

# Rotary District 5050 Peace Arch Journal



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## Message from the District Governor

My fellow Rotarians,

Here we are in June – where has the Rotary year gone? The year seems to have flown by for me, and I have certainly enjoyed the flight.

We have had great success this year in District 5050, with perhaps the highlight being 84% of our clubs earning Presidential Citations. What an accomplishment! We are among the top two dozen districts in the world in this achievement, and our club presidents and active club members are to be congratulated.

Our District Conference was well-attended, and we certainly did “Let the Good Times Roll” as we enjoyed fantastic speakers, excellent programs, wonderful entertainment, and no shortage of tasty food. I especially congratulate my conference planning committee, and thank Chair Charlie Fox for a job very well-done. Our RIPR, Jennifer Jones, was excellent and had a great time visiting us. I received rave reviews of our conference from her and her husband, and those of you attending added to the positive energy we shared. We celebrated, we learned, and we had fun.

I believe over fifty of us from District 5050 “Let the Good Times Roll... Again” at our International Convention in New Orleans May 21-25. The speakers were world class and the entertainment was wonderful, and showed a wide range of musical genres. We had a great time there, and I really enjoyed the messages from the speakers in the plenary sessions. If you haven’t attended an International Convention, I encourage you to do so when you are able, because each one is truly impressive.

I also wish to thank Bob Knight for serving as our PAJ editor again this year as a favour to me. Bob will be retiring from this position, but will be taking on the presidency of his own club, so he will continue to be active. Thanks, Bob, for the excellent service you have provided for all of us.

June should be another great month for Rotary and Rotarians, and I encourage you to “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**



**RI President Ray Klingensmith  
and DG Wayne Wiebe**



# 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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**White Rock hits a high during their PolioPlus fund drive!**

DC Rob Martin and Daphne Fortin holding a \$20,000 check for PolioPlus

The members of Rotary Club of White Rock decided that their focus for Rotary Year 2002-2003 would be PolioPlus. In order to reach their goal of \$12,000 CDN, each week an envelope was passed from member to member, with additional donations in recognition of birthdays and anniversaries. With the help of Assistant DSG Gary Hollick, two iron lungs were placed on display in the Semiamos Shopping Centre. Rotarians staffed a booth to raise the awareness of Rotary International and collect money for PolioPlus. As the check shows, White Rock exceeded their goal.

**District Governor Goes Flying**

An PDG Dist 5050 note: "most PDGs think they can walk on water but once in a while you'll find one who thinks he or she can fly. In most cases they can't." On Sunday, August 3, 2003, DSG Rob Martin slipped while preparing to walk the 65 steps down to their beach. He missed up his sign, along with a shoulder blade and two toes, however, he came through in "fairly" good shape (as seen during a visit to the Rotary Club at Lake Stevens). We wish Rob a very speedy recovery!!!!

GOLFEN is scheduled for August 22 at the Homestead Golf and Country Club in Lynden. Cost is \$110 US and \$150 CDN. Last year it filled up and is a hoped it does again this year. Visit the web site for more information at: <http://www.district5050.org/golf2003.pdf>

## Thanks for the Memories

This is my 83rd and final edition of *The Peace Arch Journal*. Little did I know what a gift PDG Rob Martin was giving me when he invited me to take on the challenge of editing this publication.

All archived editions can be downloaded at our district's web site. They are listed in the left side of the home page under Public Relations.

I want to thank each of the District Governors for whom I have produced their monthly newsletter. They have each become dear friends.



District Governor Wayne Wiebe with Bob & Pat Knight

One of the many pleasures that I have experienced has been the opportunity to visit most of the clubs in District 5050. I have seen the diversity and vitality of Rotarians. I want to encourage everyone to visit other clubs. Failing to do so, you are missing one of the blessings of being a Rotarian (see examples of pages 6 and 7).

We have all heard the saying, "behind a successful man you will find a woman." My wife, Pat Knight, has been my essential partner in this adventure. Thank you to my bride of 54 years.

## District 5050 Clubs Recognized with a Presidential Citation

**Area A**

- Chilliwack**
- Chilliwack/Fraser
- Chilliwack Mt. Cheam

**Area B**

- Abbotsford**
- Abbotsford-Matsqui
- Abbotsford-Sumas**
- Mission Midday
- Mission Sunrise

**Area C**

- Aldergrove
- Cloverdale
- Langley**
- Langley Central
- Langley Sunrise

**Area D**

- Coquitlam**
- Coquitlam Sunrise
- Haney
- Meadow Ridge
- Port Coquitlam Centennial
- Port Moody**

**Area E**

- North Delta**
- Surrey

**Area F**

- Semiahmoo**
- Surrey-Newton
- White Rock**
- White Rock Millennium
- White Rock Peninsula

**Area G**

- Bellingham
- Bellingham Bay
- Bellingham Sunrise
- Mount Baker
- Whatcom County North**

**Area H**

- Anacortes**
- Fidalgo Island
- LaConner**
- North Whidbey Island Sunrise
- Oak Harbor
- San Juan Island
- South Whidbey Island**

**Area I**

- Burlington
- Mount Vernon
- Sedro Woolley

**Area J**

- Arlington
- Lake Stevens
- Marysville**
- Marysville Sunrise
- Stanwood-Camano Island

**Area K**

- Everett**
- South Everett-Mukilteo**

**Note:** The **bold type** is with Distinction

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## Snapshots from District 5050's Conference 2011 Harrison Hot Springs Resort and Spa - May 5-8 *Let the Good Times Roll!*



*Outside, it was cloudy as we looked out from the hotel.  
 Inside, the Rotarian fellowship was bright as we celebrated.*



**We were  
 Welcomed  
 at the  
 Registration  
 Table**

**On Thursday  
 we had  
 Dinner &  
 Entertainment**



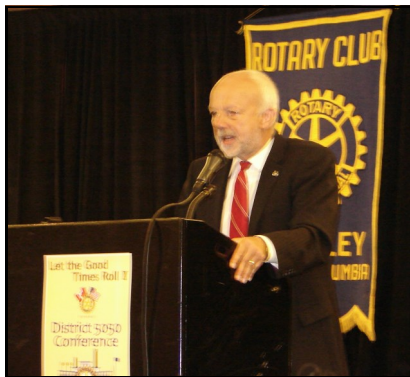
**Above:** Arlene and District Governor Wayne Wiebe with RI President's Representative Jennifer Jones and husband Nick. **Left:** Reid Sisters

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District Conference Snapshots (continued from page 3)



District Governor Wayne Wiebe and Conference Co-Chair Charlie Fox opened the conference standing in front of the flags of the nations, which had been carried in by Rotary Youth Exchange participants.



Friday morning's presentation was by **Christopher Gaze**, the Artistic Director of Vancouver, B.C.'s **Bard on the Beach Shakespeare Festival**.

He shared about the development of the theatre, which began with a vision of a tent theatre with the beautiful city of Vancouver in the background. In his talk he remarked that "whatever you can do, begin it." He added, "the world is too small for anything but love."

Friday lunch's speaker was **Ryan Walter**, an author who is a former NHL player and coach (assistant with Vancouver Canucks). He introduced his new book, *Hungry: Fueling Your Best Game*.

He noted that the secret to success is, "We need to stay hungry...if we don't have pain and are not hungry...we will not achieve." "Pilots don't take off until they know where they are going to land...whatever you focus on you get."



**A few more pictures and an excerpt of a presentation by Rotary International President's Representative, Jennifer Jones, can be found on page 11.**



Tiffany & Mike on their Honeymoon

**Tiffany McFadyen (Mike)**  
Rotary Club of Surrey Fraser-Heights, B.C.

**District 5050 Web Master (2011-2012)**

This month I have the honour to write an article about myself for the Peace Arch Journal. Originally I was shocked when I received the e-mail from Bob, but then I realized what an amazing opportunity this was to share with Rotarians throughout our amazing District! For those of who don't me, my name is Tiffany McFadyen (nee Parton). I am an outgoing, driven young woman who has become very talented at juggling many different hats. My main hat is being newly wed to my husband Mike. On February 18<sup>th</sup> we were married, and life could not get any better! My second hat is Development Officer, Fraser Valley Region for the Canadian Diabetes Association. My third hat, and probably my oldest and most cherished hat, is Rotarian.



When I was 14, I was an awkward teenager growing up in rural Ontario. I was one of those girls who wanted to do "more," but I couldn't figure out how to accomplish that. I started clubs; I ran events to raise money, but this still wasn't enough to fulfill my craving for "more". I heard about Rotary Youth Exchange and I applied on a whim without the knowledge of my parents. The day before my interview I told my mom about what I had done and forced her to come with me (although she was against me leaving the country for a year on my own). A day later I got the call that changed my life; I was going on Rotary Youth Exchange!

I embarked on my journey in July 2003 to exotic Thailand. I will never forget the memories of my life, my friends, my family and all of the amazing Rotarians I met during my time in Thailand. My year abroad also came with challenges that shaped and changed my life forever. Separatist Muslims began to bomb my hometown and death threats were made on every foreigner found within city limits. Life in small town Thailand became scary, and I will never forget the day that all of the RYE students and I fled the city, with my host mother sobbing uncontrollably at the bus station. This memory has stayed with me since that day.



"I was 15 when I was on a Rotary Youth Exchange"

I became a Rotarian because of this memory and all of the memories I have of a country enriched with such high values and morals. I became a new person during my time abroad, and I have Rotary to thank for that experience.

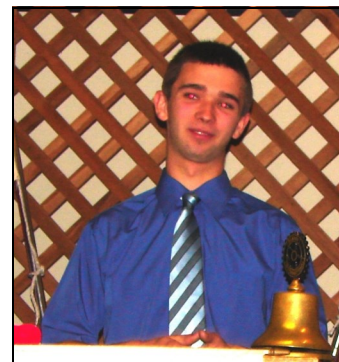
Since 2004 I have actively been involved in all Rotary youth programs. I truly believe that the youth of today are our Rotarians of tomorrow, and I am the living example of this. I am very blessed to be a Rotarian and I cannot encourage District 5050 enough to support and cherish the Youth who want to be involved with our clubs. They will bring clarity, new ideas, passion and vision...and most of all, they will push you to do bigger and better projects!

For me, I am not just a Rotarian who shows up at meetings and helps at projects. I am the new Webmaster for the District, which is a very exciting position moving into this new Rotary year. We are working at making a brand new site that will inspire you and encourage you to dream bigger. The new site will be launched in July and be equipped with easier navigation tools, new and updated resource material, inspirational videos and a Blog from our incoming District Governor, the inspirational Jane Helten! And don't forget, we will be all over Twitter and Facebook!!!

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*Peace Arch Journal's 2011 Tour of Clubs*

**Chilliwack Mt. Cheam, B.C.** (On July 7, 2011, they will meet at the Coast Hotel, 45920 First Avenue, Chilliwack)



(Left to right) President Jeff Shields was presiding during the club's breakfast meeting; Michael Regan was inducted as a new member by Darlene Koller, and 12th grade student Thomas Davies spoke about the educational support he received from the club's Chilliwack Children's Foundation (a PowerPoint about the foundation can be downloaded at <http://www.clubrunner.ca/Data/5050/795/HTML/112332//ChildrensFoundation2010-10.pdf>).

**North Delta, B.C.**



The lunch club meeting's presentation by Mark Savard & Scott McDonald was on the work of Covenant House in the Vancouver area.

Club president Sheri Brown proudly showed the Presidential Citation with Distinction which the club received at the district conference.



Sheri is standing with her son, Steven, whose costume is used to promote their annual lobster festival.

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Peace Arch Journal's 2011 Tour of Clubs (continued from page 6)

Langley, B.C.:



This is a tale of trying to be at two places at the same time. The current *PAJ* editor wanted to visit the Langley club following a brief time with the Surrey Newton club (at 5:00 p.m.). However, the Surrey Newton club changed their meeting time to 7:00 p.m. So, after dinner with the Langley president and incoming Peace Arch Journal editor, David Truman, your editor excused himself and dashed off to Surrey. Unfortunately, he missed a presentation by the commander of Canadian navy reserve base in Vancouver.

Surrey Newton, B.C.



At the Surrey Newton club, your editor was invited to participate in a very special club meeting with members of the young Rotary club, which was attended by District Governor Wayne Wiebe, Assistant Governors Cass Parel and Sean Hogan (serving as the photographer), and incoming AG Pat Bond..

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