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It's all in the family!

Message from the District Governor

The month of March brings us to day light savings time and the promise of Spring! Living in an environment that gives us the four seasons helps us keep track of where we are and what we can expect not only in the weather but the activities that provide us with the joys of life.

That is the same with the months of our Rotary year. Each month provides us with a theme or focus to highlight one of the areas that we as Rotarians give our "service above self" attention to.

March provides us with a truly exceptional opportunity to make a difference in the area of "water and sanitation".

You and I take for granted the clean water and sanitation that is an everyday part of our life. Clean water is a basic need for

human beings. When people, especially children, have access to clean water, they live healthier and more productive lives. However, at least 3,000 children die each day from diseases caused by unsafe water, which is what should motivate us as Rotarians to build wells, install rainwater harvesting systems, and teach community members how to maintain them.

While very few people die of thirst, millions die from preventable waterborne diseases providing the impetus for our members to also improve sanitation facilities in undeveloped countries.

Our district has many clubs that have embraced these activities across the world. We have provided wells and rest rooms to many areas of the world that would not of enjoyed these basic necessities of a healthy life.

During the month of March open your club's awareness to adopting a project that will make a difference in the area of water and sanitation. It is our responsibility as Rotarians to make a difference.

As always thank you for all the GREAT gifts the Rotarians of our district give to our communities and the this "village" world that we all belong to.

- Lyle & P.J. Ryan

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We are leaders who act responsibly and take action to tackle some of the world's most pressing challenges.

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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2.5 billion people

Lack access to adequate sanitation facilities.

3,000 children

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- ❖ **ROTARIANS PROMOTE** good hygiene habits through education.
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- ❖ **ROTARIANS PROVIDE** home water treatment capability through the use of filters, solar disinfection, or flocculants, to make drinking water safe.
- ❖ **ROTARIANS PROMOTE** low-cost solutions, such as chlorine tablets or plastic bottles that can be exposed to sunlight, to improve water quality.

Clean water is a basic need for human beings. When people, especially children, have access to clean water, they live healthier and more productive lives. However, at least 3,000 children die each day from diseases caused by unsafe water, which is what motivates our members to build wells, install rainwater harvesting systems, and teach community members how to maintain new infrastructure.

While very few people die of thirst, millions die from preventable waterborne diseases, providing the impetus for our members to also improve sanitation facilities in undeveloped countries. Members start by providing toilets and latrines that flush into a sewer or safe enclosure and then add education programs to promote hand-washing and other good hygiene habits.

Find a water project to sponsor on Rotary Ideas
<http://ideas.rotary.org/>



Rotary International President
GARY C. K. HUANG

MESSAGE FROM Rotary International President MARCH 2015

In Rotary, we have the opportunity to build bonds of friendship with fellow Rotarians around the world. And once a year, at our international convention, we have the chance to get together with all of our Rotary friends, to share new ideas, plan new service, and just have fun.

What better way to celebrate the end of the 2014-15 Rotary year, and Light Up Rotary with your friends, than to travel together to the 106th annual Rotary International Convention in São Paulo, Brazil? Whether you have never been to a convention before or are an experienced convention goer, this will be one you won't

want to miss. Preregistration pricing ends on 31 March, so plan now for the biggest Rotary party of the year.

The convention will begin on Saturday, 6 June, and after the opening ceremony there will be a traditional Brazilian Carnival party and a Samba School Parade at the Anhembi Sambadrome. Even if you think you have no rhythm or can't carry a tune, you will find yourself dancing, singing, and laughing all night long. The party and parade will feature the bright colors, feathers, and sequins of Carnival costumes as well as the sights and sounds of samba, the Afro-Brazilian music and dance, and the delicious food and drinks of São Paulo.

On Monday night, Ivete Sangalo, winner of two Latin Grammy Awards, will entertain Rotarians. And every evening of the convention, Rotary Restaurant Nights will let you enjoy discounts in the culinary capital of Latin America. Savor fish from the Amazon, sushi with a Latin flair, Brazilian beef, and other offerings from some of São Paulo's 30,000 restaurants and bars. Admission to several museums in São Paulo, including the excellent soccer museum, will also be free with your convention badge.

Brazil reflects a diversity almost as great as Rotary's: Paulistanos, as the people of São Paulo are known, have created a lively culture with influences from all over the world. One of the highlights of any Rotary convention is always hospitality night, where you can get to know local Rotarians. Monday night is your chance to experience the paulistano lifestyle with the Rotarians of Brazil – but be sure to book early, as numbers are limited.

In Rotary, service and friendship go hand in hand. As you focus on the work of this Rotary year, I ask you not to lose sight of the importance of international friendship, and to register for the São Paulo convention now, at www.riconvention.org.

Rotary Showcase

Making a difference ~ Tell your story

Rotarians are improving lives in communities around the world every day through thousands of service projects. Browse projects to explore the good work that Rotary clubs are doing locally and globally. Share your own with the Rotary community and your Facebook friends.

SEE HOW THEY TELL THE STORY ON ROTARY SHOWCASE

Total Volunteer hours	Number of Volunteers	Total cash contributions	Total in-kind donations
627,579	37,280	11,751,424	7,149,752
Hours	People	US Dollars	US Dollars



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ROTARY NEWS

Around the world

For more detailed news visit www.rotary.org/en/news-features/features-archive



San Francisco Club reveals formula for Growth and Retention of Members

February 13: Members of the Rotary Club of San Francisco Evening meet three times a month at a wine bar after work, share a social outing once a month, and promote all their activities on social media like Meetup and Facebook.

As the first evening club in the city, it has attracted many young professionals from Silicon Valley tech firms whose work schedules keep them from joining a more traditional club that meets for breakfast or lunch. But more than that, the evening format has helped the club grow by 30 percent since it received its charter in mid-2013.



Rotary member takes fundraising to new heights - the Summit of Mount Everest

February 16: Despite his longstanding interest in polio eradication, polio was not on Joe Pratt's mind as he prepared for a mid-April 2012 climb of Mount Everest, the highest mountain on earth. But that changed in late 2011, when the resident of Nottingham, New Hampshire, USA, participated in a polio immunization project in Pakistan with fellow Rotary member Steve Puderbaugh.

An E-Club is right for you, if you:



The Race for Humanity in Mumbai, India nets \$350,000 for service Projects

February 20: Rotary members in India selected a popular racecourse in Mumbai to promote Rotary to the tens of thousands of racing aficionados who gather there daily, raising more than \$350,000 for club service projects in the process.

And between races, spectators at the Mahalaxmi Race Course were also treated to the Rotary members' attempt at a Guinness World Record as 650 members, 75 of them dressed in white and 575 in black, formed the shape of a horse -- with the Rotary wheel as its eye -- on the lawn of the members' area.

E-clubs pioneer innovative partnerships with local groups

By Zuhail Sharp, Rotary Programs staff

Empowering community members to assess and address their own needs leads to the most effective and sustainable project outcomes. While we often hear about how traditional Rotary clubs work with community members to address local issues, e-clubs are also pioneering innovative approaches to partner with communities on hands-on projects. By sponsoring a Rotary Community Corps (RCC), many e-clubs are expanding their networks and enhancing their service impact.

RCCs are teams of community volunteers who share Rotary's

- Have a busy schedule and need a flexible meeting time
- Live in different places throughout



ENDPOLIONOW

HISTORIC MOMENT: Polio Plus turns 30

February 23: This year marks 30 years since Rotary launched PolioPlus, its campaign to rid the world of polio. Beginning on Rotary's anniversary, 23 February, Rotary members worldwide will be holding events to celebrate three decades of polio eradication progress.

Since 1985 Rotary and its partners have helped reduce the number of cases from 350,000 annually to fewer than 400 in 2014, and they remain committed until the disease is eradicated. Rotary has contributed more than \$1.3 billion and countless volunteer hours to protect more than 2 billion children worldwide. In addition, Rotary's advocacy efforts have played a role in decisions by donor governments to contribute over \$10 billion to the effort.

Watch former Rotary President Sir Clem Renouf recalls conversations with Rotary leaders as the organization turned its attention to eradicating polio on Rotary International website.

commitment to service but are not Rotary members. They work in partnership with their sponsor Rotary clubs (traditional clubs or e-clubs) to address their communities' specific needs. RCCs are highly adaptable and can be found everywhere Rotary is present: in urban and rural areas, and in both developed and developing countries. Some RCCs are established to carry out a specific project for a limited period of time, while others tackle more entrenched problems on an ongoing basis.

Each e-club is based in a specific district but its members can be from anywhere in the world. Some e-clubs focus their membership in a particular region or community.

- the year
- Travel frequently
- Have limited mobility



RESEARCH UPDATE

To everyone who participated in a survey in 2014, **thank you!** Your participation in surveys is important: Below, please see highlights of 2014 survey results and announcements of upcoming 2015 surveys.

Highlights of 2014 Results

Rotary Strategic Plan Survey

In March 2014, over 10,000 Rotarians provided their feedback on a variety of Rotary strategic planning topics. Results indicate that Rotarians agree with the goals and priorities of the RI strategic plan, are proud to be members of Rotary and proud of Rotary's efforts to end polio. Areas of opportunity include concerns about membership growth/decline, membership diversity, awareness of new online tools, and frustration with "old-fashioned" processes and bureaucracy. The full [Strategic Plan Survey Results report](#) can be read on Rotary.org.

Club Invoicing Survey

In May 2014, Rotary conducted a survey of 18,000 club officers on their experiences and perceptions of the new membership reporting and dues payment processes. 87% were in favor of the changes, and nearly half of all respondents said the new process would have no impact on their current reporting or dues payment process. 88% anticipated no challenges in reporting their membership changes within 30 days. The new process began in January 2015. Questions about this research or about the new club invoicing and membership reporting process can be directed to clubinvoice@rotary.org.

Survey of Rotary Alumni

In July 2014, RI's Alumni Relations team surveyed former Rotary program participants, current Rotaractors, and former Rotaract club members. The objective was to collect information about the quality of alumni

engagement with Rotary and alumni perceptions of Rotary. The survey revealed that 43% of alumni respondents were contacted by a Rotarian in the past year. However, 34% of respondents said they were "not sure" if they wanted to join a Rotary/Rotaract club. 11% of respondents said they were "not at all" interested in joining Rotary. These and other findings from the survey will be used to improve and expand Rotary's engagement strategies with alumni.

Rotary.org and Online Tools

To better understand barriers to using Rotary's website (Rotary.org), Rotary held focus groups at the 2014 Convention and conducted a survey in July 2014. A total of 4,388 Rotarians and Rotaractors from 130 countries participated in the survey. When asked to "help Rotary prioritize areas for improvement," respondents viewed the following as most important to do:

- Increase awareness of the content and activities that can be completed on Rotary.org
- Improve the search function and make it easier to find content on the website
- Communicate more about *why* to use Rotary.org

The survey also gathered feedback and recommendations for improvement for each of Rotary.org's online tools (My Rotary, Rotary Club Central, Online Grants Application, Rotary Showcase, etc.) The findings from the research are being used to improve the website and online tools.

Rotary Research Update is sent to district governors, governors-elect, assistant governors, Rotary coordinators, Rotary public image coordinators, regional Rotary Foundation coordinators, and all assistant coordinators. To thank respondents for their participation in surveys in 2014 and announce upcoming surveys, this edition of the Rotary Research Update has also been sent to club officers and members who received a survey invitation in 2014. If you have questions about this update or Rotary research initiatives, please ask us at ri_research@rotary.org.

Upcoming 2015 Surveys

March

Assessment of Services Provided by Rotary's Headquarters and Regional Offices

Member dues to Rotary International (RI) fund many services provided by Rotary's headquarters in Evanston/Chicago, IL, USA and official regional offices around the world. This survey asks whether Rotary is providing the *right* services in the *right* places to serve members in the *right* way. A random sample of Rotarians and Rotaractors will be invited to participate in this survey.

April

RI Strategic Measures: Membership Feedback Survey

In October 2014, Rotary's Board of Directors implemented comprehensive metrics to regularly measure progress towards the goals of the RI Strategic Plan. As part of this ongoing commitment to measure progress, a random selection of members around the world will receive a survey that asks about satisfaction with various aspects of their club and Rotary as a whole.

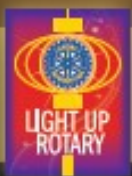
June - July

2015 São Paulo Convention / Pre-Convention Evaluation

This survey will ask attendees about their experiences at the 2015 Convention and/or Pre-Convention in Sao Paulo. This survey will be emailed to attendees after the convention ends.

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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)

REGISTRATION DEADLINE MARCH 31ST

Conference Speakers

Keynote Speaker Amanda Wirtz



Amanda has an uplifting and inspiring story about her life and the challenges she has faced.

First: Rotary Exchange Student, Naval Cryptologic

Analyst, Business Owner, Professional Violinist.

Then: Patient, Student, Graduate, and Researcher of her own rare disease.

Now: Ms. Veteran America and Charter President of United Services Rotary Club - a Facebook Rotary club for members of the armed services.

Amanda will share how she succeeded by asking "The Right Question"

Rotary International President's Representative Jerry Hardy

Jerry Hardy and Diana Kellerman join us from San Antonio, Texas where he served as Governor of District 5840 in 2013-14 ("Engage Rotary, Change Lives"). Jerry was selected by Rotary International President Gary Huang as his official representative to our District Conference.



Rotary International Director Mary Beth Growney Selene

Mary Beth Growney Selene is one of 17 Rotarians serving as Directors of Rotary International for a two year term (2013-15). She is a member of the Rotary Club of Madison West Towne-Middleton, Wisconsin, USA.



Rotary International Director Elect Dean Rohrs

One of our own members, Dean Rohrs from the Langley Central Rotary Club, will serve as a Rotary International Director for 2016-2018.



Speaker Bio-data on District 5050 website



Whidbey Island Rotarians gather at 'All Island' event

For the first time in history, members of all four Whidbey Island Rotary clubs—North Whidbey Sunrise, Whidbey Westside, South Whidbey, and Oak Harbor—came together at the Coupeville Recreation Hall on January 31, for an evening of wine tasting, beer sampling, tasting food, and in general socializing at the First Annual All Island Rotary Social.

The event brought members and officers of the four clubs together for —among other things—discussions of club goals and achievements, possible joint projects, and sharing with members from clubs that at times have considered themselves in competition with each other.

Additional similar events are already in the planning stages.



Canada announces 22.5 million for polio vaccination

25 FEB 2015: Prime Minister Stephen Harper castigated Canadians who refuse to vaccinate their kids as he announced \$22.5 million in additional funding for inoculation programs in some of the world's poorest countries.

The prime minister announced the new funding -- \$20 million to strengthen immunity to polio and up to \$2.5 million over two years to help eradicate maternal and neonatal tetanus -- during an event Wednesday with billionaire philanthropist Bill Gates.

Rotary Day Proclamation



Port Coquitlam Mayor Greg Moore has proclaimed the week of February 23, 2015 as Rotary Week and February 23, 2015 as the Rotary Day in the City of Port Coquitlam.

He encouraged all citizens to join him in recognizing Rotary International for its 110 years of service to improving the human conditions in local communities around the world.

The proclamation acknowledges 1.2 million Rotarians who are inspired by the Rotary motto "Service Above Self" in providing humanitarian service, encouraging high ethical standards and promoting goodwill and peace in the world.

It also recognizes the efforts of Rotary International in spearheading efforts with the World Health Organization, US Centres for Disease Control, and the UNICEF to immunize the children of the world against polio.

LANGLEY - *More than one reason to celebrate!*

Langley Central has had very busy month so far. Charter Night on Saturday February 7th saw a couple of nice things happen.



First President Guy Tousignant presented Past President Terry Smith with a plaque bearing a gavel and the year of his tenure. Terry was asked to repeat the name of the club, a challenge at weekly meetings he seemed to have trouble with.



David Taft and his wife Dianne were presented with a crystal for attaining Major Donor status. David is also a major contributor, through Britco, to the Read to Write program, supplying portable libraries to First Nation communities.



Then to finish the night off Susan Parsons was awarded her first Paul Harris Award from the club for all the time she contributes to various functions.

Definitely a good night on many levels.

Please note that the date for International Women's Day has been moved to March 28, 2015 to accommodate the busy schedule of Dianne Watts our keynote speaker.



Hollinger Family sets the Record

Mel Hollinger's extended family of 39 set the record for most given at one time. Mel is a member of the Arch Klumph Society, having given \$250,000 to Rotary International.

Mel has been awarded 65 Paul Harris Awards and has room to award 73 more. (Mel was unable to come to the Foundation Dinner as he is down with a cold and we all wish him a speedy recovery!)

Dick Donahue was able to award 39 certificates to family members including all kinds of cute little kids! Dick knew all the names as he introduced Mel's 39 extended family members (including Fontene).

**Congratulations to the Hollinger Family.
It is a record hard to beat!**



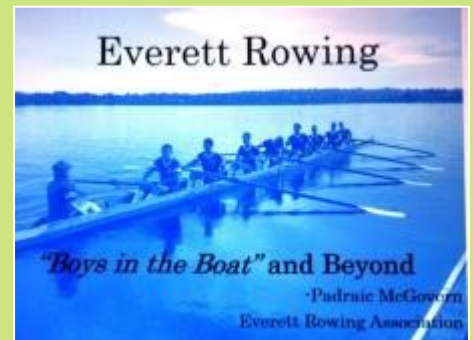
Mel Hollinger

Bob Knight's visits to some Snohomish County Rotary Clubs



We reported in the February PAJ that the Everett area Rotary clubs are no longer meeting at the Everett Golf Club. They are meeting at other locations. Bob visited the Everett Rotary club at the Legion Memorial Golf Course in north Everett.

① Club president Mark Valentine played a tune on his guitar; ② Gary Cohn, **Ldriz Aksamovic (from Bosina), **Sergio Baccerg (from Mexico), Mark Valentine and Michael Hawks. **Ldriz & Sergio were scholarship recipients; ③ (l-r) Bob Biel, Tom Rainville, Bruce Timm, Marybeth Dingledy, Scott Washburn, Russ Kimball.



The next day Bob returned to the Legion Golf Course for the Everett-Port Gardner's breakfast meeting. Club president-elect, Vicci Hilty introduced the club speaker, Padraic McGovern, and past club president (2009-10) Thom Martin's granddaughter, Rose Martin. Rose, pictured with Thom and Lisa Hoppe, shared about the positive impact that the recent YAIL weekend has had on her.

Padraic McGovern, author of the book *Boys in the Boat*, talked about the history of rowing in the Everett area and a 1939 Olympics rowing boat which hangs at the University of Washington.



On February 4, 2015, Bob observed the Monroe club's induction of three new members, including two who live in Monroe and were once members of the Snohomish club. Pictured with club president Greg Starup, *Paul Evans, Phil Spirito, *Jeff Rasmussen, Sam Wirsching & *Chuck Whitfield. Program speaker: Mark Venn (Sedro-Woolley Rotary) discussed the search process for new Monroe School District superintendent.

The Snohomish Rotary Club had a busy February, 2015



On **February 7** there was a Mardi Gras celebration to raise money for scholarships for graduating high school seniors. Club president Kendra Trachta is seen with young helpers and Pat Knight is seen presenting a check to Sherri Williams, CEO of Snohomish Educational Foundation.

Pictures taken by Andrew Urie



On **February 13** we reflected on a past club president and his wife, the late Doctor Leon and Virginia Aller, during a dinner/auction event for the Hands for Peacemaking Foundation (HFPF) established by the Allers in Guatemala. Pat Knight (past club president in 2001-02 & 2013-14) participated in the presentation of the Aller Award. (Standing l to r) Pat Knight, Sue Means (Aller Award winner) Paul Means (Aller Award winner), Ross Gaussoin (Past President HFPF), Gordon Nast (Director, HFPF).



On **February 5** students from the two middle schools and the three high schools were recognized at a special breakfast as students of the 2nd quarter. The students are: (back row, l to r) Megan Brame, Elena Bahr, Kailey Brennis, Alexis Sunagel, Samantha Edgar, Leticia Farias, Kelly Wygant & Mylinh Le. (lower row) Nina Kim, Angelica Vasilyev, Sarah Dyer, Ronald Buck & Jessamine Anderson.

Ann Stanton
Paul Harris Fellowship
recipient

Some of you will have seen the posts from PDG Sean Hogan from Kenya. He and his son went out there partly to help set up 'Remote Area Community Hotspots for Education and Learning' (RACHEL)

Sean was happy to represent Rotary at the official handover ceremony at Sweetwaters School, when they were given two servers and 8 laptops. The students and their teachers were grinning and excited as they explored the RACHEL software containing pre-school to post-grad material. Also there were partners, Afretech (headed by North Delta Rotarian Bonnie Sutherland), Tembo Trading (headed by Debra and Jeana from Bellingham), and Ol Pejeta Conservancy (which sponsors the school). This tiny server, created by Rotarian Mark Knittel, has the potential to change rural education by giving schools an internet without an internet, just connect to the local server, and at your keyboard is Wikipedia, Khan Academy, Hesperian medical and much more. The other cool thing is that any network device can connect to the server - including the 10 regular computers that were provided on an earlier trip, as well as smartphones, tablets and the basic and very cheap Raspberry Pi

The government of Kenya is very interested in expanding this pilot project to assist all children in remote areas and it is being brought into many other parts of the world. Rotary Clubs with international projects may be interested in exploring how they can bring RACHEL into the regions where they are already working.

More information on:

<http://www.worldpossible.org/rachel/>



The hearty smile from the teaches says it all - "THANK YOU ROTARY!"

Find out more when Mark speaks about RACHEL at District Assembly in the literacy break out session.

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LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME

Speaker Profile

I would like to offer a leadership program entitled "Theodore Roosevelt: American President / Global Leader".

A brief description of the Lecture Series is provided below.

Theodore Roosevelt (TR) Lecture Series

Theodore Roosevelt, the twenty-sixth President of the United States, is often considered the first "modern president". More than any other national leader or individual American, he is responsible for America's rise to world power status. Conservationist, soldier, scholar, statesman, Nobel Prize winner, and Medal of Honor recipient, he remains one of America's best models of modern presidential, global, and executive leadership. Visionary, crisis manager, charismatic communicator, strategic thinker, negotiator and decision maker, he was the most distinguished and accomplished transformational leader of his age. As we examine and evaluate our presidents and other national and global leaders, it will be helpful to see how they compare to TR. Join our discussion, learn from TR's leadership, and make a difference in 2015/2016!

Instructor: David S. Rader, teaches for academia, business, government, and the military. He has taught as an adjunct instructor for more than twenty-five colleges and universities in numerous disciplines (History, Political Science, International Studies, International Business). He has taught in the United States and abroad and has worked in the securities, real estate, high tech, and defense industries.

He also offers public service lectures on national and global issues.

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Rotary International is expanding the **Innovative & Flexible Club Pilot Program**. Your Rotary club can apply to take part in the project by making changes to your meeting format, leadership structure, membership qualifications and requirements. The pilot project will examine the effect of the changes on a club's ability to sustain and increase membership, implement successful programs and service projects, and support The Rotary Foundation.

Application deadline March 31. CLICK FOR DETAILS



The Rotaract Club of H.R. College meets with the villager leaders of Kumbharwadi to discuss their clean water project.

Photo Credit: Courtesy of Nikunj Pherwani

Rotaract Award Winners celebrated for their life-changing projects

The village of Kumbharwadi is one of many in a drought-prone region near Mumbai, India. Until recently, its residents had access to only one well with drinkable water. During the summer months, the well runs dry, and the women and girls of the village travel three to four hours a day to search for water.

Enter Project Boond, undertaken by a Rotaract club, a Rotary club, and the Watershed Organization Trust to provide clean drinking water and sanitation facilities in Kumbharwadi. Nikunj Pherwani, 2013-14 president of the Rotaract Club of Hassaram Rijhumal College of Commerce and Economics in Mumbai, India, says that droughts are a serious problem in India and often exacerbate malnutrition and illness in remote regions.

"Our major aim through this project was to provide clean water for drinking and domestic purposes to the drought-affected areas of Maharashtra," he says. "These villages not only suffer due to shortage of water but also due to several waterborne diseases."

Pherwani's Rotaract club teamed up with the Rotary Club of Bombay, Maharashtra, India, to raise funds for the project through donations and events, including a comedic play and black tie dinner. The project has over \$13,000 in its coffers, and the clubs are using the funds to dig wells and install toilets.

In addition to providing clean water and sanitation facilities, Pherwani says they also aim to provide villagers with chlorine tablets and a workshop on basic health and hygiene.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH 1 TO 6 - White Rock **Annual Book Sale**

Semiahmoo Shopping Centre

MAR 6 to 8 - District 5050 **Presidents Elect Training Seminar**

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

Mar 5 - Lake Stevens

Community Supper 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Ebenezer Lutheran Church, 2111 - 117th
Ave. Lake Stevens, WA.

MAR 19 - Port Coquitlam **Centennial**

Rotary Open House 3:00 - 7:00PM

Wilson Centre, Port Coquitlam, BC

MAR 21 - District 5050 **Rotary Leadership Institute - CAN**

Sunrise Conference Centre

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

MAR 26 - Port Coquitlam **Centennial**

10th Anniversary Dinner

Pallas Athena Restaurant, 1250 Dominion Ave,
Port Coquitlam 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

MAR 28 - Langley Central **International Women's Day 11:00 AM** **to 2:00 PM**

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 **District Conference 2015**

Tulalip Resort and Casino

MAY 9 - Port Coquitlam **Centennial**

Rotary May Day Parade

Downtown Port Coquitlam from 10:30 AM
(See insert on top right on this page)

May 14 - Port Moody **Search for the Perfect Pint**

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

MAY 24 - Abbotsford-Matsqui **Wine & Beer Festival and Silent** **Auction 7:00 PM**

Gourmet Cup, Seven Oaks Shopping Centre.
201-32900 South Fraser Way, Abbotsford.

Rotary



The Rotary May Day Parade 2015

Saturday, 9th May 2015 at Downtown Port Coquitlam

10:30 am Vancouver Police Motorcycle Squad

11:00 am Main May Day Parade



CELEBRATE OUR COMMUNITY

Participation in the Rotary May Day Parade demonstrates YOUR support for the community while helping the Rotary Club of Port Coquitlam Centennial's ongoing local and global efforts to help those in need and make the world a better Polio Free place.

The Rotary Club of Port Coquitlam Centennial is proud to be working with the City of Port Coquitlam for the 10th year in a row to administer the Rotary May Day Parade.

In 2014 more than 110 bands, floats, marching groups, decorated vehicles and floats participated in the Parade and it was watched by over 12,000 local residents and was broadcast on local T.V.

Local businesses recognise the Rotary May Day Parade as an opportunity to demonstrate their desire to be good corporate citizens within the community, and local non-profit, youth and community associations are able to promote the types of support and services to the area.

We invite other Rotary Clubs, local bands, marching groups, and local associations to participate.

Registration and sponsorship forms are available on the Rotary May Day website at <http://www.rotarymayday.ca>

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT BARRIE SEATON
by email at barrie@barrieseaton.com or call 604 945 6627.

ROTARY PEACE SCHOLARSHIPS



Two Year Masters
Degree Program
or Professional Certificate

Deadline for Candidates May 1

For further information please contact
District Committee chair Jack Rae
604-536-8578 or bettyjackrae@shaw.ca

For more information, [CLICK HERE.](#)

You're Invited - Save these Dates

Save the Date

4th Annual
Lake Stevens Rotary
Wine and Beer Tasting
plus Silent Auction

April 24, 2015
6 - 9 pm

Floral Hall at Forest Park
802 E Mukilteo Boulevard - Everett, WA

Admission \$30



Online at <http://goo.gl/ZpnXQq>

Rotary Convention Cultures in Concert **BE ADVENTUROUS**

At convention, you'll reach beyond Brazil's borders. Liberdade and experience Japanese, Chinese, and Korean customs. Stroll through Bixiga, home to more Italians than Rome, or take in Brooklin Novo for a taste of old Germany. Exotic Bohemian nightlife will thrill you in Vila Madalena. All just a short subway ride away.

REGISTER TODAY



**SÃO PAULO
BRAZIL
6-9 JUNE 2015**
ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION



Rotary Club of Port Moody

SEARCH FOR THE PERFECT PINT

Thursday, 14 May 2015 - 5:30 PM to
10:00 PM

City Hall, 100 Newport Drive, Port Moody, BC

Come out and enjoy !

Volunteer for this annual Rotary event!!

We'll have many restaurants and breweries
showcasing their tasty talents!

\$40.00

You are invited to the
Anniversary Dinner
to commemorate

110th Anniversary
of Rotary International
and

10th Anniversary
of Rotary Club of
Port Coquitlam Centennial

Saturday, 26th March 2015
at Pallas Athena Restaurant
1250 Dominion Ave, Port Coquitlam
6:00 PM - 10:00 PM

To register, contact Gaye 604-941-6621 or Cathy 604-468-5006



\$45 PER PERSON



Abbotsford-Matsqui Rotary Club

Presents their 20th Annual

Wine & Beer Festival
& Silent Auction

May 24, 2014, 7pm

Sevenshops Shopping Centre
NEW! (Gourmet Cup/GAP Entrance)

Door Prize Draws, 9:15pm

- Live jazz and blues music
- Wine and beer tasting
- Appetizers
- Door prize
- Silent auction

Proceeds Directed to:
Abbotsford-Matsqui
Rotary Service Projects

Tickets: \$30 each
(Tickets not available at the door)

- Tickets available from
- Customer Service - Sevenshops Mall
 - AbbeyEye Doctors:
604.664.8038
 - Internetcollections.com:
604.854.3328
 - Sumas Mountain Wines:
604.855.0252



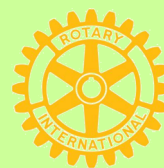
Tickets purchased at Sumas Mountain Wines also receives a \$2 discount on a bottle of wine.

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KAYAK POINT
GOLF COURSE

Golf Tournament
Thursday, 30 April 2015

(Tentative start time is 1pm)

\$60 for golf and cart

KAYAK GOLF COURSE

15711 MARINE DRIVE NE, STANWOOD, WA 98292

TEL: (360) 652-9676

<http://www.golfkayak.com/>

Rotary Club of White Rock Charity Book Sale

March 1, to March 8, 2015

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**Semiahmoo Shopping
Centre**

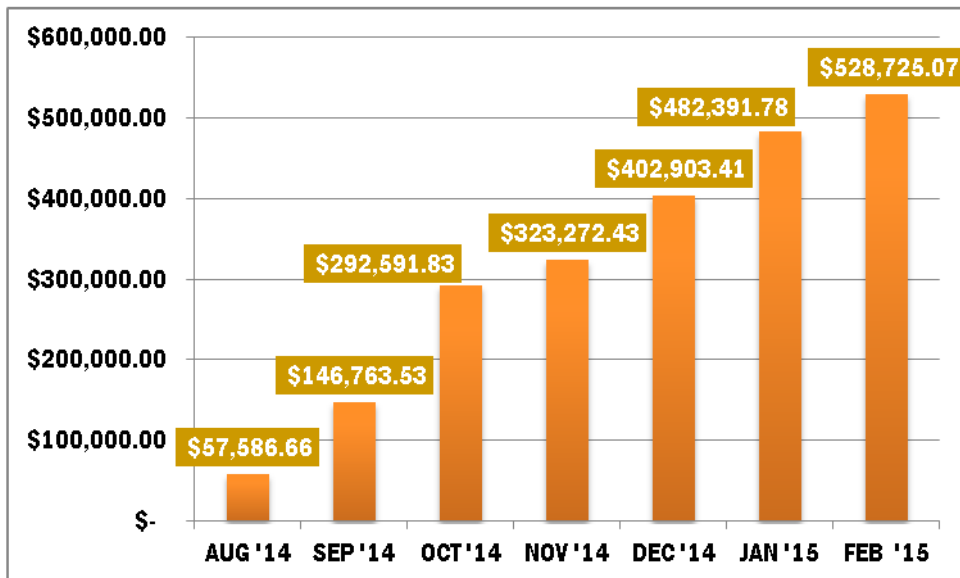
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www.whiterockrotary.org



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DISTRICT 5050 FOUNDATION GIVING 2014-15



Annual Giving
\$276,771.94
 (\$105.04 per capita)

Polio Plus:
\$169,595.67
 (\$64.35 per capita)

Endowment
\$12255.64

Other:
\$70,101.82

Your generous contributions to The Rotary Foundation are essential to securing and growing Rotary programs throughout the world.

Rotary recognize donors to express our gratitude for your commitment and offer individual and club recognitions, as well as naming recognitions that let you honor a friend or family member with a named or endowed gift.

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

1	Langley	BC	\$ 502.30
2	White Rock	BC	\$ 352.82
3	North Delta	BC	\$ 307.55
4	Langley Central	BC	\$ 287.86
5	South Surrey, Surrey	BC	\$ 231.37
6	Abbotsford-Sumas	BC	\$ 211.97
7	Port Moody	BC	\$ 192.60
8	Port Coquitlam	BC	\$ 185.71
9	La Conner	WA	\$ 180.82
10	Chilliwack	BC	\$ 180.73
11	San Juan Island	WA	\$ 178.47
12	Fidalgo Island	WA	\$ 171.29
13	Abbotsford	BC	\$ 166.52
14	Burlington	WA	\$ 159.39
15	Surrey	BC	\$ 150.00
16	Stanwood/Camano Island	WA	\$ 145.09
17	Marysville Sunrise	WA	\$ 141.82
18	Semiahmoo	BC	\$ 138.41
19	Coquitlam Sunrise	BC	\$ 138.00
20	Whatcom County North	WA	\$ 135.54
21	Mount Baker	WA	\$ 125.66
22	Everett	WA	\$ 121.42
23	Arlington	WA	\$ 120.00
24	Surrey-Guildford	BC	\$ 113.08
25	Cloverdale	BC	\$ 112.92
26	Abbotsford-Matsqui	BC	\$ 104.76
27	Coquitlam	BC	\$ 103.74
28	Meadow Ridge	BC	\$ 100.39

TOP 10 CLUBS FOR ATTENDANCE

White Rock Peninsula	96.23%
Chilliwack	89.43%
South Surrey	86.00%
Lake Stevens	83.76%
Coquitlam Sunrise	82.95%
Semiahmoo (White Rock)	81.64%
Whidbey Westside	81.23%
Meadow Ridge Rotary	80.93%
Arlington	80.31%
Noeth Delta	80.20%

THREE clubs did not report their membership & attendance reports for the month of January.

Their membership is included as of the last report submitted.

MEMBERSHIP January 2015

Member Count Last Year	2,650
Member Count January	2,650
This month+/-	-6
YTD +/-	-6
YTD +/- Percentage	1.68%
Last Year Attendance	69.60%
January Attendance	65.79%

Please forward your Membership and Attendance Reports to Rob Martin regularly so that he is able to compile accurate District Statistics in a timely manner.

Honor Roll for clubs over \$100 per capita for PolioPlus:

1	Whatcom County North	WA	\$ 2,150.12
2	Abbotsford-Sumas	BC	\$ 193.27
3	White Rock	BC	\$ 154.50
4	Burlington	WA	\$ 127.55
5	San Juan Island	WA	\$ 121.72
6	Langley Central	BC	\$ 113.07
7	Chilliwack	BC	\$ 106.23