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DG Lyle & PJ Ryan

Message From District Governor Lyle Ryan

My sisters and brothers in Rotary

“Light Up Rotary” is a theme that struck home with me as it was shared by incoming Rotary International President – Gary C.K. Huang this past January at the International Assembly in San Diego. By “Lighting Up Rotary” we are sharing all the great things that we do in our communities and across this global village that we are part of. It led me to the theme for my year “Share the Light of Rotary”!

By sharing the light of Rotary all of us together have a very important role to play. Not only to keep the promise we made to ourselves when we joined Rotary which was to live by the Four Way Test in all that “we think, say or do” and that we would serve above ourselves. It is also our obligation to share the value that we as Rotarians receive by being part of the most powerful service organization in the world. It truly is our obligation to share the value proposition that being a Rotarian provides to any individual.

By sharing the light of Rotary we will be able to meet the goals that have been established for us by Rotary International. These goals were shared with your incoming Presidents this past February at Their President’s Elect Training Seminar. I would like to share those with you now so that we are all moving in the same direction during the coming Rotary year:

To grow our membership to 1.3 million during 2014-15. This equates to an 8.5% increase.

Eradicate polio within the next three (3) years.

Continue active support of the Rotary International Foundation and the goals for 2014-15:

To eradicate polio – let us finish the job.

To support Rotary’s own and only charity, through our continuing giving to The Rotary Foundation.

To ensure the progress of our new grant program by participation in sustainable educational and humanitarian projects.

To foster world understanding, goodwill, and peace by promoting and publicizing the Rotary Peace Centers program.

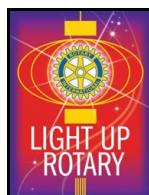
To emphasize that the health of The Rotary Foundation is in all of our hands.

Aggressive goals for the coming year! I truly believe that by “Lighting Up Rotary” and “Sharing the Light of Rotary” we will be able to strengthen and grow our district to support the goals established by Rotary International.

I would also like to extend a heartfelt Rotary “thank you” to Denis and Maureen Boyd. They have both provided our district with outstanding leadership during this past year and we are all better for their dedication to Rotary and District 5050!

P.J. and I believe that the best days of Rotary are yet to come – and that all of us will be prouder than ever of a Rotary that is larger, more active, and better known than ever before – a Rotary that touches more lives, and makes our communities and the world a better place. I look forward to our year together as we share the light of Rotary.

Lyle E. Ryan
District Governor 2014-2015



July - Beginning of the Rotary/Rotaract Year

In this space we will highlight the Rotary Theme of the month to accompany the theme of RI President Gary C. K. Huang (2014-15), Light Up Rotary





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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Peace Corps and Rotary kickoff historic Collaboration



John Osterlund (far left) and Ron Burton watch as Peace Corps Acting Director Carrie Hessler-Radelet and Rotary International General Secretary John Hewko sign a letter of collaboration on a one-year pilot program in the Philippines, Thailand, and Togo.

Photo Credit: Rotary International/Alyce Henson

In an effort to promote global development and volunteer service, Rotary and Peace Corps have agreed to participate in a one-year pilot program in the Philippines, Thailand, and Togo. Under the agreement, Rotary clubs and Peace Corps volunteers are encouraged to share their resources and knowledge to boost the impact of development projects in these three countries.



The New PAJ Editors for 2014-2015

**Bob Knight
Editor**

**Mohan Mohanan
Associate Editor**

Bob (on the right) is a member of the Rotary club of Snohomish, WA. He was born in Los Angeles, California, is married to Patricia (out going club president), he retired from Orange County Social Service Agency, has been club president twice, and was the PAJ editor from 2003 to 2011 (except for 2004-05). He is in his third year as the Public Relations Chair for District 5050.

Mohan is a member of the Rotary club of Port Coquitlam Centennial. He was born in Kerala, India, is married to Judith and they have two sons. Mohan's vocations have included business instructor, training development consultant and human capital enabling specialist; employment locations in Fiji, New Zealand, Saudi Arabia and Nunavut in Northwestern Canada. He became a Rotarian with the Rotary club of Ba (Fiji) in 2002 and later transferred to the Rotary Club of Lqaluit (Nunavut). While in those clubs he has been a club secretary, newsletter editor, internal service director and project member assisting disadvantaged families.

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Twin Cities Rotary Club Presents Arlington Rotary Club with a \$10,855 Check for Oso Landslide Relief

Article by Bucky Tart

The Twin Cities Rotary Club (Chehalis/Centralia) sent their current Club President and 4 Past Club Presidents to the June 12 meeting of the Arlington Rotary Club to present a check for \$10,855 to the Arlington club to provide a source of long term help as needed to those impacted by the March 22 Oso Landslide.



Arlington Rotary President holds the check and a Twin Cities Banner presented to the Arlington Club by Todd Chaput, Club President and four Past Presidents, from left to right Mike Crouse, Fred Rider, Don Wilson, and Paul Gunn. *Picture by Dave Duskin*

President Todd said that when they had a major flood disaster in 2007, they received support from many Rotary clubs to help them provide assistance those impacted most by the flooding. When they heard about the Oso Landslide they wanted to payback by giving funds to another Rotary club in a disaster zone to help them be able to provide some long term assistance as the other emergency funding. They started their own funding raising effort with the club matching donations from individuals. They presented all of the proceeds to the Arlington club because they felt Rotarians best know how and when to use the funds to help.



Oso Landslide Blocking Highway 530



2007 Chehalis Flood

President Bucky and the Arlington club thanked the Twin Cities club for their generosity and assured them the funds would be maintained for future assistance as other funding becomes unavailable.

Arlington Rotary has a special account set up for the Oso Slide victims in which they will continue to hold and distribute funds as they are received. District 5050 has a district wide fund that will also help in future needs when current funds are depleted. It is set up as a tax deductible fund through the Sedro-Woolley Foundation.

Those desiring tax deductions for your contributions should send them to: Sedro-Woolley Rotary Foundation - Oso Fund - P.O. Box 726 - Sedro-Woolley, Washington 98284.

Update:

Highway 530 was opened to two-way traffic on June 20, 2014.



**Rotary Club of Port Coquitlam Centennial, BC
10th Annual Installation of President & Board of Directors**

The event was held on Saturday, June 14, 2014, at the POCO Inn & Suites in Port Coquitlam. The program was chaired by past club president (2012-13) Greg Archibald. The theme was “Light Up Port Coquitlam”



(1) Denis & Maureen Boyd (& unidentified). (2) Tyleen Reynders, Verna & Andre Desnoyer (Renee’s parents), Shaheed Johnson and Renee Little. (3) Joyce Evans, Angela Anderson (club president 2013-14), AG Clive Evans and Pat Knight.



(10) Everyone held candles. (2) Renee Little and AG Clive Evans (3) Denis & Clive with the 201415 officers: DG (2013-14) Denis Boyd, Karly Simms (Director -at-Large), Gaye Simms (Director-at-Large), Renee Little (President), Ron Goyette (President-Elect), Angela Andersen (Past President) and AG Clive Evans. Board Members who were unable to attend were Pat Bisceglia (VP) and Mohan Mohanan (Secretary). Note: Mohan’s mother died in India on June 15, 2014.

Boardwalk, Park and Pergola Dedication

Based on an Article by Dave Tracey (Member of La Conner Rotary)

On May 28, 2014, there was a dedication in La Conner, Washington, of a boardwalk, a new waterfront park and a pergola which the La Conner Rotary club donated in honor of a former mayor and longtime Rotarian, Fred Martin. He was born November 1, 1918, came to La Conner in 1956 with his wife, Margaret and joined Rotary on August 27, 1957. Martin explained “When we came to town in 1956, the downtown drug store was closed because of a death...we were able to purchase it through an estate situation and reopen the doors.”

In those days, many of the store fronts downtown were boarded up, reflecting a stagnant local economy. Fred saw the need to turn things around, promptly joined the chamber and got involved in town government. Under his watch, La Conner installed a sewer system throughout town, helping to improve property values. He urged store owners to advertise and promote La Conner as a great place to live and do business. Fred Martin’s vision of a more vibrant business community jelled over the years, leading to the popular tourist destination it is today. Today Fred, 95, and Margaret (an honorary Rotarian) reside at the La Conner Retirement Inn. They still occasionally attend Rotary meetings. Each year the Rotary awards a number of scholarships to local La Conner graduating seniors including the “Fred Martin Academic Scholarship.” Our club is pleased to honor Fred Martin for his many years of dedicated service to the Town and the Rotary Club of La Conner. Thank you, Fred.



La Conner Mayor Ramon Hayes, Fred & Margaret Martin

The original article was published in the May 28, 2014 issue of *La Conner Weekly News*, Sandy Stokes, Publisher. Picture by Judy Booth.

2014 Rotary District 5050 Conference at Whistler, BC - Picture Album



The conference took place May 1-4, 2014, with headquarters & plenary sessions at the Fairmont Whistler Hotel. We were co-located with District 5020 (Vancouver Isle, BC & (far nw) Western WA.



On Thursday there was a golf tournament at Big Sky Golf Course, followed by Pub Night at Merlins where AG Clive Evans announce the winning team.



We were honored to have PRI President (2011-12) Kalyan and Binota Banerjee, from India, representing RI President (2013-14) Ron Burton, pictured talking with Denis Boyd. PDG Dean Rohrs introduced us to Ann Lee Hussey, a polio survivor who has made the eradication of polio and the alleviation of polio survivors her life work (she was honored at the American White House as a Champion of Change). The Rotary Youth Exchange students, inbound and outbound, always provide a youthful exuberance to the conference experience while putting on their skit and sharing meals with us.



A very poignant moment was the presentation of the Ron Goldfich Most Valuable Rotarian award to Val Tibbetts & Maureen Boyd.

Carol Tichelman, Val Tibbetts & Marie Goldfich



The End

D5020 & D5050



District 5050 Rotarians at the 2014 RI Convention

The story provided by PDG Sean Hogan (pictured at a booth)

Rotarians from District 5050 descended on Sydney, Australia for the Rotary International Convention, led by incoming Governor Lyle Ryan and PJ. The Convention was filled with great speakers and entertainment and there were plenty of opportunities to mingle in the large House of Friendship and other venues around the city.

Rotarian Lawyers Fellowship



Sydney was in full display with free public transportation for Rotarians and a laser and light show every night at the Opera House (upper left) and at Darling Harbour; Governor-Elect Lyle Ryan and PJ pose at the end of the 3K Walk To End Polio with RYLarian Hannah Carruthers, Marissa Wood and Carol & Sean Hogan



Rotary began with a lonely lawyer. Sean continues the tradition.

(far left) Ineke Boekhorst (Meadow Ridge Rotary) volunteered as a Sgt at Arms for the Convention and helped Carol find Sean's camera;

Plenary Session stage with incoming President Gary Huang speaking about his theme, Light Up Rotary; and Meadow Ridge Rotarians Bob Shantz, Terry Becker, Adrienne Dale, Irena Shantz on the town one evening.



Lyle & PJ Ryan, Larry & Linda Jubie, Terry Becker & daughter Ashley, Carol Hogan relaxing during a D5050 breakout session.



District Get Together at the Bah-B-Q Restaurant at the end of the Convention.



At the end of the Convention, District 5050 Rotarians reunited at a Brazillian steak house restaurant with friends from our neighbouring District 5040 for a fun filled send off.

Many of us also took the opportunity to travel around Australia and New Zealand before and after the Convention.



Next year the RI Convention will be in Sao Paulo, Brazil from June 7-10, 2015.

A letter from Denis, District 5050 Governor for 2013-2014

Thank you on behalf of myself and Maureen, for a great year “Engaging Rotary and Changing Lives.” As I write this we are just days away from the end of our Rotary year and it has been a tremendous experience. We want to thank you for your warmth and friendship during our visits to your clubs throughout the year. We felt welcomed and appreciated and this hospitality made our travels less tiring. We also appreciate the encouraging and enthusiastic feedback from those who attended and enjoyed “Rotary the Peak Experience” in Whistler. Our goal was to offer a conference that would inspire, inform and entertain and it seems that this was achieved.



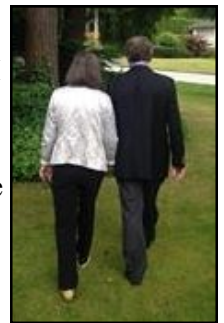
Maureen & Denis



A governor depends on his “team” and what a team it has been. I am grateful to our AGs, our chairs/committees, our club presidents, our governor string and to every Rotarian of District 5050 who has “engaged” and changed lives this past year.

Many people ask about the “time commitment” in the role of District Governor and this has certainly been an issue. Rotary has been at the front and center of our lives for the last couple of years, but this time investment has been offset by the enjoyment of connecting with Rotarians and clubs throughout the district. What has fallen by the wayside, however, has been time with other friends and for reading and hobbies; these activities will receive renewed interest in the days to come.

We have a wonderful district with many fine people working hard to make the world a better place. As I write this, we are the largest (number of members) district in all of Zones 24 and 32. Many districts are shrinking but we are growing! I trust we will continue to do so in the years ahead.



What next? I believe my time can be best spent in our district helping to make it even stronger. I will be the Youth Services Chair for next year and I will also be beating the Networking Plus drum on a regular basis.

Thanks again for your support and encouragement.

Stay engaged as we “Share the Light of Rotary” with DGE Lyle and PJ Ryan.

Rotary Celebrates 44 Years of Service in Surrey

The article was written by Ajay Caleb and has been submitted to the *Surrey Leader and Surrey / Delta Now*



When a small group of businessmen met in September 1970 at Fernwood Acres (now Dam's Lincoln Mercury) they had no idea they had started something big. Today, 44 years and well over \$8 million in donations later, thousands of Surrey residents have benefited.

Walt Johnson (left, with club President John Edwards [2013 – 2014]), a charter member from the original club is honoured for his 44 years of service and perfect attendance).

Rotary began as a service club in Chicago over 100 years ago by a group of businessmen who saw and need, and took steps toward making a difference in their community. Their first project was simple and practical: buy a horse for a pastor. Rotary is best known by the “wheel” – often seen around the world.

There is nothing secretive about Rotary which promotes ethical practices in life and business. There are 11 Rotary clubs in Surrey, White Rock and North Delta. These 11 clubs are part of over 33,000 clubs worldwide consisting of over 1.2 million members.

Each club comprises components of service, business networking, local and international projects, and a solid commitment to live ethically in one’s personal life and work.



Pictures were taken by Walt and John (Deane Gurney - RC Surrey); Surrey Rec for Kids and Adopt a Street signs (Ajay Caleb - RC Cloverdale)

Langley student is first in Canada to be awarded Rotary International Scholarship to attend London School of Economics

Modified press release written by David Truman

LANGLEY, BC - The Rotary Club of Langley (evening club) is very pleased to announce that Lexi Vankevich of Langley is the first student in the District to be awarded the new Global Grant Scholarship from the Rotary Foundation to attend the London School of Economics starting in September 2014 where she will pursue a Master of Science, in Social Policy and Education.



PDG Wayne Wiebe, Lexi Vankevich, AG Dave Truman and Club President (2013-14) Gaetan Myre

David Truman, Assistant Governor of Rotary District 5050 Area C noted, "We are very proud that Langley's own Lexi Vankevich has been chosen for this international honour. Lexi is a remarkable

young woman with a passion for all that Rotary International stands for— and we have seen her in action as she has served both her community here in Langley and has served the poor and needy overseas. Her vision to empower women and children in developing countries to pull themselves out of poverty to support their families through micro-business is exciting."



London (UK) School of Economics

She is currently spending the summer in Washington, D.C. as a fellow with the American Enterprise Institute. "This is such an honour to be chosen to represent my country as well as our wonderful Rotary Club here in Langley. I've seen the influence of Rotary both here at home and around the world, and I'm proud to be part of what it represents—hard work, integrity and service above self. " I'm so grateful for the mentorship of Langley's Rotarians in my life. It was the late Eric Bysouth, long-time Langley Rotarian, who was the first Rotarian to take me under his wing. I hope to honor his memory by advancing

Rotary ideals both in the UK and the world."

While serving as President of the Langley Rotaract Club Lexi hosted events to raise funds and awareness for Wagner Hills Farms, Ratanak International which works to rescue young girls from the sex-trade in Cambodia. Lexi was recently recognized as one of Vancouver's Top 24 under 24, and in May of this year she was chosen to be an inspirational speaker and coach at the Rotary's International Youth Convention for RYLA in Sydney Australia, where she inspired the delegates to find a need in the world that they can be a part of the solution.



Lexi with children in Peru.

Wayne Wiebe, RI Foundation for District 5050 & Past District Governor (2010-11) said, "We were proud to nominate Lexi for the Global Scholarship based on her outstanding academic achievement at Trinity Western University, her tireless volunteer service here in Langley and overseas, and for her potential for global leadership."



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Installation Party for DG Lyle Ryan on July 19, 2014
Bill Robson's Golfun Tournament on August 22, 2014
District 5050 Conference: Sharing The Light of Rotary
Tulalip Resort (Marysville, WA) - April 30 — May 3, 2015