



Rotary District 5050



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Message from the District Governor

October is Vocational Service month - when we ask Rotarians to share their business and personal skills to help others. We have been asked this year to place a special emphasis on helping **people with disabilities to enter the workforce**.

Our new Vocational Service Chair is **Kinder Smoots** from the Marysville Sunrise Rotary Club, who runs a disability program in Marysville. Her Committee includes Past District Governor, Rob Martin and Everett Port Gardner President, Pete Kinch. If you are interested in helping, please email Kinder at kinder.eaglewings@frontier.com.

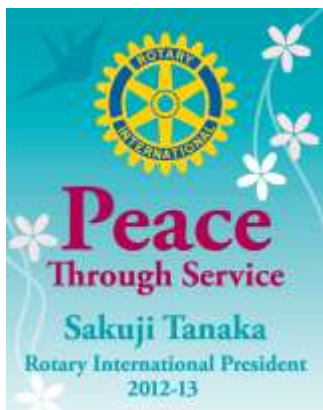


In my own vocation of law, we are developing a program to offer **minimal cost Wills** to anyone who agrees to become a **Bequest Society** member and donate at least \$10,000 to the Rotary Foundation from their estate. We are seeking additional lawyers and notaries on both sides of the border. If you are interested in donating your legal services, email me at shogan@buckleyhogan.com. Consider how you can contribute your own talents and skills to your volunteer service.

In other news, we have a great **Membership Seminar on October 13** with **special keynote speaker, Kristi Govertsen**. Kristy is a dynamic speaker who presented to an enthusiastic crowd of 800 Rotarians at this year's President Elect Training Seminar (PETS). She has done amazing work on membership in her District. Find out her tips, tricks and techniques to make your Rotary club **bigger, better & bolder!**

The Membership Seminar is intended as a kick-off to our **membership task force** where Membership Chair Linda Murray (linda@evergreensecurity.com) and her team will come to each Area to give you practical, hands on advice to both increase and retain your members. Register at the District website: www.district5050.org.

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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 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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Also check the District website regularly for information on the [Rotary International Convention](#) in Portugal (June 23-26), the [iRotary District Conference](#) in Vancouver (May 30 - June 2), and the [Peace Forum in Honolulu](#) (January 25-27) and our own joint [District 5040/5050 Peace Forum](#) on Rotary Day - February 23.

You can also find the link to our new [District 5050 Facebook page](#) from the website.

I encourage you to find the larger world of **Rotary beyond your club**. You will see the greater impact that Rotary has when you visit other clubs, attend the Rotary Leadership Institute, participate in District events, join District Committees and attend District Conferences and International Conventions.

We change lives. We make the world a better place. We do good in the world. We make a difference.

We build **Peace Through Service** with great joy, great friendships and great personal rewards.

Enjoy!

District Governor Sean Hogan

District Simplified Grants Awarded

Total DSG Grants Awarded this year were \$48,545.

White Rock – Peninsula (Portable Water Filtration System)
Chilliwack - (Trail Development at Peach Tree Trail)
South Whidbey - (Whidbey Island Nourishes-Vending Machines)
Mission - (Respite Room Furniture at Mission Extended Care)
White Rock - Peace Arch (Haiti Bee World Project)
Abbotsford - (Abbotsford Heritage Minutes)
San Juan Island - (Youth in need Scholarships –Spring Break Camp)
Arlington - (War Eagle Campsite)
Burlington - (Easy Literacy Interactive Play station)
Port Moody- (Inner Visions Wish List)
Fidalgo Island - (Old Mill Park)
Coquitlam Sunrise - (Salmon Elementary Schools Toilets)
South Everett - Mukilteo-(Whooping Cough Vaccine Clinic)
Langley - (Kerzweil Education System)
Sedro Wooley - (Skateboard Park Helmets)
Semiahmoo - (Fence and Deck replacement Durrant House)
Snohomish - (Emerson Elementary School Summer Reading Program)
Everett - (Love of Reading –Literacy Project)
Cloverdale - (After School Access Van Community Program)

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MY FRIENDS AND I

We work on exciting projects, near and far, large and small
Being proud of these projects, my friends and I,

We build park facilities and homes with Habitat for Humanity,
Lasting projects, built by, my friends and I,

We donate family Christmas boxes and youth group supplies
Providing joy near home, my friends and I,

We supply children's books, dictionaries and a Guatemalan bookmobile
Spreading literacy at home and abroad, my friends and I,

We distribute wheelchairs and award college scholarships
Developing personal improvement, from my friends and I,

We act to eradicate polio and equip hospitals
Improving healthcare worldwide, my friends and I,

We fund homeless shelters, foodbanks and senior centers
Aiding local community neighbors in need, my friends and I,

We send youth to leadership camps, Sea Scouts, and youth exchanges
Training future leaders sponsored by, my friends and I,

Disaster relief, schools projects, and medical clinics organized,
By friends of friends, are supported by, my friends and I,

Other friends provide low tech stoves, wells and sewage systems
All encouraging more projects, from my friends and I,

We meet, wine, dine, socialize and party together
Inspiring projects, through the fellowship of, my friends and I,

We are men and women, young and old, wealthy and not
Working together for World Peace and prosperity,

MY FRIENDS AND I
ARE ROTARIANS, MY FRIENDS AND I

*By: John Milnor, Past President
The Rotary Club of La Conner, Washington*

Preparing for District 5050's Implementation of TRF "Future Vision"

On Saturday, September 15, 2012, District Governor Elect Denis Boyd brought together members of the district's leadership team to learn about many aspects of The Rotary Foundation's Future Vision. TRF has been conducting a three-year pilot test of the new grant structure. Our guest presenters were past district governors, Chris and Penny Offer. They shared some of their District 5040's Future Vision experience as one of the pilot districts.



Denis Boyd, with Penny & Chris Offer

During the workshop Chris and Penny showed many slides which demonstrated many aspects of The Rotary Foundation's post-pilot grant process. While concluding the workshop, District Governor Elect Denis Boyd made presentation of jackets to Penny and Chris, and one to each of the past, current, and future district governors in attendance.

Attendees learned that the pilot period is ending in Rotary Year 2012-13 and District 5050 will be implementing the Future Vision in Rotary Year 2013-2014; however, the process begins in October, 2012. District Governor Elect Denis Boyd is responsible for preparing a Memo of Understanding with The Rotary Foundation. That action is required to enable the district and the clubs to be able to prepare grant applications. There will be a series of training programs during which the process will be explained including the President Elect Training conference and the District Assembly. The grant application process will begin in April, 2013.



District Governor Sean Hogan's Visit to Snohomish

On September 13, 2012, two new members were inducted, April Farrimond, owner of the bookkeeping service, and Zemorah Murray, marketing & membership director of Mill Creek YMCA.

Seen left to right are PCP & membership chair, Jim Church, Club President Robin Furlan, DG Sean, April, and Zemorah.

Rotary World Help sends Container to Liberia



Pres. Ken Baker and Terry Smith of the Rotary Club of Langley Central and Deborah Nolan of the Cumberland Centennial Rotary Club place the seal on the Rotary World Help container bound for Liberia.

Corporate Matching Gifts

As a result of some stellar work by Rtn. Frank Fagan, of the Rotary Club of San Juan Island (Friday Harbor) the Rotary website now has a search tool (Corporate Matching Gifts) for Rotarians to find out if their employer or former employer matches donations to The Rotary Foundation. Frank has used this largely unknown availability to increase donations to TRF over the past few years. In his case, his former employer, General Electric, matches his donations dollar for dollar.

Does your employer or former employer match donations to charitable causes such as The Rotary Foundation?

Find out by searching the name using Rotary's new search engine, "Corporate Matching Gifts".

The navigational path to this new "Corporate Matching Gifts" page is to click on "Contribute" and then "Ways to Give".

The Corporate Matching Gifts selection is the last menu option on the left side of the page.

The direct link is:

<http://www1.matchinggifts.com/rotary/>.

Upcoming District Events

Visit the District 5050 Website for a Complete List

October 13: [Membership Seminar](#) with Keynote Speaker, Kristi Govertson [Interact / Youth Programs breakout to follow from 2 - 4 pm) Mt. Vernon

November 3: [Pre-PETS](#) for club President-Elects

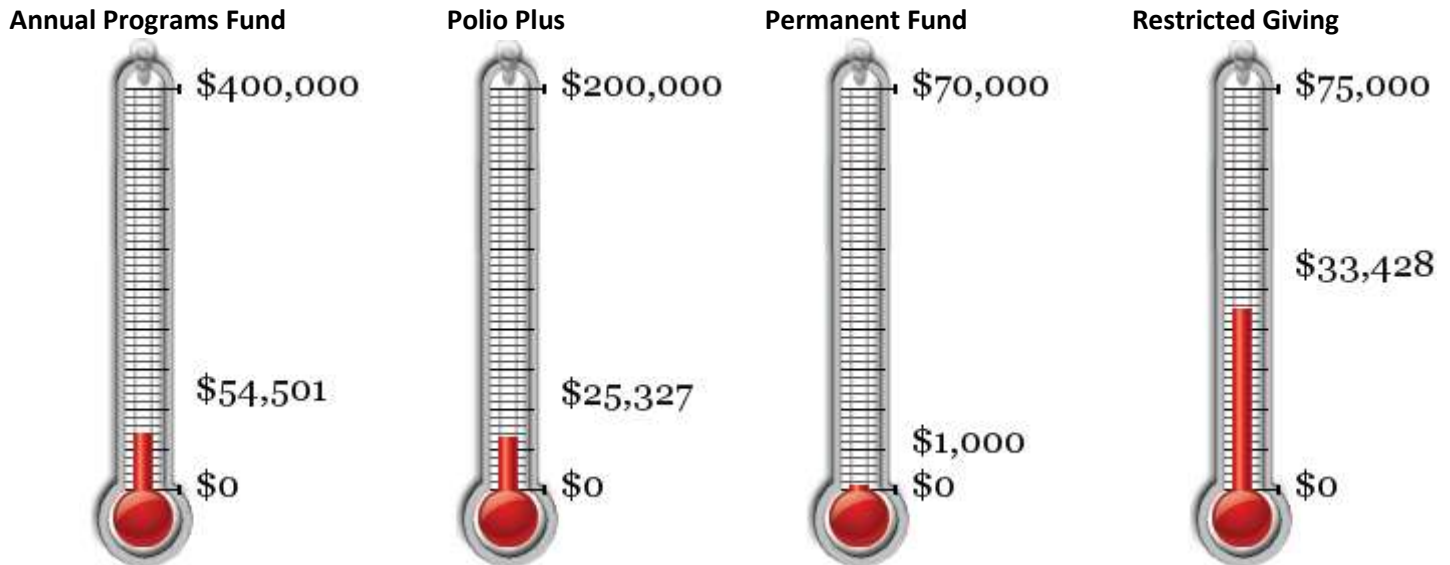
November 17: [Rotary Leadership Institute](#) (Surrey)

November 17: Foundation Dinner (Bellingham)

January 19: Rotary Leadership Institute

Rotary's Success Depends on a Strong "Foundation"

2012-13 Goals



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



District 5050 has raised over One Million Dollars for Polio Plus during the Gates Challenge!!!! As of 9/27/12, District 5050 has raised \$1,003,994.74 for Polio. These figures do not include GOLFUN or the Polio Celebration event.

North Delta, BC is over \$207 per capita for Annual Giving. At the moment, they are the only club over \$100 per capita for Annual Giving or Polio.

Steve Morach, District Foundation Chair

This is a photo of the second "MiniLibrary" that Langley Central has partnered in; it is the Yunesitan First Nation (Stone Band) 45 minutes out of Williams Lake, BC. Britco Structures Inc donated the unit and Williams Lake evening Club managed it. We partnered by providing the shelving and some books for the module.



The Rotary Club of Surrey Guildford Presents:

Transitions



YWCA
METRO VANCOUVER



Building New Tomorrows

A Fundraiser hosted by The Rotary Club of Surrey Guildford in support of YWCA Alder Gardens housing for low-income single mothers and their children in Surrey

When: Saturday Nov 24 2012

Where: Bombay Banquet Hall, 7475 135th Street, Surrey BC

Time: Reception 6:00 PM
Hor d'oeuvres
Dinner 7:15 PM

Master of Ceremonies:

Howard Blank will guide our night of fun and auctions, Live and Silent

Featuring dancing and listening music by: *The Soul Sistah's*

Powerful voices, electrifying energy and beautiful souls make Vancouver's "Soul Sistahs" a dynamic collaboration of Canada's finest R&B / Soul singers!

Tickets: \$100.00 each or table of 8 for \$720.00

(Tax receipt for portion of the ticket available)

Dress: Cocktail Attire



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a project of: **BC LIONS Football Club**

ENDING VIOLENCE
Association of BC

For information and ticket purchases please contact Gary by phone or email:

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<http://www.rotarysurrey.ca/gala/>

ROTARY CLUB OF SURREY GUILDFORD TO SUPPORT SINGLE MOMS

Rotary Club of Surrey Guildford is hosting a Dinner, Dance "TRANSITIONS" Building New Tomorrows on Nov 24, 2012 at the Bombay Palace in Surrey in support of YWCA Alder Gardens housing for low-income single mothers and their children.

Research has found that there are 2,085 families in Surrey paying at least half of their income on housing. A good portion of these are single family homes. If subsidized housing is not found it means that often choices between paying rent or eating have to be made.

Entertainment will be provided by a live 10 piece band **The Soul Sistahs** for you to dance and listen to.

PLEASE SUPPORT THIS WORTHWHILE CAUSE

Our president will be trying to see as many local clubs as he can over the next 5 weeks so expect to see him or a delegate at one of your meeting with tickets in hand. \$100 each or table of eight for \$720.00. A portion of the ticket can be redeemed for a tax receipt.



White Rock Rotary Club's Chilli is People's Choice for the Second Year

For the second year in a row, the Rotary Club of White Rock won the People's Choice Award for the best chilli at the recent Uptown Block Party hosted by the White Rock Business Improvement Association. White Rock Rotarians, cleverly disguised as The O'Chillians, participated in the Chilli Cook-Off with Jimmy Flynn's Celtic Snug. The Rotary booth also was awarded the Rotarian Spirit Award thanks to Paul McDonough, owner of Jimmy's, who provided entertainment by Celtic musicians adding to the fun atmosphere around the booth.

Pic 1: Accepting the People's Choice Award are (L) Paul McDonough, owner of Jimmy Flynn's, and (R) Derek Lucas, Past President of the Rotary Club of White Rock.



Pic 2: The O'Chillians, aka White Rock Rotarians (L to R) Bert Coates, Wayne Arnold, President Jaqui Joys, Joan Apel and Past President Ian Lagasse bask in the happiness of having won the People's Choice Award.

Fisantekraal High School - Cape Town South Africa

submitted by Yashar, D5050 Ambassadorial Scholar

Dear Isabella, Maureen, Sharon, Ann, Dan, Bonnie, and DG Sean,

I hope you're all keeping strong, and your Club's efforts to serve our communities are more energized than ever before. Clubs in District 5050 do amazing work, and in the most humble way, too; I am so proud to know the wonderful people who make it all happen.

As for me, I have been busy here establishing extracurricular programs for Fisantekraal High School - the students are really struggling, as exemplified by the fact that most of them are failing their classes. Changing this reality entails bringing on board a wide range of stake holders from within the community (parents, teachers) and outside it (universities, NGOs). I'm happy to say that we have been making good progress; our momentum continues to build on. My belief is that the greatest good comes from cooperation between like-hearted organizations, and as such I have also been busy assisting other community efforts in Cape Town. Thanks to the resources you've supplied me with through the Rotary World Help Network's incredible efforts and the Matching Grant D5050 supported, we've been able to make a real difference here on the ground. Attached is a document I put together to hopefully help you better grasp the impact you've made here in South Africa.

I will have more for you soon; until then, I thank you for all your support, and continue to look forward to seeing you again soon.



International Service Projects

In preparation for Rotary year 2013/14 and the implementation, world wide of the Future Vision Plan, Rotary International has discontinued the use of World Community Services and introduced the name International Services.

In keeping with this change DG Sean has designated our district international activity committee as International Service Projects and has made it the umbrella group responsible for other existing committees with specific international interests and activities. These include the district representative to CRCID (liaison with CIDA/Canada's aid agency), Health and Hunger, Rotoplast (Canada & USA committies), Shelter Box, Water, Global Wheelchair Programme, and World Help Representative.

The ISP committee will collect information from clubs on their various international projects, help make connections in the district for joint club projects, promote interest in international activity, and assist where possible. Information collected will be posted on the district website and in the PAJ. Grants for projects in the future will need to meet new criteria as determined by RI; for one thing all such projects must fit into the one of the six Areas of Focus:

- Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution Disease Prevention and Treatment (includes noncommunicable diseases and health promotion)
- Water and Sanitation
- Maternal and Child Health
- Education (elementary and secondary) and Literacy
- Economic and Community Development

Another change in how Rotary is approaching international activities is in the creation of Rotary Action Groups (RAGS). These groups all meet the Areas of Focus criteria but operate independently of clubs and districts; they are based on individual Rotarian membership for support and participation and strategic non-Rotarian partners.

As District ISP chair I am available to visit your club to make a presentation, to meet with the club international projects committee or other interested members. If interested please contact Jack Rae at bettyjackrae@shaw.ca

Canada/Gates Foundation Matching Polio Funds 3 to 1

The Government of Canada and the Gates Foundation have agreed to match polio donations by Canadian Rotary clubs, Rotarians and friends to the Rotary Foundation (Canada) making your \$1 donation equal to \$3 for polio.

At a current cost of about 52 cents per vaccination, a contribution of \$100 means that you will help save nearly 600 children from polio.

To donate (both Canadians and Americans), [click here!](#)

For more information on Rotary's Polioplus campaign, visit the website www.endpolio.org

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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Wayne Leach	TRF Permanent Fund	Can	(604) 313-1102 wayneleach@me.com
Jack Rae	International Projects	Both	(604) 536-8578 bettyjackrae@shaw.ca
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
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Membership and Attendance Highlights for August 2012

- The number of members in District 5050 as of 31 Aug. 2012 was 2731, an decrease of 5 YTD.
- Average Attendance for the district was 67.6%; YTD is 68.4%. Last year the average was 71.9%
- **The club with the best attendance in August was Lake Stevens with 90.35%.** Second was Semiahmoo - White Rock with 85.7%. Third was Meadow Ridge with 83.1%.