



Rotary District 5050

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Message from the District Governor

Dear Fellow District 5050 Rotarians,

I have visited several clubs to help with the installation of new Officers and Boards. It is wonderful to see the personalities of each club. You are all unique, special and I must say a lot of fun.

One of my highlights was my own installation on July 9th. What a nice turnout from the district. The evening was filled with fun, fellowship, a wonderful meal, and great entertainment. The census was "let's do it again next year". My thanks to all of you who attended.

Please visit our new upgraded fabulous website. <http://www.clubrunner.ca/portal/home.aspx?did=5050> Once you are there click on the many widgets on the front page. You can follow me on my blog, and see lots of pictures of what is happening in the District. Click on facebook, scroll down and click on links to pictures of installations I have done. Click on this link it will take you to Flickr where all of the pictures are posted. http://www.facebook.com/pages/Official-Rotary-District-5050/203123046365119?sk=app_159237157423118 Experiment, have fun and keep up with the many happenings throughout the year. It will be kept up to date so you will have the latest news, calendars, and contacts and just about anything, you need from the district. Thanks to Tiffany McFadyen who is our Webmaster for such a super job.

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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:
editor.paj@gmail.com by the 21st day of the month for possible inclusion in the next issue.

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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Well, it is now August, membership and extension month. It is time to invite someone to join Rotary. If you are uncertain how to do this, check with your club membership chair or look at our District website www.district5050.org "How to Propose a New Member". Each of us is responsible for bringing in qualified new members. Only Rotarians have the ability to increase our membership by inviting others to join our clubs.

Extension month. What is extension? Extension is the forming of new clubs. We have several who have expressed an interest. For help on chartering a new club please contact Extension Chair, Christianna Flessner "Christianna Flessner" <cflessner@cdnwheelchair.ca>, and Gene Vickers <genevickers@hotmail.com>. They will be more than glad to help you get started. We need to do this sooner rather than later.

I hope all of you are enjoying the summer which seems to have finally arrived.

"Reach Within To Embrace Humanity"

DG Jane

District Simplified Grants

The deadline is quickly approaching to submit your District Simplified Grant. We have funds that are available! Please get your applications into Gayle Carter at fish1@shaw.ca for your projects. All applications must be submitted by August 1st, 2011. For more information about the grants, please visit our website at www.district5050.org.

District Golfun

Golfun, a fundraising event for Polio Plus is coming up on August 19th, 2011 at the Homestead Golf and Country Club in Lynden. For more information, please visit www.district5050.org/golf or contact DGE Sean Hogan at shogan@buckleyhogan.com.

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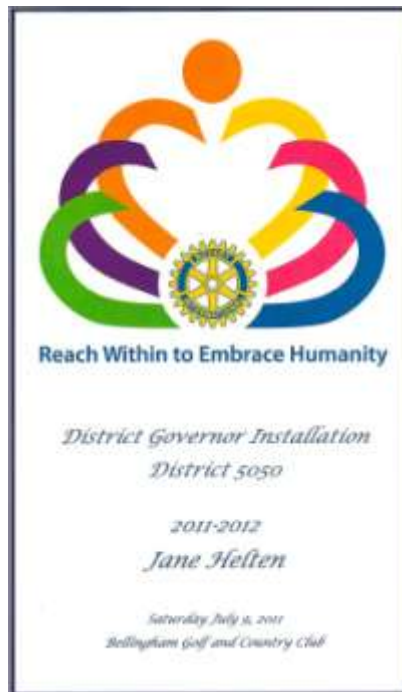
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Photo Gallery from the District Governor Installation

held July 9 at the Bellingham Golf and Country Club





Rotarians Build Health Clinic in Guatemala

A dream is nearly completed for Phase One of a project in Monterrico, Guatemala that has been the vision of Rotary Club of Lake Stevens in partnership with Healing the Children Oregon and Western Washington and the University of Washington Network of Family Medicine Residency Programs and the Centro Cristiano Cultural of Guatemala and several area and out of state Rotary Clubs. (The pictures below show the Clinic in its final stages.) A public open house ceremony is planned for early October and will involve representatives from the partnership organizations attending the ceremony in Monterrico.

The participating Rotary Clubs are: Vista Hermosa, Guatemala City; Alderwood-Terrace; Everett; Everett Port Gardner; Fidalgo Island; Northshore; Gary Indiana and the Legacy Foundation and Rotary Club of Sunriver, Oregon.

The Monterrico Community Clinic and Education Center

The reason The Rotary Club of Lake Stevens wanted to build a Clinic in rural Guatemala is that less than 10 percent of Monterrico's people have access to health care. So the club decided to enlist other partners to raise the \$118,400 as an international collaboration project that will help children in rural Guatemala access health care as well as providing education and resources to help their families gain new skills and improve their lives. To complete the funding, the Rotary Club of Lake Stevens still needs to raise approximately \$14,000.

Monterrico is on the Pacific Coast about two and a half hours southwest of Guatemala City. The community of Monterrico and surrounding villages has a population of about 22,800 people who live primarily at a subsistence level. Most are working poor are the working poor who have no sewers or toilets, no systems for water purification or sanitation, no garbage collection and no access to health care. The nearest public clinic is two hours away but the majority of the people lack transportation or the ability to pay medical fees. Therefore they simply do not access medical care for themselves or their children.

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Rotarians Build Health Clinic (continued from Page 4)

According to Barbara Knowles, chair of the Rotary Club of Lake Stevens International Service Committee, the Monterrico Clinic and Education Center project will increase the overall health care of the Guatemala people who live in the surrounding area. The clinic will offer basic health care for all ages including immunizations, a pharmacy, a laboratory, prenatal care, newborn and pediatric care, adult care, and dental care.

The clinic will promote educational classes in midwifery, public health and workplace and economic development training, and will model and teach proper sanitation, use of solar and water purification techniques, composting toilets and organic gardening. The center will provide jobs for local people. Plans are also underway to eventually add a birthing center, acute care beds and a surgery suite.

The commitment by the partnerships included a team of family medicine practitioners, dentists and volunteers from the Puget Sound area spending a week in September 2010 at the site where the clinic was being built and providing primary health care to the villagers and helping on various aspects of the clinic construction.

The Monterrico Community Clinic and Education Center represents each of the areas of Rotary International Rotarians asked to emphasize this year: Water and Sanitation, Health and Hunger, Literacy. A volunteer Seattle architect has carefully designed the clinic to best suit the needs of the indigenous population and available community resources. Help us complete the funding of this project by making a contribution today.

You can access our club and PayPal through the following links: Club Runner: <http://lakestevensrotary.org> and Facebook: <http://goo.gl/cb5IZ>.

Gary O'Rielly, Rotary Club of Lake Stevens

Canadian Eyesight Global Appeal for Funds

Rtn Kalayan Banerjee
President. R.I. (2011-2112)
Rotary International
R.I. Convention. New Orleans. USA.

May 20, 2011



Canadian
Eyesight
Global

Dear Rtn. Kalyan,

Please accept our heartiest congratulations with respect and love for taking over the responsibilities of Rotary International as the President (2011-2012). We are really proud of your dedication and a dynamic personality, always ready and willing to help the needy, helpless and less-fortunate people of the developing world. There is much work to be done in Rotary International and we are fully confident that Rotary will flourish many folds under your dedication and dynamic leadership.

We would like to bring to your kind attention that Canadian Eyesight Global is a registered not-for-profit society registered as per the laws of Canada, formerly known as Project Eyesight-India, sponsored by Rotary Club of Surrey-Guildford. R.I. Dist. 5050. BC. Canada. It has successfully sponsored and completed over 65,000 free cataract (IOL) surgeries and over 250,000 people treated for avoidable blindness in rural parts of Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Gujarat, India, since 1989.

Canadian Eyesight Global has a 15 dedicated Canadian directors, made of medical professional, eminent surgeons, doctors, business leaders and volunteers. Anup Singh Jubbal, MSM, is the founder and President of Canadian Eyesight Global and the recipient of the Governor General of Canada's, "Meritorious Service Medal" and the recipient of numerous highest recognitions and awards in Canada.

Over 200 Rotary Clubs, local hospitals and dedicated volunteers have joined hands in India, since 1989, and support is on going. The Rotary Club Surrey-Guildford. R.I. Dist. 5050. BC. Canada, with support of Matching Grant of R. I. Rotary Foundation and host Rotary Club of Ludhiana NE. R.I. Dist. 3070. India, donated a Medical Ambulance Van, which is working in rural areas of Punjab for Prevention of Blindness.

We would appreciate your full cooperation and generous support for bringing the name and the activities of Canadian Eyesight Global, to the light in all highest levels of Rotary International, all Rotary Districts, Rotary Clubs in India, Canada and around the world. Please visit our Booth No. 1004 at the R.I. Convention. New Orleans.

My wife Saroop joins me sending her best wishes and regards to you and the first lady.

Respectfully yours

Anup Singh Jubbal, MSM
President and CEO.

APPEAL TO NON RESIDENT INDIANS

We are in the process of establishing a Primary Eye Care Hospital Facility and Prevention of Blindness Centre near Amritsar. Punjab. India. Property owners in Punjab. India, who wish to donate land or building for establishment of Primary Eye Care Hospital facilities and Prevention of Blindness Centres in Punjab. India. may contact:

Charitable Donation Form

I would like to make my tax deductible donation of :

- \$ 20
- \$ 35
- \$ 135
- \$ 250
- \$ 500
- Other \$ _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Province _____ Postal Code _____

Contact No. _____

Canadian Eyesight Global is a registered Canadian Charitable Society : Charity # BN 88518 6601 RR0001

A tax deductible receipt will be issued to Canadian taxpayers for all donations of \$10 or more.

Please send completed form with your appreciated donation cheque to



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CNN Nero speaks at Rotary Club of White Rock



Budi Soehardi spoke to the Rotary Club of White Rock on July 5, 2011. CNN searches the globe yearly for unheralded heroes; everyday people changing the world. Budi Soehardi was recognized as a CNN Hero in 2009.

In 1999, Budi and his wife founded a children's home in one of the poorest areas of Indonesia and today the Roslin Orphanage in West Timor provides food, shelter and education to at least 45 children. The couple has a personal relationship with each orphan, and consider each child as part of their own family. In fact Budi has pledged to be "father" to each child until he or she grows up. Budi is a Rotarian and a member of an E-Club.

Rotary International has been involved in matching grants to assist the orphanage and its growing number of outreach programs.

Joan Apel, Rotary Club of White Rock

Making a difference

JANA BEKKER

An ex-Rotary ambassadorial scholar is making a difference in the Fisantekraal community by tackling social issues including alcoholism, drugs, gangsterism, violence and poverty, hands-on.

Yashar Taheri-Keramati (25), of Iranian descent, who lives in Fisantekraal in a shack was the guest speaker at Bellville Rotary's awards evening recently.

Yashar came to South Africa for the first time five years ago as an ambassadorial scholar for Rotary.

He stayed for a year and returned to South African soil last year. Yashar started the organisation, Peace and Love International through which he works with members of the community experiencing problems ranging from poverty and nutrition to domestic abuse and drug-related problems.

Yashar said alcoholism and drugs were a major problem in the community. "Tik is sort of the poor man's Crystal meth," he said. Tik abuse is common amongst many drug users.

He said the abuse of alcohol affected the community that has been his home for the past year. "It is legal, highly ad-

vertised and fairly cheap. One can buy a beer for the same price as that of a bread, making it easily obtainable."

Yashar said domestic abuse arises from alcohol abuse and told guests about a fight that recently ensued in the community where guns were pulled between two tavern owners - one drunk.

He said the community was plagued by gangsterism and violence and said a major worry was that children in the community admired gangs.

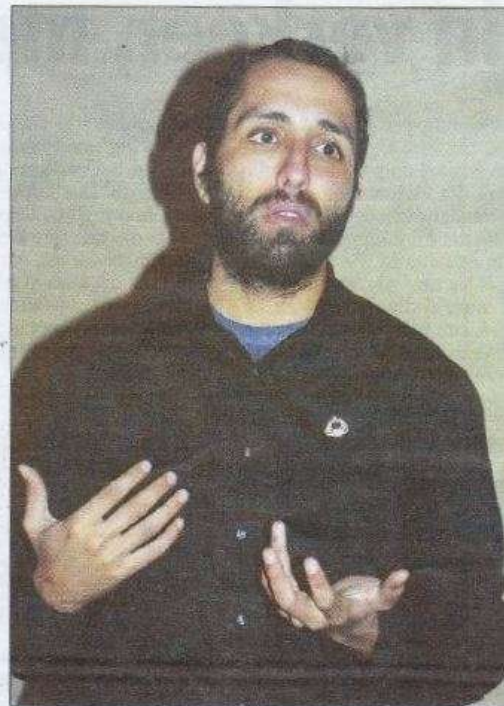
Through his organisation, Yashar works towards solutions, by creating opportunities for the youth to learn, play and socialise in a safe environment.

"I realised many of the children were hungry and therefore nutritious snacks are served during the workshops I give in the community," Yashar said.

Through his programme, Yashar develops a positive self-image in the children and helps to identify positive role models.

"I teach them basic, fundamental life-skills to ensure healthy growth," he said.

Yashar views it as very important to have fun during the workshops. "As soon as you lose the fun, the children lose interest," he said.



Yashar Taheri-Keramati makes a difference in the Fisantekraal community through his organisation, Peace and Love International.

Mt. Baker Club Scholarships

Mt. Baker Rotary club located in Lynden WA had the privilege to award 24 scholarships totaling \$36,600 to students from five separate area high schools. The students will be attending a wide variety of four year universities as well as two year technical/vocational schools.

Mt. Baker Rotary introduced a new scholarship in recognition of Harvey Lagerway who passed away this year. Harvey owned and operated Maple Leave Auto Body in Lynden, was a charter member of Mt. Baker Rotary, a Paul Harris Fellow, and had 29 ½ years of perfect attendance. The scholarships named in his honor were for students who would be attending a two year technical/vocational school with a focus in the automotive field. Mt Baker Rotary would like to extend a thank you to all those individuals who contributed to the scholarship fund through our annual auction and by personal gifts. The contributions were greatly appreciated.

Josh Howell, Mt. Baker Rotary

District Homelessness Grant

The mission of this matching grant is twofold. We want to provide matching funds to clubs for projects that will help end family homelessness in our region. Secondly, as Rotarians, we are seeking to become better educated in this serious local issue. This \$100,000.00 funding came through a dialog that began in the strong of 2010 with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. These discussions included our neighbouring Districts (District 5020 and District 5030). All three of these Rotary Districts applied for a grant and each of our Districts were successful.

This is an important distinction, a grant was awarded to District 5050 and the grant we are discussing is a grant from District 5050 to successful grant applying clubs. The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation have strict guidelines that prohibit our clubs from suggesting they have been awarded funding from the Gates Foundation. Please keep this in mind with regards to PR or any presentations at your club meetings.

Applications and instructions for this grant can be found at www.district5050.org.

Harvesting Hope Hawaiian Style

In the Hawaiian tradition of celebrating with their friends the **La Conner Rotary Club** invites you to a feast with fine food and a unique auction. The date is Saturday August 27th from 11-3 at Maple Hall in the town of La Conner.

A sampling of packages featuring “one-of-a kind” experiences:

- A classic car tour of Skagit Valley with picnic
- You as a character in a mystery novel
- Waterfront Cabin on Lopez Island for a weekend
- Jazz on the patio for 20 of your friends
- A week in Hawaii
- A condo in Sonoma
- A private wine tasting party

Harvesting Hope raises money that funds local scholarships and literacy projects. Reservations by August 13th. Cost is \$65. A listing of auction items is located on our website at www.2011harvestinghope.org

Brunch with a Hawaiian flavor will be provided by LaConner Seafood & Prime Rib. We are serving pastries & Fruit, Spring Greens with Passion Fruit Vinegar Dressing, Huli Huli Chicken, Kaluha Pork, Fried Rice with Vegetable and Hawaiian Sweet Bread Pudding with Tropical Fruit Sauce.

Lee Carlson, Rotary Club of La Connor

The Rotary Foundation - District Report 2010-11

Top 10 giving to Annual Programs Fund per member:

1. Stanwood/Camano Island	\$558.67
2. Abbotsford-Sumas	\$522.64
3. Langley	\$369.45
4. Port Moody	\$358.58
5. Cloverdale	\$335.05
6. White Rock	\$309.01
7. Abbotsford	\$257.70
8. White Rock Millenium	\$256.17
9. Semiahmoo (White Rock)	\$235.35
10. Fidalgo Island	\$228.13

Top 6 giving to Polio Plus per member:

1. Abbotsford-Sumas	\$295.72
2. Stanwood/Camano Island	\$276.82
3. San Juan Islands	\$244.64
4. Semiahmoo	\$177.76
5. White Rock Peninsula	\$176.64
6. Langley	\$176.45

Total Annual Programs Fund for 2010-2011: \$381,878.81
(112% of goal & \$133.85 per capita)

Bottom 5 giving to Annual Programs Fund per member:

53. US club	\$27.03
54. US club	\$22.93
55. US club	\$3.13
56. Canadian club	\$0.00
57. Canadian club	\$0.00

Restricted giving, which includes Polio Plus, World Fund and designated Matching Grants: \$252,477.32

Permanent Fund: \$39,028.24

Bill Robson, Foundation Committee Chair

Are you looking for the Monthly Membership and Attendance Report?

The report will be sent directly from now on to all club presidents and secretaries. It will also be archived on the new District 5050 Website.

Membership and Attendance Highlights for June 2011

Sorry! Because of an early cutoff date (so the Editor can go on vacation!) the Membership and Attendance Highlights for June 2011 cannot be included in this issue. The September issue will have both June & July highlights.