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Message from the District Governor

October is Vocational Service month. We have already been planning meetings in cooperation with Community Living B. C. which feature Toronto Businessman and Rotarian Mark Wafer. He is speaking to local groups about the inclusion of disAbled people in business. Mark and his wife Valerie (DG for the Toronto district) have several Tim Horton franchises and years of experience including disAbled people in their business. Check out the district website for the meeting near you.



Whatever happened to Vocational Moments during club meetings? It is interesting to note that Vocational Service was one of the two first avenues of service for Rotary (the other being Club Service) and in those early days, it was a very strong avenue of service indeed. The expectation was, in the Rotary Club of Chicago, that you would do business with Rotarians and you would experience disapproval if you didn't. Well, that aggressive and radical approach mellowed to such a degree that Vocational Service has been described as the "forgotten avenue of service."

Business and professional people will be attracted to Rotary if they see an opportunity to showcase their vocations. To this end, we will be rolling out "**Rotary Networking Plus.**" Networking groups cost money and often don't give much to participants. Rotary can offer

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The Peace Arch Journal

The monthly newsletter for
Rotary District 5050

Denis Boyd 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, articles and photographs to:

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mentoring with experienced business leaders for the price of membership as well as leadership development and seminars. The "Plus", which networking groups don't offer, is fellowship, fun and service opportunities at home or abroad.

Networking Plus will be a program offered to members in the community who are already Rotarians at heart but don't know it yet. Some research will have to be done to make sure that the right people are approached. In the early days, Rotarians sat down and made lists of quality business and professional people and invited them to consider Rotary. The first step was to have these folks come out to a few meetings to get a feel for a Club, and not discuss membership until everyone got to know each other to see if it was a good fit.

Part of the **Networking Plus** program will be a **district directory**, with Rotarians' professions and businesses listed by request, which can be circulated throughout our clubs so that Rotarians have the option of doing business with Rotarians across the district. You will see sign up forms soon for either or both the paper and online versions of the directory.

Let's revitalize Vocational Service and make it an active part of Rotary in District 5050!

Denis Boyd

Upcoming District Events

Visit the District 5050 Website for further details

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| October 26 | Pre-PETS (Mt. Vernon, WA) |
| November 9 | Foundation Dinner (Langley, BC) |
| November 23 | Rotary Leadership Institute (Surrey, BC) |
| May 1 -4, 2014 | District Conference (Whistler, BC) |

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Editorial

This is my third year as editor of the Peace Arch Journal, but after all those issues I have yet to do an editorial.....until now. Maybe this will become a new feature, or not!

We Rotarians are very good at patting ourselves on the back. When I first joined, more than eleven years ago, that aspect of Rotary grated on me quite a bit; I thought that I'd joined some sort of *mutual admiration society*.

After I really became a Rotarian, I realized that most Rotarians truly deserved to be patted on the back and admired. We do a lot of good for so many. Having said that, I still have a pet peeve.

Some of my best Rotary friends do something that I cannot stand. They forward emails to me that break most, if not all of the *Four Way Test*.

You know the type of emails I'm talking about. The themes include how the governments are all totally corrupt, how most or all politicians are dishonest, how immigrants are taking "our" jobs and living on welfare, or how certain religious or ethnic groups are "taking over".

There may be a grain of truth in some of the diatribes, but for the most part they contain half-truths, misconceptions, stereotypes, and outright lies. They spread hatred and fear. They most certainly are not **fair and beneficial to all concerned**, nor do they **build goodwill and better friendships**.

I will not forward such swill. Usually I just delete them, but sometimes I ask the sender to not send me this type of email. It's much worse than just spam, it's more like hate-mail, and it's very un-Rotarian.

Remember the 4-Way Test. Do your part and help stem the flow of this type of material.

The opinions expressed in this column are solely those of the editor, and do not necessarily represent the opinions of District 5050 or the District Governor.



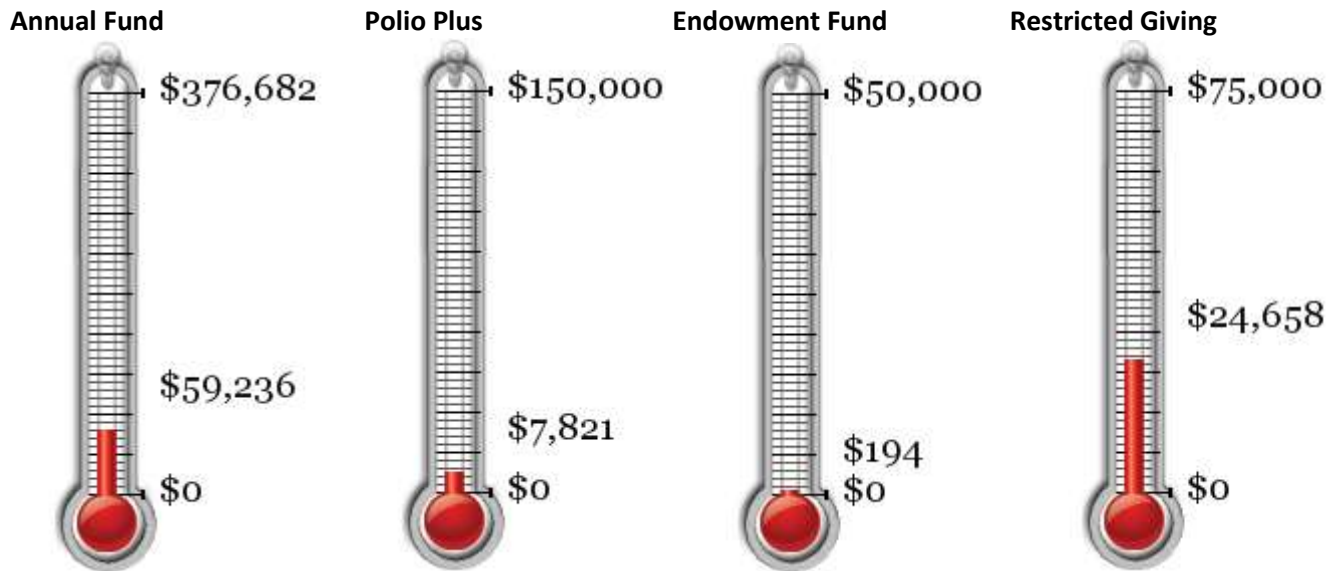
David Truman, Editor
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Unsung Heroes and Heart's of the Club

Some of the many photos from DG Denis Boyd's club visits....



The Rotary Foundation 2013-14 District Goals



As of Sep. 30 2013, no club has exceeded \$100 per member contributions. District Golfun contributions are NOT yet accounted for.

Steve Morach, Annual Giving (US)

Rotarians Ship Equipment to Philippines

Thanks to all the Rotarians, and friends of Rotary who came out to help, sort, move, load, stack, pack and document boxes and pieces of equipment in our 299th container.

I am sure that medical clinics, hospitals and schools in the Philippines will find the contents of great help in assisting the people in their communities.



District 5050 International Service Projects

The Rotary Clubs of Semiahmoo, Peace Arch and Hermosillo Del Desierto (Mexico) are jointly and actively working on a major mobility project in Hermosillo and surrounding district, Mexico.

This project proposes delivering the following mobility devices:

- 280 wheelchairs and assorted parts in a full range of sizes suitable for children through to seniors
- 20 specialty “Kanga” chairs for children with high level disabilities
- additional parts and tools to maintain new and existing community wheelchairs
- a comprehensive range of mobility aids including canes, crutches, splints, walkers , commodes, and orthopedic aids
- computer aided therapy equipment used to rehabilitate children's limbs and joints through repetitive exercises in a “fun” environment. The equipment is designed to use correct motion patterns and to avoid injury induced motion compensation.

The target date for delivery of these items to Hermosillo is the Fall of 2014, and to travel at personal expense, to assist in the distribution. As in past years it is intended to take four Surrey youths (independently funded) to experience Rotary in action.

The cost of this project is CND\$100,000 of which \$17,000 has been raised to date; the balance will be raised through local fund raising/donations, partnering with other Dist 5050 Rotary clubs and by applying for a Global Grant.

For more information on this project and how to participate contact Dist ISP Chair Robert Harris at robertcircom@gmail.com or Sandy Wightman Semiahmoo Rotary Club of White Rock sandy_wightman@telus.net

Networking has been a Rotary tradition from the beginning; networking opportunities in the area of International Service Projects:

- Wheelchairs – Linda Whitehead lbw@venturesnorth.com
- Water - Thomas Thetford t.thetford@comcast.net
- Hearing Aids – Alexandre Censi alexandrecensi@hotmail.com
(a project in Brazil looking for partners in a global grant application)
- Rotary World Help – Bonnie Sutherland bsutherland@dccnet.com

submitted by Jack Rae, Past Chair ISP

Terry Fox Run still going strong

A dense blanket of fog failed to dampen the success of the 33rd annual South Surrey/White Rock Terry Fox Run, held on Sunday, September 15, 2013. Over 200 participants of all ages and walks of life took part in the event. Over \$13,000 was raised for cancer research via the Terry Fox Foundation – the second highest amount raised in recent years.



A dedication board allowed many participants to signify on whose behalf they were running. The list of those remembered included past presidents of the Rotary Club of White Rock, Derek Lucas and Wayne Arnold, who recently succumbed to cancer as well as current president, Peter Short, who is presently undergoing treatment for cancer..

In a recent address to the Rotary Club of White Rock, Dr. Victor Ling, President and Scientific Director of the Terry Fox Research Institute, noted Terry Fox's determination, courage and selfless dedication continues to inspire many. The TFRI works to realize Terry's dream by supporting translational cancer research projects with the potential to significantly improve the health of cancer patients.

Over the last 33 years, the Terry Fox Foundation has raised over \$600 million for cancer research and treatment.

Connie Marples, PR Coordinator

Rotary Club of White Rock

Rotarians Clean Up

The Rotary Club of White Rock sure is a tidy bunch. On Tuesday September 17, several members met in the parking lot behind Softball City to clean-up the parking area which extends from the ball diamonds to the surrounding forest.



Armed with gloves, garbage bags and a few extension grabbers they spread out and immediately found that the area had a fairly healthy supply of the typical sort of parking lot garbage: fast food wrappers, drink containers and plastics bags. Digging deeper they dug up some unusual items that needed to be disposed and/or recycled including a car battery, an infant car seat, milk crates and a hanging flower basket.

After a good hour of collecting litter the parking area and perimeter of Softball city was 6 garbage bags lighter! The weather cooperated, the conversation was (as usual) nothing short of brilliant and they left having improved one part of the Peninsula. Others are encouraged to join in to beautify another corner of the community.

*Connie Marples, PR Committee
Rotary Club of White Rock*

Rotary Club of
Langley Central

Fraser Valley
Wine Tasting Festival

For the past 23 years, the entire community has contributed to the success of the Fraser Valley Wine Tasting Festival. This unique wine and food tasting event is one of the most popular **"must attend evenings"** in the Fraser Valley.

Tickets and details at www.fvwf.ca See you in November...

Save the Date!

24th Annual Celebration of Wine and Food

Saturday, November 2nd, 2013 at Willowbrook Shopping Centre

District Governor's Visit to Rotary Club of Snohomish

On September 12, 2013, DG Denis presented a Paul Harris Fellowship recognition to Bill Mester, Superintendent of the Snohomish School District, and recognized four club members: Three for their inspiration and one for being the heart of the club.



DG Denis Boyd, Club President Pat Knight, Maureen Loomis, Beth Porter, Jim Church.
(Robin Furlan not present)



DG Denis Boyd, Club President Pat Knight, Bill Mester

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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Lee Harmon	Polio Plus/ Permanent Fund	Both	(360) 435-8595 rlh@wavecable.com
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Membership and Attendance Highlights for Aug 2013

- The number of members in District 5050 as of 31 Aug was 2668, up 6.
- Average Attendance for the district was 66.6%; YTD is 66.7%. Last year the average was 70.2%
- **The club with the best attendance in Aug. was White Rock Peninsula with 100%.** Second was Meadow Ridge with 93.8% and third was Arlington with 91.9%.