



# Rotary District 5050

## Peace Arch Journal

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### Message from the District Governor

Dear Fellow District 5050 Rotarians,

September is New Generations month. Clubs are planning to set up new Interact Clubs in their local schools or reactivate already existing clubs as the students return to school this month. Jennifer Petrichenko, the new Rotaract President of our newest Rotaract Club, is already working to develop stronger relationships between the Rotaract and Rotary clubs.

Youth are our future. Most of our clubs are engaged in a variety of youth programs including the official structured programs of RI, RYLA, Interact, Exchange Students, scholarships and Rotaract. This year there will be a special reward for RYLA at international conference. ( [http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en\\_pdf/changemaker\\_rotaract\\_en.pdf](http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/changemaker_rotaract_en.pdf) )

Let's go to work and help support our young people attain this reward. Congratulations to all clubs and Rotarians in District 5050 for all your service to our youth.



*Reach Within To Embrace Humanity*

Jane Helten DG

**\$50,000 available for YOUR INTERNATIONAL PROJECT!**

*See page 4 if you want the money.....*

#### 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:  
**editor.paj@gmail.com** by the 21<sup>st</sup> 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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## A CLEAN BILL OF HEALTH FOR LOUIS

AS A ROTARIAN, LOUIS FORTIN has been raising money for Peace Arch Hospital and thinking he was doing it for the community. But two years ago, it became personal. That's when he found out he had bladder cancer. "I am in my 60s. I am fit and...thought I was very healthy," said Fortin. "So I was shocked when I heard Dr. Skepasts say, 'You have bladder cancer.'" Since his diagnosis, Louis has had multiple surgeries and so many cystoscopes he has lost count.

He is not alone; bladder cancer is the second most common cancer found in men. The Hospital's urologists Drs. Skepasts and Kwan perform approximately 25 cystoscopes per week at Peace Arch Hospital.

In the fall of 2010, the Foundation appealed to the community to invest in new equipment for the Hospital's urology department. A relatively new technology used by urologists has been enhanced to make what is usually a very uncomfortable medical procedure more comfortable for patients. The instrument

is a second-generation video cystoscope, which is primarily used to detect and sometimes treat bladder cancer. Together, six of these instruments cost approximately \$100,000.

The Foundation is pleased to report that the campaign met its goal and six new second-generation cystoscopes are now in use at Peace Arch Hospital.

"People's generosity - through the Foundation - has done so much for my patients," says Dr. Skepasts. "Donations have made ours one of the best equipped urology departments in a community hospital in Canada and it helps us recruit and retain outstanding specialists to work at our hospital."

Many thanks to everyone who supported the fall appeal. This spring, you will have another opportunity to invest in your hospital. Look for a letter in your mailbox or visit us on line at [www.peacearchhospital.com](http://www.peacearchhospital.com).

As for Louis, he has a clean bill of health. +



## 2011 Rotary District 5050 Family Picnic Saturday, September 17th, 2011

You and your family are invited to join other Rotarians and their families for a day of Fellowship and Fun!

Plan on bringing your own picnic fare. Bar-b-ques will be available for communal use. There is seating, but you may find it more comfortable to bring along your own favorite chairs. We will provide non-alcoholic beverages, plates, cups, napkins and cutlery.

The cost of \$5.00 per person is designed to cover the items provided and the exclusive rental of the facilities. We will soon be providing more information on games, activities for children, and demonstrations. It would be helpful if Rotarians who have Bocce sets and similar games bring them along. For planning purposes your Presidents will be asked to coordinate attendance and payments.

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## District Golfun 2011

Golfun 2011 was held on a beautiful and sunny Friday, August 19 at the Homestead Golf & Country Club in Lynden, WA. The event sold out early, with 144 golfers teeing off at a shotgun start.



In addition to a great game of golf and the usual awards, there were lots of extras prizes - thanks to the host clubs of Area G: Bellingham, Bellingham Bay, Bellingham Sunrise, Mount Baker and Whatcom County North, which donated funds and items for the goodie bags and prize draws - including the use of a Porsche for a weekend.



Governor Jane was able to attend the banquet - her first outing since back surgery last month - to welcome and thank Rotarians and clubs from across the District and announce that Golfun had raised over \$80,000 for the Rotary Foundation.



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District Foundation Chair, Bill Robson, also announced that District 5050 has been leading the PolioPlus - Gates Foundation Challenge. Our District was committed to raising \$330,000 over three years and, after only two years we have raised over \$770,000. Bill gave particular credit to Past District Governors Harv Jubie and Larry Jubie who first promoted Golfun as a fundraiser for PolioPlus and the Foundation.



Golfun Chair Sean Hogan thanked the Golfun 2011 Committee, which consisted of Rotarians from several clubs on both sides of the border, for their hard work in organizing golf and dinner. District Governor Nominee, Denis Boyd, who is in charge of Golfun 2012, has already announced that it will be returning next year to Homestead and promises the weather will be just as sunny and the fellowship will be just as fun, if not more so.

**District 5050 International Projects**

The following is a list of clubs and international projects in need of partners and is taken from information gathered in 2010/11:

Club	Project	\$Needed	Location
Anacortes	Dental care for school children Contact: Dr Von and Betty Kuehn <a href="mailto:vonbetty@comcast.net">vonbetty@comcast.net</a>	\$4,000	Guatemala
Burlington	Youth Experiencing Leadership participation in humanitarian service projects Contact: Bev Harrington <a href="mailto:bev_harrington@msn.com">bev_harrington@msn.com</a>	ongoing	Guatemala
Lake Stevens	Medical/Dental clinic and Community Education Centre Contact: Barbara Knowles <a href="mailto:knowlesbarb@gmail.com">knowlesbarb@gmail.com</a>	\$15,000+	Guatemala
White Rock	Eye Care Clinic and Equipment Contact: Michelle Elliott <a href="mailto:michelle@spectrumoptometry.com">michelle@spectrumoptometry.com</a>	\$15,000	Honduras
White Rock	Water and Sanitation for Nigeria Boarding School Contact: Clifford Grant <a href="mailto:clifford@shaw.ca">clifford@shaw.ca</a>	\$12,000	Nigeria
Semiahmoo	Help for Haiti Hunger and Malnutrition Consortium Contact: Lynn Morfitt <a href="mailto:lynnmorfitt@shaw.ca">lynnmorfitt@shaw.ca</a>	ongoing	Haiti

The Rotary Club of Whatcom County North has \$50,000 (**that's right fifty thousand dollars**) available to support other clubs with international projects but needing partners to meet their objectives. This may also be an opportunity for those clubs with projects in the Future Vision project districts and therefore unable to obtain matching grants. The procedure and selection process for receiving these contributions will be provided to those clubs interested. In the meantime 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](mailto:bettyjackrae@shaw.ca)

## 2011 Rotary District 5050 Hike

The hikers for the 2011 Rotary District 5050, held August 20<sup>th</sup> enjoyed the day and meeting new people.

Unfortunately the 90 minute border delay was an unforeseen challenge and may have discouraged a few Canadian hikers. Those in attendance came from La Conner, Surrey, and even a visitor for Madrid, Spain.



The glorious sunshine added to the scenic backdrop of the bay and estuary, its amazing bird life, and wild flowers.



A few of the hikers chatting after the hike.



After the hike few of us chatted for a while, and toured the Breazeale Interpretive Center. The Upland Trail also provided a welcome respite from the sun, and was a nice finishing touch to the day.

A special word of thanks goes to DG Jane Helten for encouraging this hike, and her vision for another avenue of fellowship for our District. Jane, thank you also for ordering the excellent weather!

Thanks are also extended to Linda Ryan and Rob Martin for taking care of final details for the 2011 Hike. Thanks also go to Mark Mauden, John Schmidt and Vince Richardson – all of Sedro Woolley – for their help in narrowing down the choices for the hike location.



Which skilled hikers, helpers, and organizers in District 5050 would use their talents and expertise to put a hike together for 2012? Please contact Ajay Caleb ([works\\_for\\_you@yahoo.ca](mailto:works_for_you@yahoo.ca))

The 2011 Rotary District 5050 was a first, and we look forward to next year's hike. Thank you all again for your help and participation, and see you next year.

**Ajay Caleb**

*Remembering*  
**911**  
"Peace is Possible"      "Peace is Possible"

**MUSIC AND TALENT COME TOGETHER** First I must admit that I, Dick Irwin, am not a musician. The only thing that I play is the radio and I would not work very well as a singer. I love music from classic to country and it is a part of my daily life. Well, I attended the first rehearsal of the 911Volunteer Orchestra and the 911Volunteer Choir and I was amazed at what those talented folks, under the direction of Dave Cross, were able to do at their first meeting. Musicians walked into the hall who had never been in the same room before and within a very short time, in my opinion, were playing and singing together as if they had been together for many months. At times they talked in a strange language, I assume music talk which I didn't understand, but in short order they created marvelous and beautiful sounds. The point I am making is that the "Remembering 911" event will fill McIntyre Hall with incredibly beautiful music performed by talented musicians. I call it an event as there will be other memorable happenings that will have you reflecting on an unforgettable day in our history and fill you with emotion and honor. Yet as you leave McIntyre Hall, I am sure that the inspirational music and words will give you hope that we, as a World community, can together move forward towards a World filled with security, love and peace. I urge all of you to join together at McIntyre Hall on September 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> with your friends, families and special pals as we together take a first step toward a World filled with Peace.

**IT'S TIME FOR ACTION** If you're like most of us, we have busy schedules and sometimes need a gentle reminder to take action; well this is that gentle reminder. If you previously heard about the "Remembering 911" event and thought that you'd like to be part of it, now is the time for you to step forward with financial and volunteer time commitments.

If you want to become a Major Sponsor that can happen by you making a donation of \$911. Though we are still hoping for additional Major Sponsors at \$911, we encourage you to make any donation you feel comfortable with regardless of the amount. All donations from \$5 to \$911 are important in helping to fully fund two scholarships, but the important thing is to make the donation soon, perhaps even today. Donations can be made by going to our website. [www.remembering911.com](http://www.remembering911.com)

**YOUR HELP IS NEEDED !!!** *"What is it that I need to do?"* you ask. We need you to attend the "Remembering 911" event and bring one or two folks with you. That's it. Now how easy is that? If each one of you who read this article will complete that easy task we will sell out all the performances at McIntyre Hall enabling us to be able to fully fund two very special and meaningful scholarships. The first a "Peace and Conflict Resolution" scholarship" and the second a "First Responders" scholarship. The Peace and Conflict Resolution scholarship is a Master level studies offered at eight prestigious universities around the world and is a Rotary Program administrated by Rotary International. The First Responders scholarship is offered at Skagit Valley College and is recognized regionally for the excellent curriculum offered. Make certain you don't miss this once in a lifetime event. Ticket are available by calling McIntyre Hall box office (360/416-7727) or going to our website ([www.remembering911.com](http://www.remembering911.com))

**FROM THE MUSIC DIRECTOR** The music I commissioned to be composed for the "Remembering 911" event, by my music colleague Rick Vale, I have just received. I have finished listening and working through the full orchestra and chorus music of September Requiem. What a gift we have been given. This really does need to be heard by the world. I am really falling short on words that can adequately describe the inner feeling and the mental place where I am right now. I have been working on this project since the fall of 2007. It is just past 4:00 AM and I am tired. All minor effects, compared to the feeling of being completely relaxed following such a superior "Sonic Bath".

Rick has truly honored those who lost their lives in the infamous attacks of September 11, 2001. His work is breathtaking, exhilarating and restful. The first melody is a Tenor Saxophone solo playing a theme that represents Tower one. This is followed by the Oboe and supporting string section playing a second theme that represents Tower Two. These two themes are found in threads, woven throughout the Requiem. Symbolically there are also 11 different movements, Rick has used the text and order of the traditional Requiem, and written in a contemporary style that is inspiring, moving and sensitive

In my "Directors Notes" in the program, I open with, The time that we set aside today is not a time for politics, nor is it designed to be a religious moment. Rather, it is a time that we as a community, in solemn reverence, acknowledge that on September 11, 2001, lives were lost, lives were saved, lives were changed ...forever. I am completely confident that as we as a community of both performers and audience come together for Remembering 911, our lives will be changed.

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## Remembering 911

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## Remembering 911

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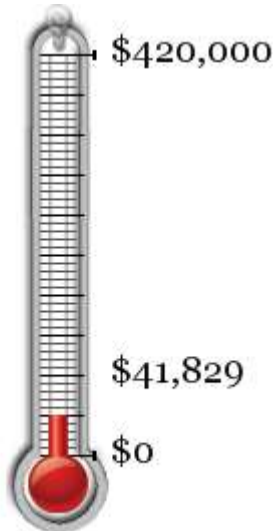
### **ROTARY MEMBERS**

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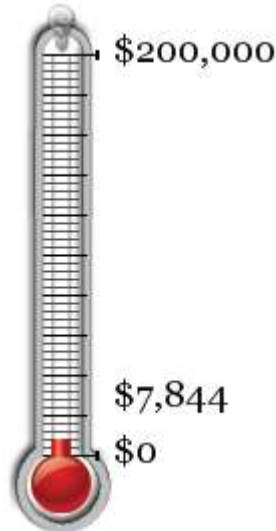
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### 2011-12 Goals

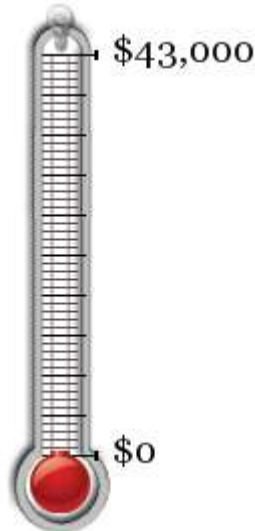
**Annual Programs Fund**



**Polio Plus**



**Permanent Fund**



**Restricted Giving**



### Last Year 2010-11 Annual Giving - Top 34 Clubs

1 Stanwood/Camano Island	WA	558.67	EREY/100% Sustaining	18 Burlington	WA	158.64	
2 Abbotsford-Sumas	BC	522.64		19 Chilliwack	BC	155.43	
3 Langley	BC	369.45		20 White Rock Peninsula	BC	153.06	
4 Port Moody	BC	358.58		21 Coquitlam	BC	148.14	
5 Cloverdale	BC	335.05	EREY	22 Langley Sunrise	BC	144.12	
6 White Rock	BC	309.01		23 South Everett/Mukilteo	WA	142.84	
7 Abbotsford	BC	257.70		24 Marysville	WA	139.38	
8 White Rock Millennium	BC	256.17	EREY	25 Port Coquitlam Centennial	BC	136.59	EREY
9 Semiahmoo	BC	235.35		26 Everett	WA	136.29	
10 Fidalgo Island	WA	228.13		27 Surrey Newton	BC	134.34	
11 LaConner	WA	220.51		28 Surrey-Guilford	BC	125.83	
12 San Juan Island	WA	214.29	EREY/100% Sustaining	29 South Whidbey Island	WA	118.24	
13 Marysville Sunrise	WA	202.67	EREY/100% Sustaining	30 Bellingham	WA	112.96	
14 North Whidbey Island Sunrise	WA	197.90		31 Surrey	BC	112.52	
15 Langley Central	BC	182.24		32 Haney	BC	103.56	
16 North Delta	BC	172.26		33 Aldergrove	BC	100.86	
17 Hope	BC	160.02		34 Mount Baker	WA	100.75	EREY/100% Sustaining

## November is Foundation Month!

The District Foundation Dinner is 19 November at the Bellingham Golf & CC.

**Mark your calendar now!**



### Terry Fox Run



The Rotary Club of White Rock is sponsoring the 31st Annual Terry Fox Run to raise money for cancer research.

Date: Sunday, Sept 18th, 2011

Time: 8:00 AM registration, 9:00 AM run starts

Place: Rotary Fieldhouse, south Surrey Athletic Park (148th St & 20th Ave., Surrey)

### International Night

The Rotary Club of Port Coquitlam Centennial will be holding its annual International Night on October 15, 2011.

This year the Club will be celebrating the food and culture of India and the Consul General of India has confirmed his attendance.

Tickets are \$40.00 each available and are available from Barrie Seaton at [604 945 6627](tel:6049456627) or by e-mail at [barrie@barrieseaton.com](mailto:barrie@barrieseaton.com). [www.pocorotary.ca](http://www.pocorotary.ca)

### 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](http://www.district5050.org).

### Duck Race Raises \$70,000

On July 31 the Meadow Ridge Rotary Club held its first Annual Duck Race and, much to our surprise, raised over \$70,000 to enable our local youth to participate in the sport of their choice. Tickets were \$10 and sold like hotcakes. Rather than saddle only the club members with selling the lottery tickets, something most of us loathe, we engaged the leadership of all local youth organizations and committed to have a minimum of \$5 per ticket sold return to their group. We were aiming to sell 5000 tickets to make it a worthwhile undertaking, but ended up selling 7000.



The result is that \$25,000 will go to the local Kidsport group and all the other clubs will get the full amount of \$10 per ticket sold to support their organization. The feedback has been more than positive. "It beats car washes and bottle drives" was one quote. The preparations involved the majority of our Rotary club members, but all of us had fun and are proud to have taken a part in greatly lessening the financial worries of many of our local youth organizations and in keeping our youth off the streets and help them become good citizens.

## 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
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
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PDG Rod Thompson	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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### Membership and Attendance Highlights for June 2011

- The number of members in District 5050 as of 30 June 2011 was 2797, a decrease of 46 since 1 Jul 2010.
- Average Attendance for the district June was 69.8%; YTD is 70.9%. Last year the average was 65.75%
- The club with the best attendance in June was Chilliwack with 91%. Second was Meadow Ridge with 90.3%.