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Message from the District Governor

Rotary Awareness Month Begins



Here we are into the New Year already. Your year is half over and so is mine. We still have time to reach our goals however, so let us renew our efforts as we move forward in 2012.

January is Rotary Awareness Month. It is a month of opportunity to share what it means to be a Rotarian. Rotary's strength lies in its more than 33,000 clubs in over 200 countries and geographical areas. It is a month when we can train our members on Rotary History. A great place to get that kind of information is by subscribing to The Rotary Global "History" Fellowship newsletter. You can go to <http://www.rghf.org/join/index.htm> to subscribe.

Another way is to raise awareness of your club's projects among your community by sharing that history with your community, new members and refresh long standing members of what your club has done.

You might ask members to share a personal story or experience that they have had because of Rotary. Every Rotarian has a Rotary story that can be educational and inspiring.

The beginning of the New Year is a good opportunity to renew inspiration for the rest of the Rotary year.

Happy New Year

Jane Helten, DG

2011-12 Theme



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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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ShelterBox in the Philippines

Holiday greetings from ShelterBox USA, Inc. As the new year approaches, we have been reflecting on the 25+ disasters to which ShelterBox has responded this year. With the help of our supporters, we have responded to earthquakes, tsunamis, tornados, tropical storms and flooding, like what the Philippines recently experienced. In many cases, Rotarians in the field, both our own response team members and in-country liaisons we engage, have helped us deliver emergency shelter and other essential equipment in the days following disaster.

To that end, I thought you'd enjoy learning about the role of Rotary in our response to the flooding and storm damage in the Philippines. Rotarians from Cagayan de Oro and Iligan, towns in Mindanao that were worst affected by Typhoon Washi on December 16, have offered their assistance to the ShelterBox Response Team on deployment there to help put up ShelterBox tents.

Response team volunteers Abner Tayco and Jesus Nicdao, arrived in the country's second largest island on December 20. They found many families in need of emergency shelter and lifesaving supplies, having had their homes swept away by the flash floods. With nearly 1,000 people dead and over 280,000 displaced by the late-season tropical storm, Philippines President Benigno Aquino has declared a national calamity, according to the BBC: "First priority is to relocate to areas that no longer pose a danger to them," he told a meeting in Cagayan de Oro.



The ShelterBox team has been working with the local government to find suitable safe sites to pitch the ShelterBox tents. Abner and Jesus have also been demonstrating to volunteers from local Rotary clubs how to set up the ShelterBox tents.

"The assistance we have had from Rotary has been invaluable here," said Jesus, himself a Rotarian and also Chairman and Founder of ShelterBox Philippines. "It is possible for Abner and I to set up the tents ourselves but it would have been a much slower process. Now that we have shown the Rotarians how to do it, they will be able to help us set up camps rapidly. This will allow families who have lost everything to soon begin to rebuild their lives, offering them shelter, warmth and dignity - assets everyone should have so close to Christmas."

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Prepositioned ShelterBoxes in the Philippine city of Clark have enabled ShelterBox's quick response and are being flown to the affected areas by the Philippine Air Force. You'll be able to follow our progress responding to this disaster and others at www.shelterboxusa.org, www.facebook.com/shelterboxusa or www.twitter.com/shelterboxus.

Thank you for your commitment to service above self as you, and fellow Rotarians from District 5050, ensure the world's most vulnerable receive the assistance they need. Should you have any questions about ShelterBox and our work to deliver humanitarian aid in the form of shelter, warmth and dignity to disaster survivors around the world, please let me know.

(The article above is from an email sent to DG Jane Helten from Emily Sperling.)

11 Reasons Why I Love Thailand

by NomadicMatt

I've been to Thailand more times than I can count. I've lived in Bangkok twice and if I stay away for more than a year, I feel as if a piece of me is missing. It's been 18 months since I've last been here and my excitement oozes off me like sweat during a hot Bangkok summer.

People often ask me why I return to places I've already visited instead of exploring somewhere new. Well, that's an easy answer – it's because I feel attached to them. [I feel at home when I'm visiting them](#). And Thailand is probably the one place outside of the US where I feel most at home.

And why do I love Thailand so much? Well, let me count the ways:

1. The Delicious Food:



**Want to know the other 10 reasons?
Read the February Peace Arch Journal!**

International Projects Seminar

Saturday January 28th, 2012 8am to 3pm

Rotary Field House,
14600 Rotary Way,
S.Surrey Athletic Park,
Surrey, BC

Cost: \$35.00
Register Online

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

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Volunteers return to Guatemala to Improve the Lives of the Poor



1. Harv Jubie stands with a 10,000-liter water tank he donated to the Hands for Peacemaking Foundation's Mission House. 2. Larry Jubie (left) and Steve Fulton work on a construction project with the Hands for Peacemaking Foundation. 3. A group of Everett-area Hands for Peacemaking Foundation volunteers, with desks destined for schools they have built, pose during a work trip this year to Santa Cruz Barillas, Guatemala.



4. Harv Jubie (left) works on a roof with another Hands for Peacemaking Foundation volunteer during a trip to Guatemala. 5. This school in Guatemala was built by Everett-area Hands for Peacemaking Foundation

They have seen the poorest of the poor. They have seen their investments of time, money and sweat make life better for people in rural [Guatemala](#). For at least a dozen years, brothers Harv and Larry Jubie have joined other Everett-area volunteers on service trips to Guatemala with the [Hands for Peacemaking](#) Foundation.

"We go because we make a little difference in the world," said Harv Jubie, 69, who helped build schools during a trip to Guatemala in March. It was the Marysville man's 13th work trip to the Central American country that shares its northern border with Mexico. With the trips, he is a year ahead of his younger brother Larry, who has journeyed to Guatemala for 12 years..

"We've seen a lot of changes over the past dozen years, a lot of improvements over what they had," said Larry Jubie, 64, who also lives in Marysville. "These are really poor villages." People have annual incomes of about \$600 -- the poorest of the poor," he said. "Every day is a hand-to-mouth existence, getting water and firewood to burn. And every day, they're out to get some food. They don't eat every day. It really is hard."

The nonprofit Hands for Peacemaking Foundation was founded in 1985 by Dr. Leon Aller, a Snohomish family physician, and his wife, Virginia. [Dr. Aller](#) died in 2008, and his [wife died](#) two years later.

Traveling to Guatemala's northwest highlands area, Dr. Aller was moved to help by what he saw there: malnutrition, tuberculosis, polio, and places without electricity or clean drinking water. He was persuasive in enlisting help from the [Rotary Club of Everett](#)-Port Gardner and from churches and other area organizations.

In the Guatemalan town of Santa Cruz Barillas and outlying villages, foundation volunteers have built a Mission House, the Aller Skills Center to help with work training, and many schools.

This year, Harv and Larry Jubie were honored as recipients of the Hands for Peacemaking Foundation's Aller Humanitarian Award. The 2011 awards were presented at a foundation dinner and fundraising auction in late October at the Everett Yacht Club. This is the third year for the award, previously given to Virginia Aller and to Terry Earnheart, who has made volunteer trips and serves on the foundation's board of directors.

Pete Kinch, executive director of the Hands for Peacemaking Foundation and a former Everett mayor, said the goal of the awards is to recognize local people who make a difference internationally.

"The Jubies are an excellent example of what the Aller award represents," Kinch said. "Both have given of their time and resources to travel to rural Guatemala annually to build schools, establish mobile libraries and work with remote villagers."

Through Rotary, the brothers have also traveled to Ethiopia in an effort to provide polio vaccine to people there. Here at home, Kinch said, Harv and Larry Jubie have given many hours to the [Providence General](#) Foundation, the Marysville Community [Food Bank](#), and the YMCA, Rotary and Boys & Girls Club in Marysville. Both have been district governors for [Rotary District 5050](#), which includes clubs from Everett to British Columbia.

The foundation is working to formalize the process of making the award selections, and Kinch said that next year he expects the search for recipients to be broadened. "So many people are doing so many great things in the international area," he said.

They have been co-workers building schools in Guatemala, but the Jubie brothers did not work together before retirement. Harv Jubie ran his own construction company and Larry Jubie worked in banking.

In trips that last about 10 days, they are able to complete schools and reroof homes. Both plan to go back to Guatemala this March.

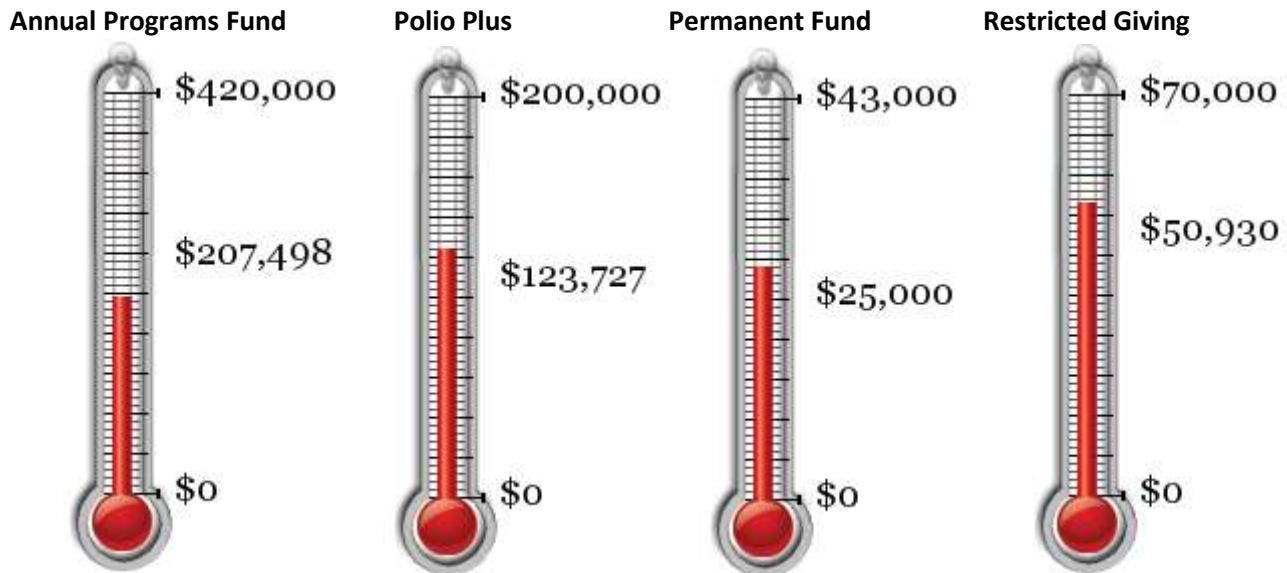
"When we first started going down there, kids only went to about third grade. They had to be out working, helping and providing," Larry Jubie said. "Now we go to a lot of those villages, kids go to school maybe until sixth grade.

"I try to explain to people why we go down there," he said. "They don't understand why I spend my time out in these villages. Once you've gone down there one time, you have an understanding."

"It's a short time out of your life," Harv Jubie added.

Rotary's Success Depends on a Strong "Foundation"

2011-12 Goals



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



RI President Kalyan Banerjee and DG Jane Helten's goal for The Rotary Foundation this year is EREY in which every Rotarian gives SOMETHING, to the Annual Giving Program of the Rotary Foundation, while averaging \$100.00 per capita to the Annual Fund. It is DG's Jane's goal to have District 5050 become an EREY district. In order to do so, everyone has to participate.

All Rotarians can take pride in the achievements of our Foundation, from our work for Polio eradication to our Rotary Centers for International Studies to projects that improve lives every day. But, our contributions to the Rotary Foundation go beyond financial support. Rotarians are serving as volunteers to bring health care to remote, underserved area. Rotarian families are welcoming Ambassadorial Scholars and Group Study Exchange teams into their homes, establishing lasting international friendships. And millions of children are receiving the precious Polio vaccine during National Immunization Days.

- Steve Morach

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

1. San Juan Island \$662.90
2. White Rock \$364.17
3. Cloverdale \$235.73
4. Stanwood/Camano Island \$223.55
5. North Delta \$210.72
6. Marysville Sunrise \$185.33
7. LaConner \$176.25
8. Port Coquitlam \$152.63
9. Langley \$146.67
10. Semiahmoo \$134.95
11. Coquitlam \$129.76
12. Chilliwack \$121.14
13. Abbotsford \$116.34
14. Snohomish \$100.00

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

Polio Plus - Seven clubs are over \$100 per capita for 2011-2012:

1. San Juan Island \$459.68
2. Stanwood/Camano Island \$203.63
3. Arlington \$188.37
4. White Rock Millennium \$160.56
5. Abbotsford-Sumas \$154.00
6. LaConner \$120.08
7. Surrey-Guildford \$117.65

Polio Challenge (Dec 2007 - Dec 2011)

DDF : \$154, 350 Contributions: \$738,398 Total from D5050: **\$892,748**

Arlington Rotary makes donations

Arlington Rotary Club has given more than \$39,500 to charitable organizations since its annual Duck Dash fundraiser on July 4. The organizations receiving money from the service club include:

- \$20,000 to the Arlington Community Food Bank for capital funds to build a new facility located near Arlington Municipal Airport. (See below for details.)
- \$5,000 to the Arlington Chamber of Commerce to help put on Frontier Days in Arlington.
- \$5,000 to Kids' Klostet that provides clothing and shoes to school kids in need.
- \$4,000 to Open Door Theatre that teaches students safety skills through dramatic productions to protect them from sexual and physical abuse, as well as bullying.
- \$2,500 to the Mount Baker Boy Scouts to improve a camping structure on Fire Mountain to enable year-round camping.
- \$1,100 to Boy Scout Troop 29 to support its activities.
- \$1,000 to Rotary International's PolioPlus program that is working to eradicate the debilitating and deadly polio virus from the entire globe.
- \$500 to the Stillaguamish Senior Center to support events and services for seniors in Arlington and surrounding communities.
- \$500 to the Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps at the Arlington High School whose goal is to develop citizens of character.

The Stanwood Camano Rotary Club with the help of a matching grant from Rotary District 5050 presented a check for \$20,000 to Housing Hope, an Everett based nonprofit organization. "Housing Hope provides a wide range of housing opportunities - from emergency shelter and transitional housing to affordable rentals and a unique home ownership program - plus effective programs to support a families progress".

Pictured from left to right: Robert Wickstrom, President, Stanwood Camano Rotary Club; Larry Jubie, Past District Governor 5050; and Ed Petersen, Executive Director and member of Downtown Everett Rotary Club.



Snohomish County Rotarians Attend Red Cross Real Heroes Breakfast

On December 8, 2011, a large group of Rotarians participated in the annual Real Heroes Breakfast sponsored by the Snohomish County (WA) Chapter of the American Red Cross. A high point of the program was the recognition of two high school students who had intervened to save the life of a fellow student who had been stabbed. She survived, thanks to the rapid response by fire, police, and medical staff. April Lutz is making an incredible recovery and was able to attend the presentation.



Building Communities, Bridging Continents

A presentation was sponsored by Everett/Marysville area Rotary clubs in memory of Clare Waite who had served the Red Cross in Snohomish County for 29 years and passed away just a few months after retiring at the age of 88. The recognition was given to Clare's daughter, Peggy White. Clare was the face of the Red Cross to her community, helping struggling families maintain their independence and self-sufficiency. The presentation was made by Rotary District 5050 Governor Jane Helten, who had traveled by ferry from Whidbey Island.



Snohomish Rotarians Encouraging Students

Many years ago the Snohomish Rotarians began sponsoring Students of the Quarter Recognition breakfasts. About that same time, they began distributing dictionaries to third graders at an elementary school, partnering with Kiwanis, Lions, and other service clubs who distribute dictionaries to other schools.

The first Student of the Quarter (2011-2012) presentations were made to students attending the secondary schools, including Centennial and Valley View middle schools; AIM, Glacier Peak, and Snohomish high schools. The students and their parents were invited to participate during our breakfast meetings.

On December 1, 2011, club members visited four third grades at Seattle Hill Elementary School and passed out 83 English and 4 Spanish language dictionaries.

Top Photograph: Top Row (left to right): Elizabeth Macinnes, Erir Wygant, Dominique Lawrence, Emma Chambers, Alyssa Smoots, Maegan Nelson, & Evan Weeks. Bottom Row (left to right): Aaron Leavens, Keegan Nutt, Katie Doucette, Drew Forman, & Natalie Church.

Bottom Photo: Pictured left to right: Erin McBrian (Seattle Hill Administrative Assistant), Derrick Burke, Jim Church, and Lisa Caldwell.



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

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Membership and Attendance Highlights for Nov. 2011

- The number of members in District 5050 as of 31 Oct 2011 was 2772, a decrease of 75 since 31 Oct 2010.
- Average Attendance for the district in Sep. was 74.3%; YTD is 73.1%. Last year the average was 70.9%
- **The club with the best attendance in November was South Everett/Mukilteo with 100%!**
Second was Meadow Ridge with 90.9%. Third was Chilliwack with 90.2%.