



# Rotary District 5050



## Peace Arch Journal



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## Message from the District Governor



We are already two months into the new Rotary year and what a **great start** it has been.

We have had two outstanding events - with **Golfun** on August 27 and the **PolioPlus Musical Celebration** on September 7.

**Many thanks** to Governor Elect Denis Boyd and the Golfun Team and also to the hardworking and dedicated PolioPlus organizers Dick Irwin, Lee Harman and Winston Conyers and the many volunteers who turned a vision into a reality.

As Rotarians return from summer vacations, it is time for us to turn our minds from celebrating our successes to moving forward with **what Rotarians do best**: Humanitarian service.

Whether that service is done **directly through our hands-on work** in our local communities and in far flung nations, or **indirectly** through our support of PolioPlus and the Rotary Foundation, **Rotarians make a difference in the lives of people every single day.**

Some of us have a passion for literacy projects. Some for water projects. Others for medical needs. There are as many good causes as there are good Rotarians.

**Our strength** lies in the diversity of the work we do as much as in the unity of our goal of **Service Above Self.**

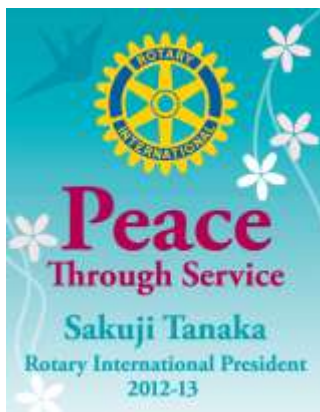
I encourage you to explore the larger world of Rotary and learn how all of our activities truly build **Peace Through Service.**

Talk to your club President or Assistant Governor about **getting involved in District committees and programs.**

Whether you are a brand new Rotarian or a long term member, join us at District events like the **Rotary Leadership Institute.** You make a huge impact by being a member of a Rotary club. You can make an **even bigger impact** by connecting with other Rotarians in our District. And speaking from personal experience as well as from the experience of others - you will also find a greater sense of **satisfaction and accomplishment** when you see what Rotary does for others beyond the club level.

One of the best duties of the District Governor is to make the **Official Visit** to each club. I start my visits as of September 4 and look forward to hearing from each of you about what your club is doing and what I and the District leaders can do to help you.

*District Governor Sean Hogan*



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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*.

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## Update on PolioPlus in Pakistan

I'm writing to update you on the current status of polio eradication in Pakistan. You have likely seen news reports regarding a possible ban on polio vaccine by the Taliban in a small region of the country, resistance, and most recently, the tragic news of injuries of WHO staff in Karachi.

Here are some key points:

Recent actions have complicated the polio eradication situation in Pakistan, but they did not create it. There are anecdotes of very isolated impact of these stories on the polio vaccination campaigns and there is some evidence that rates of vaccine refusal are due to these stories. A dialogue has been instigated to overcome the situation as the program has had to do in many countries over the years.

The real barriers however to eradicating polio in Pakistan are a lack of accountability, poor management of the program, some corruption at local levels and insecurity in specific areas of the country. However with a huge increase of WHO and UNICEF staff all of these problems are undoubtedly diminishing.

### Polio in Pakistan in 2012

Pakistan is one of the last polio reservoirs of Asia. In 2012, Pakistan has reported 22 cases (compared to 59 cases at same period in 2011). Pakistan is also the only remaining reservoir of type 3 polio in all of Asia. In 2011, polio spread internationally from Pakistan to cause an outbreak in China's western Xinjiang province.

But despite this, Pakistan this year has perhaps the best chance ever to achieve success, because tremendous new efforts are being undertaken, led by the Government of Pakistan in implementing a national polio emergency action plan that mobilized all government and civil society resources.

There is strong evidence that implementation of the emergency plan is showing results, particularly in key reservoir areas such as Balochistan (Quetta area) and Sindh (greater Karachi and northern Sindh).

### Rotary's Work in Pakistan

Through the work of Rotary National PolioPlus Chair Aziz Memon and many Rotary clubs throughout the country who are organising walks, town meetings, health camps, and advocating to local government authorities, there is still plenty of good news to share regarding Rotary's fight against polio in Pakistan.

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Rotary engaged Cricket Captain Shahid Afridi in "This Close" to ending polio campaign and broader work as a national ambassador:

<http://bit.ly/OOYiJx>

Rotary was front and center at this week's launch of NIDs in Karachi, with the President's Daughter, national ambassador and "This Close" ambassador, Aseefa Bhutto Zardari:

<http://www.brecorder.com/pakistan/general-news/68157-aseefa-bhutto-launches-national-polio-campaign-.html>

Here is additional information about our ongoing efforts in Pakistan:

<http://blog.rotary.org/2012/06/20/pakistanprogress/>

I am biased, but in many areas Rotary is leading the way.

Finally, below this message follows a WHO statement regarding the recent security incident in Karachi. Our thoughts and prayers are with the families of our WHO colleagues.

#### ***Robert S. Scott, Chair, Rotary International PolioPlus Committee***

#### **WHO statement on serious security incident in Karachi, Pakistan**

On the morning on 17 July 2012, a serious security incident took place in Gadap Town, Karachi, Pakistan, involving World Health Organization (WHO) staff. One WHO staff member and one international consultant were injured, when their vehicle was shot at by armed men.

The two men working for WHO are in stable condition. WHO is grateful to the Pakistani medical professionals for the rapid and high-quality medical aid provided.

Both men were supporting the currently-ongoing polio National Immunization Days (NIDs). At this point, there is no evidence to suggest that this was a deliberate or targeted attack against polio eradication efforts or WHO. WHO is grateful to the Pakistan authorities for launching an investigation into this event, to determine more clearly the circumstances.

Incidents like these highlight the incredible bravery of the more than 200,000 mainly Pakistani volunteers who run every vaccination campaign. The vaccinators, social mobilizers and frontline staff are the heroes of this campaign.

WHO, UNICEF and all polio partners remain committed to supporting the Government of Pakistan and the people of Pakistan in their efforts to eradicate polio. This incident will not distract from the progress Pakistan is making this year, as the country is closer than ever to eradication.

## **New PolioPlus Website Launched**

We are “this close” to making history by eradicating the crippling disease polio once and for all. We are at a true tipping point: case counts have never been lower, the number of countries affected has never been fewer—the time to beat polio is now. Only smallpox has ever been eradicated, and we will make history again by vanquishing polio.

But to achieve a polio-free world, Rotary and its partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative need your support to spread the word. Together, we must educate and activate individuals, organizations, and most importantly, governments, to keep up the fight to end polio now.

Robust and coordinated digital outreach is necessary to reach our goal. For that reason we created a virtual home—[endpolionow.org](http://endpolionow.org)-- where people can rally together to finish the fight to end polio. This website is available in English now, with other languages to follow.

Here are a few key features of the new website:

1. Top stories: compelling content you can share about polio eradication
2. Interactive information: dynamic graphics that help you tell the story
3. See how your donation matters: visitors are encouraged to donate and see how the money can be used to fight polio
4. Calculate your “social worth”: use your social media status to share Rotary’s polio story. Help us spread the word.
5. Polio communications resources: link to materials that will help you educate and activate others to end polio now.

We need your support and participation to make this site a success. Please visit the website, interact with the features, and share it through your own websites, blogs and social media channels. And please invite others to visit and participate.

It’s quick, it’s easy, and it’s important.

Thank you,

Robert S. Scott

Chair, Rotary’s International PolioPlus Committee



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**Bell Performing Arts Centre, Surrey**

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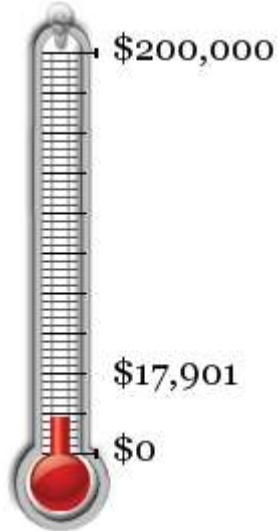
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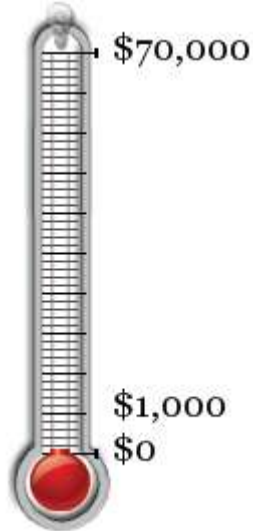
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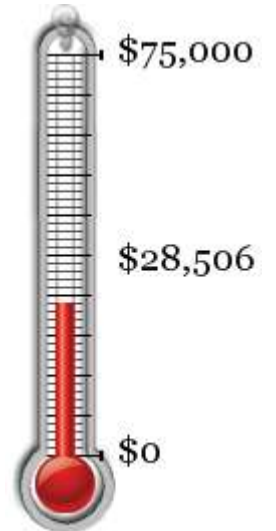
Polio Plus



Permanent Fund



Restricted Giving



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

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EVERY  
YEAR

## Snohomish Rotary Club - Meeting Location

The meeting location for the Snohomish Club is not correct in the District Directory. The correct address is:

Collector's Choice Restaurant, 215 Cypress Street (near Pine Avenue & 2nd Street), Snohomish, WA.



## 2012 Delta Half Marathon

Under the leadership of Don Pateman and Rob Wright, the North Delta Rotary Club organized the 2012 Delta Half Marathon and 5 km run that took place on August 12 in Delta, BC. Many of the club members volunteered in the event, grilling Rotary pancakes, directing traffic (including DG Sean Hogan) and staffing water stations.

We thank the many Rotarians, their friends and families, other members of the Rotary community, and volunteers from several local organizations for their assistance in making this event happen. The proceeds from the run will be donated to local projects.





Photos from District Golfun 2012 - to see more photos browse: [www.photobucket.com/golfun](http://www.photobucket.com/golfun)





## White Rockers on a Pilgrimage; Trekking the Camino de Santiago de Compostela

**White Rock, BC – July 31, 2012** - Fellow White Rock Club Rotarians Bonnie Goodwin and Ramona Kaptyn returned from Spain recently jubilant that they had walked the Camino de Santiago conquering mountains, mud, rain and injury. They completed 666 KM in 40 days and Bonnie raised \$2000 in pledges for PolioPlus, an International Rotary program for the eradication of polio worldwide. Thanks to Rotary and its partners, the world has seen polio cases plummet by more than 99 percent, preventing five million instances of child paralysis and 250,000 deaths. When Rotary began its eradication work, polio infected more than 350,000 children annually. In 2009, fewer than 1,700 cases were reported worldwide, mostly in Pakistan and Africa.

“But this is still too many,” says Bonnie. “Rotary is calling on everyone to contribute to banish this dreadful disease to the history books once and for all and I wanted to be one of the contributors.”

The Camino de Santiago is one of the most important pilgrimages in Christendom; the others are to Jerusalem and Rome. It is over 1,000 years old and is walked by thousands of people from all over the world yearly, not only for religious reasons but for spiritual, meditative, accomplishment and other.

“The Camino is also known as ‘The Way’ and it is an excellent metaphor for life,” says Bonnie. “I’ve done it twice and feel I got it right the second time around.”

The women say they saw the wealth of centuries along the route, not only in architecture and art, but in the customs, celebrations and cuisine of the people of Basque Country and Galicia. There are several different ways or trails; Bonnie and Ramona took the Camino Frances, diverting briefly to the Camino Primitivo after Bonnie twisted her ankle in Leon. They stopped at various cities along the route including Pamplona, famous for the ‘running of the bulls’ and Ernest Hemingway; Burgos, famous for El Cid; and the ancient walled city of Lugo.

“My favourite spot was atop the 777 metre Alto del Perdon or Mount of Forgiveness,” says Ramona. “The Camino follows The Milky Way and this is where The Path of the Wind crosses the Path of the Stars. It was a breathtaking catharsis but my feet have still not forgiven me.”

Bonnie and Ramona add there are two major highlights of the Camino. One is reaching Santiago de Compostela and seeing the magnificent baroque cathedral where the bones of Jesus’ Apostle St. James are buried beneath the altar and the other is going on to Finisterre which is about 90 KM from Santiago. People believed Finisterre was the end of the world before Christopher Columbus discovered America.

Bonnie will be leaving her wine making business soon to spend more time working on Rotary projects and Ramona is the Incoming Chair of the White Rock/Surrey Chapter of CARP – A New Vision of Aging for Canada. CARP is no longer an acronym and is not for retired people only. It welcomes everyone from their 40s to their 90s.

Picture Caption: Ramona Kaptyn and  
Bonnie Goodwin at Finisterre at  
" The End of the World"



## 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](mailto:editor.paj@gmail.com)

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### Membership and Attendance Highlights for June 2012

- The number of members in District 5050 as of 30 June 2012 was 2741, an decrease of 51 YTD.
- Average Attendance for the district was 71.9%; YTD is 70.4%. Last year the average was 69.4%
- **The club with the best attendance in June was Everett-Port Gardner with 100%.** Second was White Rock Peninsula with 96.6%. Third was Fidalgo Island with 96.3%.

### Membership and Attendance Highlights for July 2012

- The number of members in District 5050 as of 31 July 2012 was 2735, an decrease of 6 YTD.
- Average Attendance for the district was 69.3%; YTD is 69.3%. Last year the average was 72.1%
- **The club with the best attendance in July was White Rock Peninsula with 95.4%.** Second was White Rock Millennium with 92.2%. Third was Meadow Ridge with 92.0%.