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District Governor Jane Helten

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The Peace Arch Journal

The monthly newsletter for
Rotary District 5050

Jane Helten
Governor

This 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 news and articles and photographs to:
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Long articles may be truncated and all articles submitted may be edited before publication. Not all articles and photos submitted will be published.

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Heartbeat - Serving Wounded Warriors

<http://www.heartbeatforwarriors.org>

Heartbeat—Serving Wounded Warriors provides emergency assistance, therapeutic services, support groups, and morale-building programs for wounded service members and their families in Washington state. Our focus is on the wounded and injured. Heartbeat is a private, 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization — donations are tax deductible as allowed by law.

We offer our programs to wounded and injured service members from all branches of the military: Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marines, and Navy.



How we help

Heartbeat's programs and services for wounded warriors and their families are continually growing. We offer support for many types of needs: emergency, physical, emotional, and daily living.

Current services and programs include

- Emergency financial assistance
- Back in the Saddle Warriors—equine assisted therapy program
- Scuba Warriors—therapeutic scuba activity
- Morale-Building programs and events
- ARC kits for incoming wounded warriors

Why we help

Our brave families and service members make daily sacrifices for all of us. Heartbeat believes it's critical to step up and serve those who give endlessly for our freedom and way of life.

When brave warriors return home with physical and psychological injuries, everything changes. Health issues present unexpected challenges. This affects both the service member and the family. Injuries such as traumatic brain injury (TBI), post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), and paralysis are life changing.

Oftentimes, people forget about our brave, wounded warriors when they come home. Oftentimes that is when they need us the most.

Our goal at Heartbeat—Serving Wounded Warriors is to help our brave service members gain control over their health challenges and lead productive lives.

The military teaches our brave men and women to take care of themselves and others—they're givers, not takers. They don't ask for help. When their community voluntarily helps them, it creates a powerful impact on wounded service members' emotional and physical well-being.

History

The events of September 11, 2001, deeply affected many people in our nation. Janice Buckley was one of them. She felt the call to support our nation's military families but wasn't sure what to do. So she baked brownies for the National Guard.

This began a long journey of volunteer work for the United Service Organizations. From there she met many military families and learned different ways to help.

At one point Janice gathered gift certificates around Washington and gave them to soldiers arriving home from Iraq.

Determined to do more for our nation's most important resource, Janice founded Operation Homefront Washington (OHWA) in 2004. It became a chapter of the national Operation Homefront organization. By 2008, OHWA had served more than 29,000 families and had grown to more than 250 volunteers.

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ADVENTURES in CITIZENSHIP -2012

by Duane Buchanan,

Last week The Rotary Club of Surrey had the pleasure of meeting Alliance Babunga their representative to the 2012 Adventures in Citizenship Program hosted by The Rotary Club of Ottawa.

Alliance is a student at Kwantlen Park Secondary School and gave the club the presentation that won her the opportunity to be their representative to Ottawa. She is a recent immigrant to Canada arriving just 2 years ago who really understands the benefits of our country. She came from the War Torn country of D.R. Congo in Africa.



In her presentation she spoke to the Free and Multicultural Society we call CANADA. She will be a worthy representative of her School and our Club. Here she is with her father Pascal and Duane Buchanan who has spearheaded this program for the Club.

Abbotsford Wine Festival

The Rotary Club of Abbotsford-Matsqui will be holding its 18th Annual Wine Festival and Silent Auction on Saturday May 26th, 2012 between 7:00 PM and 10:00 PM at the Sevenoaks Shopping Centre in Abbotsford, B.C. Proceeds from the event will be donated to two worthy local charities, the Abbotsford Restorative Justice Advocacy Association and the Holmberg House Project of the Abbotsford Hospice Society. Cost of the event is \$30.00 and includes wine and beer tastings as well as hors d'oeuvres. There will be many great silent auction items available as well as a chance to win two tickets to anywhere Westjet flies. Tickets are all presold and will not be available at the door but can be purchased by contacting Darry Taylor at [604-854-3](tel:604-854-3)

District 5050 International Projects - Partners Wanted

The following is a list of clubs and international projects in need of partners

Club	Project	\$Needed	Location
Mt. Baker	3 water wells with pump Ventilator machine for hospital Water wells & pumps Contact: Dale Vander Giessen dalevg@comcast.net	\$4,455 ea. \$15,000 ongoing	Ghana Nepal Nigeria
Sedro-Wooley	Wood Stoves and Water Filters Garden, Well and Latrine 100+ Latrines Contact: Carl Garrison carig@gecorp.net	tbd tbd tbd	Honduras Burkina Faso S.W. India
Anacortes	Dental care for school children Contact: Dr Von and Betty Kuehn vonbetty@comcast.net	\$4,000	Guatemala
Burlington	Youth Experiencing Leadership participation in humanitarian service projects Contact: Bev Harrington bev_harrington@msn.com	ongoing	Guatemala
Lake Stevens	Medical/Dental clinic and Community Education Centre Contact: Barbara Knowles knowlesbarb@gmail.com	\$15,000+	Guatemala
White Rock	Eye Care Clinic and Equipment Contact: Michelle Elliott michelle@spectrumoptometry.com	\$15,000	Honduras
White Rock	Water and Sanitation for Nigeria Boarding School Contact: Clifford Grant clifford@shaw.ca	\$12,000	Nigeria
Semiahmoo	Help for Haiti Hunger and Malnutrition Consortium Contact: Lynn Morfitt lynnmorfitt@shaw.ca	ongoing	Haiti

Please provide information on current international projects, both those looking for partners and those not requiring additional help, to: **Jack Rae, Chair District 5050 International Projects Committee** at bettyjackrae@shaw.ca

Rotary @ work...Supporting Community & International projects;

The Rotary Club of White Rock, the oldest Rotary Club on the Peninsula, wishes to thank all the wonderful supporters who made our recent 30th. Annual Mega Book Sale such a great success.

The sale was held at our local shopping centre in South Surrey and brought hundreds of book lovers to browse and buy. Close to \$40,000 was raised. The ongoing co-operation of the mall, its retail merchants, service providers and the public has helped the Rotary Club of White Rock raise \$1 million over the years for charitable purposes.



This money has assisted local organizations in providing services to the old, the young and the challenged. It has also contributed to many worthwhile international initiatives including Polio Plus and relief for Haiti following its devastating earthquake two years ago. Closer to home, the Rotary Club of White Rock committed to raise \$250,000 as a contribution to the Peninsula's Centre for Active Living.

Pictured are Rotarians: Ramona Kaptyn, John Ansell, Peter Short, Chair, Ian Lagasse, President, Joan Apel, Jaqui Joys

District Conference REGISTRATION INFORMATION

ROTARIANS Full Registration	\$295.00 USD
NON ROTARIANS Full Registration	\$220.00 USD
YOUTH EXCHANGE, GSE, ROTARACT, INTERACT	\$200.00 USD
SATURDAY ONLY (Incl. Sunday Breakfast)	\$220.00 USD
LATE REGISTRATION	\$320.00 USD
(All registrations after 30 April)	
GOLF - Thursday	\$ 80.00 USD
FIESTA Thursday evening	\$ 45.00 USD
<u>(Not included in registration)</u>	



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IMPORTANT CONFERENCE INFORMATION

- **All registrations must be fully paid by April 30th.**
- NO REFUNDS AFTER APRIL 30th
- Check your registration for Thurs Golf & or dinner
 - If you need help contact Valerie Tibbetts; valtravelq@hotmail.com
- HOTEL
 - April 30th-last day to get the Rotary deduction for your reservation
 - May 1st regular rack prices will be in effect
- SPONSORS
 - We are looking for sponsors
 - Use the form (below)
 - Take advantage of the wide spread advertising with conference attendees

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PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO: DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2012

MAIL TO: VAL TIBBETS 4404 Bryce Drive Anacortes, WA 98221

Questions: "Rick Brown" rbwhidbey.rotary@gmail.com or "Sharon Ederg" sharonedberg@comcast.net**Double Recognition Points!**

"I am very happy to share with you that between **1 April and 1 July 2012**, double recognition points will be automatically given to Rotarians and friends of Rotary who are enrolled in Rotary's recurring giving program, [Rotary Direct](#).

The promotion is for individuals who make one or more scheduled (monthly, quarterly, or annual) contributions to the Annual Fund. This promotion was just announced and I encourage you to visit www.rotary.org in the next few days for detailed information about this promotion!

Questions about the promotion can be directed to the contact center and a detailed information guide should be on-line by the end of the week. Please spread this great news and increase support to The Rotary Foundation as well as encourage the quick, cost-effective and secure way of giving on-line with Rotary Direct!"

Bill Robson**District Rotary Foundation Committee Chair****2009-2013****Rotary District 5050**

Rotary's Success Depends on a Strong "Foundation"

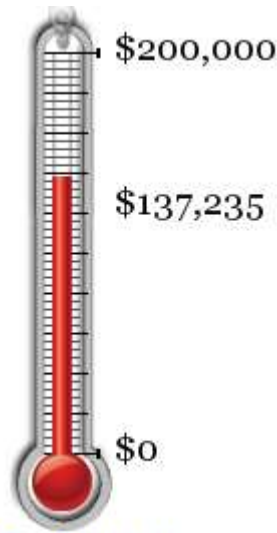
As a District we are now over \$116 per capita for Annual Giving

2011-12 Goals

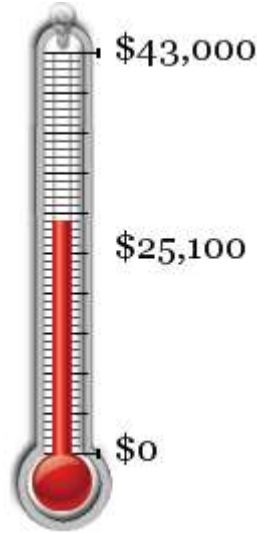
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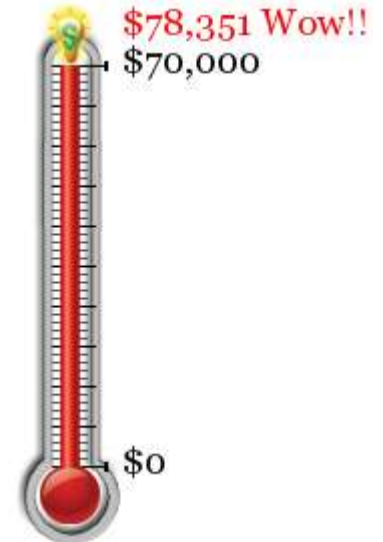
Polio Plus



Permanent Fund



Restricted Giving



EVERY
ROTARIAN
EVERY
YEAR

Is your club an Every Rotarian Ever Year (EREY) club?

24 clubs are over \$100 per capita for Annual Giving for 2011-2012:

1. San Juan Island, WA \$728.06
2. Cloverdale, BC \$443.60
3. White Rock, BC \$387.66
4. North Delta, BC \$336.83
5. Abbotsford-Sumas, BC \$313.64
6. Stanwood/Camano Island, WA \$281.68
7. Marysville Sunrise, WA \$210.00
8. Semiahmoo, BC \$203.83
9. LaConner, WA \$203.00
10. Chilliwack, BC \$187.41
11. Abbotsford, BC \$185.57
12. Fidalgo Island, WA \$171.16
13. Langley, BC \$170.01
14. Port Coquitlam, BC \$152.63
15. Everett, WA \$141.95
16. Snohomish, WA \$141.25
17. Coquitlam, BC \$135.57
18. Langley Central, BC \$128.24
19. Burlington, WA \$123.20
20. South Everett/Mukilteo, WA \$121.55
21. North Whidbey Island Sunrise \$116.93
22. South Whidbey Island, WA \$116.12
23. Whatcom County North \$106.67
24. White Rock millennium \$105.22

If every member, of these 24 clubs, contributes any amount to the Annual Giving Fund of the Rotary Foundation, they will all receive Every Rotarian, Every Year banners.

Top ten clubs in Polio contributions per member:

1. San Juan Island, WA \$459.68
2. Arlington, WA \$299.52
3. Stanwood/Camano Island, WA \$207.82
4. White Rock Millennium, BC \$160.56
5. Abbotsford-Sumas, BC \$154.00
6. LaConner, WA \$121.60
7. Surrey-Guilford, BC \$117.65
8. Marysville Sunrise, WA \$100.00
9. North Delta, BC \$97.58
10. Chilliwack Mt. Cheam, BC \$85.55

Rotary International announced in January that Rotarians worldwide have raised about \$202.6 million for Rotary's Challenge from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Although, we have met the Gates Foundation's Challenge, funds are still needed to eradicate Polio from Pakistan, Afghanistan and Nigeria. We are very close to eradicating Polio.

Total Polio Plus Giving by District 5050 during Gates Challenge is over \$900,000 !!!

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Improving Water Quality to Save Lives: A Rotary Peace Fellowship Experience

As many of you know, I have been based at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill for the last two years with a strong focus on water issues. My studies here have been generously funded by the Rotary Foundation and I am grateful for much guidance and support from family, friends, colleagues, expert researchers/ practitioners, and corporate/institutional partners in my learning experience.

On Saturday March 31 the Ninth Annual Rotary Spring Peace Conference will be held in Chapel Hill, North Carolina and as one of nine Rotary Peace Fellows I will have the opportunity to share lessons learned on improving access to clean water in developing countries – based on my experience in Kibera, Kenya as a case study and where I will go from here. I would like to invite you to attend the live online video broadcast of my presentation (details below). Attached is a summary with more details of my topic.

Rotary Peace Fellows pursue Master's degrees in areas related to peace and development and our studies are graciously sponsored by the Rotary Foundation, one of the world's leading humanitarian organizations. During the conference, eight other Peace Fellows will discuss topics such as health policies in South Sudan, development in the Brazilian Amazon, and Japan's role in peace-building efforts in Africa and you are welcome to watch their presentations too. For the full program visit: <http://www.rotarypeacecenternc.org/>.

My presentation will begin this Saturday, March 31, at 10:40am Eastern Standard Time and will last 15 minutes, followed by a 10 minute Q&A and a demonstration of a water purification method. For those viewing from overseas, this time corresponds to 10:40am in Montreal/Toronto, 5:40pm in Nairobi, 6:40pm in Abu Dhabi, and 10:40pm in Hong Kong. The live web stream starts at 9am until 3:30pm (local time) at: http://global.unc.edu/live_stream/. Viewers will need to make sure they have Microsoft Silverlight installed on their computers. You can install it for free by going to <http://www.microsoft.com/silverlight/>.

I hope you can join and I welcome any questions about the work that I have been involved with. Thank you again for your support and interest in my work, and looking forward to future collaboration.

Best regards, Ryan Rowe

Rotary Peace Fellow 2010-2012

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The Sedro-Woolley Rotary Club
requests the pleasure of your
company at our

40th Annual
Sedro-Woolley Rotary
AUCTION

*Celebrating 90 Years
of Sedro-Woolley Rotary!*

May 4, 2012

Doors open at 5:30 pm

St. Joseph Center
215 North 15th Street
Mount Vernon, WA



The Roar'in 20's

The 40th Annual Sedro-Woolley Rotary Club Auction will be held Friday, May 4 at the St. Joseph Center 215 N. 15th Street, Mount Vernon.

The auction will be a great time to celebrate 40 years of generosity and giving with this gala event. One hundred percent of the net proceeds go to worthy charities that include our youth and others in need at the local, national and international level. Our silent and live auction includes a wide variety of items from shrubs, to fine art, to exciting trips, dinners, and much, much more!

The committee has chosen the Roaring 20's for this year's auction. We encourage you to relax and dress in casual or dressy attire.

Tickets will go fast so make sure you get your order form in early. If you would like to invite friends, please put their names, addresses, and dinner selections on your order form.

The dinner selections are listed below.

We look forward to seeing you at St. Joseph Center on May 4th! Help us make our 40th annual auction the BIGGEST and BEST ever!

Sedro-Woolley Rotary Club President: Mark Mauden
Auction Co-Chairman: Mark Venn and John Hunter

Dinner Selections:

- Salmon glazed with yogurt caper sauce. Served with wild rice, fresh green beans and sliced carrots
- Filet served medium rare and topped with Béarnaise sauce. Accompanied by potatoes au gratin, fresh green beans and sliced carrots
- Penne pasta with vegetables and fettuccini sauce

For reservations, go to:

<http://www.clubrunner.ca/Data/5050%5C807%5CHTML%5C13554%5C2012RotaryAuctionReservationcard.pdf>



The Rotary Club of White Rock and BC211 Partner to Launch Valuable Awareness Tool for Seniors

White Rock – March 16, 2012 - The peninsula's oldest Rotary Club is distributing a Seniors' Help Line magnet informing seniors they can Dial 2-1-1 to find help and services they need in the community. Whether it's home support services, subsidized accommodation or a centre to meet others, seniors can dial 2-1-1 to get the information they are seeking. The call is free, confidential, multilingual and available 24/7.

The Rotary Club of White Rock joined forces with BC211 to produce the magnets which are available through numerous organizations and churches on the peninsula including Sources Community Resource Centres, Come Share, Fraser Health, Kent Street Centre and CARP.

The magnet is the brainchild of White Rock Rotarians Don Jones and Linda Sinclair. Both are retired and were looking at volunteer options involving seniors. Joining forces, they found there were many service providers in the community to help seniors with problems ranging from overcoming isolation to avoiding abuse to staying at home longer, but finding this information was confusing and overwhelming to seniors as well as to family and caregivers.

"We found it was not easy for seniors to seek the help or advice they wanted or needed," says Don Jones. "Looking for a simple way to access all these valuable services that are available, Linda and I did some research, found BC211, paid them a visit, and things snowballed from there."

Myrna Holman, Director of BC211, agreed that Rotary is a trusted brand amongst seniors and that partnering to get the 211 message out to seniors was a very good idea. Thus, the magnet with the Rotary Wheel, a world-wide recognized and trusted symbol, was born. As well as the Rotary Wheel, the magnet bears the BC211 logo and the United Way logo. The United Way of the Lower Mainland provides funding for BC211 as part of its Building Stronger Communities foundational strategy, which focuses on removing barriers for vulnerable populations and supporting poverty reduction information and referral services, and crisis and volunteers centres.

"Dialing 211 helps link people rapidly and easily to the services they need, avoiding the stress and confusion of searching for programs and services," says Rotarian Linda Sinclair. "We are happy to be partnering with BC211 to help seniors in our community and beyond find social, community and government services."

Currently, BC211 provides services to communities in the Metro Vancouver, Fraser Valley and Squamish-Lillooet Regional Districts.

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Certified Information and Referral Specialists help callers to determine their needs and options when they dial 2-1-1. These Specialists are trained to ascertain which programs and services the caller is eligible for, to handle crisis calls and to advocate on behalf of the caller if needed. Calls to 211 are free; services are multilingual and available 24 hours per day, seven days a week. By simply dialing 2-1-1, callers can easily find the resources in their area that are most appropriate to their situation. A call to 211 is a confidential call. Telephones do not have call display, and I&R Specialists do not ask for any identifying information, beyond what is needed to find appropriate services (usually age, gender, and community).

For media inquiries and information please call:

BC211 Marketing & Communications Coordinator, Jessie Hannigan, 604-708-4063 or email jessie@bc211.ca or Ramona Kaptyn, 778-294-0787 or email ramonakaptyn@yahoo.ca

For magnets please call:

White Rock Rotarians:

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Linda Sinclair, 604-542-9271 or email ljsinclair@shaw.ca



(Note: The above article applies only to residents of British Columbia)

Langley Has Talent!

It's back!!! After an overwhelming success last year, all four Rotary Clubs in Langley have partnered again for the Langley Has Talent show 2012.

Singers! Dancers! Band! Yo-Yo master! Celebrity Judges! Come see it all! Help participate in the voting for your choice on talent!

Our Mission Statement: Our purpose is for Langley's Rotarians to model qualities of leadership and character as we work to raise awareness regarding the need for a performing arts theatre by showcasing talent from within our community.

Sponsorship opportunities are still available. Please contact us through our website listed below.

Please come out and support Langley talent for our goal of a future performing arts centre in Langley!

Dates: **April 21**, Saturday semi finals 7 pm- 9:30pm

May 5, Saturday the finals 7 pm – 9:30pm

Where: Christian Life Assembly, 21277- 56 Ave, Langley B.C.

Ticket cost: \$20.00 each or combo ticket price \$35.00 for both evenings

Tickets sold at: Online PayPal @ Langley Has Talent website www.LangleyHasTalent.ca

Langley Times Office 20258 Fraser Highway (Mon. – Fri. 8-5pm) Cash only *No phone calls please*

Brookwood Homes 3229- 200th Street Langley (Mon.- Sat. 9-5pm) Cash only

More info is on our website:
www.langleyhastalent.ca

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LANGLEY HAS TALENT 2012

SEMI-FINALS: Saturday, April 21, 7-9:30
FINALS: Saturday, May 5, 7-9:30
Live at Christian Life Assembly
21277 56th Ave, Langley

Support Langley's Talent!
Reserve your ticket today at:
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20258 Fraser Hwy.
(Mon - Fri, 8:00am-5pm. No Phone Calls Please)

Show Tickets: Semi-Finals, April 21st, \$20.00
Finals, May 5th, \$20.00
Combo Ticket (both shows) \$35.00

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In Our Own Words

Uganda: The Pearl of Africa

DRFC William Robson, Rotary Club of Cloverdale, Canada, District 5050



Beneficiary of the microcredit project in Uganda.

Editor's note: Some identifying details, such as names of the project location and sponsors, have been omitted, to ensure confidentiality.

Sir Winston Churchill, said to have designated Uganda "The Pearl of Africa," is also reputed to have said the soil in Uganda is so fertile that if he stuck his walking cane in the ground in the morning, it would have taken root by evening.

My visit to Uganda began in Kampala after a flight from Ethiopia, where I had just participated in a National Immunization Day (NID) near the Sudanese border. I had offered my services to the cadre since I was already scheduled to be in Africa, and was pleased to be given an assignment to perform an interim monitor evaluation of a Health, Hunger and Humanity (3-H) Grant that was approved to provide educational and humanitarian aid to orphans and microcredit assistance to adults with HIV/AIDS. The microcredit portion of this project was of great interest to me as a retired banker.

I was picked up by a local Rotarian who drove me across the equator into Southern Uganda and to the site of

the project. Over the next three days, I was shown the benefits provided to some of the poorest people on the African continent by this 3-H grant. The people may be poor, but they certainly do not lack resourcefulness.

I met a young single mother who borrowed 100,000 shillings (US\$40) through the microcredit program, bought a pregnant sow, and then over the subsequent two years turned that investment into a small piggery with a young boar, a sow, and five piglets. In addition to that, by selling her piglets,

"The people may be poor, but they certainly do not lack resourcefulness."

she has opened a small village store with a wide variety of items for sale. Her "empire" is now valued at more than 1 million shillings (US\$400). By western standards this may not seem like a fortune, but by Ugandan standards she is rich beyond belief. Her son will most likely have a much better chance at advancement in Uganda than he would have previously.

The second day of my visit, I was introduced to some of the 38 members of the Rotary Community Corps (RCC). The vice president of the group made a 15-minute presentation to the assembled Rotarians to provide an update on their successes and plans for the future. I discovered that the woman who made the presentation had been illiterate when the RCC was formed and had never before spoken in public. Amazing, to say the least.

The following day, we met at a school where we had a chance to visit with some of the students who benefit from the educational portion of the project. They are provided with tuition fees,

uniforms, and school supplies, none of which they would be able to afford without the help of Rotary.

My first visit to Africa had it all.

Rotary rocks!

W. "Bill" Robson
DRFC District 5050
Rotary Club of Cloverdale, British Columbia, Canada

Recent Cadre Visits



Students benefiting from a microcredit project in Uganda.



PDG Babu Chacko visited a project that helped fund a thalassemia pediatric therapy center in Sri Lanka.



Ramesh Karkare (right) traveled to Nepal to visit a project supporting an oral surgery center.

Speakers Bureau

This section of the PAJ lists speakers who are willing to be part of your club's program. Do you know of a good speaker? Send the information to: editor.paj@gmail.com

Speaker	Topic	Loc	Contact
Janice Buckley	Heartbeat - Helping wounded warriors	USA	(425) 931-1047 janice@heartbeatforwarriors.org
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Linda J. Murray	Group Study Exchange	Both	(425) 348-3850 wk (425) 347-6738 home linda@evergreensecurity.com
Dr. Rodger Stark	Federal Health Care Reform - the Impact on You	USA	Caitlin Kincaid (206)937-9691 imtern@washingtonpolicy.org
Lee Harmon	Polio Plus/ Permanent Fund	Both	(360) 435-8595 rlh@wavecable.com
Bill Robson	The Rotary Foundation	Both	(604) 501-3335 william_robson@yahoo.ca
PDG Rod Thomson	Rotary Public Image	Both	(604) 855-1180 rodthomson@shaw.ca
Christina Flessner	Club Extension (New club creation)	Both	(604) 536-2011 cflessner@wheelchairfoundation.ca
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Scott Dudley	Membership	Both	(800) 286-4560 scott.dudley@edwardjones.com

Membership and Attendance Highlights for Feb. 2012

- The number of members in District 5050 as of 29 Feb. 2012 was 2762, an increase of 2 since Jan.
- Average Attendance for the district in Feb. was 71.9%; YTD is 73.2%. Last year the average was 70.9%
- **The club with the best attendance in February was Skagit (Mt. Vernon) with 100%.** Second was South Everett/Mukilteo with 93.6%. Third was Marysville Sunrise with 93.4%.