



Rotary District 5050

# Peace Arch Journal



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## Message from the District Governor



There are many gifts that Carol and I have been given during my term as Governor of District 5050. But the best of those are not physical gifts. Not presents, but presence.

We have had the privilege and honor of meeting so many Rotarians and new friends, and hearing stories about what you have done and are continuing to do to create Peace Through Service.

Our Rotary Director, Bryn Styles, from Barrie, Ontario, tells a story of meeting a young man in New York at a President-Elect Training Seminar (PETS) a few years ago. This young man spoke of the challenges he had faced in his life, leaving an abusive home at age 16.

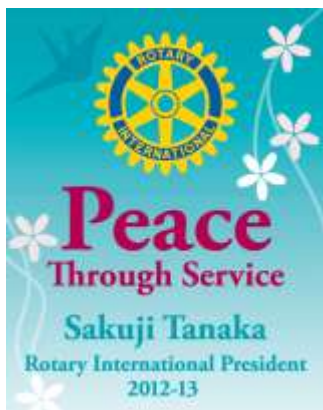
He told Bryn that it was a catering job that inspired him to choose the right path in life. He helped serve the weekly meetings of two Rotary clubs. He was inspired by the kindness of those Rotarians to him, and the presentations at those meetings. Those clubs were from his hometown of Barrie, Ontario.

Now, as he prepared to become President of his Rotary club in New York, he thanked Bryn for being one of those Rotarians that inspired him.

We will never know that lives that we touch by being Rotarians. We change the lives of the people that we meet, as well as many more that we will never meet. We improve the communities that we serve - here and abroad. Rotary has changed the fates of entire countries which are now polio free.

Each Rotarian makes a difference through the things we think, say and do, as we follow the Four Way Test and our motto of Service Above Self.

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# The Peace Arch Journal

The monthly newsletter for Rotary District 5050

## Sean Hogan 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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March is Literacy Month on the Rotary calendar. Literacy and education are essential tools to enable people to better their lives, to become contributing members of society, and to help us build a better world of Peace Through Service.

Literacy is about telling stories, and about passing knowledge from one person to another, and from one generation to the next.

My thanks to editor David Truman for bringing some of those stories to you each month. Enjoy this issue.

And then tell us, and the world, about your Rotary story.

*Governor Sean*

*When an individual, a sect, a clique or a nation hates and despises another individual, sect, clique or nation, he or they simply do not know the objects of their hatred. Ignorance is at the bottom of it.*

*Paul Harris*

### Upcoming District Events

*Visit the District 5050 Website for further details*

- March 9**                      **Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) (Surrey)**
- March 23**                    **Future Vision Training (Mount Vernon)**
- April 13**                      **District Assembly (KPU Surrey)**
- April 27**                      **Rotarians At Work Day**
- April 27**                      **Future Vision Training (Cloverdale)**
- May 2-5**                      **Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA)**
- May 30 - Jun 2**            **iRotary District Conf. (Vancouver)**
- June 23 -26**                **Rotary International Convention (Lisbon)**
- July 20**                      **District Governor's Installation (White Rock)**



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**Pacific Northwest PETS Feb 15-17  
(President elect Training Session)**



## District 5050 International Service Projects

### Rotary's Six Avenues of Focus

Under the new (as of July 1st, 2013) RI global grant system all international service projects will have to fit into one or more of the 6 avenues of focus. These are:

1. Peace and Conflict Prevention & Resolution  
Dist 5050 has a Peace Scholarship Committee contact [dwright@ci.everett.wa.usa](mailto:dwright@ci.everett.wa.usa)
2. Disease Prevention & treatment
3. Water & Sanitation  
see WASRAG = Water and Sanitation Rotary Action Group for more information  
Dist 5050 has an ISP Water Committee contact [t.thetford@comcast.net](mailto:t.thetford@comcast.net)
4. Maternal & Child Health
5. Basic Education & Literacy  
Dist 5050 has Literacy Committee contact [barbhoe@msn.com](mailto:barbhoe@msn.com)
6. Economic & Community Development

Rotary Action Groups cover many areas of service, several related to various health problems. Membership is available to individual Rotarians, not to clubs.

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May The Luck O' The  
Irish Be With Ye!

## Oak Harbor Rotary Club's 2013 Luck of the Irish Saturday March 16th

Held at the Oak Harbor Yacht Club 6pm social 7pm dinner

### THIS YEAR'S BENEFACTORS

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| Whidbey Island Bank-Dinner- \$4000.00  | Island Drug-2 <sup>nd</sup> off the board- \$100.00  |
| P and L General Contractor, Dr Gary Berner DDS, Les Schwab tires- First Prize- \$1000.00 | Banner Bank-1st side board-\$120.00  |
| Gregg Saar/Marketplace Foods- THE BAR!!!   | Banner Bank-2 <sup>nd</sup> side board-\$100.00  |
| Oak Harbor Medical Assoc.- 2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize- \$500.00                               | Bill Hawkins-3 <sup>rd</sup> side board-\$100.00   |
| Dr. Chris Gaustad/Whidbey Vision-3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize-\$350.00                          | P & L Contractors-4 <sup>th</sup> side board-\$100.00                                      |
| Dr. Valerie Cicrich, DDS-4 <sup>th</sup> prize \$250.00                                  | Westgate Homes-5 <sup>th</sup> /6 <sup>th</sup> sideboard- \$50.00                         |
| OPEN-5 <sup>th</sup> prize \$150.00  | Law office of Skinner & Saar-7 <sup>th</sup> thru 10 <sup>th</sup> sideboards \$50.00 each |
| Banner Bank-1 <sup>st</sup> off the board \$150.00                                       | Steve Metcalfe/Stewart Title-11 <sup>th</sup> & 12 <sup>th</sup> sideboards-\$50.00 each   |

**PLEASE THANK ALL OF OUR SPONSORS FOR THEIR GENEROUS SUPPORT!!!**



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## Chilliwack Charters new Interac Club

*The Interact Club of Chilliwack, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Chilliwack, was officially chartered in October 2012. On February 15<sup>th</sup> all the members of the new Interact Club were invited to one of the meetings of the Rotary Club of Chilliwack, where they were welcomed to the Rotary Family.*

Colorful napkins, happy faces and a lot of young Interactors – that was the image of the February 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Rotary Club of Chilliwack. Why so many young people? Because it was time to celebrate! After one and a half years of work, the Charter of the newly formed Interact Club of Chilliwack, BC, Canada was presented and the Club was warmly welcomed into the Rotary Family of District 5050.

A party means presents! The President of the new Interact Club, Sarah Bester, was presented with the framed official Charter Certificate as well as a gavel to keep order in the meetings. (Rotary Club of Chilliwack President, Brad Whittaker, wished her more luck with it than he has had) Also, every member received a gift bag including an official Interact pin, a certificate, a sticker and an Interact baseball cap. Now they are equipped to make a difference, spread the word about Interact, Rotary and all the other good things that happen under the name of Rotary.



As a first project, the Interact Club of Chilliwack decided to collect books for local elementary schools. The goal of the book drive was to collect 50 books. Exceeding all expectations, the Club ended up with 400 books. Also, an International projects was completed. Together with the organization "Free the Children", the Interact Club of Chilliwack started a penny drive with the purpose to provide access to clean drinking water for people in Kenya. The goal for this project was to collect 2,500 pennies, which is the amount of pennies it takes to provide water for one person for a lifetime. Exceeding all expectations again, the Club collected an incredible amount of 77,500 pennies, which provided clean drinking water for 31 people in Kenya for a lifetime.

This group of young people has also drawn international attention. Within a few weeks of meeting as a Club, the Interact Club of Chilliwack prepared and submitted a video for the Interact International Video Contest, which was selected as one of the finalists out of 21 Videos from all around the world.

. The Interact Club of Chilliwack would also like to sincerely thank the Rotary Club of Chilliwack for all the support, sponsorship and guidance that they provided. We appreciate the organization of our Charter Party and we can truly say that we are proud to be part of this organization and to continue to make a difference.

- Jonas Zimmer, Interact Club of Chilliwack, February 2013



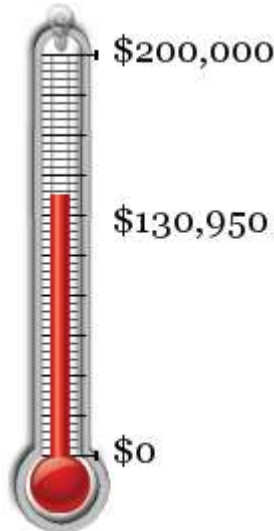
## Rotary's Success Depends on a Strong "Foundation"

### 2012-13 Goals

**Annual Programs Fund**



**Polio Plus**



**Permanent Fund**



**Restricted Giving**



EVERY  
 ROTARIAN  
 EVERY  
 YEAR

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

#### Clubs over \$100 per capita

**For Annual Giving:**

1.	Langley, BC	\$758.06
2.	Marysville, WA	\$422.50
3.	White Rock, BC	\$281.94
4.	North Delta, BC	\$256.34
5.	South Surrey, BC	\$249.21
6.	Abbotsford-Sumas, BC	\$248.76
7.	Chilliwack, BC	\$236.93
8.	Marysville Sunrise, WA	\$228.00
9.	Coquitlam, BC	\$195.95
10.	Semiahmoo, BC	\$193.55
11.	Whidbey-Westside, WA	\$181.88
12.	Abbotsford, BC	\$179.66
13.	Cloverdale, BC	\$159.17
14.	Fidalgo Island, WA	\$156.67
15.	San Juan Island, WA	\$148.39
16.	Everett, WA	\$146.27
17.	Stanwood/Camano Island	\$123.97
18.	Snohomish, WA	\$119.23
19.	Coquitlam Sunrise, BC	\$114.26
20.	North Whidbey Isl. Sunrise	\$111.88
21.	Surrey, BC	\$105.26
22.	Port Coquitlam Centennial	\$101.01

**For PolioPlus:**

1.	Abbotsford-Sumas, BC	\$202.02
2.	North Delta, BC	\$193.72
3.	Burlington, WA	\$169.00
4.	San Juan Island, WA	\$161.29
5.	Chilliwack Fraser, BC	\$154.14
6.	Arlington, WA	\$150.50
7.	Langley, BC	\$120.16
8.	Mission, BC	\$107.21
9.	Stanwood/Camano Island	\$103.64
10.	Hope, BC	\$101.01

## Rotarian Micro-Loans with KIVA

Last fall, the Rotary Club of Abbotsford-Sumas was searching for a new international project. Best known for our strawberry sales, we dedicate the majority of these earnings to projects in and around Abbotsford. The club as a whole gains a great sense of satisfaction from our local projects, yet we wanted to do more outside of our national borders.

A chance e-makeup brought attention to Kiva ([www.kiva.org](http://www.kiva.org)), a microfinance company based in San Francisco, CA and driven by volunteers. Kiva works in 67 different countries and in collaboration with various Field Partners on the ground; these Field Partners interview potential borrowers for loans in various different sectors. For as little as \$25, a lender like our club could help someone in the third world by:

- helping them purchase tools, so they can expand their business
- increase their chicken flock so they can sell more eggs, or
- buy shelves to display their products for sale

Since 2005, Kiva has lent out close to \$400 million (US) with a repayment rate of over 99%...there aren't many banks in the Western world that boast those numbers. As any project involving microfinance comes with a certain amount of risk, we did our research and ensured the Field Partners had a good rating and any repeat Borrowers had a great repayment history.

As such, we voted to lend \$2,000 through Kiva with 7 loans to people in 6 countries: Kenya, Columbia, Samoa, Honduras, Armenia and Cambodia (x2). As agriculture is such an important economic driver in Abbotsford and the Fraser Valley - and because everyone needs to eat - we decided that all loans would be to farmers, both men and women.

If you or your club is looking to do more on an international level, Kiva is an easy way to do it. Check out their fantastic website at [www.kiva.org](http://www.kiva.org), or email [abbotsford.sumas.rotary@hotmail.com](mailto:abbotsford.sumas.rotary@hotmail.com) with any questions.

Alison Gall, Rotary Club of Abbotsford-Sumas

## Paul Harris Society

Do you or any of your club members contribute \$1,000 or more to the Rotary Foundation per Rotary term??

If so, I would like to invite you to become a member of the District 5050 Paul Harris Society.

Club presidents and Foundation Chairs, who are signed up for member access on the [www.Rotary.org](http://www.Rotary.org) website, should be able to access the Every Rotarian, Every Year (EREY) report. It will show you how close you are to becoming an EREY club (where every club member makes a contribution of any amount to the Annual Programs (Giving) Fund, as well as a 100% Sustaining Member (\$100 or more from each member) during 2012-2013 term.

In addition, the EREY report will show which members qualified for the Paul Harris Society during the previous term 2011-2012 and for the current 2012-2013 term.

Members of our District 5050 Paul Harris Society receive a pin that can be attached to the Paul Harris pin. It is not awarded automatically. You have to send an application to me (this form is available on the District 5050 website).

One idea is to present the PHS pin to members that qualified for the previous term. Then announce to your membership that this is to recognize members that have contributed \$1,000 or more to the Rotary Foundation during 2011-2012 and/or someone that has already qualified for 2012-13 term. I would ask the membership if any other member feels that they could contribute \$1,000 or more each term to see the club's Foundation chair. After awarding the pin, you could announce that we hope that the Rotarian will continue to contribute at this level and wear this pin for 2012-13. It is based on essentially an honor system. If I didn't plan or feel that I could contribute \$1,000 or more per term, I wouldn't feel comfortable wearing the PHS pin.

Thanks again, Steve Morach

District 5050 Paul Harris Society chair

## ROTARY CLUB OF SAN JUAN ISLAND SUPPORTS SCHOOL BREAK CAMP

The San Juan Island Rotary Club received a Rotary District 5050 Simplified Grant to partner with the San Juan Island Park and Recreation District (Island Rec) to develop a school break camp program and provide student scholarships.

The objective of the program is to provide a well supervised, safe, enriching and educational program for elementary school age children to attend when schools are not in session. For some families these programs keep children from being left home alone, or at home with much of the day spent inactive.

School's Out Camp provides structured group games and activities, cooperative learning, outdoor play, art projects, swimming and bowling. Additionally educational field trips and special events are implemented in each session. Highlights of the educational activities include: "Read to a Dog" program; classical piano concert; an exotic pet zoo and a ranger led scavenger hunt at San Juan Island National Historical Park.



### Parent / Participant Comments:

"My granddaughter had the time of her life!!! She has not stopped talking about it!!! It was so special she got this fabulous gift to be able to see such an important piece of ancient history and to be able to see all the wonderful treasures and learn something she might not have learned in school."

Among the kids who participated in this program on scholarship was one girl whose ambition is to become a marine biologist. In her words, being able to see these animals up close was "a dream come true."







Submitted photo

Rotary members from several clubs recently presented a \$10,000 donation to Community Action for use with its housing programs. Shown are Joe Lindquist (from left), Skagit Mount Vernon Rotary Foundation chair; Bill Henkel, Community Action of Skagit County and Skagit Mount Vernon Rotary member; Larry Juble, former Rotary District 5050 governor; April Axtheim, Burlington Rotary president; Jean Barclay, La Conner Rotary president; and Jan Vigre, Fidalgo Rotary president.

## \$10,000 Rotary donation targets housing for homeless

Skagit Valley Herald staff

Community Action of Skagit County is the recipient of a \$10,000 Rotary donation to help with rapid re-housing of homeless or near-homeless families.

Several Rotary clubs made the donation possible: Skagit-Mount Vernon Rotary contributed \$2,500, the Fidalgo and La Conner Rotary clubs each contributed \$1,000, and Burlington Rotary chipped in \$500, all to make a \$5,000 donation, which was then matched by Rotary District 5050's Family Homeless Grant, bringing the total to \$10,000.

Community Action, in collaboration with several other area organizations, is developing a new homeless coordination project

that will serve 10 to 20 households struggling with homelessness.

Community Action said the funds will be used through that project toward rental support of homeless families in order to help them access permanent housing stability in the private landlord market.

The district matching funds originated from the Puget Sound Rotary and Gates Foundation Partnership on Family Homelessness, which supports local Rotary clubs' efforts in serving homeless families and families at imminent risk of homelessness.

The maximum amount of matching funds available to Skagit County from the District 5050 match was \$5,000.

## Solar panels bring light to school

The head teacher of Canumay National High School in Valenzuela City, Philippines (below), used to hit a makeshift gong with a rock to mark the start and end of classes. Now, because of a Rotary Foundation grant-supported project, 10 solar panels are providing electricity, and classes begin at the sound of a buzzer. Mark Kendziorek, a member of the Rotary Club of South Everett/Mukilteo, Washington, USA, who took this photo, helped write the grant proposal, in partnership with the Rotary Club of Rizal Centro, Philippines.

Before the panels were installed, students had to study by the light of kerosene lamps. This image of the last time the gong was sounded, Kendziorek says, represents "a transition from the old to the new."



PHOTO BY MARK KENDZIOREK

## Rotary World Help Ships to Fiji

Thanks to all of you who came out to load a container bound for Fiji. Given the weather we have been having I am surprised there were not a few Canadians hiding amongst the boxes! The container was packed with much needed medical equipment and supplies.

For those of you who have witnessed a container such this arriving in a far off community, you know the impact this has on so many people.



## 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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Dan Gallant	Rotary World Help Network Humanitarian containers to developing countries	Both	(604) 889-2580 hett@shaw.ca
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### Membership and Attendance Highlights for January 2013

- The number of members in District 5050 as of 31 Dec. was 2707, down 29 YTD.
- Average Attendance for the district was 70.1%; YTD is 70.9%. Last year the average was 70.7%
- **The club with the best attendance in December was South Everett/Mukilteowith 99.6%. Second was Skagit Mt. Vernon with 98%. Third was White Rock Peninsula with 96.3%.**