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Message from the District Governor

September is Youth Service month so I asked IPDG (Immediate Past District Governor) Sean to give us an outline of the youth programs in the district. Among other titles, Sean is our Youth Service (New Generations) Chair for this Rotary year. Sean has been a strong proponent of youth programs in our district and RYLA is particularly near and dear to his heart.



Following is a list of the programs and their chairs followed by a few words on each program. Feel free to contact any of the people listed for more information about their programs.

- Rotary Youth Exchange - Dave Sliman, Chair (DSliman@waterstonelaw.com)
- RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) - Jackie Smith, Chair (jackie@uk2ca.com)
- YAIL (Youth Adventures In Leadership) - Ray Green, Chair (rlg61@whidbey.com)
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& Jenn Petrichenko, District Rotaract Representative (spoo001@yahoo.com)
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- YES (Youth Experiencing Service) - Bev Harrington, Chair (bev_harrington@msn.com)
& Ken Holland (YES team leader to Guatemala) (kdutch@yahoo.com)

Now for some info:

Rotary Youth Exchange is a yearlong exchange program where a local high school student lives with Rotarians and attends school in another country while a student from that country lives with our families here. The experience is life changing both for the students and the families that host them.

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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: 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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YAIL & RYLA are youth leadership programs that take place over a few days and can also lead to life changing experiences for the participants. YAIL is for high school students and is held in January. RYLA is for older youth, and is usually held in April or May.

Interact and Rotaract are ongoing programs that are Rotary clubs for youth; Interact in high school and Rotaract for youth up to age 30.

YES is a program which sponsors high school students on an International Service project (currently in Guatemala). Youth are required to perform volunteer hours throughout the school year, earning credit towards the cost of the trip (paid by a sponsoring Rotary club). Students are asked to join or form an Interact club following the service trip.

Please be on the look-out for youth who may be interested in participating in any of these six excellent Rotary programs.

Denis Boyd

District Fall Hike

Our small hike planning "team" is willing to put on a hike - mainly to benefit new & prospective members, as well as for the [youth](#).

Initial information: Hike information - click - [Oyster Dome](#) ; September, 21, 2013 (9:30 AM - 2:30 PM). The final details will be worked out *if there is sufficient interest*. The hike is not difficult, and allows for great networking and fellowship.

Contact Ajay Caleb - works_for_you@yahoo.ca

Upcoming District Events

Visit the District 5050 Website for further details

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| September 15 | District Picnic (Peace Arch Park, BC) |
| September 21 | District Fall Hike (<i>Tentative</i>; Oyster Dome) |
| September 28 | Rotary Leadership Institute (Mt. Vernon, WA) |
| October 26 | Pre-PETS (Mt. Vernon, WA) |
| November 9 | Foundation Dinner (Langley, BC) |
| November 23 | Rotary Leadership Institute (Surrey, BC) |

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Club Visioning in District 5050

2013-2014

Greetings from the International Vision Facilitation Council

“Organized, dedicated and trained Rotarians guiding a Rotary club to better envision its future.” Since 2002 dedicated Rotarians have volunteered their time in the delivery of individual Rotary Club Vision events. To date District level Facilitation Teams support Rotary Clubs across the U.S., Canada, Australia, New Zealand, the UK and the Caribbean. Over 1,500 trained facilitators in 125+ Districts through teams of 3-5 are delivering 4 hour Club Vision Events.

On July 27, fourteen Rotarians became part of the Visioning Team for District 5050. They participated in a training session led by PDG Dick Elixman and Judy McMorine from District 5100 who are the IVFC Facilitator Trainers. PDG Dick Elixman is also the Zone Planning Chair for Rotary Zones 25 & 26.



We have enough facilitation members to handle more than one session on the same evening in different areas of District 5050. If your club has never had a visioning session, now is a good time to get one scheduled. For those clubs who have had one in the past and it has been 3 years or longer, it may be time to schedule another one.

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Rotarians Respond - Surgery for Dominic

As a newborn infant, he was left in a basket on the steps of a church by a mother he will never meet. The priests that found this baby took him to a small local orphanage run by two sisters who looked after 15 homeless children under the age of 6.

These women gave generous and indefatigable love to these children but soon discovered that something was very wrong with Dominic. He was listless and lethargic with barely enough energy to eat. All he wanted to do was sleep. Carefully, they fed him, first with a bottle and then, after weaning him, continued with chopped fruit, vegetables and fish for nutrition and he survived.



They took Dominic to the doctor who examined the child, ran some tests and found that he had been born with an atrial septal defect (ASD) or congenital hole in the wall of his heart that divided the atria chambers. This normally requires urgent open heart surgery to repair the defect so his heart can pump efficiently. But in Nigeria, such services are extremely rare and impossible for an orphan to access. Without such surgery this child was headed toward heart failure.

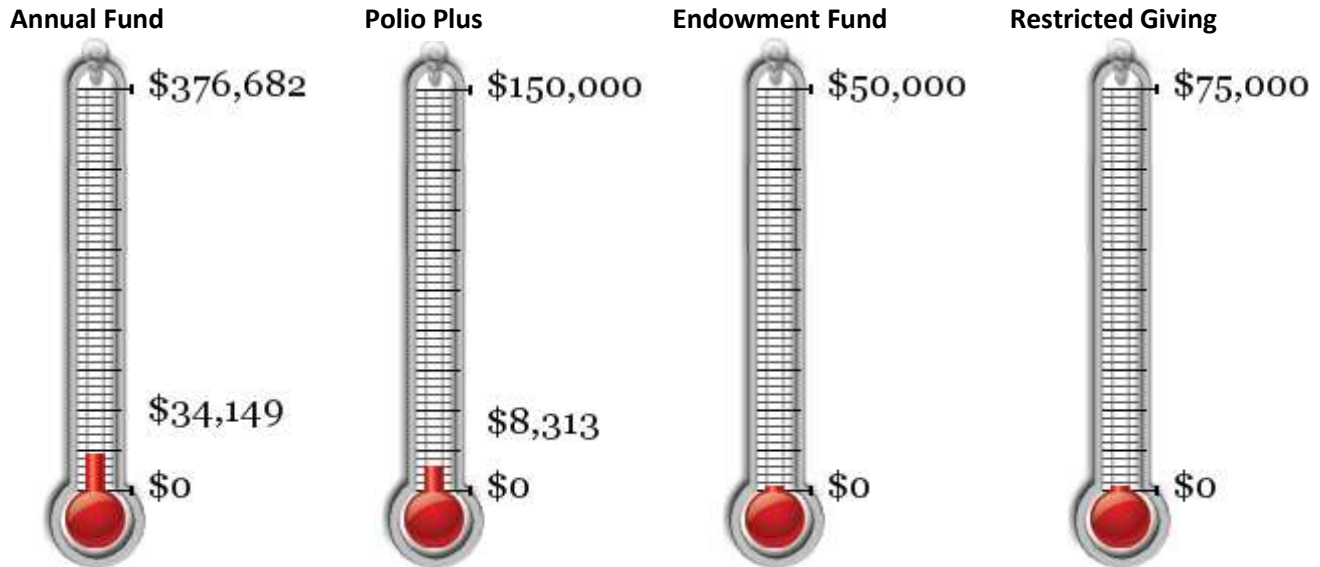
Dominic was presented to me by a former Rotarian colleague, Fr. Emmanuel Azike, during a recent scouting trip to Nigeria where I was doing hospital site-visits for future potential surgical and medical missions. It took only a few minutes for me to realize the gravity of his condition. The sisters asked for my assistance to get surgery for Dominic and I was smitten. What a beautiful child. I felt he deserved every consideration that my own children would get in the USA.

A week later, my hospital site visits continued into Ghana where I met many medical people who were kind and generous and very welcoming. As I told and re-told Dominic's story, I was eventually introduced to surgeons at the National Cardiothoracic Centre situated within the Korle Bu Teaching Hospital in Accra, the capital city. The greatly reduced price for such humanitarian surgery and hospitalization was set at \$8,000 USD. More funds would be necessary to fly Dominic and his caregiver from Port Harcourt, Nigeria to Accra, Ghana.

Beginning with seed money from my own Fidalgo Island Rotary Club, many very generous individuals contributed until we accumulated \$9,550 for Dominic to realize this life-saving surgery. On August 9, 2013 the hole in this Dominic's heart was successfully repaired using a piece of his own pericardium as a graft. Although he is still recovering, his future is much brighter. All because of the love of the care-giving sisters and many generous people.

*Dr. Stephen Miller, Rotary Volunteer
Rotary Club of Fidalgo Island
Anacortes, WA*

The Rotary Foundation 2013-14 District Goals



Detailed foundation donations will be reported next month.

District 5050 International Service Projects

Rotary Action Groups – autonomous groups of Rotarians, family members, and Rotaractors who are experts in a particular field and who share their expertise by collaborating with club and districts on service projects.

- they provide assistance and support in planning and implementing community development and humanitarian service projects
- first recognized by the RI Board of Directors in 2005
- current membership is 26,000 plus in dozens of countries worldwide

RAGs have been formed for various health issues, water and sanitation, community development, literacy, microfinance, food plant solutions, RAG against child slavery and other areas of interest to Rotarians. The latest group is Rotary Action Group for Peace.

New Groups must have at least 25 prospective members representing at least 5 countries and be approved by the RI Board of Directors.

For additional information - www.rotary.org/actiongroups

For information about International Service Projects contact Robert Harris, Dist 5050 ISP chair at robert@circome.bc.ca

submitted by Jack Rae

Doug Jones lays Wreath at 60th Anniversary of Armistice of Korean War

Doug Jones of La Conner was given the high honor of laying a wreath at the tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington, Virginia. The wreath commemorated the 60th Anniversary of the Armistice that ended the Korean War. Doug and 300 other veterans were the guests of the South Korean government during the three day reunion and one day celebration of the July 27, 1953 armistice.

The Korean War has been called the forgotten war and occurred between 1950 and 1953 involving 1.8 million US military personnel. North Korea invaded South Korea and almost completely captured the country. General Douglas MacArthur launched a surprise invasion and in the fighting that followed the US and South Koreans took most of the country stopping at the Chinese border. The Chinese then began an assault with massive forces in an attack that moved South to the 48 parallel, the original border between North and South Korea. Approximately two months before this a decisive battle occurred at Outpost Harry.



Outpost Harry was a remote Korean war outpost located on a tiny hilltop 60 miles North of Seoul South Korea. For eight days close to 13,000 Chinese moved into outpost trenches defended by four US companies and one Greek company. The fighting raged for six night's mostly hand to hand combat.

The US forces were told to "Hold at all costs" otherwise the US 8th Army would have to withdraw six miles to the South and the ongoing Armistice negotiations would have been less favorable. The U.S. prevailed in the Outpost Harry fighting, despite being outnumbered 30 to 1. The US lost 114 troops and the Chinese 1,500. The US units involved received the Distinguished Unit Citation and its troops received one medal of honor, a number of silver stars and a number of bronze stars including one to Doug Jones.

The celebrations last month honored the Outpost Harry survivors and some 6,000 Korean War veterans and their families. President Obama spoke at the Korean war memorial. General Pak, age 93, known as the savior of South Korea and a sizable contingent from Korea royally treated and thanked the veterans.

Doug Jones and Sam Buck were two of the six veterans selected to lay the wreath at the tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Doug has been a Rotarian for 54 years.

submitted by Lee Carlson, Rotary Club of La Conner

Some Photo's from the Rotary Club of La Conner's Moonlight & Martinis Auction Aug.24



Photos 1, 2, 3 thanks to Bob Knight.

BURIED IN BOOKS

White Rock Rotary's book warehouse is bursting its seams with great read materials in all genre -- NOVELS, BIOGRAPHY, ARTS, NON-FICTION, ROMANCE, RELIGION, SELF-HELP, WOMEN'S ISSUES, CHILDREN'S and YOUTH LIT. and to liquidate that surplus they plan three super sales at Rotary Field House (in South Surrey Softball City - 148th St between 20th and 24th Ave.

Sept. 7/8 & Nov.9/10 note these are weekend sales Saturday 10-4 and Sunday 11-4

For further info check the website www.whiterockrotary.org

For more info contact Bonnie [604 542 2555](tel:6045422555)

White Rock Scholarships

Three White Rock students are heading off to University this Fall with some financial support from the community. Kiran Mann, Jasmine Webster and Alexandra Sakellariou are all recipients of the Rotary Club of White Rock's Community Scholarship awards.

Scholarship Chair, Ian Lagasse reports *"All three students have given their time generously to the community and they are very deserving of these awards. It is very gratifying to see the caliber of our scholarship recipients who were chosen from a very impressive group of applicants."*

Alexandra Sakellariou, a graduate of White Rock Christian Academy has volunteered with Christina Place visiting seniors and was leader of the school cheerleading team. She will attend McGill University in Montreal with a law degree as her goal. With finances being limited scholarship money is very much needed. Alexandra was raised by her Grandmother since her parents had drug dependency problems.

Kiran Mann, a graduate of Panorama Secondary started a mentorship program with her friends for girls in grades five, six and seven to help them cope with the transition from elementary to secondary school. The program is now district wide in all Surrey schools. Karen is considering a career in medicine.

Jasmine Webster, a graduate of Semiahmoo Secondary has a younger brother with Autism. She has volunteered for over 6 years with the Semiahmoo House Society which assists autistic and other physically and mentally challenged individuals. She will attend Thompson Rivers University this fall in Kamloops. She plans to be a teacher in special education.



Rotarians Celebrate with Kite Making

Snohomish Rotarian Pete Reeder learned about a woman associated with a group of adults who play along the windy shores of Long Beach in the south west corner of Washington. He arranged for a program titled, "Fun at Any Age".

On August 1, 2013, Bonnie Ecker came to the meeting of the Snohomish Rotary club. She filled the room with a variety of kites, showed pictures of kite flying contests, and told about the early history of kite making in China. Then Bonnie passed out materials so that club members could construct their own kites.



Our club public relations chair sent this article, with a photograph, to the *Everett Herald*.

"During their weekly club meeting, Snohomish Rotarians relaxed following the end of their annual berry sale. Bonnie Ecker, Washington Kitefliers Association, discussed the early history of kite making and helped club members in making their own kites."

Staff reporter Melissa Slager telephoned us for background information. In the article that was published on August 9, 2013, she added:

"The berry sales raised \$5,000, which the Snohomish Rotary Club will use for student recognitions and scholarships."

Submitted by Bob Knight,
District 5050 Public Relations Chair

South Surrey Picnic Meeting

For a change of pace, the South Surrey club decided to have an outdoor evening meeting to replace their regular morning meeting. Great idea!



The Travelling Peace Arch

Hits the Road Again!

Members of the Rotary Club of Port Coquitlam Centennial visited the Rotary Club of South Everett Mukilteo on July on Friday July 12, 2013 to pass on the Travelling Peace Arch.



Thanks to all the members of the South Everett Mukilteo Club for their warm welcome and good luck with the Travelling Peace Arch!

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
Janice Buckley	Heartbeat - Helping wounded warriors	USA	(425) 931-1047 janice@heartbeatforwarriors.org
Wayne Leach	TRF Permanent Fund	Can	(604) 313-1102 wayneleach@me.com
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Dr. Rodger Stark	Federal Health Care Reform - the Impact on You	USA	Caitlin Kincaid (206)937-9691 imtern@washingtonpolicy.org
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Membership and Attendance Highlights for July 2013

- The number of members in District 5050 as of 31 July was 2662, down -17.
- Average Attendance for the district was 68.8%; YTD is 68.8%. Last year the average was 71.4%
- **The club with the best attendance in July was South Everett/Mukilteo with 100%.** Second was White Rock Peninsula with 93.1% and third was South Surrey with 91.4%.