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New Year Message from District Governor Lyle Ryan



Membership Membership Membership for 2015

As we look back on the first half of our Rotary year how are we doing growing our clubs and district?

Our November report card from Rotary International reflects that we started our year (July 1st) with 2,635 Rotarian's in our 58 clubs. At the end of November we still had all 58 of our clubs and had 2,640 in

membership. So the good news is that we did reflect a positive number in growth of 5 members. Let me first acknowledge that many of our surrounding districts have negative numbers to report. I am pleased that we continue to move forward but do feel like we can do much better!

For this to happen I need all of you to commit to opening your minds to the value our organization brings not only to our communities but the world. For us to continue to be that go to entity that helps provide the safety net for our constituencies we need to be proactively introduce individuals to our movement.

So once again I urge YOU to be part of the solution - commit to bringing one new prospect per month to your meetings. Introduce them to the organization that has been actively involved in fostering world peace for almost 110 years.

As always thanks to each and everyone of you for making our district one of the best!

- Lyle & P.J. Ryan



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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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Rotary Awareness Month

January is Rotary Awareness Month. During this month Rotarians are encouraged to share with the community the vast work Rotarians do. The more they know what we do, the more we can do.

Facts about Rotary



The four original founding members of Rotary were: Paul Harris, Gustavus Loehr, Silvester Schiele and Hiram E. Shorey.

Gustavus Loehr: He was a mining engineer and in 1905 maintained an office in the Unity Building on Dearborn Avenue in Chicago. He was one of the founders of the Rotary Club of Chicago in that year.

Paul Harris: An attorney and Founder of Rotary in 1905

Silvester Schiele: Chicago coal dealer and first club President

Hiram E. Shorey: He was a merchant tailor in Chicago and New York.

Harry Ruggles, sometimes known as the “fifth Rotarian,” attended the second Rotary club meeting, held in Paul Harris’ law office. Ruggles is credited with launching the Rotary tradition of group singing at meetings. Being the “printer”, he created the first emblem. Since they called themselves “Rotary” Hary used a wagon wheel with “Rotary Club” Above it.▶



◀ **Paul Harris** was the founder and organizer of the first Rotary club in 1905. While he was the founder of the first club, he was not the first President of the club. However, he was the first RI President.

“If I can in truth be called the architect, Chesley Perry can with equal truth be called the builder of Rotary International.”
— Paul P. Harris



Chesley Perry, served as the first general secretary of Rotary International from 1910 until his retirement in 1942.▶



◀ **What Rotary memorabilia is planted on the Moon’s surface?**

A Four-Way Test pin delivered by U.S. astronaut Buzz Aldrin of the Rotary Club of Space Center (Houston), Texas, USA. His fellow astronaut and club member **Frank Borman** took a club banner on his orbit of the Moon.



In 1984 when **Carlos Canseco** ▶ was RI president, Rotary International launched the **Polio Plus Program** and started a Rotary Tradition that will follow for many years to come.



◀ **District Governor-Elect jackets.** The color of the jackets used to remain highly guarded secret until the International Assembly, when the jackets are presented to incoming district governors. The Jacket remain an integral part of any District Governor’s attire today.

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Facts about Rotary *(continued from previous page)*

♦ What do the following have in common?

- Trade and Talk Club
- Friends in Business
- Roundtable

They were all names proposed at the third meeting, until Paul Harris suggested the Rotation Club – quickly amended to Rotary Club – to reflect the group’s decision to “rotate” meetings among their offices.



♦ What lasting tribute to Paul Harris survived World War II and a nearby bombing because it was safely hidden away in a shed in Japan?

The Paul Harris bust. Japanese sculptor Isao Morioka risked his life to hide the bronze bust that he created in honor of Paul’s visit to Japan in 1935 and that today resides at RI World Headquarters.

♦ Who is called the “Father of PolioPlus”? James Bomar, Carlos Canseco, Walter Maddocks, Bill Sergeant, or John Sever?

All of these Rotarians played important roles in the battle against polio, but it is Carlos Canseco, RI president in 1984-85, who earned that title for his early leadership.

♦ What do TV journalist Bill Moyers, Architect Helmut Jahn, and former UN High Commissioner for Refugees Sadako Ogata have in common?

Along with pianist Van Cliburn, economist Paul Volcker, and many others, they are all former Rotary Foundation scholars.



♦ Lighthouse for Literacy

This approach uses the concentrated learning encounter, an interactive teaching method in which students learn to read by creating and acting out words and stories or by singing songs. What began as a 3-H literacy project in Thailand, it was so successful that it was adopted by Bangladesh, Kenya, South Africa and other countries.



♦ Promoting public awareness of the importance of polio immunization in India.

In 1999, **three million children** linked hands to form a “human chain to chain polio” that extended from Calcutta to Mumbai and Salem to Chandigarh.



♦ Chicago, the birth place of Rotary

Chicago has hosted five Rotary conventions, including the first one in 1910, and the 25th, 50th, and 75th anniversary conventions. In June 2005, Chicago welcomed thousands of Rotarians and guests to celebrate 100 years of service at the centennial convention.

The Rotary emblem cannot be displayed as part of another object. Nor can it be covered by any other object or cut off on the page. Finally, the keyhole, which was added in 1928 to make the wheel “a worker not an idler,” must not be filled in.



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Famous Rotarians



◀ **John F. Kennedy** the 35th President of the United States was a member of the Rotary Club of Hyannis, Massachusetts.

Gerald Ford ▶

the 38th President of the United States -Rotary Club of Grand Rapids, MI



◀ **Jimmy Carter** Naval Officer, Physicist, Businessman, Politician, Author, Peace Maker, Humanitarian, Rotarian

Sydney G. Holland ▶

Prime Minister of New Zealand, Christchurch Rotary Cluv, NZ.



◀ **Aesgeir Asgeirsson**, former President of Iceland, was a charter member of Rotary Club of Reykjavik

Orville Wright ▶

Aviation pioneer, was an active member of the Rotary Club of Dayton, Ohio, U.S.A.



◀ **Gordon Selfridge**, Store Owner, Rotary Club of London #50

Konosuke Matsushita ▶

president of Japan's Matsushita Electric Company - Rotary Club of Osaka.



◀ **J.C. Penney** (the late), founder and chairman of the board for the J.C. Penney stores,- Rotary Cub of New York

The Kentucky Colonel ▶
Harlan Sanders belonged to several Rotary Clubs, early in Rotary's history



◀ **Dr. Charles H. Mayo** Co-founder of the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, U.S.A., is a member of that city's Rotary club.

Guglielmo Marconi ▶

inventor of commercially-viable wireless radio. Marconi was an active member of the Rotary Club of Bologna, Italy.



◀ **Reiji Hattori**, Charman, Seiko, Rotary Club of Tokyo Ginza, Japan.

Abdulla Khalil ▶

Prime Minister, Sudan, Rotary Club of Khartoum



◀ **Toyohiko Mikimoto**, found of Mikimoto Pearl Co., Rotary Club of Tokyo, Japan.

Raymond F. Firestone ▶

Chairman and Chief Executive, Firestone Tire and Rubber Co, Rotary Club of Akron Ohio, USA.



◀ **Max Cointreau**

owner, Contreau liquor enterprise, Rotary Club of Paris, France.



Charles R. Walgreen, Jr. ▶

chairman of the board of the Walgreen Drug Company, is a member of the Rotary Club of Chicago, Illinois, USA



Famous Honorary Rotarians



◀ **Walt Disney**, who brought some of the Harris tales to the movie screen, was an honorary member of the Rotary Club of Palm Springs, California, U.S.A.

Thomas A. Edison ▶

Inventor - Honorary member of the RC of Orange, NJ



◀ **British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher** - 1990

Sir Winston Churchill ▶

was an honorary member of the Rotary Club of London England



Famous Honorary Rotarians: US Presidents



◀ **Dwight D. Eisenhower**, (honorary member of the RC of Abilene, Kansas (1942), Gettysburg, Pennsylvania (1952), and Newport, Rhode Island, (1957)

Woodrow Wilson ▶
(RC of Birmingham, AL)



◀ **Calvin Coolidge**

Herbert Hoover ▶



◀ **Franklin D. Roosevelt** honorary member of Rotary Club of Albany.



Harry S. Truman ▶



◀ **Richard Nixon** Whittier, CA since 1948



More about 400 famous Rotarians on www.charlotterotary.org/400famousrotarians.html

Polio Flame begins journey to Brazil

Chennai: As part of an effort to celebrate the decades long battle and the ultimate victory over polio in India, the Rotary Club of Madras on Saturday launched a Polio Flame, lit by Rotary international president Gary Huang here. The flame will be taken around various countries before reaching Sao Paulo for the 106th Rotary international convention. The flame will



Pakistan MP & Prime Minister's focal person for polio eradication in Pakistan Ayesha Raza Farooq joins Rotarians - RI president Gary Huang, chairman, India polio-plus committee Deepak Kapur, RI director P.T. Prabhakar and others during the inauguration of Polio Flame by RC Madras on Saturday (December 6).



travel around the world to commemorate India becoming a polio-free nation and share its experience and expertise with countries where polio still exists.

“Fire is a benevolent element in Indian culture and the Rotary Flame launched from Chennai is a manifestation of Rotary’s commitment to eradicate polio worldwide,” chairman of the flame committee and past president, Rotary Club of Madras, N.K. Gopinath, said. Once the epicentre of wild polio virus, India, along with the World Health Organization’s southeast Asia region, was officially declared polio-free in March 2014.

The Rotary Flame will be carried by air to several countries, including three remaining polio-endemic countries of Afghanistan, Nigeria and Pakistan. Before reaching Rotary’s international convention in Sao Paulo, Brazil, in June 2015, it will traverse through Colombo, Karachi, Kabul, Sydney, Manila, London, Lagos, Evanston and Toronto.

Rotary Club of Arlington gets into the Season of Giving

[Arlington, Wash.] Each December the Rotary Club of Arlington dedicates two days to serving members of the greater Arlington community.

On December 18, Rotarians gathered to assemble and deliver 68 baskets of food to families that are served by the Arlington Community Food Bank. Rotarians individually donate funds to purchase the food to make up the Christmas baskets. The Club matches each individual contribution and will give a cash donation to the Food Bank at a later time when their need is greater. After gathering the baskets together, Rotary members, friends and families delivered the gifts directly to doorsteps from Smokey Point to Darrington.

The following day, Rotarians met at the Stillaguamish Senior Center to serve lunch and visit with its members. The lunch is donated each year by the Rotary Club of Arlington. Door prizes were awarded to lucky winners and Santa even paid a visit!

“This is what Rotary is all about – Service Above Self,” said Cindy Huleatt, president of the Rotary Club of Arlington. “We look forward to these annual events and see really high participation from our members and families to give back in one more way to our community.”

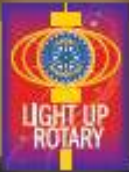


Kris McDuffy presenting a door prize to a lucky winner from the Stillaguamish Senior Center

Article by: A.J. Chase, Public Relations Director, Rotary Club of Arlington

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DISTRICT 5050 CONFERENCE



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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

DISTRICT 5050 APPOINTMENTS

VICE GOVERNOR 2015-16



PDG DENIS BOYD has been chosen to fill this position of **Vice Governor** starting July 1st, 2015, serving for one year.

The role of the Vice Governor is to replace the governor in case of temporary or permanent inability to serve. (RIB 6.120.1.) It is a best practice for districts to use the regular governor election process to select the Vice Governor.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR 2017-18



LINDA COYLE from the Rotary Club of White Rock Peninsula has been chosen as the **District Governor Nominee Designate** to serve District 5050 as **Governor in 2017-2018**. Linda is the current Assistant Governor for Area F and serves on the District membership committee. She is an RLI instructor as well as a presenter at several district assemblies and training sessions.



Arch. C. Klumph Society recognition to Libby Nelson

November 19, 2014: During his visit to Rotary Club of Langley Central, Past International President Wilf Wilkinson presented Libby Nelson with the coveted Arch C. Klumph Society Crystal.

With this new addition, we now have four Arch. C. Klumph Society members in District 5050.

The Arch C. Klumph Society recognizes donors who give at least \$250,000 to the Rotary Foundation in support of Rotary's life-changing work around the world.



Class of 2015-2016 Pre-PETS Seminar District 5050 Club Presidents

Article and pictures by Bob Knight,
District PR Chair and PAJ Editor.
Saturday, November 8, 2014,
at the Rotary Field House, Surrey, BC
(home of the White Rock Rotary Club).

District Governor Elect Bill Robson and Trainer Kevin Wood hosted the gathering of district's club presidents-elect and the assistant governors as preparation for their Rotary year and the March 5 - 8, 2015, training at the SeaTac Doubletree Hotel.

The subjects covered include:

- Q & A on PETS (President-elect Training Seminar)
- Challenges of the club president
- Fifth Area of Service: New Generations
- Business Directory: www.rotarynetworkingplus.com
- RI Council on Legislation & The Rotary Foundation
- Club Runner and web sites
- Membership & Public Relations
- Goal Setting

The presidents-elect met in small groups. Each group's representative summarized their conclusions for the larger group.



Here are the examples:

• **ENGAGEMENT:**

Where does the passion of the members lie? Why did they come into Rotary? How does the size of the club impact what the club can accomplish?

• **AWARENESS:** What is your club doing internally and externally to gain recognition--such as advertising your club events, obtaining support from your chamber of commerce, having a club business directory and involving business members in your own and nearby Rotary clubs.

• **COMMUNICATION:** Are we communicating with each other so that club members are informed about decisions that are being proposed and acted on? Information should not just be limited to board members.

• **SUPPORT:** How are clubs in small geographic areas supporting each other in their service projects and fund raisers? Club members should visit nearby clubs whenever possible.



D G Elect Bill Robson welcomed the attendees.



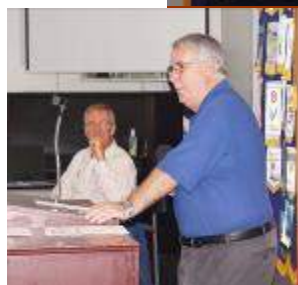
AG Clive Evans talked about the role of the assistant governors , and AG Linda Coyle led a discussion of the role of the club



▲ Kevin and Bill had fun introducing Linda Murray who then talked about club membership.

Bob Knight then talked about Rotary public relations efforts and the Peace Arch Journal.

◀GDE Bill thanked Kevin Wood for his leadership in planning and leading this Pre-PETS seminar.



SEMAIHMUO ROTARY CLUB'S 4TH SASSY AWARDS



SASSY AWARD recipients from left to right: Alexander Calbery, Karan Grover, Soohyun Kim, Jaskirat Sahni, Jordynn Dennes, MonieTutt and Colby Peters

The 4th Annual SASSY (Service Above Self Surrey Youth) Awards, was hosted Friday November 21st at the Surrey Arts Centre by the Semiahmoo Rotary Club in partnership with the City of Surrey, Kwantlen Polytechnic University, Surrey School District and with support from Peninsula Community Foundation and the White Rock and Central City Rotary Clubs.

The Awards celebrated the achievements of youth aged 15 to 21 who are making a difference in our community by demonstrating the Rotary ideal of 'Service Above Self'.

There were seven deserving recipients in the categories of:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Community Service | Karan Grover |
| 2. Environmental Leadership | Soohyun Kim |
| 3. International Service | Monie Singh Tutt |
| 4. Overcoming Adversity | Jordynn Dennes |
| 5. Performing and Visual Arts | Alexandra Calbery |
| 6. Sportsmanship | Colby Peters |
| 7. Youth Leadership | Jaskirat Sahni |

Each recipient received a \$1000 bursary, a keepsake SASSY Award and \$500 to donate to the registered charity of their choice. Award nominees represented 20 secondary schools and two universities.

The evening included award winning video presentations by youth the RCMP Surrey Steps Up Youth Program and students making a difference with a wheelchair distribution trip in Mexico by three students about their personal experiences.

Entertainment was provided by local youth with the headliner all-girl punk band 'She Dreams in Colour'

For the first time the SASSY Awards Show was live streaming broadcast on the internet at www.sassyawards.ca and www.surrey.ca/youth. The Show can be watched in replay.

For more info contact:

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Rotary Peace Fellowships

District 5050 is looking for Peace Scholars candidates for the 2016 academic year.

These programs are fully funded by R.I.; neither the District nor the clubs are required to contribute towards the cost of the scholarships.

Within the Rotary Foundation there is a dedicated fund – the Rotary Peace Centers Endowment Fund (to which Foundation contributions may be designated) – which covers all related expenses.

Worldwide 50 fellowships are awarded each year to the master's degree program and 50 to the Professional Development Certificate program. For the master's there are 5 designated universities – one each in Australia, Japan, Sweden, UK and USA and the programs run from 15 to 24 months; for the certificate there is one university in Thailand and the program runs for 3 months.

Candidates should have strong leadership abilities, and a dedication to the promotion of national and international cooperation, peace, and conflict resolution.

Rotary websites helpful to candidates and sponsoring clubs: rotatypepeacecenters@rotary.org with links to Peace Fellowships Resources, Rotary Program Guild to the Peace Fellowship, Rotary Peace Centers Brochure Candidates must be selected and interviewed by the sponsoring club(s) and report sent to the Peace Center and to the District Scholarship Committee no later than 2015 May 31 for further interviewing and reporting.

If you have any questions or would like some assistance in selecting candidates please contact

**Jack Rae,
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Backpacks4Hunger project is reaping early successes

Appreciative teachers, parents, and kids are returning happy responses to the joint Backpacks4Hunger project undertaken by Sunrise Rotary and Oak Harbor Rotary, under the District5050 Grants program.

The project is now in its fourth week of operation, and Sunrise Rotary President and project chair Ryan Wallin reports that response to the program is even better than hoped for.

Volunteers are needed for the weekly shopping and distribution activities, and can sign up with Ryan or online at <http://vols.pt/wbYiNZ>.

From the Morning Sun published by Rotary Club of North Whidbey Island Sunrise.

ROTARY CLUB OF ARLINGTON
Recognizing
Outstanding Students
of the Month



[Arlington, Wash.] The Rotary Club of Arlington recognized its Outstanding Students for the month of November. 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 Railynn Ford, senior, of Darrington High School and Connor Jaynes, a student at Haller Middle School.

Railynn Ford (left) is an excellent role model at Darrington High School as a stellar student, driven athlete, and a conscientious community member. Railynn has played varsity volleyball, basketball, and softball for all four years of high school and has received three all-league titles. As a junior, she was awarded the Jeff Luse Award for her dedication and hard work.

Railynn is also very involved in school organizations and clubs. She is a member of Honor Society and Knowledge Bowl. She is Senior Class President and ASB Vice-President. She has participated in FBLA and the Leadership Team. Railynn worked on the "We Scare Hunger" campaign this year, gathering over 700 lbs of food for the local food bank. She makes good grades a priority and has maintained a cumulative grade point average of 3.94. After graduation, Railynn hopes to study Occupational Therapy at either Western Washington University or the University of Washington. Railynn selected North

County Family Resource Center to receive a \$50 donation.

Haller Middle School is proud to have Connor Jaynes (right) as a student as he continues to surprise and amaze anyone he interacts with. First, his good manners and kindness put him on a level that few eighth graders ever achieve. This, coupled with his integrity and honesty, elevates him into a very special category of students rarely seen in middle school. He loves to read and learn, not for the grade, but for the expansion of his own edification.

In sports and in class, he is such a great team player, that he almost always finds himself in a position of leadership because he gives 110% to any endeavor. As a member of the leadership class, he embodies a service leadership attitude and demeanor. Connor is truly an outstanding young man.

Conner selected Kids' Closet to receive a \$50 donation.

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

The view from my balcony at home in Freetown would never make you think that something so horrible is happening in what appears to be a beautiful country with plenty of potential. Freetown is like any growing African city – ripe with potential, but with severe challenges impacting its growth. Right now this challenge is the Ebola virus which infected 7,897 people in Sierra Leone in 2014 (WHO). Amongst the many paradoxes found in Freetown, I find myself often wondering, how did I find myself in all of this suffering?

In July 2014 I joined the World Food Programme as an intern at headquarters in Rome. There, I worked in government partnerships (i.e. large scale fundraising) but made it very clear to my supervisor from my first day that I wanted to be part of the WFP's Ebola response in the 3 affected

countries in West Africa. Those in D5050 who have met me know that West Africa holds a very special place in my heart. I have spent a lot of time in West Africa, most recently as a Rotary Ambassadorial scholar in Ghana. But Ghana is a safe place where the largest problems are traffic and inflation – why was I so keen to go to a country which is classified a level three emergency (the highest level classified by the UN) when Rome is so comfortable with such great food? I guess, in some ways, this is part of my nature - but I also think my year as a Rotary Ambassadorial scholar contributed. **Working with D5050 and my host Rotarians in Ghana, I saw that Rotarians are willing to get out of their comfort zones to make a positive impact on the lives of those who might otherwise go unnoticed and forgotten. My relationship with Rotary further instilled in me the importance of serving others – going where others can't or won't go.**

WFP in Sierra Leone is providing food and nutrition support to Ebola victims to help them as they try to recover, to families and communities who are under quarantine and cannot leave their homes to go to find or buy food, and to Ebola survivors who are returning to their homes. As the reports officer here, I am responsible for compiling and sharing information regarding our response. Due to staffing shortages we face here (it appears I am one of few who dreamt of coming to work in Sierra Leone), I am required to act in many other capacities. Last week, for example, I

Rotary inspired
Ambassadorial Scholar



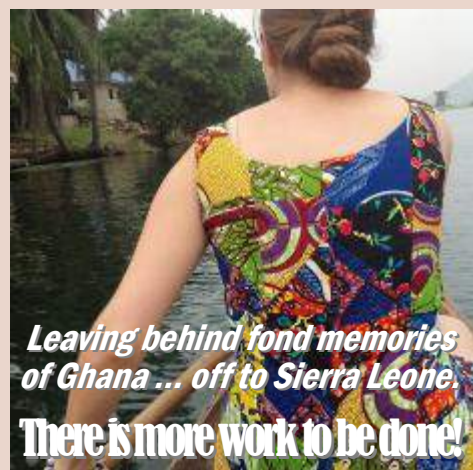
Anna Soper

organized a UN helicopter flight to bring the press along to one of our many remote food distribution sites.

Once Sierra Leone can say it is Ebola free – which doesn't appear to be in the very near future – this country will have a long recovery process. I'll be here as long as I'm needed – hopefully embodying the spirit of service above self.

Anna Soper
(Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar 2012-13)

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Leaving behind fond memories of Ghana ... off to Sierra Leone. There is more work to be done!

Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar Completes Project in Ghana

Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar Anna Soper has returned to Canada after one year in Ghana. What is next? She will be heading to France to become a French master ... or at least someone who can say more than “Bonjour”.

Anna was surprised to find “Paul Harris” in Ghana and spared no second thought to pose for a picture with the Paul Harris bust. ▶

In 2012, Anna raised funds to build a computer lab with BFG-Ghana. That is when she learned that “*Electricity is a Pain in Ghana*”.

In spite of her busy schedule at the Legion Center for International Affairs and Diplomacy (LECIAD), at the University of Ghana, Anna found time to volunteer with the National Immunization Days (NID) Team and took part in Polio Immunisation project in Ghana.

Anna’s dissertation at the university was on “Climate Change’s implications for food security in Burkina Faso”. As much as it required academic research, Anna found it necessary to give it a personal touch by going to Burkina Faso and seeing and asking people what they are doing.

Why did she even choose Burkina Faso? Initially she wanted to look at the whole Sahel region in something more like a “library research” rather than “field work”. She chose Burkina Faso on the advice of the lectured because they have tackled the problem of a struggling agricultural sector in a unique way, compared to other West African countries. “*I didn’t know a single person in Burkina Faso, I didn’t speak French or their local language(s). I didn’t know a single town to collect data from.*” So the project in itself was a struggle to overcome all barriers, and complete the paper regardless.

So what did Anna learn in Burkina?

Burkina Faso is one of the poorest countries in the world, but what they lack in wealth they certainly make up for in friendliness. In Burkina Faso you can find a complete stranger who is willing to sacrifice their time and work in order to help you with your research work. You may also find another complete stranger who is willing to let you stay in one of his vacant houses to ensure your comfort. It is possible that this person may turn out to be Rotarian! You can find countless individuals who are willing to welcome you into their homes or share a meal with you. You will find farmers who are willing to share information, freely. And despite the language barrier, Every one you meet will be willing to help and make your feel comfortable.



Anna with “Paul Harris” in Ghana?



Anna with her classmates at LECIAD



Anna with the NID Team

Everyone she met felt that Climate changes were caused by “God’s wish” with many people seeing it as His wish and a form of punishment because people have been acting badly. The rain started OK (in 2013), but it stopped early. People already sense that the year is going to be a poor growing season. Insects are affecting crops. Soil is degrading because people are forced to use the same land over and over again. It is impossible to attain the same harvest yields that were possible years earlier.

The majority of Burkinabés derive their income from agriculture. They do not have enough money to purchase imported food, So if they can’t grow, they can’t each.

Anna saw the problem clearly and decided to do something about it - hence her project.



NID 2013



Anna with the new friend in Rotary



Anna with Alex - a friend in need in Togo

Spamalot Buyout to Promote Rotary Awareness

The Sunrise Rotary has resolved to use the February 5 buyout of the Whidbey Playhouse presentation of Monty Python's Spamalot as an opportunity to promote awareness of Sunrise Rotary specifically, and Rotary International.

The Club hopes to open the event to Rotarians from other clubs, as well as members of the North Whidbey community in general.

The ticket price remains at \$25 each, with 128 seats available for the

performance.

As in the past, Rotary night at Whidbey Playhouse will feature hors d'oeuvres and wine before the curtain, and coffee and dessert during intermission.



A World Class publication

Bill Robson, DG Elect, District 5050

Mohan and Bob,

Just finished reading the PAJ and I have to say you have really outdone yourselves this time.

What a great magazine! Thank you for all of the hard work you put into making this a World Class publication.

Well done once again.

MEMBERSHIP

Member Count Last Year	2,650
Member Count November	2,498
This month+/-	+7
YTD +/-	-152
YTD +/- Percentage	-6.83%
Last Year Attendance	68.44%
October Attendance	64.93%
YTD Attendance	66.87%

TOP 10 CLUBS FOR ATTENDANCE

Semiahmoo (White Rock)	99.56%
South Everett/Mukilteo Rotary	98.65%
White Rock Peninsula	94.94%
South Surrey	92.19%
Lake Stevens	89.33%
Coquitlam Sunrise	88.89%
Chilliwack	88.00%
Whatcom County North	87.50%
Marysville	85.78%
Chilliwack Mt. Cheam	85.41%

FIVE clubs that did not report their membership & attendance for the month of October.

Their membership is reported as of their last report.



29 DEC 2014 **\$402,903.41**

30 NOV 2014 \$323,272.43

02 NOV 2014 \$292,591.83

23 SEP 2014 \$146,763.53

20 AUG 2014 \$ 57,586.66

FOUNDATION GIVING 2014-15

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

**AS OF
29 DECEMBER 2014**

**ANNUAL PROGRAM FUND
\$190,453.05
(\$72.28 per capita)**

**POLIO PLUS
\$149,142.12
(\$56.60 per capita)**

**ENDOWMENT
\$9,206.43**

**OTHER
\$54,101.81**

For Annual Giving:

1	White Rock	BC	337.74
2	North Delta	BC	295.73
3	Langley	BC	289.54
4	Langley Central	BC	214.20
5	Abbotsford-Sumas	BC	194.73
6	Burlington	WA	150.20
7	La Conner	WA	147.00
8	Coquitlam Sunrise	BC	136.90
9	Marysville Sunrise	WA	129.09
10	Abbotsford	BC	126.18
11	San Juan Island	WA	118.75
12	Arlington	WA	118.51
13	Semiahmoo	BC	117.71
14	Stanwood/Camano Island	WA	116.54
15	Whatcom County North	WA	111.79
16	Meadow Ridge	BC	100.39

For Polio Plus

1.	Whatcom County North	WA	2,150.12
2.	White Rock	BC	152.96
3.	Burlington	WA	122.45
4.	San Juan Island	WA	121.72
5.	Abbotsford-Sumas	BC	120.25

If you club or Area needs help with Rotary Foundation programs, articles for newsletters, speakers or qualifying as an EREY or 100% Sustaining Member club or a 100% Paul Harris club, please contact me or our District 5050 Rotary Foundation team. I may not have all of the answers, but I can fake it pretty well.

Also, if you, or any of your club members, contributes \$1,000 or more annually, I would like to invite you to join our District 5050 Paul Harris Society.

Thank you again for everything that you do for Rotary and our Rotary Foundation,

Stephen Morach
Annual Giving Chair
Paul Harris Society Coordinator
Stephen.morach@ampf.com

DISTRICT LITERACY CORNER

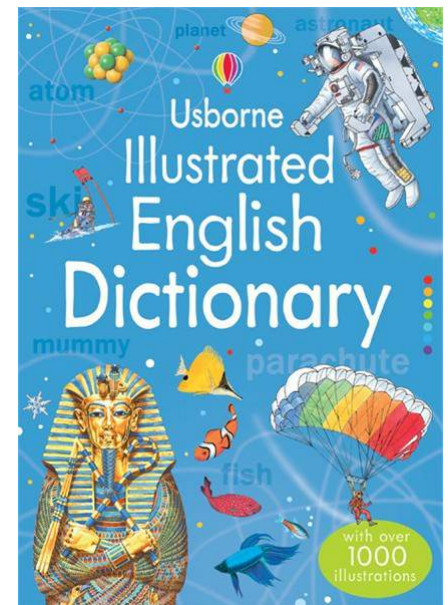
Submitted by Rhian Piprell, Co Literacy Chair

Many clubs have a dictionary program running where by they give a dictionary to every Grade 4 in their School District. Port Coquitlam Centennial is one such club. They have been running their program for several years with a satisfactory response from students and teachers. Having viewed the 'Usborne Illustrated English Dictionary' they decided to supply this dictionary for \$8 a copy instead of the cheaper but less exciting dictionary that they had given out before and in the words of Rotarian Russ McMurchie 'everything changed.'

Both students and teachers expressed their thanks for the dictionaries like never before. Teachers were eager to use the books in their classroom teaching and the students sent many thank you cards and letters.

Rotary is prominently promoted on the first page of the book and there are very clear user's guide including hints and guidelines to help deal with the many vagaries of the English language. The dictionary is based on British English but the few differences are amply made up for in the sheer accessibility of the book. In fact I found that both the British and American word for many things were both included.

For more information go to <http://www.dictionary4life.com> and to coordinate a District wide order contact Russ McMurchie at russ.mcmurchie@shaw.ca.



2014 CHRISTMAS PARADE. The Rotary Club of Chilliwack, organized their Annual Christmas Parade on December 6th at Downtown Chilliwack.



ABBOTSFORD SUMAS ROTARY CLUB's entry Trees of Hope at the Seven Oaks Shopping Centre. All funds raised from this event will go to Mathews House (a respite for challenged children with long term disabilities).



PORT COQUITLAM CENTENNIAL club's entry at the Poco Heritage Society Christmas Tree Competition.



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ROTARY CARNIVAL PARADE



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ROTARY RESTAURANT NIGHTS

FRIDAY HARBOR (WA) ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE STUDENT'S STELLAR SOCCER SEASON

Article provided by Dennis Willows with pictures by Ted Strutz



Arno Issanjou, RYE from France

In an earlier article, we described the fund-raising efforts of RYE student, Grace Willows who was bound from Friday Harbor to Vaison-La-Romaine, France for her junior high school year. The other half of that exchange is the 16 year old son of Grace's host parents, Pierre and Katy Issanjou! Arno Issanjou arrived in Friday Harbor at Grace's home in late August and within a few days was active on the high school soccer team.

Arno's soccer season has just ended, and what a terrific season it was! The team achieved a record setting performance for the Friday Harbor High School, by winning 3rd place in the State Championships. Arno himself, although a Junior won the MVP (Most Valuable Player) trophy, and was named a starting member on the State All Star Team.

Arno is quick to point out that the record setting performance of the Friday Harbor soccer team this year was built on a huge team effort and commitment by all the players. But it is also clear that Arno, the team's high scorer with 22 goals, was himself a major part of that success. For Rotarians interested to see a video record of the last game at the state championships, and to watch our Rotary Youth Exchange soccer player (#10) at work, sign in at this free at <http://www.nfhnetwork.com/events/wiaa-wa/f3b115293e>

The game was close, ending 0-0 after regulation time, and still 0-0 after two 5 minute tie breaker extensions, so pay close attention to the last tie breaker and the "shoot-out".



UPCOMING EVENTS

JAN 10 - South Everett/ Mukilteo Flu and Whopping Cough Vaccination Clinic 2:30PM - 6:30 PM
Xfinity Arena, 300 Hewitt Ave, Everett, WA

JAN 17 - Everett
Volunteers of America FoodBank Volunteering 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
1230 Broadway, Everett, WA

JAN 23 - Lake Stevens Rotary
4th Annual Wine and Beer Tasting with Silent Auction
Friday, January 23, 2015 at Floral Hall at Forest Park, Everett, Washington.
Funds from the Wine and Beer Tasting with the Silent Auction along with our summer AquaFest Duck Dash go to support the Club's local and international projects.
Tickets are now available from any club member for purchase. \$30.00 per person. Tickets must be purchased in advance.

For tickets and more information contact
Gary L. O'Rielly, President,
Rotary Club of Lake Stevens,
gary@oriellyps.com,
Cell 425-308-9139

JAN 24 - District 5050
Rotary Leadership Institute- Mt. Vernon, WA
REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

District Grants Seminar

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 21 - District 5050
Grants Seminar (Canada)

Surrey, BC.

FEB 7 - Skagit (Mt. Vernon)
2015 Seafood & Wild Game Dinner & Auction Brewfest

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

FEB 7 - Snohomish

Rotary Mardi Gras & Cajun Dinner
St. John's Episcopal Church, 913 2nd Street,
Snohomish, WA 5:00pm-8:00pm

FEB 28 - LaConner

50th Annual Smelt Derby Festival
8:00 AM - 10:00PM

MAR 6 to 8 - District 5050

PETS—Presidents Elect Training Seminar

MAR 7 - Langley Central

International Women's Day
At Newlands. 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM

MAR 21 - District 5050

Rotary Leadership Institute -
Canada, Sunrise Conference Centre
REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

APR 11 - District 5050
District Training Assembly

Change of Meeting Venues

Arlington has moved its Thursday noon meeting place to the Arlington Free Methodist Church on the corner of Highland Drive and Burn Road, the address is 730 E. Highland Drive, Arlington, WA.

Everett Beginning January 6, 2015 will be holding their Tuesday noon meetings at Legion Memorial Golf Course located at 144 W. Marine View Drive, Everett, WA 98201.

Everett/ Port Gardner

Beginning January 7, 2015 will be holding their Wednesday 7:15am meetings at Legion Memorial Golf Course located at 144 W. Marine View Drive, Everett, WA 98201.

South Everett Mukilteo is also changing their Friday noon meeting location but is yet to be finalized. Email jamesmstephanson@gmail.com for January meeting location prior to visiting.

Abbotsford has now changed its meetings to The Phoenix Lounge, 33780 King Road, Abbotsford, BC V2S 7P2, Tuesdays at noon.

Mission Morning (152) has moved their Wednesday 7 am meeting to Cedarbrooke Chateau, 32331 7th Ave., Mission, BC

APR 30 to MAY 4

District 5050

Conference 2015

Tulalip Resort & Casino

Golf tournament, shopping at the outlet mall and/or Cabelas, Hibulb Cultural Centre visit, Boeing/Future of Flight guided tour, guest speakers, fellowship -
ALL IN ONE!

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TICKETS ON SALE NOW

Dick Stott 604-536-1965

Joan Apel 604-542-7040

Mark Hambrook 604-541-6391

Proceeds to support the purchase of an elevator for the Food Bank at their new location.

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