

Message from
District Governor Lyle Ryan
To my Rotary sisters and brothers of District 5050

As we enter the month of May it signals to all of us that one Rotary year is coming to an end and another new year awaits!

There truly are very few constants in our lives. As the old saying goes - the only two things that are for certain in life are death and taxes. I would like to add one more to those two - ROTARY! Since 1905 - 110 years ago - our world has been blessed with an organization that has continued to grow in numbers, geography, overall scope of change and value that we can bring forward. For well over a century now we have made the communities that we live in and the world a far better place!

DGE Bill Robson has pulled together his team! The continuity of the part that our 57 clubs and the District play in the work of Rotary will continue. It will continue because of the dedication of all of YOU!

The experience of being your Governor this past year has brought home the overall understanding of all the ways that we make a difference. I only wish that each and everyone of you had the opportunity to visit all of our clubs so that you could see and hear all of the ways we provide value to all the communities that we serve.

A huge thank you from P.J. and I for our year and more importantly the coming year where you will continue the work of Rotary with District Governor Bill!

Yours in Rotary
Lyle & P.J. Ryan

A Note from ...



District Governor Elect Bill Robson

Effective July 1st, 2015 the monthly designations will change as follows:

JULY

No special designation

AUGUST

Membership and Extension Month

SEPTEMBER

Basic Education and Literacy Month

OCTOBER

Economic and Community Development Month

NOVEMBER

Rotary Foundation Month

DECEMBER

Disease Prevention and Treatment Month

JANUARY

Vocational Service Month

FEBRUARY

Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month

MARCH

Water and Sanitation Month

APRIL

Maternal and Child Health Month

MAY

Youth Service Month

JUNE

Rotary Fellowships Month

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WORLD IMMUNIZATION WEEK

Protecting Children through Lifesaving Vaccines

This year's observance of World Immunization Week, 24-30 April, signals a renewed effort to prevent an estimated 2 to 3 million deaths worldwide from vaccine-preventable diseases, including polio, by closing immunization gaps. The extensive polio-eradication infrastructure created by Rotary, its partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI), and governments and health ministries provides a model for this effort.

Rotary, the World Health Organization (WHO), UNICEF, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) joined together in 1988 to form GPEI with the goal of protecting the world's children by eradicating polio. At that time, the disease paralyzed more than 1,000 people -- most of them young children -- worldwide every day. Over the years, Rotary and its partners have reduced the number of polio cases by 99 percent, to fewer than 400 cases in 2014, and there are now only three countries in which polio transmission has never been stopped.

This progress has been won by millions of volunteers and health workers who immunize children in hard-to-reach communities and establish real-time global monitoring and response capacity. The massive infrastructure that's been created, which now encompasses millions of trained health workers as well as best practices and knowledge, can be used to combat other infectious diseases and to undertake other critical health interventions.

"Rotarians have played a key role in bringing the world to the cusp of polio eradication," says Mike McGovern, chair of Rotary's International PolioPlus Committee. "They have contributed more than \$1.3 billion to polio eradication, they have petitioned their governments to support the cause, and they have donated countless hours to immunize children throughout the world. These achievements have laid the groundwork for a lasting legacy for the world's children."

Rotary and its partners are looking to carry out a legacy health plan, which has two notable aspects:

Ensuring that the knowledge generated and lessons learned from years of polio eradication activities are shared with other health initiatives.

GPEI, in its efforts to deliver the polio vaccine to the hardest-to-reach and most vulnerable populations in the world, has learned valuable

lessons about overcoming barriers. As a result, polio workers have been able to deliver additional health services, including deworming medication, vitamin A supplements, measles mortality-reduction activities, bednets to prevent malaria and other mosquito-borne diseases, and routine immunizations. GPEI's innovative methods include detailed micro-planning and mapping, the tracking of migrant groups, social mobilization programs, and systematic training and deployment of vaccination teams. All of these tactics can be applied to other health initiatives.

Indeed, supporting other health initiatives has been a key component of Rotary's strategy since it launched its PolioPlus program in 1985. Rotary has consistently delivered the "plus" along with polio vaccine, supporting efforts to protect children from other diseases, malnutrition, and other afflictions.

Transitioning the capacities, processes, and assets that GPEI has created to support other health priorities.

GPEI receives regular polio reports from its vast surveillance network of laboratories, which identify and investigate reported polio cases anywhere in the world. That network and response system has been tapped to handle outbreaks of other diseases, including measles, tetanus, meningitis, and yellow fever. It also assisted in the global response to the outbreak of severe acute respiratory syndrome, or SARS; to floods in Pakistan in 2010-11; and to the tsunami in Southeast Asia in 2004. Most recently, Nigeria used the infrastructure and surveillance system last year to end the deadly Ebola outbreak there.

"For 30 years, Rotarians have worked tirelessly to eradicate polio from 99 percent of the world," says McGovern. "Their efforts have not only ended polio in 122 countries but they've also created a roadmap for the world to tackle a myriad of other health priorities. This is something all Rotarians can be proud of accomplishing."

WHO's World Health Assembly will review a Global Legacy Framework at its meeting in May. In the meantime, Rotary members and the public can get involved by supporting Rotary's polio program as it carries out the final steps to eradicate this disease. Donate, and learn more at endpolio.org.



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**.

Please send news, articles and photographs to: editor.paj@gmail.com by the 25th day of the month for possible inclusion in the next issue.

Long articles may be truncated and all articles submitted may be edited before publication.

Not all articles and photos submitted will be published.

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Our time on this earth is finite, and it's always shorter than we think. How do we want to spend it? Will we give of ourselves to others, so that the world will be richer because we passed through it? Or will we spend our days, as the famous Indian poet Rabindranath Tagore wrote, in stringing and unstringing our instruments, while the song we came to sing remains unsung?

The glory of Rotary is that it helps us find a way to sing that song. It guides us on a path to living richer, more meaningful lives, by encouraging us to focus our attention on the things that matter — and helping each of us find our own way to be a gift to the world.

If we ask ourselves what characteristics we value most in our friends, most of us would answer similarly: integrity, trustworthiness, caring, compatibility. Our friends are not necessarily the people who are most like us but the ones who complement us, who bring out the best in us. That, to me, is precisely what we can find in Rotary.

Rotary is a way to bring out the best part of ourselves, and let it guide our lives. Too often, we spend our days in pursuit of the goals that should matter least. We focus our attention on our own achievements and our own gain; we devote endless energy to the accumulation of material things. Yet at the end of our lives, no one will remember us for the cars we drove, the clothes we wore, the titles we carried, or the offices we sat in. We will not be

admired for the efforts we poured into making our own lives richer or our own status higher. In the end, our worth will be measured not by how much we acquired, but by how much we gave away.

Will we avert our eyes from suffering, or will we alleviate it? Will we speak words of compassion, or will we act on them? Will we be content only to take from the world — or will we give to it?

In the 2015-16 Rotary year, our theme will be Be a Gift to the World.

Every one of us has something to give — whoever we are, whatever our place in life. We can give our talent, our knowledge, our abilities, and our effort; we can give our dedication and our devotion. Through Rotary, we can take these gifts and make a genuine difference in the lives of others and in our world.

It is said that we are born with our fists clenched, but we die with our hands open, and that our talents are the gift that God gave us. What we make of our talents is our gift back to God.

Equally we come into this world grasping at everything, but when we leave it, we leave all material things behind as well. Through Rotary, we can leave behind something real and lasting.

Our time is now.

It will never come again.

Be a Gift to the World.





ROTARY NEWS

Around the world

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

BASIC EDUCATION & LITERACY



How a simple school project in India became a Global Grant

By Arnold R. Grahl | 10-April-2015

Photo Credit: Cornelia Stockman, Rotary Club of Kennebunk Portside, Maine

TWO YEARS AGO, U.S. Rotary members in Maine set out to improve the education system in Bikaner, Rajasthan, an Indian city near the border of Pakistan.

The Rotary Club of Kennebunk Portside chose Bikaner because club member Rohit Mehta was originally from the area and had connections there. Mehta put the club in contact with Rotarians in India to provide desks for four government-run schools.

But when community leaders returned with a request for more desks, the Maine Rotarians decided they had to think bigger. The Rotary Foundation had rolled out its new grant model, which required that the club do more than just purchase school furniture to qualify for global grant funding. Club leaders put their heads together and turned a simple project to provide school desks into a global grant project by adding a campaign to recruit new students and professional development for teachers. ▶

CHILD HEALTH



Nursing School helps indigenous community Survive in Uganda

By Arnold R. Grahl, | 2-April-2015

Photo Credit: Bwindi Community Hospital

FOR THOUSANDS OF YEARS, the Batwa Pygmies lived among the silverback mountain gorillas in the Bwindi Impenetrable Forest of southwest Uganda. But in 1992, the forest was declared a World Heritage Site to protect the endangered silverback, and the Batwa lost their home.

Forced to transition from hunter-gatherers to farmers, they did not adapt well, and their very survival was threatened.

Over the years, Rotary members in the United States, Uganda, and other parts of the world helped with efforts to aid the Batwa. Most recently, those efforts have focused on the creation of a nursing school to serve the entire southwestern part of the country. ▶

END POLIO



Polio Vaccine celebrates 60th Anniversary

By Maureen Vaught | 10-April-2015

SUNDAY, 12 APRIL, marks 60 years since the Salk polio vaccine was declared safe, effective, and potent. In that time, the number of polio cases has dropped by 99 percent worldwide. With just three countries remaining polio-endemic, we are closer than ever to eradicating this crippling disease.

Jonas Salk's inactivated polio vaccine (IPV) has been crucial in helping us reach our goal of a polio-free world. Before the vaccine was widely available, in the United States alone, polio crippled more than 35,000 people each year. By 1957 -- two years after the introduction of Salk's vaccine -- cases in the U.S. had fallen by almost 90 percent, and by 1979, polio had been eradicated there. ▶

A member of the medical staff salvages items from the rubble of a destroyed clinic in the village of Opytne on February 15, 2015, a day after it was destroyed during shelling by pro-Russian rebels.

Photo Credit: PETRO ZADOROZHNYA/AFP/Getty Images



In the midst of conflict, Ukraine's children are vulnerable to polio outbreak

By John Hewko, General Secretary, Rotary International

EVANSTON, Illinois — While the global health community has been rightly focused on containing West Africa's deadly Ebola outbreak, a potential health crisis involving another infectious virus — polio — worries many of the same experts.

Strife-torn Ukraine is especially vulnerable. In September 2014, the World Health Organization (WHO) described the ominous conditions there: Hundreds of thousands displaced people with low immunization coverage, a weak health system plagued by shuttered hospitals and a shortage of health workers in areas hardest hit by the ongoing conflict between government troops and rebel forces aligned with Russia.

Particularly disturbing was the disclosure by a WHO official in Ukraine that the country has no vaccines in storage. Polio is a paralyzing virus that most often strikes children but is completely preventable. ▶



Ecuadorean Surgeon Donates Heart to Children in need

By Ryan Hyland | Rotary News | 17-Apr-2015

Pediatric heart surgeon Gerardo Davalos has treated scores of young heart patients, but one made a particular impression on him.

The day before 11-year-old Josue Ochoa died in 2013, Dr. Davalos, a member of the Rotary Club of Quito, Ecuador, walked into the boy's hospital room to say goodbye. The atmosphere in the room, where family members were gathered, was somber. But one person was smiling and comforting everyone else. It was Josue.

Says Davalos: "I'll never forget how strong Josue was in that moment. He wasn't concerned about himself. He was more worried about his mom and dad. He kept telling them that everything was going to be OK and that he'd lived a great life. He was an amazing child."

And Josue also shared his gratitude with Davalos. "He told me, 'Thank you for giving me a chance to dance at school,' "the surgeon recalls.



Dr. Gerardo Davalos, a pediatric heart surgeon and member of the Rotary Club of Quito, Ecuador, performs a life-saving procedure on a child in 2012. The surgery was funded through a Rotary Foundation Matching Grant.

Photo courtesy of Gerardo Davalos

Five years earlier, funded by a Rotary Foundation grant that paid for corrective heart surgeries for underprivileged children at Quito's Hospital Metropolitano, Davalos had performed a complicated operation that saved Josue's life.

SPIRIT OF EARTH DAY: Tree Planting Project stems from surviving a Tsunami

By Ryan Hyland | Rotary News | 22-Apr-2015

As a child, Gowri Rajan was scared of trees because of the reptiles and insects lurking in their roots, branches, and leaves.

"I wouldn't go near trees," says Rajan. "It's ironic that, later in life, a tree would be the reason I'm still alive."

On the morning of 26 December 2004, a tsunami slammed into Rajan's vacation house on the Indian Ocean in Sri Lanka, where her family and a few friends were staying for the holidays. The water violently crashed through the house, destroying everything inside. "I said my last prayers. I thought this was the end," she recalls.

When the water receded, it swept Rajan with it. But she saved herself by grabbing onto one of the few trees that hadn't been uprooted.

"For 20 minutes I held on with all my strength. I could feel the ocean pulling my body in," says Rajan, who lost three of her friends that day.

After the wave receded, she started to swim back to the house through the dark water, to rejoin her family and friends. A second wave came crashing in. A friend was able to reach Rajan and help her climb to the top of another tree. "I was saved by two trees," she says. "It's a miracle I'm still alive."

Now, Rajan is looking for a million people to share their tree

stories to raise awareness and money to restore the island nation's trees.

Rotary members and the public can sponsor a tree for 100 Sri Lankan rupees (about \$.75 cents). 40 cents of each dollar donated to the project will go to The Rotary Foundation, while the remaining 60 cents will be used to buy trees and care for them during their first two years. Every tree will be tagged and entered into a computer system that will enable sponsors to monitor its growth.



Rotary member Gowri Rajan waters a newly planted tree last December in the Kurunegala district of Sri Lanka.

Rajan is a Rotary member and leader in her region, which started the One Million Tree Stories project in December, 10 years after the tsunami.

Photo courtesy of Gowri Rajan

Young Professionals in Ghana Start a Club of their own



The Rotary Club of Sunyani Central is attracting young professionals in Ghana.

May 2014 Rose Meda Donkor ignored her father's repeated invitations to join the Rotary Club of Sunyani Central in Ghana, 200 miles north of Accra. Donkor, 36, wasn't interested in attending meetings because those Rotary people, she thought to herself, were just too old. That was four years ago, before she was introduced to a visiting Rotarian, Walter Hughes, a member of the Rotary Club of Rocky Mount, Va. "You love people," he said to her. "You want to give back. So

why not join?" She told him the truth: She felt out of place; there wasn't anyone her age.

Meanwhile, Senyo Agbedra, a Sunyani Central club member, had been trying unsuccessfully to bring young professionals into his club. When he met Donkor, he shared an idea for creating a new club for younger members. She was excited about the possibility and talked to friends, including Michael Kwabena Gyamfi, 30, a civil servant. They too expressed a passion to serve and, at this stage in their careers, a desire to form professional connections. With guidance from Agbedra and Emmanuel Foster Boateng, a past president of the Sunyani Central club, they founded the Rotary Club of Sunyani East in 2013. Gyamfi was the club's first president, and Donkor was vice president.

The 35 members – professionals who include a nurse and a doctor – soon developed the new club's identity by serving the community. Their signature project is supporting the education of inmates at Sunyani Central Prisons: The Rotarians volunteer to teach the inmates in their areas of specialization and are working on a US\$20,000 renovation to improve the vocational training facilities, with the goal of better equipping inmates to reintegrate into the community. The club also funds quarterly disinfestations to reduce disease related to overcrowding. (The facility was built for 300 inmates, but now holds 900.)

Read more on: <http://therotarianmagazine.com/young-professionals-in-ghana-start-a-club-of-their-own/>



25 MARCH 2015

Maiden (Med) Manzanal, recipient of Rotary's Peace & Conflict Resolution Professional Development Certificate.

Med attended the three month program

at the Rotary Peace Center, Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, Thailand from January to March 2015. Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Abbotsford-Sumas, she was one of only 50 candidates world-wide selected by RI's Peace Center for this year.

Her classmates represented 17 countries and included other Canadians and Americans.

Studies were a combination of academic and field work. Field trips took them to areas of

unrest and conflict in Thailand and Nepal as well as learning about the ongoing political, social, and economic challenges of Thai society. There was also time to enjoy Thai culture, food, customs, religion, and ancient history.

As a part of her course requirements, Med developed a conflict analysis, using methods learned during the course, of the on-going insurgency and environmental climate change caused by the 2013 disaster in Samar and Leyte, Philippines.

Med is full of enthusiasm for the program, the instructors, the other students; she has much information which she is willing and hoping to share with Rotarians.

To help arrange for her visit to your club please contact me at bettyjackrae@shaw.ca

HISTORY IN THE MAKING

PERFORMANCE

I do!

EVALUATION

Hmm....
That is my boy!

INSTALLATION

You, Bill Robson,
do you promise to
do everything that
we tell you to do?

GUT FEELING

My year hasn't even
started!

Organizing is more difficult than doing it yourself!

If the District Training Seminar is anything to go by, DGE Bill Robson has started the ball rolling early before his year as the District Governor has even started!

What better venue one can have to

kick off yet another rewarding Rotary Year?

This year's District Training Seminar held at Kwantlen Polytechnic University, on 11 April, was a huge success not only in terms of the line of presenters at the Seminar, but also in the participation.

No one was complaining about the cold, the short breaks between the breakout sessions nor lack of time to say all they wanted to hear.

And involving the youth to a fullest extent to explain how to do the same

old things their way was an awesome part of the Seminar.

The Youth of Rotary, Rotaractors, were there in full force to assure the Rotary is alive ... and will be for years to come

Organizing such a district wide seminar is not an easy task, especially when you want to present the best that the Rotary has to offer!

And that is what the seminar exactly did. Offering just enough that every one can digest and put into action.

A job well done, indeed!



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History Repeats

At the 2015 District Conference the leadership team for 2015-16 will be announced.

Bill Robson as the District Governor, Scott Dudley as the Governor Elect and Linda Coyle as the DG Nominee. Bill and his team will take office from 1 July 2015 and will be officially sworn in at a special event on July 18.

Bill will also be announcing his leadership team for his year. Some Rotarians may choose to stay on and yet some new one stepping up to take up positions left vacant. Whoever steps in to take up these position, the whole district is behind them. That is what Rotary is all about - together we achieve.

Rotary Club of Abbotsford Celebrates 65th Anniversary

The 65th Anniversary of the Rotary Club of Abbotsford was celebrated on April 14th.

The Club, working with the Abbotsford News, created a Special 65th Anniversary Wrap.

This edition is now available online at <http://tinyurl.com/opel9uj>



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PDG ROD THOMSON (ALSO PAST PRESIDENT OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF ABBOTSFORD) AND CURRENT PRESIDENT, HUGH



PRESIDENT HUGH CUTS THE CAKE WITH FELLOW ROTARIANS



ROTARIANS AND GUESTS GATHERING TO CELEBRATE



ANNIVERSARY CAKE FOR ALL



In November, 2013 the Rotary Club of Mission (Sunrise) had the pleasure of hearing Gem Munro from the Amarak Society as our guest speaker. Gem spoke of how the Munro family spent their lives trying to improve educational opportunities for disadvantaged people.

He and his partner, Tanyss and their four children were responsible for founding and developing the Amarak Society, a group that teaches mothers to read in the slums of Bangladesh.

This visit to our club inspired Rotarian, Janet Chalmers, our president elect and her partner Roger Dowker to seize the opportunity when it was offered to visit Bangladesh in January 2015 and to see first hand the wonder of the Amarak Society at work. I sent Janet and Roger some interview questions and asked them to share some of their ideas and experiences for the Peace Arch.

What inspired you about the Amarak Society project and why did you choose to go?

From the time G.E.M. Munro spoke to our Mission AM Rotary Club in November 2013, we were inspired about the teaching of mothers in the slums of Bangladesh, and the commitment made by those mothers to each teach 5 children. The Amarak Society motto is "Teach a mother, change the world". When the call came out from Nick Lawley, a fellow Rotarian from Toronto, to visit Bangladesh and see the work of the Amarak Society first hand, we jumped at the opportunity.

Article by: Elspeth Bowers, District Literacy Co-Chair

What was your greatest misconception about Bangladesh? What surprised you when you got there?

When we arrived in Dhaka, the biggest surprise was the chaos! There were people everywhere, crammed in busses, on top of busses, in rickshaws, on foot. We were worried about the poverty we would see, but when we met people they were friendly, warm, welcoming and happy. And there were no rats in the slums!

What was the happiest thing you experienced?

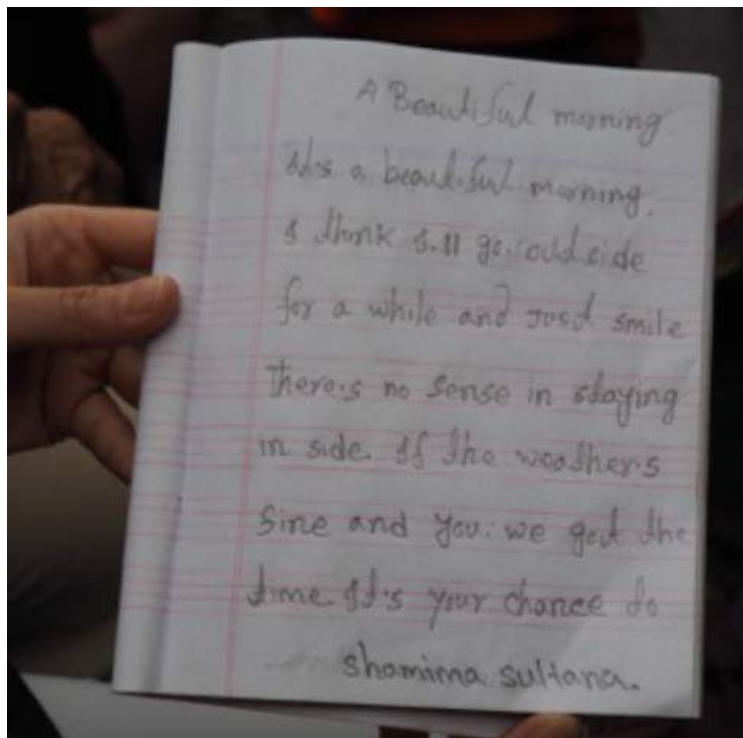
The happiest thing we experienced was the excitement and pride the mothers in the schools had and how they were so eager to share what they were learning with our group of 10 Canadians.

The schools were not as we know them, but rather a 12 x 12 room in the slum with a mat on a dirt floor. The people were extremely grateful for the contributions made

by donors, in particular Rotarians. Several of the schools are funded by individuals and Rotary clubs.

What was the greatest lesson you brought back from the trip?

We were moved by the way people living in poverty appear to accept that's the way life is and you make the best of it. But they also know that learning to read and write will change the destiny of so many people. Instilling the value of an education has become very important in their lives. And it is one family with a dream, and the power of Rotary which has made it happen.



AN OPPORTUNITY *for* YOUTH



The Young Citizens Foundation Help Canada's young leadership move forward and strengthen Canada's future!

The Rotary Club of Ottawa is pleased that the Young Citizens Foundation has recognized our Rotary Adventure in Citizenship Program as an outstanding citizenship development program in Canada. An exciting new partnership between our two organizations will offer a \$1,000 scholarship for first year tuition to as many as three deserving participants of our program, beginning in 2015. We encourage all citizens and Rotary Clubs in Canada to familiarize themselves with the goals of the Young Citizens Foundation by visiting its website. Please consider a contribution to this endeavour that seeks to support the education of our young leaders of today. Further information on our Rotary Adventure in Citizenship Program may be found at www.rotaryottawa.com.

The mission of the Young Citizens Foundation is to assist young Canadians to grow and mature as committed, knowledgeable and contributing Canadian citizens. The Foundation achieves this objective by encouraging our youth to participate in development programs operated by nationally recognized youth organizations such as Rotary's Adventure in Citizenship, that provide life-learning opportunities for our youth which will significantly influence and benefit their development as committed Canadian citizens. Participation in these organizations develops leadership skills, exposes students to the various citizenship ideals that the country values and provides some very positive mentoring. The provision of post-secondary scholarships will enable these students to continue their education so that they can achieve positions of leadership in their communities, regionally and nationally and use their positive attitudes for the benefit of Canada.

Our partnership with the Rotary Club of Ottawa in this initiative will mean that several deserving attendees of this terrific citizenship program in May in Ottawa will receive \$1,000.00 scholarships for their first year tuition at an accredited Canadian post-secondary institution of their choice.

The Foundation has worked with the Rotary Club of Ottawa in establishing the criteria for the scholarship and in designing the application form. The members of the Rotary Club of Ottawa will choose the recipients, and the Foundation will administer the scholarship with the post-secondary institution.

As a past President and current member of the Rotary Club of Kelowna, I know that there are many local and international initiatives that take up your time and make demands on your budgets. This initiative is an opportunity for Rotary to support a national initiative that will benefit all of Canada. The Rotary Club of Kelowna has led the way in making a significant financial contribution to this initiative, and we are asking you to consider doing the same. All amounts will be appreciated.

In order for you to learn more about Rotary's Adventure in Citizenship program, we have attached the brochures that you have already received from the Rotary Club of Ottawa.

Because of the Foundation's efficient operational structure, the volunteer work of our Board of Directors and the generosity of our Corporate Supporters, the Foundation can assure you, our donors, that 100% of your donations are targeted toward supporting our mission. A letter of appreciation and a charitable tax receipt will be mailed to you. Your club will also be recognized on our website according to our recognition policy. To learn more about the Foundation, please click on the following link. www.youngcitizensfoundation.ca

**Your contributions by cheque can be sent to:
The Young Citizens Foundation, Box 27007 Willow Park PO,
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**For more information contact:
Angela Kelly - President, Rotary Club of Ottawa.**

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An invitation from
Rotary Club of Port Coquitlam Centennial
2015 ROTARY MAY DAY PARADE

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11:00 am - Rotary May Day Parade

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May 24, 2014, 7pm
Sevenoaks Shopping Centre
NEW! (Gourmet Club/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 - Sevenoaks Mall
• Abbey Eye Doctor: 604.664.8038
• Internetcollections.com: 604.854.3328
• Sumas Mountain Wines: 604.855.0252

Tickets purchased at Sumas Mountain Wines will receive a \$7 discount on a bottle of wine.

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PORT MOODY

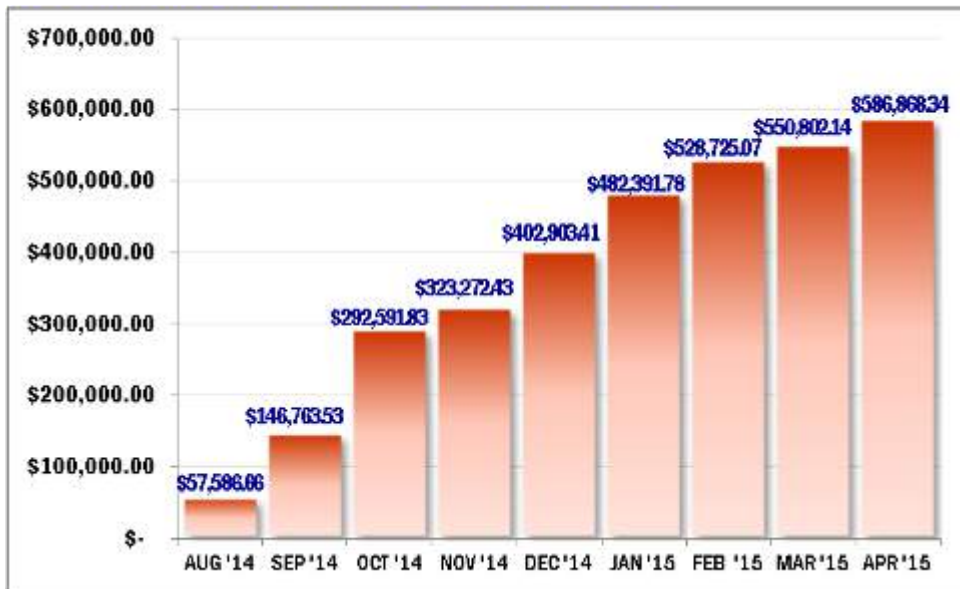
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DISTRICT 5050 FOUNDATION GIVING 2014-15



Annual Giving	\$313,160.95 (\$118.85 per capita)
Polio Plus	\$178,204.74 (\$67.63 per capita)
Endowment	\$12,615.64
Other	\$82,887.01

If every club, that is over \$100 per capita, for the Annual Programs Fund (APF), records a contribution of any amount, for every member, they could be recognized as an Every Rotarian, Every Year (EREY) club. If every club, that is over \$100 per capita, records a contribution of \$100 or more, from every member, they could also be recognized as a 100% Sustaining Member Club.

In late May, I intend to send an update to every club president, club secretary and their AG, on their APF per capita and how much they need to reach \$100 per capita and how many of their members are at EREY level and 100% Sustaining Member levels.

For 2013-2014, we had 42 of our 58 clubs over \$100 per capita. We had 12 clubs qualify for EREY and 3 clubs qualify for 100% Sustaining Member status.

For 2014-2015, we currently have 32 of our clubs over \$100 per capita. We also have 7 clubs between \$90 and \$100 per capita. We currently have 7 clubs that qualify as EREY clubs and 7 clubs that qualify for 100% Sustaining Member status. Don't forget, if your club adds new members, they would need to have a contribution recorded by June 30th. Also, for \$100 per capita, the numbers are based on your number of members reported on July 1st.

Let me know if I can help any of our D5050 AGs, Presidents or their clubs, with any area related to raising money for the Rotary Foundation or qualifying for EREY or 100% Sustaining Member status and 100% Paul Harris status.

Let's have a strong finish for the 2014-2015 term!!!

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

Steve Morach
D5050 Annual Giving / D5050 Paul Harris Society
stephen.morach@ampf.com

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

1	Langley	BC	506.91
2	White Rock	BC	359.70
3	North Delta	BC	318.45
4	Langley Central	BC	303.93
5	Port Moody	BC	231.61
6	South Surrey, Surrey	BC	231.37
7	San Juan Island	WA	228.11
8	Abbotsford-Sumas	BC	227.70
9	Stanwood/Camano Island	WA	199.89
10	Whatcom County North	WA	195.00
11	Chilliwack	BC	190.80
12	La Conner	WA	188.18
13	Port Coquitlam	BC	185.71
14	Fidalgo Island	WA	185.18
15	Abbotsford	BC	179.06
16	Burlington	WA	161.43
17	Mount Baker	WA	158.85
18	Marysville Sunrise	WA	153.64
19	Semiahmoo	BC	152.14
20	Surrey	BC	150.00
21	Coquitlam Sunrise	BC	139.00
22	Cloverdale	BC	137.92
23	North Whidbey Island	WA	128.36
24	Monroe	WA	126.92
25	Everett	WA	125.87
26	Arlington	WA	121.19
27	White Rock Peninsula	BC	118.60
28	Surrey-Guildford	BC	113.97
29	Coquitlam	BC	108.29
30	Abbotsford-Matsqui	BC	104.76
31	Bellingham	WA	103.01
32	Meadow Ridge	BC	100.39

TOP 10 CLUBS FOR ATTENDANCE

White Rock Peninsula	95.45%
Skagit Rotary	90.00%
White Rock	89.50%
Chilliwack	86.00%
Abbotsford-Sumas	85.84%
Whatcom County North	85.71%
Semiahmoo (White Rock)	84.81%
South Surrey	84.38%
Meadow Ridge Rotary	82.79%
Mount Baker Rotary	81.70%

The clubs that did not report their membership & attendance reports for the month of March is included as of the last report submitted.

MEMBERSHIP FEBRUARY 2015

Member Count Last Year	2,650
Member Count March	2,620
This month+/-	-5
YTD +/-	-30
YTD +/- Percentage	-0.76%
Last Year Attendance	69.60%
January Attendance	69.80%
YTD Attendance	69.05%

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	2,177.98
2.	Abbotsford-Sumas	BC	209.93
3.	White Rock	BC	160.35
4.	Burlington	WA	127.55
5.	San Juan Island	WA	121.72
6.	Chilliwack	BC	116.31
7.	Monroe	WA	115.38
8.	Langley Central	BC	114.58