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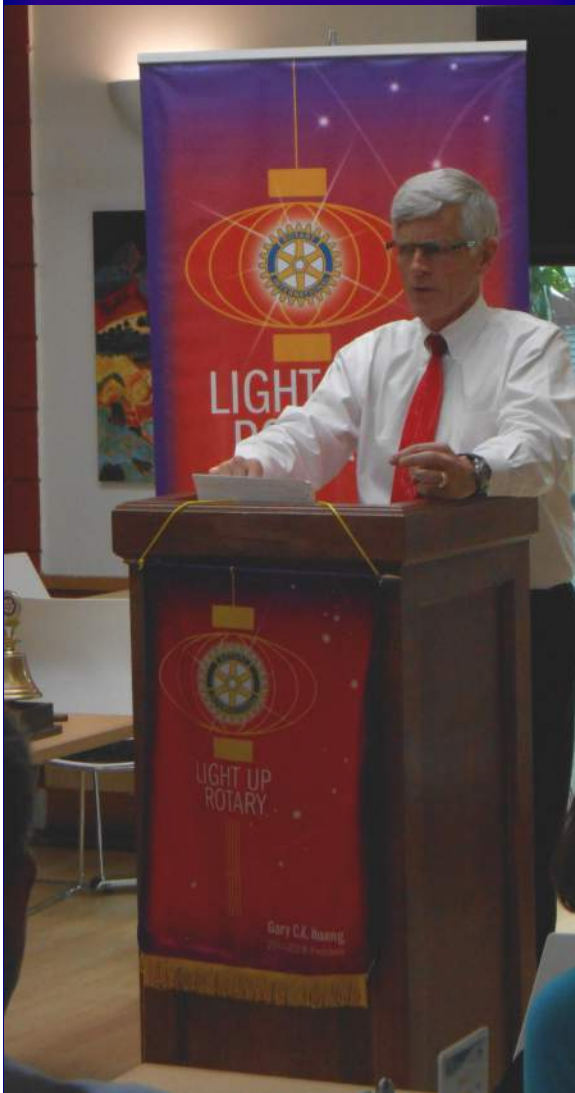


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100% Rotarian

SHARE THE LIGHT OF ROTARY

Message from our District Governor



February is World Understanding Month for Peace and Conflict Prevention / Resolution

Rotary History

Our 1.2 million-member organization started with the vision of one man, Paul P. Harris. The Chicago attorney formed one of the world's first service organizations – the Rotary Club of Chicago – on February 23, 1905. This was a place where professionals of diverse backgrounds could exchange ideas and form meaningful, lifelong friendships. The Rotary name came from the group's early practice of rotating meetings among the offices of each member.

We are truly international. Just 16 years after being founded Rotary had clubs on six continents. Today we are working together from around the world both digitally and in-person to solve some of our world's most challenging problems. Our commitment to service is ongoing. We began our fight against polio in 1979, with a project to immunize 6 million children in the Philippines. Today only three countries remain polio-endemic – Afghanistan, Nigeria and Pakistan. Until polio virus transmission is interrupted in these countries, all countries remain at risk of importation of polio.

Rotarian's are your neighbors, your community leaders and

some of the world's greatest history makers, who come together to create positive, lasting change in our communities and around the world.

So on February 23rd we celebrate our 110th year as an organization. Thank YOU all for the GREAT things you have done in our communities and the world and even more than that the things that YOU WILL DO!

Yours in Rotary -
Lyle & P.J. Ryan

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WE ARE ROTARIANS



Rotary unites leaders to exchange ideas and take action to improve communities everywhere.



THE PEACE ARCH JOURNAL

**Lyle Ryan
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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Message from Rotary International President

There is a Chinese folk tale about a little frog who lived in a deep well. He was born in that well, and for him, nothing existed beyond the patch of sky he could see from his home on the bottom. Birds flew overhead, and sometimes they would stop and tell the little frog about the great world outside. But the little frog mostly ignored them. He did not want to make friends if it meant leaving his well.

One day, a sparrow swooped down and picked up the little frog to show him what he was missing. The sparrow carried him high over hills and valleys and rivers. The little frog could not believe his eyes! The world was so much bigger and more beautiful than he had imagined. The little frog thanked the sparrow and settled on the shore of a wide pond. He spent the rest of his days far outside of the well. Meeting the sparrow had changed his life.

Many of us have had our lives changed by membership in Rotary. We have become a part of something larger than ourselves. We have expanded our view of the world and our influence in it, and as part of Rotary, we are committed to creating a more peaceful world.

In January and February, individuals begin the process of applying to be part of the Rotary Peace Centers program, as explained in this issue. It is one tangible way Rotary equips future generations of peacemakers. But there are other ways we work for peace as well.

It can begin with a conversation, with making a friend, with sitting down together to share a cup of coffee and an idea. These conversations are how peace begins. It's not any more complicated than that. That was Paul Harris' vision — a world where people have a way to come together, as friends, as equals, to build a better future for everyone.

Together, we can make that vision a reality. Together, in Rotary, we can create a healthier, happier, more hopeful world, a world of peace and friendship.



**Rotary International President
GARY C. K. HUANG**



CREATE AWARENESS

LIGHT UP ROTARY

**NTV
interviews
Rotary
General
Secretary
John Hewko**

RI General Secretary John Hewko met with NTV Kenya for a wide-ranging interview about what makes Rotary unique and why it's one of the world's most respected service organizations.

"Rotary in many ways is a great example of how countries could operate," Hewko said. "We are overtly non-political, non-religious. There's a culture within Rotary of everybody being equal. And when you join Rotary, you buy into the philosophy of peace and understanding."

Watch it on <https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/member-news/announcements/ntv-interviews-rotary-general-secretary-john-hewko>

OBITUARY

We are saddened to share the news about the passing of Monty Audenart of Rotary Club of Red Deer East, Alberta, Canada. Monty is TRF Trustee 2013 - 17 and Past Rotary International Vice President. May His Soul Rest in Peace!



If Monty could say "Goodbye"...

If you are reading this now, I have simply gone HOME. Come and help celebrate my life here on January 27, at 12pm at 8 Keast Way, Red Deer (LDS chapel).

Of course there will be food (I asked for KFC but probably won't get it), some good memories, and my family really needs your support.

I was born on November 14, 1949 and returned HOME January 21, 2015. I was lucky to be adopted by Osh and Gladys Audenart and raised on a farm near Raymond, with my two great sisters Connie and Beverly. I attended school in Raymond and Magrath, and then

served a mission for the LDS Church in Tahiti. I attended the University of Alberta where I graduated from dentistry in 1977. I practiced in Vermilion and Red Deer, and Nunavut, and offered my services to less fortunate people in Jamaica, Bangladesh, the Philippines, Thailand, Mexico, Russia and the Amazon. Sometimes my daughters came with me. It was a grand adventure. It never ever seemed like work. I served in the Church as a Branch President, a Councillor in the Bishopric, member of High Council, Stake executive secretary and Stake Director of Public Affairs.

I joined Rotary in 1987, and served as Club President, District Governor, Rotary International Director and Vice-President, and a Trustee of the Rotary Foundation, and lots of in-betweens. Rotary gave Liz and I , friends worldwide, and so many opportunities to serve the community and beyond. Rotary changes lives, including my own. I never seemed to be able to repay Rotary for all it gave me.

I leave for awhile my eternal friend and wife of more than 40 years, Liz; my children Maurita and Scott Tollestrup, Jay and Amica (Antonelli) Audenart, Graham and Talia Audenart, Robin and Dave Kearl, Lisa and Sean Freeman, and Ryan and Jody Audenart; my sisters Connie (Andy) Blasetti and Bev (John) Mehew. Grieve abit, laugh a lot and keep a special place for me in your hearts. Remember always how God gave us Time enough to say goodbye.

I will be a forever Grandpa to Mya, Kedan, Tagg, Payton, Berkeley, Osh, Gabby, Jack, Forrest, Aviana, Grayson, KK, Elle, Maeve, Willow, Crew, Aurelia, Mirra, Noa, and Cooper. Didn't we have FUN! I've gone ahead to another playground and I will be waiting for you all there with all kinds of stories. Remember we are an eternal family.

Some of you may think I left a bit early, but Mom always said it is more important how you serve in the time you have, than the years or the titles. I tried to be a good husband, father and grandfather. And I got plenty of fishing done in Corpus Christi and I released lots of fish for all of you. Catch a few Jay, I won't be far away.

In lieu of flowers you may donate directly to The Rotary Foundation. Their money never dies! (www.rotary.org)

See you soon, but don't rush! - Monty



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Rotary International President-Elect urges Rotary Members to “Be a Gift to the World

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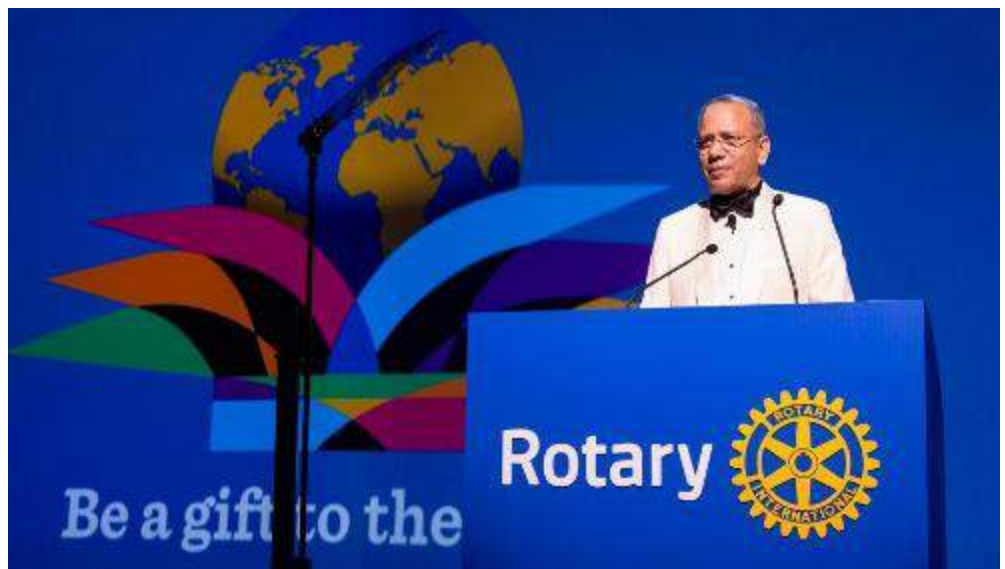
Using their talents, expertise, and leadership, Rotary members worldwide are asked to be gifts to the world this upcoming 2015-16 Rotary year.

Rotary International President-elect K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran called Sunday's address to incoming district governors the "most significant moment of my life."

"All of you have been given so many gifts. And you have now been given this great gift: one year to take all your talents, all your gifts, everything that you are and can become -- and Be a Gift to the World," said Ravindran, revealing his presidential theme at the annual five-day training meeting in San Diego, California, USA. *"You have one year to take that potential and turn it into reality. One year to lead the clubs in your district and transform the lives of others. The time is so short, yet there is so much to be done."*

Highlighting Rotary's biggest challenge, the eradication of polio, Ravindran said, *"A future without polio is a gift that we have promised to the children of the world. And indeed it is a gift that we will give."*

Ravindran, a member of the Rotary Club of Colombo, Sri Lanka, used Rotary's successes in the fight to eradicate the disease as an illustration of the impact Rotary



RI President-elect K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran announces his presidential theme for 2015-16, Be a Gift to the World, at the opening session of the International Assembly in San Diego, California, USA.

Photo Credit: Rotary International/Monika Lozinska

members can have in the world. When Rotary set a goal of eradicating polio 25 years ago, it was endemic in 125 countries, and more than 1,000 children were becoming paralyzed each day. Today, polio remains endemic in just three countries, Afghanistan, Nigeria, and Pakistan. And in all of 2014, only 333 cases were reported. *"We will battle on. We will prevail,"* he said.

Ravindran discussed some of Rotary's other challenges, including membership.

"We have to find a way to bring back the fundamentals that built our organization: the emphasis on high ethical standards in all aspects of our lives, and the classification system that encourages a diversity of expertise in each club," he said. *"Too often these ideas are viewed as little more than inconvenient obstacles to increasing our membership. But they have been essential to Rotary's success, and we ignore them at our own peril."*

Ravindran told attendees that the focus on branding is essential to helping Rotary grow. *"We need to reposition our image, which we*

recognize has faded in many parts of the world," he said.

Rotary also needs to continue to raise funds for The Rotary Foundation, attract new members, and encourage greater participation from current members, he added.

"There are no easy answers to any of these questions. And yet the answers must somehow be found. We are the ones who must find them," said Ravindran.

The president-elect closed his speech emphasizing that now is the time to make real change.

"You have one year to build monuments that will endure forever, not carved in granite or marble, but in the lives and hearts of generations. This is our time. It will not come again. Let us grasp it," he said.





Celebrate Rotary's Birthday

How will you be celebrating Rotary's birthday this month? Visit Rotary's new Give the Gift page to see how your donation to Rotary, no matter the size, helps create positive, lasting change.

Give the Gift of Rotary

Every year, hundreds of thousands of people — children, families, and entire communities — benefit from projects funded by The Rotary Foundation.

Although Rotary gives back in countless ways, we focus our service efforts in six areas: promoting peace, fighting disease, providing clean water, saving mothers and children, supporting education, and growing local economies.

You can help us continue to create positive, lasting change with a gift to The Rotary Foundation.



What your gift supports?

◀ \$10 MOSQUITO BED NET

Bed nets provide a safe, peaceful night's rest in countries like Uganda, where malaria is a major health concern.

▶ \$25 SCHOOL UNIFORM

Succeeding in school starts with dressing the part. The gift of a school uniform can open the doors to education for a child.



▶ \$50 WATER FILTER

In rural Guatemala, deadly waterborne diseases are common. Personal water filters offer simple, sustainable access to clean water.

▶ \$85 BOX OF PURPLE MARKERS

Purple markers are used to mark the pinkie fingers of children who receive the polio vaccine, helping health workers identify children who still need to be immunized.



▶ \$100 FOLDING WALKER

Walkers and wheelchairs can offer people with physical disabilities mobility, improved health, access to education, and economic security.



▶ \$100 SEWING MACHINE

Sewing machines are used to teach entrepreneurs the skills they need to launch a business. Microloans and training ensure the business's sustainability.



▶ \$250 CERAMIC WASHBASIN

Ceramic washbasins give mothers living in domestic-violence shelters the means to bathe and care for their babies and families.



▶ \$500 DAIRY COW

In addition to providing dairy products, cows produce calves that farmers in Cambodia can sell to support their families.

**YOUR DONATION TO ROTARY,
NO MATTER THE SIZE,
HELPS CREATE POSITIVE,
LASTING CHANGE.**



Rotary member Michael McQueen, a bestselling author and founder of The Nexgen Group, talks to district governor-elects on 20 January about keeping Rotary relevant .

Promoting membership with new ideas, even some that challenge tradition

Strengthening Rotary's membership is not just important for incoming district governors, it's critical. That's the message they received from several key speakers at their training event, the 2015 International Assembly in San Diego.

For membership to grow, leaders must be willing, for example, to ease stringent club meeting protocols and make other efforts to accommodate a younger, digitally oriented demographic.

Seventy percent of Rotary members are 50 years or older, while half of the world's population is under 30, according to Rotary leaders. The contrast shouldn't be something to fear, but rather something to embrace, said Rotary member Michael McQueen, a bestselling author who studies social change, youth culture, and cultural issues and whose consulting firm, The Nexgen Group, specializes in demographic shifts and social trends.

To engage this young demographic, McQueen says that staying relevant is crucial. He shared three key ways that enduring organizations can do that: recalibrate, re-engineer, and reposition.

But relevance does not involve compromise, McQueen stressed; the values, priorities, and commitment of Rotary should never change. "Any organization that is willing to compromise its DNA in order to stay relevant never lasts. After all, if you don't stand for something, you'll fall for anything," said McQueen, a member of the Rotary Club of Crows Nest, New South Wales, Australia.

RI General Secretary John Hewko expressed a similar view when he addressed the assembly. He said it's clear that members have been able to accomplish a great deal, but asked what they are "willing to do" to make Rotary stronger.

"So I'm asking all of you, in the coming year, to be voices for doing everything we can in Rotary, not just everything that's

comfortable or easy or the way things have always been done," he said. "Be advocates for thoughtful, positive, and lasting change. We have a great tradition in Rotary, but it's our tradition. We made it, we own it -- it doesn't own us; if it no longer serves its purpose, we can change it."

McQueen suggests adjusting some of the traditions, processes, and protocols that "could be the very things that cause us to lose relevance."

In McQueen's native Australia, the Rotary Club of Toronto Sunrise, New South Wales, has three members sharing leadership responsibilities for a year as co-presidents. The club reports that having the skills and ideas of three leaders is prompting other changes, and has already resulted in a 25 percent gain in membership. The club is part of a new Rotary pilot project, now being expanded to 1,000 clubs, which encourages them to experiment with variations on Rotary's traditional club structure. Applications for the 2015-17 pilot are being accepted until 31 March.

According to McQueen, change and innovation are led by people with fresh perspectives. Rotary members can draw new ideas from new members, guest speakers, family members, even children who tag along to club meetings.

"The beauty of people with fresh eyes is that they don't know how things have always been done because no one has told them yet," said McQueen. "They have no trouble thinking outside the box because no one has told them what the box even looks like."

And young people, he said, "represent an enormous opportunity for this organization from a membership point of view. They are an ambitious bunch of natural networkers who, contrary to popular opinion, have a strong sense of civic duty."

Change is never easy, McQueen conceded, but Rotary members must be open to it. "We must avoid the trap of ever feeling we have arrived at the winning formula, which we then set in stone. After all, the moment you think you've made it, you've passed it."

Growing membership is a major goal of Rotary President Gary C.K. Huang. Engaging youth, inviting more women into clubs, and embracing change are all important to increasing and keeping members, Huang said.

Sometimes, he noted, adding a member is as simple as asking someone to join. Since he took office on 1 July, Huang has recruited several dignitaries while traveling, including Ed Royce, a U.S. congressman from California; Mulenga Sata, deputy mayor of Lusaka, Zambia's capital; and Beatrice Lorenzin, Italy's minister of health. All of them, Huang said, praised Rotary's work before being asked to join.

RI President-elect K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran applauded Huang's tireless work, calling him a "one-man army" promoting membership.

"All of you are going to be busy people next year, and I urge you to make a habit of asking other busy people to join. Don't leave them out," said Huang, "Maybe some of them will say no, and that's OK. But I don't want any of them to say they are not Rotarians because nobody ever asked."

He added: "Our membership and services are what make Rotary powerful and strong. To keep it strong, membership recruitment and retention have to be a priority for every incoming Rotary leader."

FOUR PRIORITIES OF ROTARY FOUNDATION

AIM: expanding Rotary's work and enhancing the image and awareness of the Foundation's achievements.

- Ending Polio—for now and forever ;
 - Strengthening Rotary members' knowledge, engagement and financial support to the Foundation;
 - Increasing the quality and impact of humanitarian services through Rotary grants and the areas of focus;
 - Enhancing the image and awareness of the Foundation's record of achievements, particularly the success of Polio Plus and its 100-year record of doing good in the world.

Rotary Foundation Chair-elect Ray Klinginsmith talks to incoming district governors at the 2015 International Assembly about the next priorities and goals for the Foundation.

Photo Credit: Rotary International/Monika Lozinska

New Priorities, Measurable Goals to Build Foundation's Success

The Rotary Foundation's continued success in changing lives will be buoyed by four new priorities aimed at expanding Rotary's work and enhancing the image and awareness of the Foundation's achievements.

The four priorities are: ending polio – now and forever; strengthening Rotary members' knowledge, engagement, and financial support to the Foundation; increasing the quality and impact of humanitarian services through Rotary grants and the areas of focus; and enhancing the image and awareness of the Foundation's record of achievements, particularly the success of PolioPlus and its 100-year record of doing good in the world.

Rotary Foundation Chair-elect Ray Klinginsmith laid out the priorities to governors-elect on Thursday at the International Assembly, who take office in July.

Closely mirroring the concept of Rotary's strategic plan, Klinginsmith said, the priorities "will clearly provide more continuity and efficiency to move in an agreed direction."

Klinginsmith told attendees that the new priorities are supported by measurable goals that can be tracked annually.

"It is the measurable goals that should be the highest interest

to you as incoming district governors, because several of the annual goals will be measured at the district level," said Klinginsmith, a member of the Rotary Club of Kirksville, Missouri, USA.

One of the most important goals, Klinginsmith said, is "to increase the number of clubs achieving the 100 percent Every Rotarian, Every Year recognition fundraising level by 15 percent in all districts. This goal should be both challenging and productive for all of you, and is easily measurable. It is achievable for all districts if you give it your time and attention, and if you first lead by example," he said.

Klinginsmith, who was a Rotary Scholar in 1961, stressed the importance of increasing the number of global grant scholars to at least one for every Rotary district.

"The new scholarships are an exciting opportunity for us to return to the time when our ambassadorial scholars were sufficiently small in number that Rotarians took a genuine interest in scholars, and as a result, the scholars took a genuine interest in Rotary," said Klinginsmith.

The Foundation aims to develop at least two initiatives to recognize and publicize the need for membership growth in clubs and districts. Klinginsmith said the Trustees realized that Rotary cannot continue to provide larger and more sustainable projects unless clubs themselves become bigger. For decades, Rotary grew at a rate of 3 percent a year. "We need to reclaim that legacy to be vibrant and dynamic into the future," he said. "We clearly offer the best chance for prospective members to improve their lives and communities. And to use the Rotary network to leverage their time and talent to make the entire world a better place."

By Ryan Hyland, Rotary News, 16-JAN-2015

“World Understanding” for Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution

“Something magical happens when we allow the walls of the psyche to soften and become permeable, if only for a moment, to another’s experience of the world – little compares to the self-transcendence that such receptivity invites.”

- Maria Popova



JOHNNY MILLER
CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA.
Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar
sponsored by District 5050

One of the benefits of being an expat is that it affords you the opportunity of a unique perspective of the world and of your home country. I’ve been privileged to say that I’ve been an expat now for almost exactly three years in South Africa. I got my start as a Rotary Club Ambassadorial Scholar, continued my studies by winning another scholarship at the University of Cape Town, and then secured a work permit which will keep me in country until I either decide to return or apply for permanent residency.

Becoming an expat, to me, has involved a long and ongoing process of self-analysis and transformation. Although I still identify as an American and my accent marks me as such (and always will), I have consciously decided to let go of most of my associations with my home country. I have consciously tried to imitate South African mannerisms of speech and slang. I eat what is offered to me, and adapted my taste to a different palette. I have cultivated South African friends, developed a professional network of contacts, and integrated myself into South African bureaucracy through car registrations, visa applications, police clearances, tax reporting, and the like. I don’t watch American television shows and crave American food, nor do I complain that I’m missing out on sporting events, political movements, or fashions that come and go. This has been a conscious decision that I have taken, because early on in my time in Cape Town I decided to make my home here. I’ve noticed that this is typical of most expats who go on to become what I call “serious expats”. It’s a dissociation that’s necessary to make the oftentimes painful transition easier and more successful.

But in doing so, one enters into a very unique liminal space. I will never become “South African”. And by attempting to shed the identity of “American”, I then pass into a state where...who am I? And what do I represent?

It is in this liminal state, I’ve found, that powerful observations can be made. By freeing myself from American media and culture, I’m able to see the impact of our

policies and influence around the world in a much more objective light. I see arguments that seemed so self-evident to me before (that capitalism is inevitable, that individual rights and privacy should be paramount, that culture should be outside the purvey of government policy) in a whole new light. I see what works, and what doesn’t work with American society. I now understand the feeling of impotence, the sense of frustration, that many countries around the world view America through its unique brand of real politics.

In my new country, with its particularly interesting (and recent) history, I am free of the baggage that comes with being a white male in post-apartheid society. I can ask naïve questions, and I can travel to areas that other white South Africans can’t or won’t go to. I have seen the desire to emigrate away from South Africa and been asked repeatedly why I chose to move here, conversations that have sparked deep self-reflective thought amongst South African friends and colleagues of mine. Why would I choose to move here when so many people want to move away? What can we learn from each other’s desires? What does it mean to live a meaningful life?

This of course is burdensome and weighs heavily on the mind. I’ve left family and friends behind that I rarely get to see. I have sacrificed professional connections that undoubtedly would have been more valuable had I stayed in the states. The feeling of loneliness and alienation are ever-present. It’s not easy.

But it’s the life I willfully and consciously chose. I chose to live in Cape Town because it’s a beautiful place, a magnetic and mysterious place, and one that feels like home. The result of this choice, I hope, is not only happiness through everyday “earthly” pleasures (which abound in great numbers in Cape Town), but a sense of satisfaction of actively dictating my own path through life. There is a certain disruptiveness to it as well, not in the way I’m treated but in the way that it causes my acquaintances to confront my decisions. In asking me, “Why?” they must

also ask themselves, “Why not?” This in its own small way is profound, because if we strive to understand the world around us we need to start by understanding ourselves.

I haven’t figured everything out yet, although I don’t feel too bad about that (I haven’t met anyone who has). I also think its possible I will move back to the US at some point. But for right now I enjoy living in Cape Town, I enjoy being slightly disruptive, I enjoy the strange cultural interactions I sometimes have here, and I very much enjoy my unconventional and slightly confusing choice of life.



Johnny Miller in 2010
Introduction

“In preparing something about World Understanding Month I wrote to Johnny Miller at Cap Town, South Africa, and invited him to write an article for the PAJ. I first met him at our District’s Annual Rotary Foundation Dinner where he was the guest speaker. He had been sponsored by District 5050 to be a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar and was preparing to attend the University of Cape Town. At the event he told us about walking the length of the Pacific Crest Trail and taking his digital movie camera to document the earthquake disaster in Haiti.

I have been following him on Facebook.”

Bob Knight – Editor, PAJ

Rotary's Innovative Tribute to Polio Eradication in India breaks Guinness World Record

To eradicate polio in India, Rotary members displayed impressive coordination and commitment. So it should come as no surprise that Rotary members in Chennai, Tamil Nadu, were able to mobilize more than 40,000 people to create the world's largest human national flag. The tribute to the polio eradication effort qualified as a Guinness World Records-breaking achievement.

"What impressed me most was that all of Rotary was represented: Rotaractors, Interactors, and Rotarians," says RI President Gary C.K. Huang, who participated in the event along with his wife, Corinna, and other Rotary senior leaders. "They brought their classmates, friends, and co-workers. I think that says a lot about how important it is to the people that India is polio free."

"When I was told how many people had to participate -- 40,000 to 50,000 -- I didn't think it would happen. When I saw the thousands and thousands of people [gathered] for just the rehearsal the day before, I realized it was possible."

**Rotary International President
Garry C. K. Huang**

Participants from all walks of life holding placards stood together on a local fairgrounds to form the Indian flag. Their display broke the record set last year by the Sports Club of Lahore, which organized nearly 30,000 people to form the Pakistani flag.

After breaking the record, local Rotary members, who'd formed the blue wheel in the center of the flag, flipped their placards over to create Rotary wheels, and other Rotary members unfurled a

large banner reading "Keep India Polio Free." The organizers, led by District 3230, estimate that another 50,000 people showed up to watch on large TV screens set up outside the event.

Once the participants were organized, they had to hold up the placards for more than five minutes to enable the representative from Guinness to verify the new record. *"The last 30 seconds, everyone started screaming [in encouragement]," says Huang. "I [felt] very patriotic, says Avanthika Iyer, a third-year student at Shasun Jain College in Chennai. "The five-minute period of holding the placard was difficult but made us happy."*



Participants organized by local Rotary members in Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India, gather to break the record for the world's largest human national flag.



A bird's-eye view of the world's largest human national flag.



Local Rotary members from Chennai create the blue wheel inside the flag of India.



Rotary members from District 3230 and RI President Gary C.K. Huang (red vest) celebrate their record-breaking achievement.

Photo Credit: Courtesy of I.S.A.K. Nazar, Governor of District 3230 (India)



Kids in Kenya are ending violent mistrust between tribes

Monica Kinyua (right) and her sister, Jane Wanjiru, during a visit to Rotary headquarters in October. Photo Credit: Rotary International/Monika Lozinska

For decades, the small, pastoral communities in northern Kenya have been caught in a cycle of violence. Tribes have shed blood over distrust, scarce resources, and the theft of livestock.

Rotary Scholar Monica Kinyua founded the Children Peace Initiative (CPI) Kenya with her twin sister, Jane Wanjiru, to end the fighting by building friendships between children from different tribes.

Earlier this year, the sisters used a global grant sponsored by Rotary members in San Diego, California, and the Rotary Club of Nairobi to conduct a peace camp for children in Baragoi, Samburu County, one of the most dangerous in northern Kenya. Forty police officers investigating a report of cattle rustling had been killed there a few years prior.

During the peace camp in May 2014, Turkana students from three community schools and Samburu students from three schools along with their teachers mingled for five days of ice-breaking and bonding activities. At the end of each camp, every child is strongly encouraged to make a friend with a child from another tribe.

CPI Kenya volunteers also organized events in Marsabit County where children who had formed friendships with children from neighboring communities invited their parents to meet their friends, and in the process the two families formed friendships.

"In one case, they greeted each other with gifts that ranged from clothing, artifacts, foodstuff, confectionaries, and mostly goats," Monika said.

Before the CPI Kenya activities, resolution happened only in the form of armed negotiations. On one occasion, before delegates from one tribe had even arrived at the other tribe's village, they were met on the road by armed negotiators. The peace camps have reduced violence in the region.

"Children have never before been involved directly in conflict resolution," she says. "This role has been reserved for men. Through the CPI Kenya program, children are directly participating in intercommunity peace and coaching their parents and influencing the communities to live peacefully with each other."

ROTARY SCHOLARSHIP

Monica contacted Rotary for help following a series of serendipitous events that began in 2011. She had just been selected to receive a scholarship to the University of San Diego to pursue a master's in peace and justice, but she had no means of paying her living expenses. Days before she had to decide whether to accept the scholarship, she attended a Rotaract club she was considering joining.

Carol Kurth, a college student from San Diego, was also visiting the club that day as part of a trip she was taking through another non-profit. Her mother, San Diego Rotary member Janice Kurth, had spent time in Kenya on a Rotary vocational exchange 18 months earlier.

"When Carol left on her trip, I gave her my business card to use while there. So she gave Monica my business card and Monica emails me," Kurth recalls. "Our district has been using grants to sponsor students in the very program she was applying to for the past several years. I went to people in my district and explained the situation, and when she was selected, I said, 'I have to be her host counselor.'"

Kurth said Monica became like another daughter to her during the scholarship. Near its conclusion, Kurth called one of her contacts in Kenya, Rotary Club of Nairobi member Sudish Walia, and they began putting together a global grant to fund Monica's work.

More communities have requested CPI Kenya's help as they hear about the work the sisters are doing. At the end of each peace camp, community leaders recommend other villages that would be helped by the program.

Monica, who serves as executive director of CPI Kenya, says her Rotary scholarship helped her become a better leader and form a wider network of support. She got to know Interactions for Peace, a nonprofit based in San Diego, through a Rotary member, and is now partnering with the group. The University of San Diego has also lent support.

"Rotary exposed me to a world of possibilities and opportunities," she says. "Many of the people I met are even today continuing to mentor me or shape my career. I see Rotary's commitment to education and to world peace as a great asset to peace and understanding in the world."

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT-ELECT



K.R. "RAVI" RAVINDRAN

PRESIDENT 2015-16
ROTARY CLUB OF COLOMBO
SRI LANKA

K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran is CEO and founder of a publicly listed company with a worldwide clientele in the tea packaging industry. His company, Printcare Plc, is the winner of national and international awards of excellence. He also serves on the board of several other companies and charitable trusts. He is the founding president of the Sri Lanka Anti-Narcotics Association.

A Rotarian since 1974, Ravindran has served RI as treasurer; director; Foundation trustee; committee member, vice chair, and chair; task force member; RI training leader; and district governor.

As his country's national PolioPlus chair, Ravindran headed a task force consisting of the government, UNICEF, and Rotary and worked closely with UNICEF to successfully negotiate a ceasefire with the northern militants during National Immunization Days. He also chaired the Schools Reawakening project, sponsored by Rotary clubs and districts in Sri Lanka, to rebuild 25 tsunami-devastated schools to benefit 15,000 children.



Rotarians in focus

Profiles by
BOB KNIGHT
Editor - Peace Arch Journal



Valerie Tibbetts (Brian)

Rotary Club of Fidalgo Island, Anacortes WA
AG Area H (2012-2015)
& Past President (2009-2010)

Joined Rotary in 2003. Member of the District Visioning Team 2014-2015 and the District Grants Committee 2014-2015. Proud Recipient of the first Goldfinch MVR award for 2013-2014.

Vocation: Travel Agent for 23 years. Previous vocations: shoe sales in a department store, and manager of a yarn shop.

My favorite thing about Rotary is realizing the power of one. I can't travel to do projects, or do polio immunization days right now, but I can support those who do. The special thing about Rotary is that everyone is valuable.

My favorite position in Rotary, so far, is AG. I get to visit four wonderful innovative clubs regularly and I'm always inspired by their energetic members and projects.

Hobbies: I enjoy reading, puzzles, card games, needlework, gardening, and travel.

Personal: Married for nearly 24 years to Brian. Between us we have 4 kids, 6 grandkids and a great granddaughter.



Val with Carol Tichelman and Marie Goldfinch

Hassib Hasanzadeh

Rotary Club of Surrey Central City, B.C.
Club President (2014-2015)

Member since 2013, and Chartering President of the Club in 2014 – 2015.

“I like to exercise, laugh, travel, and spend time with my family and friends.”

Vocation: Primarily practices as a solicitor, with a focus on business law, real estate and estate planning, which makes effective use of my dual M.B.A. and J.D. degree from the University of Victoria.

I also maintain a litigation practice assisting individuals who have suffered personal injury, and have appeared before both the Provincial and Supreme Courts of British Columbia.

Former vocations include: graphic designer and production manager.

My favorite memories of Rotary are associated with the district conference, PETS, and my club's chartering night. Each event reinforced my beliefs for joining Rotary. I was exposed to a familial environment wherein I was able to engage with like-minded individuals who also enjoyed both fellowship and philanthropy.

Furthermore, I enjoyed observing the numerous presentations highlighting just a small sample of Rotary's immense impact both on a local and global level.

I look forward to many happy and fulfilling years serving my community through my efforts as a Rotarian.



A visit to a South Everett Mukilteo Rotary Club Meeting

Article & Pictures by Bob Knight

Now that the Everett clubs are not meeting at the Everett Golf & Country Club I visited the SEMRC at Sean O'Donnell's American Grill & Irish Pub (he is a member of Everett Port Gardner RC). Their board is exploring a more permanent location.

Visiting other Rotary clubs is usually interesting and should be encouraged. Their speaker this day was former Rotarian Paul Roberts, an Everett City Councilor and Vice President, Executive Committee of Sound Transit (Washington state).



He shared his views on the transportation issues facing Snohomish County and the greater Seattle area because of the geographical limitations and the increasing population. A January 7, 2015, interview with Paul Roberts can be found at: <http://seattletransitblog.com/2015/01/07/paul-roberts-interview-part-ii/>.



Plaza of Kwantlen University's Surrey Campus

District 5050's Annual Training Assembly Kwantlen Polytechnic University

12666 72nd Avenue, Surrey, BC

Saturday, April 11, 2015, 8 am - 2 pm

Rotary clubs are encouraged to have their officers and committee chairs for Rotary year 2015-2016 attend.

There will be an opening & closing plenary session, three breakout sessions and lunch.

Registration information will be posted by District Trainer Kevin Wood on the district's web site.

Clubs will be charged a minimum of \$225 (5 @ \$45).

Pictures from the 2014 District Training Assembly



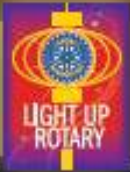
Coffee and pastries available at registration before the starting of initial plenary session.



Example of one of the breakout sessions "Rotary Image/Public Relations".

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DISTRICT 5050 CONFERENCE



APRIL 30, 2015 - MAY 3, 2015
AT THE TULALIP RESORT
FOR MORE INFO VISIT WWW.DISTRICT5050.ORG

Conference Early Registration Rate **\$295.00**

YOUTH DISCOUNTED REGISTRATION \$220.00

Hotel Contact Information

Tulalip Resort and Casino, 10200 Quil Ceda Boulevard
Tulalip, WA 98272, Tel: 888-272-1111
Website: <http://www.tulalipresortcasino.com/>

Hotel Reservation Rates

Mention Rotary to receive these rates

Thursday

These rates are offered for the three days prior to the conference and three days following the conference

King \$149.00 Double Queen \$169.00

Friday and Saturday

King \$179.00 Double Queen \$199.00

Friday Night Home Hosting has returned

Local Rotarians are set to host dinner Friday night, just select when you register and you will be picked up, hosted, and returned after a great night out. (There will be no other programming Friday Night)

Rotary District 5050

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP SEMINAR

**Saturday,
February 28, 2015**

**Springhill Suites
Marriott Hotel
4040 Northwest Ave
Bellingham, WA**

GUEST PRESENTER



Michelle O'Brien

We have arranged for an outstanding guest presenter for this year's Membership Seminar, Social Media expert, Michelle O'Brien from Ketchikan Alaska. Some of you will remember her from her PETS social media presentations. She is an excellent speaker and full of energy.

"Ketchikan resident and longtime Rotary member Michelle O'Brien has a couple years to prepare for her role as the Rotary District 5010 Governor, representing Alaska and the Yukon for 2016 and 2017. O'Brien said that her goals as district governor are to make Rotary relevant, exciting and surprising. O'Brien is a member and past-president of First City Rotary Club. She is active in a variety of Rotary projects, including the youth exchange program and training sessions for regional meetings. She works for Ketchikan Public Utilities, and is president of the Ketchikan School Board." From a February 3, 2014 article by Leila Kheiry, Ketchikan FM Station KRBD

Time: Registration 8:30 a.m.

Start 9:00 a.m. Ending 3:00 p.m.

Fee: \$35.00 Lunch will be provided.

This is a hands on seminar, with emphasis on social media and membership. Bring your lap tops or tablets.

We will be kicking off a **Membership Engagement Survey**. Improvements have been made over the first year's survey. All clubs will be asked to participate so we can compare them.

Register online by going to Rotary District 5050 web site and click on the Membership Seminar event.

**For questions, contact Linda Murray at
Linda@evergreensecurity.com**

Rotary Club of Arlington Recognize Outstanding Students of the Month

[Arlington, WA.] The Rotary Club of Arlington recognized its Outstanding Students for the month of January. Students honored were awarded a voucher for a \$50.00 donation to a non-profit group or organization of their choice. Rotarian and Arlington Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Kris McDuffy presented certificates to Paige Quander, senior, of Arlington High School and Shayla Solenberg, a student at Weston High School.

The Rotary Club of Arlington recognizes excellent students that demonstrate a commitment to community.



PAIGE QUANDER is an outstanding scholar, currently holding a 3.9 GPA while taking a rigorous curriculum. As one teacher shared, "Paige is always willing to help other students. I have never seen Paige ignore or be short with other students. I am very impressed with the way Paige worked alongside other kids welcoming students' input. Her kindness to staff and students is very special."

She is currently taking AP Stats, AP Calculus B/C, and College Writing. She maintains her grades while staying involved in groups like National Honor Society where she tutors students in English and Math before and after school, Spanish Club, and TSA (Technology Student Association).

She is also involved in Athletics where she has competed in Softball, Soccer, and 4 years of Track. For the third year, she has served as the Wrestling team manager.

Paige's passion for math, science, and engineering is evident. She took the STEM summer class offered by the district where students worked on project ideas to reduce our carbon footprint in Arlington. Her goal after graduation is to attend Washington State University studying Engineering or Astronomy/Astro-Physics.

Paige chose Pay it Forward – American Lung Association to support Lung Cancer research to receive a \$50 donation.

SHAYLA SOLENBERG joined Weston High School over half way through last school year. From the beginning of her time there, she has always strived to do her best in all her classes.

Shayla's positive outlook and friendly attitude is the first thing most people notice. She demonstrates this positive attitude whenever she helps out her classmates; which is quite often! She has a great sense of humor and because of this, she is highly respected by her classmates.

While, like any normal teenage girl, she enjoys the social aspect of school her main focus has been on her academics since day one. By advocating for herself and asking what she can do to bring up her grades, she was able to bring them up to passing in her all her classes. She continues to do her best academically by staying late after class and utilizing Panther Period to get extra time and support when she needs the extra help to understand difficult content area concepts. Shayla consistently contributes positively in all her classes and her teachers all enjoy having her in class.

Shayla plans on doing Running Start next school year and we are sure she has a bright future ahead of her!

Shayla selected Slavation Army Rehabilitation Center to receive a \$50 donation.

Rotary Club of Lake Stevens sends three to Youth Leadership Program

Lake Stevens (January 2015) – Rotary Club of Lake Stevens was proud to sponsor three young adults to the Youth Adventures In Leadership (YAIL) program held in British Columbia, Canada, January 23-25, 2015.



This year's attendees were Sunilove McBride, a sophomore at LSHS; Gavin Hobbs, a junior at LSHS; and Hayden Ploeger, a sophomore at LSHS.

YAIL is offered by Rotary International, the world's oldest service organization and is open to participants ages 15 – 17. The weekend program focused on a variety of activities involving leadership and growth to empower students to network, plan and set goals. Students also identified their natural leadership skills and explored how to utilize those skills while in a leadership position.

Chilliwack Tri-Cities Christmas Parade

It was reported in the January issue of the Peace Journal that the Christmas Parade in Chilliwack was organized by the Rotary Club of Chilliwack.

Linda Rook, President Elect of Rotary Club of Chilliwack Fraser, has requested that this be brought to the notice that the Parade in its 2nd year was a jointly funded, organized, volunteer event by the 3 Rotary clubs in Chilliwack - RC of Chilliwack, RC of Chilliwack Fraser & RC of Chilliwack Mt Cheam.

The Publisher of Peace Arch Journal apologies for leaving out the names of Rotary Club of Chilliwack Fraser and Rotary Club of Chilliwack Mt. Cheam when the news was reported.



The Rotary Wheel leading the parade at the Tri-Cities Christmas Parade in December 2014

Annual Christmas party hits another high mark

Rotarian Audrey Butler set a new record for having the most gifts “stolen” during the annual Sunrise Rotary Potluck Christmas Party and White Elephant Gift Exchange, the evening of December 20. “I have an instinct for quality,” says Audrey, “It’s unfortunate that I started with a low number in the draw.”



Among the more popular gifts were a “Christmas Story” leg lamp that went home with Paul Kuzina on its second “steal,” and a pair of pink flamingos commandeered by Megan Wise.



Other gifts ranged from surprisingly practical to outrageously silly, but all were accepted with good cheer. And as usual, the potluck meal provided food in an abundant variety of tasty dishes to please the palates of all who attended.

**News from THE MORNING SUN
Published by the Rotary Club of North Whidbey**

Haney Rotary Club's Community Contribution

Each year the Haney Rotary Club volunteers its members to work at the Founders Cup Golf Tournament in return for a donation to youth in the community. This year's donation was \$7,500.00.



Holding the cheque turned over to Youth foundation are (left to right): past club president (2012-13) and youth chair Keesha Rosario, past club president (2013-14) Ken Holland, and club president (2014-15) Jan Hickman.

How to Nominate a Peace Fellow in Four Easy Steps

Summer Lewis went to work for a fair trade coffee company in Boston after graduating from Kansas State University with degrees in sociology and modern languages, but she felt that something was missing in her life.

She had heard about the Rotary Peace Fellowship program from a scholarship adviser at the university with whom she had stayed in touch, and she decided to check it out.

“It just clicked. I knew I needed more skills,” Lewis recalls. “I was really lucky that the club that sponsored me, the Rotary Club of Manhattan, Kansas, had a person in charge of fellowships who was extremely knowledgeable, very committed, and really helpful.

He was there from the beginning to help me with my application, and he set up mock interviews for me before the actual club and district interviews.”

Not all candidates are lucky enough to find someone to guide them through the application process. And not all clubs and districts have an expert on fellowships to take the lead when they're approached by a potential applicant. Here are the steps your club or district should follow:

- ❖ Download the Rotary Peace Centers Program Guide for more information on eligibility requirements, finding qualified candidates, choosing members of a selection committee, and sample interview questions.
- ❖ Share this video explaining the process with applicants.

STEP ONE

Beginning as early as December, meet with the applicant to learn about his or her background and which of the two programs is of interest — the two-year master's degree or three-month professional development certificate.

STEP TWO

Direct the candidate to the online application and provide guidance through the process. Advise master's program applicants to thoroughly research their university preferences before applying, as admission requirements and offerings vary by university.

STEP THREE

Between March and May, clubs set up a committee to review all applicants and ensure that all required documents are complete and ready to submit to the district. (Candidates also can apply directly to the district.) Districts form a selection committee to receive applications, determine eligibility, interview candidates, and make endorsements.

STEP FOUR

Districts submit endorsed applications to The Rotary Foundation by 1 July and notify applicants of the endorsement decision.

AND THAT'S ALL THERE IS TO IT!

In November, you and the applicant will be notified of the Rotary Peace Centers Selection Committee's determination.

For further information contact

Jack Rae, Dist Scholarship Chair, bettyjackrae@shaw.ca

Clearing up common misconceptions about Peace Fellowships

- Endorsing a candidate does not require allocation of District Designated Funds.
- Districts can endorse more than one candidate. In fact, they can endorse as many qualified applicants as they like, at no cost.
- Candidates can be endorsed by districts other than their home district if they live in a non-Rotary country, or if they have had difficulty connecting with their home district.
- Applicants can apply directly to the district and bypass the club endorsement process if they choose.
- Candidates can apply either for the master's degree or certificate program, but not both.

DEADLINES & NOTICES

SUBMIT

28 February: To enter The Rotarian's annual photo contest.

31 March: Deadline for Rotary, Rotaract, and Interact clubs to submit forms for the Presidential Citation to district governors.

For Rotarians to submit YouTube videos of their Rotary Days events for entry in a video contest.

ATTEND

31 March: To register for the convention at the early rate of \$375. After this date, registration remains open online only, at the on-site rate of \$425. Last day to make name changes for group room reservations through onPeak.

NOMINATE

1 March: For district governors to submit a nomination for the Rotarian Spouse/Partner Service Award.

15 March: For district governors to nominate a club in their district for the Significant Achievement Award.

NOTICES

Club presidents, remember to check progress toward the goals you have set in Rotary Club Central.

All current, incoming, and past district governors are invited to attend the 2015 International Institute pre-convention meeting in São Paulo, 4-5 June.



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District 5050 Grants Seminars

Every club in District 5050 wishing to apply for matching grants for service projects (both local and international) is required by Rotary International to qualify by having members attend a Grants Seminar every year.

A minimum of two people from each club must attend a Grants Management Seminar, and one of these must be the President-Elect.

For more details visit District 5050 website OR contact PDG Larry Jubie at lwjubie31@hotmail.com.

FEB 7 - District 5050 Grants Seminar (US)
Mt. Vernon, WA.

FEB 7 - Skagit (Mt. Vernon)

2015 Seafood & Wild Game Dinner & Auction Brewfest

Saint Joseph Centre, 205 N 15th Street, Mt. Vernon, WA

FEB 7 - District 5050 Governor's Advisory Council

The Bellwether Hotel, 1 Bellwether Way, Bellingham, WA 6:00 – 9:00 pm

FEB 7 - Snohomish Rotary Mardi Gras & Cajun Dinner

St. John's Episcopal Church, 913 2nd Street, Snohomish, WA 5:00pm–8:00pm

FEB 28 - District 5050 2015 District Membership Seminar

4040 Northwest Ave, Bellingham, WA

FEB 28 - LaConner 50th Annual Smelt Derby Festival

8:00 AM - 10:00PM

MAR 6 to 8 - District 5050 PETS—Presidents Elect Training Seminar

Doubletree Hotel - Seatac Airport, 18740 International Boulevard, Seattle, WA

MAR 7 - Langley Central International Women's Day

At Newlands. 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM

MAR 21 - District 5050 Rotary Leadership Institute - CAN

Sunrise Conference Centre

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

APR 11 - District 5050 District Training Assembly

APR 24 Lake Stevens Wine & Beer Tasting with Auction

Floral Hall, Forest Park, 06:00 - 09:00 PM

APR 30 TO MAY 4 - District 5050 Conference 2015

Tulalip Resort and Casino

MAY 9 - Port Coquitlam Centennial Rotary May Day Parade

Downtown Port Coquitlam from 10:30 AM

May 14 Port Moody Search for the Perfect Pint

May 14, 2015 City Hall 05:30 - 10:00 PM

ROTARY CLUB OF LAKE STEVENS

The date of the Fourth Annual Rotary Club of Lake Stevens Wine, Beer and Silent Auction has been rescheduled to April 24, 2015 at Floral Hall at Forest Park, 802 E Mukilteo Blvd, Everett from 6:00-9:00pm.

Featured wines from: Chateau Bujan; Chateau Ste Michelle; Dubindil Winery; Kestrel Vintners; Lantz Cellars and Plain Cellars and featuring beers from Scuttlebutt Brewing. You can pre-register for the silent auction at:

<http://goo.gl.SxXsUC>.

Tickets must be purchased in advance.

Admission includes complimentary hors d'oeuvres, 4 tasting of your choice and 1 entry into the Grand Prize raffle. Additional wine and beer tasting and pours will be available for purchase. Non-alcoholic beverages will be available for those that prefer. Additional raffle entries may also be purchased at the event. Must be present to win.

\$30.00 per person. Come join us for a fun event. All proceeds from the Wine and Beer Tasting goes to our various community projects.

Rotary District 6270 Initiative

World Affairs Seminar 2015 Global Energy: Who's Got the Power June 20 - 26, 2015 Carroll University • Waukesha, Wisconsin, USA

This Seminar is for students who:

- Are between the ages of 16-18
- Completed their sophomore, junior or senior years in high school.
- In good academic standing.
- Interested in global issues and building a strong portfolio for college and future careers.

Application deadline:

May 31, 2014

- Early Bird \$50.00 discount for payments received by February 28
- A Late Fee may apply if paid after June 1, 2014

Fees:

- Domestic US \$650 (US and Canada)
- International: US\$550 (includes international exchange program students studying in a "domestic" high school).
- Sponsors who send four or more students receive an additional \$50 discount per student.

For more information visit Worldaffairsseminar.org

World Affairs Seminar
10600 W. Mitchell Street
West Allis, WI 53214

Phone: 414-453-4984

Fax: 414-431-0588

contact@worldaffairsseminar.org

DISTRICT 5050 FOUNDATION GIVING 2014-15

\$482,391.78



District 5050 Honor Roll for clubs over \$100 per capita

Annual Giving
\$247,531.31
(**\$93.94 per capita**)

Polio Plus:
\$166,849.60
(**\$63.32 per capita**)

Endowment
\$11,909.06

Other:
\$56,101.81

For Annual Giving:

1	White Rock	BC	340.66
2	North Delta	BC	302.95
3	Langley	BC	292.07
4	South Surrey, Surrey	BC	231.37
5	Langley Central	BC	230.18
6	Abbotsford-Sumas	BC	203.81
7	Port Moody	BC	191.94
8	Port Coquitlam	BC	185.71
9	La Conner	WA	178.62
10	Chilliwack	BC	173.61
11	San Juan Island	WA	172.22
12	Fidalgo Island	WA	170.73
13	Abbotsford	BC	159.26
14	Burlington	WA	157.35
15	Surrey	BC	150.00
16	Coquitlam Sunrise	BC	137.45
17	Marysville Sunrise	WA	135.45
18	Stanwood/Camano Island	WA	132.83
19	Semiahmoo	BC	128.81
20	Whatcom County North	WA	128.57
21	Arlington	WA	120.00
22	Surrey-Guildford	BC	112.11
23	Abbotsford-Matsqui	BC	104.76
24	Everett	WA	102.29
25	Coquitlam	BC	101.77
26	Meadow Ridge	BC	100.39

For PolioPlus:

1	Whatcom County North	WA	\$2,150.12
2	Abbotsford-Sumas	BC	\$188.83
3	White Rock	BC	\$154.50
4	Burlington	WA	\$127.55
5	San Juan Island	WA	\$121.72
6	Langley Central	BC	\$107.59
7	Chilliwack	BC	\$100.37

An Important Message from Rotary International

The RI Board of Directors is expanding the Innovative and Flexible Club pilot from 200 to 1,000 clubs beginning 1 July 2015 through 30 June 2017.

Feedback from Rotary surveys and focus groups has shown that prospective and current members wish for flexibility to become or stay involved with a Rotary club. The Board would like more supporting data on how allowing clubs flexibility affects membership and club operations.

The Innovative and Flexible Club pilot, will evaluate the impact of various changes to meeting format, leadership structure, membership qualifications and requirements on a club's ability to sustain and increase membership, implement successful programs and service projects, and support The Rotary Foundation.

To participate in this pilot, clubs must:

- Have chartered before 30 June 2010
- Be in good financial standing
- Have at least 20 members
- Not be participating in the 2011-17 membership pilots.

The deadline for submitting a pilot application form is 31 March 2015. District and club officers will be notified of clubs selected to participate in June 2015.

Please contact
ripilotprograms@rotary.org
with any questions.

TOP 10 CLUBS FOR ATTENDANCE

1.	Whidbey Westside	100.00%
2.	White Rock Peninsula	96.43%
3.	Arlington	91.33%
4.	Coquitlam Sunrise	90.32%
5.	South Surrey	89.58%
6.	Aldergrove	87.00%
7.	Mission Morning	86.73%
8.	Langley Central	86.16%
9.	Lake Stevens	85.90%
10.	Marysville	85.87%

NINE clubs did not report their membership & attendance reports for the month of December.

Their membership is included as of the last report submitted.

MEMBERSHIP December 2014

Member Count Last Year	2,650
Member Count December	2,628
This month+/-	-12
YTD +/-	-22
YTD +/- Percentage	-0.69%
Last Year Attendance	69.60%
December Attendance	62.14%
YTD Attendance	67.36%

Please forward your Membership and Attendance Reports to Rob Martin regularly so that he is able to compile District Statistics more accurately.