Rotary Foundation from their IRA. Donors have until 31 January to make Tax-free distributions that will be treated as if they were made in 2010. To learn more about the IRA rollover, download the *Nurture Your Rotary Dream* brochure (pdf) at:

[http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en\\_pdf/ira\\_nurture\\_dream\\_en.pdf](http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/ira_nurture_dream_en.pdf).

**Deadline:** Donors have until January 31 to make distributions that will be treated as if they were made in 2010. Consider an IRA charitable rollover if you are at least age 70½ and you do not need the additional income generated by the required minimum distribution (RMD), you do not itemize deductions, or you want to use unneeded assets to secure a Rotary legacy.

To make a gift to The Rotary Foundation from your IRA, contact Karena Bierman, Manager of Gift Planning at (847) 866-4458 or [karena.bierman@rotary.org](mailto:karena.bierman@rotary.org).

**Top Ten Clubs in Annual Giving Fund and Polio Plus Contributions as of 1-13-2011**

Reported by Steve Morach, D5050 Annual Giving Chair

**Top Ten Clubs in Annual Giving Per Capita in 2010-11**

- 1 Stanwood/Camano Island, WA
- 2 Port Moody, BC
- 3 San Juan Island, WA
- 4 Abbotsford, BC
- 5 Abbotsford-Sumas, BC
- 6 LaConner, WA
- 7 White Rock, BC
- 8 Fidalgo Island, WA
- 9 Marysville Sunrise, WA
- 10 North Delta, BC

Twelve clubs had not yet contributed to the AG Program.

**Top Ten Clubs in Polio Plus Per Capita in 2010-11**

- 1 Stanwood/Camano Island, WA
- 2 Meadow Ridge, BC
- 3 Marysville, WA
- 4 San Juan Island, WA
- 5 Coquitlam Sunrise, BC
- 6 Langley, BC
- 7 Fidalgo Island, WA
- 8 Abbotsford-Sumas, BC
- 9 Semiahmoo, BC
- 10 Surrey-Guildford, BC

Eleven clubs had not yet contributed to Polio Plus Program.

**Rotary District 5050 Statistics**

Prepared by District Secretary Dennis Ratcliffe

**Monthly Attendance Report for November, 2010**

Club Name	Members as of	New Members	Terminations	Total Members	Number of Meetings	Gain/Loss	YTD Gain/Loss	Attendance
	June, 2010	This Month	This Month	This Month	This Month	This Month		Percentage
Abbotsford	57	3	1	53	4	2	-4	69.81 %
Abbotsford-Matsqui	29	0	0	28	3	0	-1	61.00 %
Abbotsford-Sumas	25	0	0	27	4	0	2	78.85 %
Aldergrove	27	0	1	27	4	-1	0	80.40 %
Anacortes	70	0	0	73	4	0	3	66.42 %
Arlington	70	0	0	69	3	0	-1	58.79 %
Bellingham	168	0	1	165	4	-1	-3	67.98 %
Bellingham Bay	111	0	0	112	5	0	1	51.13 %
Bellingham Sunrise	45	0	0	43	3	0	-2	73.00 %
Burlington	59	0	0	57	0	0	-2	0.00 %
Burlington Mid-Day	37	0	0	36	4	0	-1	52.78 %
Chilliwack	186	2	4	182	4	-2	-4	82.00 %
Chilliwack Mt. Cheam	68	0	0	63	3	0	-5	86.02 %
Chilliwack/Fraser	64	3	0	72	4	3	8	56.55 %
Cloverdale	19	1	0	21	4	1	2	80.25 %
Coquitlam	42	0	0	43	4	0	1	69.80 %
Coquitlam Sunrise	29	0	0	28	5	0	-1	59.00 %
Everett	170	0	0	171	0	0	1	0.00 %
Everett-Port Gardner	40	0	0	38	4	0	-2	75.00 %
Fidalgo Island	38	0	0	36	4	0	-2	85.82 %
Haney	44	7	0	48	3	7	4	80.00 %
Hope	13	0	0	17	4	0	4	83.80 %
LaConner	42	0	0	44	4	0	2	79.54 %
Lake Stevens/Granite Fall	28	1	0	29	3	1	1	69.41 %
Langley	31	0	0	30	3	0	-1	86.21 %
Langley Central	73	0	2	67	4	-2	-6	67.51 %
Langley Sunrise	27	0	0	30	4	0	3	85.00 %
Marysville	66	0	0	65	4	0	-1	72.36 %
Marysville Sunrise	16	1	0	16	3	1	0	88.89 %
Meadow Ridge	48	3	0	47	5	3	-1	64.79 %
Mission Midday	34	0	0	27	5	0	-7	64.00 %
Mission Morning	36	0	2	25	5	-2	-11	88.00 %

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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
Monroe	27	0	0	33	4	0	6	81.00 %
Mount Baker Rotary	61	1	0	61	4	1	0	82.00 %
Mount Vernon	47	0	0	47	4	0	0	70.00 %
North Delta	42	1	0	44	3	1	2	74.24 %
North Whidbey Island Sunr	34	1	0	30	3	1	-4	83.53 %
Oak Harbor	92	4	0	94	3	4	2	43.90 %
Port Coquitlam Centennial	25	1	1	21	3	0	-4	57.69 %
Port Moody	40	1	0	41	4	1	1	73.13 %
San Juan Island	28	0	0	29	3	0	1	81.61 %
Sedro Woolley	89	2	0	90	3	2	1	84.72 %
Semiahmoo (White Rock)	58	0	2	56	4	-2	-2	73.66 %
Skagit (Mount Vernon)	66	2	0	65	4	2	-1	81.00 %
Snohomish	16	0	0	17	3	0	1	82.00 %
South Everett/Mukilteo	62	0	0	62	3	0	0	100.00 %
South Whidbey Island	68	0	0	62	0	0	-6	0.00 %
Stanwood/Camano Island	33	1	0	33	3	1	0	63.00 %
Surrey	17	2	0	21	5	2	4	79.05 %
Surrey-Fraser Heights	29	0	0	18	0	0	-11	0.00 %
Surrey-Guildford	23	1	0	18	3	1	-5	70.00 %
Surrey-Newton	35	0	0	32	3	0	-3	57.29 %
Whatcom County North	42	2	0	46	0	2	4	72.94 %
White Rock	65	1	0	66	5	1	1	79.41 %
White Rock Millennium	25	0	0	27	4	0	2	89.81 %
White Rock Peninsula	14	0	1	13	5	-1	-1	75.00 %
White Rock-Peace Arch	33	0	2	32	5	-2	-1	72.75 %
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2883</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>2847</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>-36</b>	
Average attendance percentage								64.63 %

**Highlights for the Month of November, 2010**

- Total number of members in District 5050 as of November 30, 2010, was 2,847 (versus 2,932 as of November 30, 2009).
- November, 2010: Inducted 41 new members and terminated 17 members.
- Average Attendance for the District for the month of November, 2010, was 64.63 (versus average attendance of 67.50 for November, 2009)