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## District Governor's Message



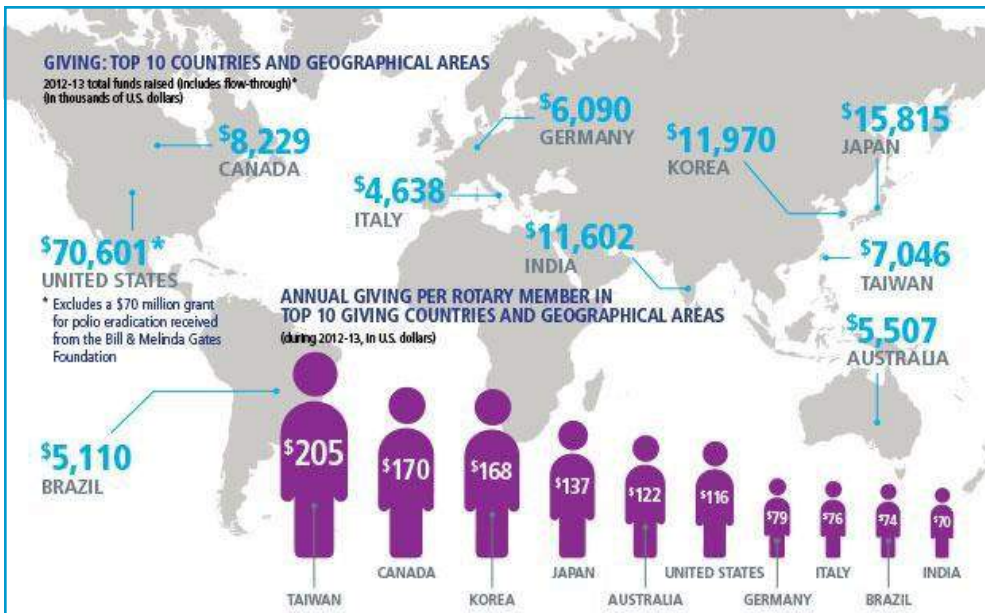
District Governor Lyle Ryan with Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper

*As I write to you this month P.J. and I are on our way to visit the Rotary Club of Hope, British Columbia. This will be our 56th club visit! As I have shared with all of you during our time together - this by far is the best part of the job as your District Governor!*

*The holidays are just around the corner. Of course our Canadian sisters and brothers have already celebrated their Thanksgiving, and our special day of thanks is yet to come in the U.S. Still it is a good time to reflect on how truly fortunate we all are. We all live in countries that allow us unrestricted freedom. It truly is one of the best gifts to be thankful for! I am thankful for all of you - the Rotarians of District 5050. As my club visits come to an end I am so impressed by all the work that the clubs provide to their communities and our global village that we all call home. I am thankful to be a small part of such a great organization.*

*Our best to you and your families during the holiday season.*

*Lyle & P.J. Ryan*



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**Transforming your gifts into projects that change lives both close to home and around the world**

Your gift to the Annual Fund helps Rotary clubs take action today to create positive change in communities at home and around the world. Your contributions help us strengthen peace efforts, provide clean water and sanitation, support education, grow local economies, save mothers and children, and fight disease.

The Every Rotarian Every Year initiative asks every Rotarian to support The Rotary Foundation every year. In addition to contributing to the Annual Fund on a regular basis, members are encouraged to get involved in a Foundation project or program.

Annual Fund contributions that are directed to the Foundation's six areas of focus are credited toward a club's annual giving goal and per capital giving calculations. However, they are not included in a district's SHARE calculation and do not increase the amount of your District Designated Fund.

**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.**

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- ◆ Rotary Foundation Sustaining Member
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- ◆ Major Donor
- ◆ Arch C. Klumph Society

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**As at 02 NOVEMBER 2014**  
**\$292,591.83**

**FOUNDATION GIVING 2014-15**

	<b>23 SEP 2014</b>	<b>\$146,763.53</b>
	<b>20 AUG 2014</b>	<b>\$57,586.66</b>

<b>Annual Giving</b>	<b>\$111,768.32</b>	<b>District 5050 Honor Roll for clubs over \$100 per capita</b>
	<b>(\$42.42 per capita)</b>	<b>Annual Giving:</b>
<b>Polio Plus:</b>	<b>\$123,538.21</b>	1 Langley \$245.20
	<b>(\$46.88 per capita)</b>	2 La Conner \$143.32
<b>Endowment:</b>	<b>\$3,183.49</b>	3 Langley Central \$130.92
<b>Other:</b>	<b>\$54,101.81</b>	4 White Rock \$130.31
		5 Burlington \$103.27

**PolioPlus**

1 Whatcom County North	\$2,150.12
2 White Rock	\$140.74
3 San Juan Island	\$121.72

**Whatcom County North has contributed 60,203.38 to PolioPlus for 2014-2015. Way to go!!!**

**If your club needs help with programs, educational information about the Rotary Foundation, etc., please contact Stephen Monarch srock312001@hotmail.com Or the District 5050 Rotary Foundation team.**

## ◆ ERADICATING POLIO



Rotary's battle against polio depends heavily on Rotarians' advocacy of government, corporate, and public support. Aziz Memon believes that kind of effort will help Pakistan eradicate polio and score other health gains at the same time.

From 2010 to 2013, 100 Rotary districts tested the Future Vision Plan, The Rotary Foundation's new grant model. Of the 705 global grants approved for projects, 81 were carried out by District 4250. The district is led by Jorge Aufranc, who, with his club, Guatemala Sur, was directly involved in five of the grants.

## ◆ FIGHTING DISEASE



After her son died of AIDS in 1994, Marion Bunch started the Rotarians Fighting AIDS Action Group, which is now Rotarians for Family Health and AIDS Prevention and has branched out to treat and prevent many other diseases.

Rotarians are working worldwide to ensure that communities have sustainable access to safe water, improved sanitation, and hygiene. Samuel Obour has headed several water projects, including drilling boreholes and installing wells, aimed at supplying clean water throughout Ghana.

## ◆ PROMOTING PEACE



Three Rotary Global Peace Forums, held in Berlin, Honolulu, and Hiroshima, energized over 6,300 people to work for peace in their communities. Brigitta von Messling, a trainer in peace operations and Rotary Peace Fellow alumna, participated as a panelist at the Berlin forum.

Collaborating with other leading organizations enables Rotary to multiply its impact. Working with Mercy Ships, Dr. Arun Chaudhari of India led a vocational training team of eye surgeons to share their skills with doctors in Guinea, resulting in a higher, sustainable level of patient care.

## ◆ TRANSFORMING ROTARY CLUBS



Younger members add energy and a host of skills to Rotary clubs. Holly Ransom became president of her club at age 22, with a focus on membership diversity and creating more volunteer opportunities.

More than a half-million students and young adults help improve their communities through Rotary programs. Pankaj Jethwani of India led his Rotaract club in providing vision screenings and comprehensive eye care to thousands of schoolchildren in poor neighborhoods.

## ◆ SUPPORTING ROTARY'S WORK



In 2012-13, 55 Rotarians and friends of Rotary were inducted into the Arch C. Klumph Society, honored for their contributions of \$250,000 or more to The Rotary Foundation. In addition to providing generous support, donors like Cecil "Pancho" Padilla are taking a leading role in carrying out Rotary grant projects.

## ◆ MAKING NEW GRANTS



## ◆ PROVIDING CLEAN WATER



## ◆ PARTNERING FOR A BETTER WORLD



## ◆ EMPOWERING YOUNG PEOPLE



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## The White House honors Rotary Women for their Humanitarian Service



**Tina Tchen, assistant to President Barack Obama, and chief of staff to First Lady Michelle Obama, thanks the Rotary honorees for their humanitarian work.**

**Senior Rotary leaders gathered on October 7, 2014 at the White House to honor 10 women for their service projects**, an event attended by members of U.S. President Barack Obama's senior staff. The Rotary members presented their projects, in the hopes of creating new inroads for government partnerships and support.

"This is recognition of the great work that they do but also serves as a great vehicle to inspire others to do similar kinds of things," said Rotary General Secretary John Hewko. "One of the things we're doing a better job of is sharing our story to the non-Rotary world."

The honorees were selected by Rotary senior leaders and endorsed by the White House from clubs around the U.S. but their projects touch lives across the globe.

Julia D. Phelps, RI director, commented that as she sat in the audience at the White House on 7 October, listening to 10 amazing Rotary women tell the stories of their volunteer efforts, two quotes kept running through my mind. First, "Be the change you wish to be in the world" (Mahatma Gandhi) and second, "Never underestimate the power of a small group of people to change the world. In fact, it is the only way it ever has" (Margaret Mead).

*Acknowledgement: The above is based on articles by Adam Ross, Rotary News*

(See next page for short profiles of these Super Women of Rotary)

## Rotary recognizes Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper



**Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper**

Photo credit: Aaron Vincent Elkaim/THE CANADIAN PRESS

**TORONTO, Oct. 18, 2014 /CNW/ - Rotary International recognized Prime Minister Stephen Harper on Saturday, 18 October, with the organization's Polio Eradication Champion Award for his efforts to support a polio-free world.**

With a commitment of more than US\$ 580 million to polio eradication since 1988, Canada has been a longstanding partner with Rotary International in the effort to eradicate polio and a major leader among a core group of strong donor nations.

Throughout his tenure, Prime Minister Harper has maintained a strong focus on global polio eradication, particularly in Afghanistan, where polio eradication efforts have been a signature project for Canada, and also in Nigeria. Polio eradication was featured in the 2010 G8 Summit in

Muskoka, and Prime Minister Harper reaffirmed Canada's commitment during the Commonwealth Heads of Government meeting in 2011.

Canada also significantly increased its commitment to polio eradication in 2013 when a five year commitment to provide C\$250 million to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative was announced at the Global Vaccine Summit. Prime Minister Harper continues to support global polio eradication within the context of the Maternal Newborn and Child Health Initiative launched in May of this year. Immunization is a top priority of the Initiative.



### DISTRICT 5050 MEMBERSHIP & ATTENDANCE

Member Count Last Year	2,650
Member Count September	2,640
September +/-	-4
YTD +/-	-10
YTD +/- Percentage	-.95%
Last Year Attendance	69.60%
August Attendance	67.55%
YTD Attendance	67.70%



### TOP 10 CLUBS FOR ATTENDANCE

Arlington	98.53%
White Rock Peninsula	96.81%
South Surrey	95.31%
Marysville Sunrise	91.67%
Chilliwack	90.00%
Meadow Ridge Rotary	89.04%
LaConner	87.65%
Port Coquitlam Centennial	84.75%
Semiahmoo (White Rock)	82.33%
White Rock	80.14%



There were **FIVE** clubs that did not report their attendance for the month of September.

**"We are here on earth and we are here to stay during our respectively allotted periods. How much of happiness and how much of misery shall be our share remains with us almost entirely to determine. If we possess a modicum of reason, it will be apparent to us that it is the part of wisdom to cheerfully make the best of the situation and to harmonize our own lives with nature's inexorable laws. We are entitled to the maximum of happiness; and may we be sane enough to observe that the route to a life full of happiness does not lie in intemperate indulgence.**

**We need and the world needs an optimistic, rational philosophy of life."**

**"The Distance Self" by Paul P Harris – The Rotarian, February 1914**



**"The Rotary Foundation makes it honorable for a man to build up a fortune in the community, because it provides the means for the return of that fortune as a whole, or in part, for the permanent service of humanity."**

### Arch C. Klumph His Rotary Experience

Arch C. Klumph joined the Rotary Club of Cleveland in 1911 and was appointed its president in 1913. In 1916, he was elected as the sixth president of Rotary International. The first Rotary leader to propose a foundation, he eloquently promoted "endowments for the purpose of doing good in the world" at the 1917 convention in Atlanta, Georgia.

In 1918, the Rotary Club of Kansas City, Missouri, USA,

made the first gift of US\$26.50 to a fledgling fund that by 1928 grew to more than \$5,000. The endowment was significant enough to require administrators to manage it. Thus, The Rotary Foundation was born, and Klumph was selected as one of its first Trustees, serving as chairman from 1928 to 1934.

Klumph passed away on 3 June 1951 at the age of 81, but his influence still echoes through his beloved Foundation and the many Rotarians who are tirelessly dedicated to advancing world understanding, goodwill, and peace. His vision has grown into an impressive reality, and we are able to witness all of the good works the Foundation has produced in over 200 countries and geographical areas throughout the world.

### His Legacy

During Rotary International's centennial celebration, The Rotary Foundation Trustees sought a meaningful way to recognize the Foundation's highest-level donors. The Trustees inaugurated the Arch C. Klumph Society in 2005. Today, members' portraits hang in the Arch C. Klumph Gallery at Rotary International World Headquarters in Evanston, Illinois. A display case featuring memorabilia from Klumph's career is now a prominent part of the gallery.



### DISTRICT 5050 ARCH C. KLUMPH SOCIETY MEMBERS

*Donors whose cumulative contributions amount to US \$250,000 or more qualify for the Arch C. Klumph Society.*

*Member contributions echo through generations to come:*

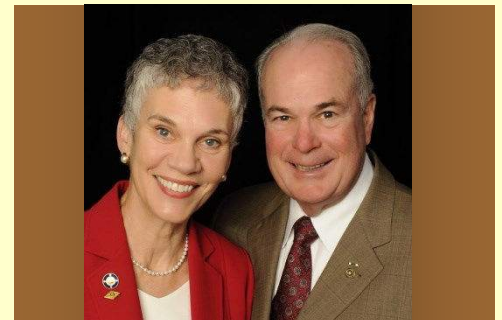
- *strengthening bodies,*
- *brightening minds,*
- *doing good in the world*



HARVEY R. AND JANET G. JUBIE



LARRY W. AND LINDA D. JUBIE



R. LEE & JUDITH ANN HARMAN

# World Polio Day

October 24

The five clubs of South Surrey/White Rock hosted an evening to. "Light up Rotary" on Friday October 24th at the Hazelmere Golf and Tennis Club. The primary purpose of the event was to introduce Rotary to our community and share what Rotary does and how individuals can benefit from joining Rotary. Each of the five clubs had a display showcasing their projects. In addition, Rotaract, Canadian Wheelchair Foundation, Networking Plus, End Polio Now and the Rotary Foundation had displays to share information about how Rotary benefits the community and the world.

World Polio Day (October 24 every year) was chosen since the world-wide eradication of polio has been Rotary International's goal since 1985. Our guest speaker for this event was Joan Toone a polio survivor and president of the Post Polio Awareness and Support Society of BC (PPASSBC). Ms. Toone delivered an educational and inspiring talk about how polio affected families and communities. She shared her family's experience with polio and her personal journey. Many were surprised to learn that those exposed to polio in their early years may suffer post-polio syndrome in their later years.

Over 130 attended the event and enjoyed the humour of Gordon Hogg, MLA who was the emcee, and music played by the Semiahmoo Secondary Music Program.

◀ from left to right Stu Kirkpatrick (*Pre. Semiahmoo Rotary*), Deirdre O'Ruairc (*Pres. South Surrey Rotary*), Joan Apel, (*Pres. White Rock Rotary*), Joan Toone (*Guest Speaker*), Gordon Hogg, (*M/C*), Glyn Jenkins (*Pres. Peace Arch Rotary*) Jim Scott (*Pres. Peninsula Rotary*), and Linda Coyle (*Asst. Governor Area F*).



Call to Order!



Stu Kirkpatrick, Deirdre O'Ruairc, Joan Apel, Joan Toone (Guest Speaker), Gordon Hogg, (M/C), Glyn Jenkins and Jim Scott



Guest Speaker Joan Toone



MC Gordon Hogg, MLA



President Joan Apel of White Rock



AG Linda Coyle with MC Gordon Hogg, MLA



The VIP Line up!



President Stuart Kirkpatrick of Semiahmoo



President Jim Scott of White Rock Peninsula



President Glyn Jenkins of White Rock Peace Arch



President Deirdre O'Ruairc of South Surrey



**A Nepalese woman who has benefitted from the Nepal Water project, Dale Dodge of World Neighbours Canada, and Aldergrove Rotary Club members Jack Nicholson and Terry Metcalfe.**

For the past 20 years, members of the Aldergrove Rotary Club have supported the Nepal Water Project, a Rotary International initiative that brings water systems, sanitary latrines and smokeless stoves to remote areas of Nepal. Helping save lives and improve living conditions, the Aldergrove Rotary Club has raised a total of \$45,000 over the past 12 years to support construction of water systems in some of Nepal's most remote villages.

In 2013, Aldergrove Rotarians Terry Metcalfe and Jack Nicholson saw first-hand the life-changing results the Nepal Water Project has brought to many Nepalese villages. "The basis of our work is to provide an adequate water supply," Metcalfe explains. Before the construction of the water systems, women and children spent the majority of each day carrying water from remote sources to their homes. Now, where the water systems have been installed, what previously took women 6 hours each day can now be done in an hour, and often there is enough water for greater farming efforts.



**Jagirgaun users transporting local materials to construction site**

The Club plans to continue its life-changing work in Nepal and looks forward to another successful golf tournament in 2015.

## **Aldergrove Rotary Club Golfs for Water Systems**

**\$4,000 raised to save lives and improve living conditions**

For members of the Aldergrove Rotary Club, a round of golf is more than just a game. It's a way to make life better for villagers living in poverty in Nepal.

On September 12, 2014, when just under 100 duffers and crack golfers alike reached the 19<sup>th</sup> hole at the annual Katmandu Klassic golf tournament, they marked more than just their score cards. They chalked up another win for the Nepal Water Project. Gus Hartl, Aldergrove Rotary Club Treasurer, announced that the proceeds from this year's tourney, \$4,000, had sent the Club's \$8,000 water project commitment over the top.



**Locals support reservoir construction.**

In addition to water systems, Aldergrove Rotary contributes to the cost of sanitary latrines, a by-product of having readily available water, and smokeless stoves, which help prevent eye and lung problems caused from cooking over open fires in the centre of the one-room houses.

Initiated 20 years ago, The Nepal Water Project was a joint enterprise among The Rotary Club of Aldergrove, the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), World Neighbours Canada (WNC), TSS (Tamakoshi Sewa Samiti), a Nepalese NGO and, more recently, the Surrey based CACTES (Caring About Communities Together to Eliminate Struggle). The Canadians provide funds for materials, TSS provides organization and technical expertise and the villagers provide the labour for construction and maintenance. In 2013, CIDA's participation in the project ended, but the other organizations continue helping those in need in Nepal to improve the quality of their lives.

Two years ago, the Aldergrove Rotary Club committed to raise \$8,000 US toward the \$12,000 cost for two new water systems, one in Kyama and one in Jagirgaun. The \$4,000 raised at the 2014 Annual Golf Tournament saw this commitment realized. A Rotary District grant of \$4,250, which was awarded to the Aldergrove club, brought the total raised to just over the \$12,000 needed to fund the two new systems. In total, 421 individuals in 67 households benefitted from this initiative.

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# Exchange Students Recognition

Chilliwack Rotary Club Meeting on September 26, 2014



*Club President Sharon Baker welcome us all to their Friday noon meeting, along with their famous band.*



*There were two former Rotary Exchange Students, Geoff Du Toit and Tanner Scott, and their current inbound Student from District 4450, Derek Lecaros.*



*Derek Lecaros and Tanner Scott.*

Geoff, seen with a saxophone and at the podium, was a student from South Africa 15 years ago. He is now a civil engineer working in water treatment. He was visiting the Club with his wife.

Tanner Scott is back home after representing the club as an exchange student in Germany.

Derek, who was introduced by Paul Donaldson, is presently in Grade 11 in Chilliwack. He was born in 1998. He has 3 sisters. His hobbies are listening to music and playing basketball. He loves soccer and has played it all his life. Derek lives in a city in the south part of Peru that is close to beaches. The geography of the country is coastal with mountains. An area of note is Colca Canyon. It is a famous canyon and is as deep as the Grand Canyon in the United States. The highest mountain is 13,000 ft. The Amazon River goes through part of Peru. It is the largest river in the world located mostly in jungle. Another area of note is Lake Titicaca, elevation 3,000 ft. and it is a lake that is very high in the mountains. The Nazca Lines are located here and it is a world heritage site. Machu Picchu also finds it home in Peru. It is a civilization that built in the mountains. It was inhabited by the Inca and is one of the 7 wonders of the world.

*The pictures are by Bob Knight and the student information is based on an article in their club newsletter, The Bell.*



## MILES TO END POLIO

**Join Rotary International General Secretary John Hewko and six Rotary staff members as they bike in El Tour de Tucson.**

On 22 November, John Hewko and six Rotary staff members will be joining Arizona Rotary members to bike up to 104 miles in El Tour de Tucson bike ride to fundraise for polio eradication. The event attracts more than 9,000 cyclists a year as one of the top cycling events in the United States.

The Rotary staff members have set a fundraising goal of \$15,000, and our total goal is \$1 million. Each member of the staff team will use social media and blog posts to report their training and fundraising progress.

Support a team member by visiting the Miles to End Polio page at [endpolio.org](http://endpolio.org). If you are a Rotarian, Rotaractor, or Rotary staff member, you can also join the conversation in the Rotary.org discussion group End Polio Now.

**Make a contribution to help Rotary create a polio-free world.  
To make your contributions, visit <http://www.endpolio.org/miles-to-end-polio>**



## An Opportunity for Rotarians to Invest in Canadian Youth

The Rotary Club of Ottawa invites your Rotary Club to sponsor a student to participate in the **65th annual Rotary Adventure in Citizenship Program** to be held in Ottawa, the Nation's Capital from Sunday, May 3 to Wednesday, May 6, 2015.

This annual event provides a unique opportunity for a selected group of young Canadians to come together and gain a better understanding of our country. Through meetings with political leaders, senior officials and others, they learn a great deal about the workings of our democratic institutions.

◆ For further information and detailed programme visit: [http://www.clubrunner.ca/Data/7040/7975/HTML/210824/Rotary\\_Adventure\\_onepager.pdf](http://www.clubrunner.ca/Data/7040/7975/HTML/210824/Rotary_Adventure_onepager.pdf)

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◆ Apply for a reservation in the 2015 Rotary Adventure Program by completing our online form. Visit [http://www.tbq.ca/rotary\\_ottawa/form\\_en.htm](http://www.tbq.ca/rotary_ottawa/form_en.htm) for reserving your seat OR download the Club Registration Form by visiting <http://www.clubrunner.ca/Data/7040/7975/HTML/231850/reservationform.pdf>.

◆ Upon submitting your online reservation or after completing the downloaded form, please forward the \$650.00 registration fee by the deadline date of **December 18, 2014**. (Only the first 200 clubs can be accepted).

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### You say ...

• "Congratulations on a well put together Journal. I got to the end of page 10 and wanted MORE! Cheers" MIKE REDDINGTON, Semiahmoo Rotary Club.

• "Just wanted to comment this is the best Journal I have seen in a long time. Great variety of content. I particularly liked the Expansion of the Monthly Theme." DICK WAREHAM, Club, Secretary Rotary Club of Surrey.

• "You are doing a fabulous job ... lots of photos and information." MAUREEN BOYD, Rotary Club of Coquitlam.

### ... and we say!

Your words of encouragement gives the editorial team added energy to keep on keeping on - like "Rotorized Bunnies".

BOB, Editor

MOHAN, Associate Editor



ALANNA MITCHELL

It's tempting to say it all started with Imelda Marcos. But that's not quite true – it started with a group of businessmen with a connection to the Philippine first lady.

About a quarter-century ago, Rotary International, a service club that now has 1.2 million members worldwide, decided that instead of only hosting lunches or building tennis courts, it wanted to take on a more serious, global challenge.

One of their members thought about polio: The disease had once made hundreds of thousands of people sick, leaving them paralyzed or breathing through horrifying “iron lungs,” and in many cases eventually killing them. But vaccinations changed all that – for those who could get them.

The Rotarians decided that they could get help to more people, using their massive volunteer power. They persuaded Ms. Marcos (who knew the wife of one of their members) to back mass immunizations and set to work. Within a few years, her country was polio-free.

The group still was not satisfied, however. So they did something even more audacious: They created a partnership between a private network of volunteers and a public health

initiative.

It was audacious because, back in 1988, world health officials pledged to eradicate polio. When the Rotarians first approached the World Health Organization to be a hands-on partner, they got the cold shoulder.

But as Robert Scott, a Canadian doctor now in charge of Rotary International's polio efforts, recounts, when the group raised \$247-million (U.S.), “the interest increased.”

Eventually, Rotary International became an equal partner in polio eradication along with WHO, Unicef and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. In the process, it also created a new model copied by the likes of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. (Mr. Gates is also a self-professed fan of the Rotarians.)

The Rotary's partnership was not just about raising money, though, although it has done that in spades – \$1.2-billion (U.S.) so far. As Bruce Aylward, another Canadian physician and the assistant director-general of polio eradication and emergencies for WHO, explains, the organization also contributed through passion and focus.

“They brought a single-mindedness, continuity, diligence and generosity that has helped keep the whole initiative on track,” he says.

So much so that an end to the disease may actually be in sight – one estimate puts the timing at just 16 months away. Certainly, the numbers so far are impressive: Billions of children have been vaccinated; the record is 175 million in two days in India. Last year, there were only 223 reported cases of polio.

But Dr. Scott is not resting on his laurels. In developed countries, there is ongoing tension between health officials and parents who do not believe in vaccinations. And there are still countries elsewhere in the world at great risk, putting “the virus only a plane ride away,” he says.

Violence also keeps many volunteers from doing public work. “There are huge areas in northern Pakistan we are not able to reach,” he says.

Still, at the age of 80, the Cobourg, Ont., doctor keeps going to the field – no matter the dangers.

“The last time I was in [Karachi] in March, I was vaccinating children with a man with an AK rifle protecting me.” But as he says, “I saw such lovely children, and I vaccinated them.”

When a Rotarian gets his mind on something, it's hard to turn him away.

*Alanna Mitchell is a frequent contributor to Globe Focus.*

## Success comes in “CANs”

*The story of Polio Eradication, is the story of people who made it happen. Whether it be Ms. Marcos, Bill and Melinda Gates, Dr Robert Scott or Dr. Cobourg, they all had a single vision and the confidence that “it can be done”. They, the WHO and many who contributed their time and money for this project had confidence in Rotary. As Dr. Bruce Aylward, a Canadian physician and the then Assistant Director-general of Polio Eradication for WHO explains, the organization (Rotary) also contributed through passion and focus.*

**“They (the Rotarians) brought a single-mindedness, continuity, diligence and generosity that has helped keep the whole initiative on track,”**  
- Dr. Bruce Aylward

## District 5050 Literacy Committee Report Bookmobile in Antigua, Guatemala

This article is based on information provided by Rhian Piprell, Chair of the District 5050 Literacy Committee and a member of the Rotary Club of Coquitlam Sunrise. Her email address is: [cpiprell@shaw.ca](mailto:cpiprell@shaw.ca)

In 2005 District 5050 began to support a bookmobile (an old school bus) as a Rotary Centennial project in association with the Probigua Language School in Antigua, Guatemala.

Our Literacy Committee Chair, Rhian Piprell, received a letter from the operator of the bus,

Rigoberto Zamora. She reported that this year we contributed \$7,472 US, including money from the Rotary clubs of Coquitlam Sunrise, Abbotsford Sumas, LaConner and Semiamhoo. This money assists Probigua in funding the operation and maintenance of the Rotary Book Bus including the salary of the driver and librarian. It costs approximately \$15,000 a year to keep the bus on the road.

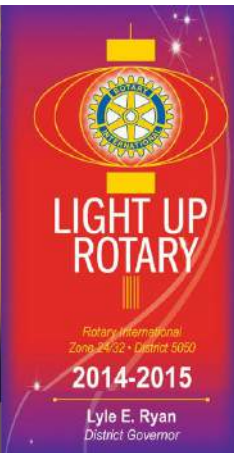
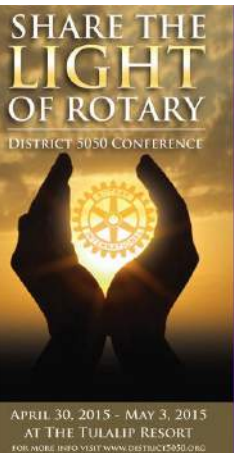
In a letter received from Rigoberto, summarized below, he said:

*I want to inform that we are working as usual to serve communities in need.*

*With the bookmobile all goes well, as in every year, and we are again at the end of another busy year, but very satisfied. With pleasure I will send (to the committee) a comprehensive report of this year's expenditures that will include the salary of the driver, the library and bookmobile service, letters from children, and how it has created a culture of reading.*

*In August, 2013, we had a visit from Peter Martin and his wife of Anacortes WA, to deliver letters from children users of our bookmobile. It will be a great honor for us to receive friends from the Rotary club of Abbotsford, who gladly we'll show how the program works.*

*Again thank you very much for the cooperation and love for the Education of Children and Youth in Guatemala. I am very satisfied with the results of our work together. May God bless you all. With appreciation, Rigoberto Zamora.*



### Hotel Contact Information

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

### Hotel Reservation Rates

Mention Rotary to receive these rates:

#### Thursday

King- \$149.00 Double Queen- \$169.00

(these rates are offered for the three days prior to the conference and three days following the conference)

#### Friday and Saturday

King \$179.00 Double Queen \$199.00

### Friday Evening Home Hosting

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### Complementary Valet Parking

### Thursday Optional Events

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Stanwood, WA 98292  
Tel: (360) 652-9676  
<http://www.golfkayak.com/>

#### Shopping at the Outlet Mall and/or Cabela's

Complimentary shuttle leaves on the hour and the outlet mall is the first stop. This tour is free, but a gratuity is encouraged

#### Hibulb Cultural Center

Shuttle provided to Hibulb Cultural Center  
<http://www.hibulbculturalcenter.org/>  
\$10 for transportation and guided tour

#### Boeing/Future of Flight

Shuttle provided to Future of Flight Aviation Center and Boeing Tour  
<http://www.futureofflight.org/>

## District Conference April 30 to May 3, 2015

Early Registration Rate \$295

(youth discounted registration is \$220)

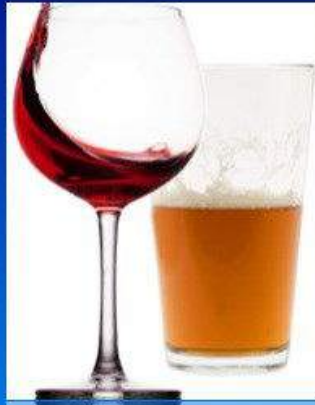
## Save the Date

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January 23, 2015  
6 - 9 PM

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Admission \$30



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

## WHAT'S ON IN THE DISTRICT!

### Nov 08 Pre-PETS

**DISTRICT 5050** 7:45 am to 3:00 pm.  
This workshop is for Presidents Elect and Assistant Governors. Venue: Rotary Field House, 2197 148th Street, South Surrey Athletic Park (14600 Rotary Way) Surrey, BC. Cost: 45.

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[billrobson5050@gmail.com](mailto:billrobson5050@gmail.com)  
or District Trainer Kevin Wood  
[woodsinc@gmail.com](mailto:woodsinc@gmail.com).

### Nov 15 Foundation Dinner

**DISTRICT 5050** annual event at Pacific Inn Resort and Conference Center, 1160 King George Boulevard, White Rock. 5:30 pm. Cost: \$50. Special Hotel Room Rate available at the Pacific Inn at \$79/night + taxes.

Contact: Lawrence W. Jubie  
[lwjubie31@hotmail.com](mailto:lwjubie31@hotmail.com)

### Nov 20 Rotary Open House

**PORT COQUITLAM CENTENNIAL.**  
The theme of the event will be "**Rotary and the POCO Community**". Besides the contribution of the Club to the community, the event will also showcase other community organizations in the Tri-City areas. 3:30 to 6:00 pm. FREE.

Contact: Ron Goyette  
[ron.goyette50@gmail.com](mailto:ron.goyette50@gmail.com)

### Nov 21 Holiday Gala Auction

**ROTARY CLUB OF MT. VERNON** at Swinomish Casino & Lodge, 12885 Casino Drive, Anacortes.

5:30 pm - 10:00 pm

### Nov 21 Sassy Awards

**WHITE ROCK PENINSULA**

7:00 pm at Surrey Arts Centre, Cost \$25

### Nov 22 RLI

**Rotary Leadership Institute** 8:00 am - 3:00 pm at Sunrise Conference Centre, 5640 188 Street, Surrey, BC. Time: Cost: \$85. Registration also open for 2015 sessions at Mt. Vernon on Jan 24 and Surrey on Mar 21.

Contact: Carol Tichelman  
[carol@tichelman.com](mailto:carol@tichelman.com)

### Nov 22 Rotary at Work

**DISTRICT 5050 VOCATIONAL SERVICES** 8:00 AM-03:00 PM. Sunrise Conference Centre, 5640 188th Street, Surrey, BC. Cost \$45.

Contact: Ajay Caleb  
[Works\\_for\\_you@yahoo.ca](mailto:Works_for_you@yahoo.ca)

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2014

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or Mr. Kari Kutvonen at [karikutvonen@gmail.com](mailto:karikutvonen@gmail.com).

# perspectives

...on the Semiahmoo Peninsula

**News Item Provided by  
Joanne Taylor, PR Director,  
Rotary Club of South Surrey**

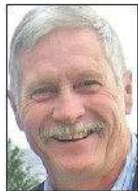
**South Surrey club supporting orphanage renovations and education initiatives**

## Rotarians providing aid to Cambodia

**Sarah Massah**  
Staff Reporter

Two members of the Rotary Club of South Surrey were able to see firsthand the benefits of their organization's fundraising after visiting an orphanage in Cambodia.

Longtime Rotarians Stuart Wilson and Brian O'Ruairc visited the country in mid-March following their club's initial donation of \$2,500 for upgrades to an orphanage in Battambang, which they were first made aware of when a member of the Rotary Club of Bangkok South – also a White Rock resident – told them about it.



Stuart Wilson



Brian O'Ruairc

"I have been in the Rotary club for 20 years and an international project like this was always something I wanted to be involved with," Wilson told *Peace Arch News* Friday. "So when he started talking to us about this project, I thought, 'here's the perfect opportunity.'"

Using their own funds, the two Semiahmoo Peninsula residents travelled first to Bangkok, then drove six hours to get to the Cambodian city.

"The cultural differences were incredible," Wilson said. "So many people have nothing. The towns we visited before we arrived at the orphanage, it was pretty basic."

Once they arrived, Wilson and O'Ruairc met with members of the rotary clubs of Bangkok South, Amsterdam Minerva and the FLOAT Foundation. The various groups have all provided support for the orphanage, Wilson said.

The South Surrey rotary's focus initially was to upgrade the three buildings that housed the children by adding separation walls and helping with heat mitigation, including electrical wiring to support new fans.

"We raised money to upgrade dorms and sleeping accommodations," Wilson said, noting the three buildings are similar to large auditoriums, with one housing the girls, one housing the boys and one for studying and teaching. "The kids are there



Contributed photos

**Longtime Rotarians Stuart Wilson and Brian O'Ruairc travelled to Cambodia in March to visit an orphanage supported by the club. The club provided \$2,500 initially to support efforts to renovate and upgrade three buildings in the orphanage.**

under these tin-roof shacks and the heat is staggering. They have 35 degrees beating down on them."

While work had yet to begin on the renovations – which will be done by local crews – Wilson and O'Ruairc, a longtime

contractor, were able to provide advice and suggestions.

"We were more in the observer status," Wilson said, noting that once upgrades begin, a Cambodian contact with the rotary will ensure work is being done and will give

the OK to release funds.

Another area needing attention is the kitchen, comprising two large woks on a dirt floor, open to the elements, with little counter space.

"Now, (the orphanage) wants to rework the kitchen, so that's something (the rotary) can think about. They know what they need and we've seen it, so we're on the same page," Wilson said.

"At the end of the day, we're going over there and we have an organization that can help and kids that need some help. We're the interpreters of what we see and can help decide what should be done in respect to the money."

**"We lean on the community to support us. This is the kind of thing we're doing locally and internationally."**

With the information gathered by the two men, the rotary focused their annual Fool's Night Out fundraiser in April on providing further support for the Cambodia project, including the new kitchen, a new bathroom, new computers, lessons for the children, school uniforms, bicycles and painting of the buildings, as well as aid for those who will be exiting the school system.

"These kids are 16 and 17, and they're done school, but they have no post-secondary or vocational skills," Wilson said. "So we're on that page also trying to find out how to support some of these kids through schooling."

Most importantly, Wilson noted, is that none of the efforts in Cambodia – or for any one of their various projects locally – would be or will be possible without the support the Rotary club receives from the community.

"We lean on the community to support us. This is the kind of thing we're doing, internationally and locally. When it's local, that's easy to demonstrate, but to say this is what we're doing in Cambodia... This is what we are and what we're going to do," Wilson said.

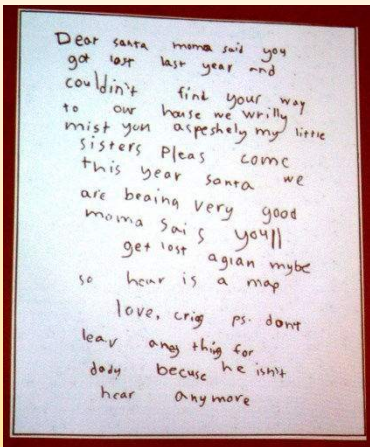
For more information about the Rotary Club of South Surrey or to donate, visit [www.clubrunner.ca/Portal/Home.aspx?cid=261](http://www.clubrunner.ca/Portal/Home.aspx?cid=261)

All funds raised by the club go directly to charitable projects. None are used towards administrative costs.

The Rotary Club of South Surrey has partnered with the Rotary Club of Bangkok South to provide funding to upgrade and enhance an Orphanage in Battambang, Cambodia. The Club committed \$2500 of its funds to the project and requested and was approved for a District Grant in the amount of \$2250. This trip was devised to observe current and proposed projects that will provide for more comfortable living conditions and the development of skills to allow the Orphanage to become more self sufficient. Training in Consumer Skills and Agriculture is envisioned in the near future which is expected to assist in the sustainability of this Orphanage.

District 5050 has approved a further grant to support upgrades at an Orphanage in Battambang, Cambodia. We now await advice from our Collaborating Clubs; Rotary Club of Bankok South, Rotary Club of Minerva Amsterdam, Rotary Club of Battambang and the FLOAT Foundation, Amsterdam, Holland as to how and when we can forward our contribution. Our collective Clubs have pledged in excess of \$16,000 to upgrade the orphanage. Upgrades will provide much needed improvements such as, but not limited to; upgrades to the living quarters of the Orphans as well as Fans for heat mitigation, new furniture and bathroom facilities.

# A Visit to Sedro-Woolley Rotary



On Thursday, October 9, 2014, Club President Mark Christ (not pictured) welcomed the PAJ editor to his noon meeting.

The program speakers were Dick Nord, a club member, and Kelly Peacock, a manager with the local Windermere real estate office. They talked about The Forgotten Children's Fund that began in 1976. Dick had participated with the program for many years in Seattle, and a few years ago he brought it to Sedro-Wooley.

The program began after a 6-year-old boy's letter to Santa (see insert) was accidentally delivered to a restaurant. It has grown from providing Christmas gifts to 85 children in 21 families to currently serving over 800 families.



Every year volunteers work together to purchase, wrap and deliver gifts to needy children and their families. Kelly gave an example of how making a difference for others has touched her heart. She helped a mother, who she has not seen again, with temporary housing. Information on the service can be found at: [www.forgottenchildrensfund.org](http://www.forgottenchildrensfund.org).

Article and pictures by Bob Knight

## Dynamic Young Club uses Social Media to Grow!

Erin Mills had just finished teaching for the day in Montevideo, Uruguay, when her smartphone buzzed with a message.

An impromptu gathering to watch Uruguay's World Cup soccer match was being organized. Through the power of a mobile messaging app, a majority of the Rotary Club of Plaza Matriz had soon assembled at a member's home to munch on baked goods and chips while rooting for their national team.

That enthusiasm and ability to draw a crowd has made the club, which just received its charter in July, a success in the country's capital city. Made up almost entirely of young professionals, it is the kind of club Rotary is eager to have more of. It has also served as a bridge back to Rotary for former members of Rotaract, who must leave the program when they turn 30.



Members of the Rotary Club of Plaza Matriz at a social event.

Mills says she could tell the club had something special by its third meeting. "It turned into a brainstorming session of all the projects we wanted to do. No idea was too large or too small."

More on Rotary News ....

Acknowledgement Arnold R. Grahl *Rotary News*  
Photo Credit: Courtesy of Erin Mills

# LIGHTING UP LIVES!

HOPE ROTARY CLUB LIGHTING UP ROTARY CENTENNIAL PARK!



Rotarians installing wiring for the lights in The Hope Rotary Centennial Park

## FEED THOSE IN NEED FIGHT HUNGER! THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON

Every year the members of Rotary Club of Port Coquitlam Centennial organise this luncheon for the homeless and families in need.



Besides providing funds for this luncheon, members spend the whole day preparing the lunch, serving and clean up after.



The members of the Tri-Cities Rotaract Club also turned up to help us with this project.



*Editorial Note: Rotary International has done extraordinary work in helping nearly end one of the worst scourges of our time - polio. Rotarians need to devote that same time, energy, money and passion to end the greatest public health threat of our time: hunger.*

## Creating Works of Art Helps Refugee Children Repair their Lives



Alexandra Dawley (second from right) with teen volunteers in front of the mural they painted on the community center. The supplies for the mural and other art projects were funded Rotary clubs in Vancouver Island, British Columbia, Canada.

When asked to describe his future, a refugee child from Iraq draws a picture of himself as a doctor. Another child uses colorful paints to depict happy memories of his former life in Iraq. Both children are among the 200,000 displaced Iraqis who now live in Jordan, a country that has become a safe haven for those fleeing oppression and war in neighboring Palestine, Syria, and Iraq.

Alexandra Dawley, a former volunteer with the Collateral Repair Project in Jordan, emphasizes how something as simple as an art project can help young refugees adjust to their new lives in a foreign country. With the support of Rotary clubs across Vancouver Island in British Columbia, Canada, and the help of teenage refugee volunteers in Jordan, Dawley implemented a children's art program to give refugee children a creative outlet for their dreams and ambitions.

*"Much of our world is in conflict, many of our international communities are displaced, and people need policy that allows them to voice their needs and reach their potential," Dawley says. "This is what drives me and this is what I'll work toward."*

Collateral Repair Project (CRP) is a grassroots effort to bring much needed assistance to refugees and other victims of war and conflict - those commonly referred to as "collateral damage". CRP seek to repair some of this damage and, through these efforts, foster peace and reconciliation

CRP is located in Amman, Jordan - temporary home to hundreds of thousands of Iraqis and Syrian refugees.



## ◀ Rotaract Club of the Fraser Valley

**President Mitch Freestone-Smith**

Meets 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays 7PM  
at UFV campus in Abbotsford

*Sponsored by Rotary Club of Mission Midday, Mission AM,  
Abbotsford-Sumas, Haney and Meadow Ridge*

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**Tri-Cities Rotaract Club ▶**

## **President Eric Tham**

Meets every second Wednesday 7PM  
at Coquitlam campus of Douglas College Room A2050

*Sponsored by Rotary Club of Port Moody,  
Rotary Club of Coquitlam Sunrise and  
Rotary Club of Port Coquitlam Centennial*

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## ◀ Cloverdale Rotaract Club

**President Aminder Jammu**

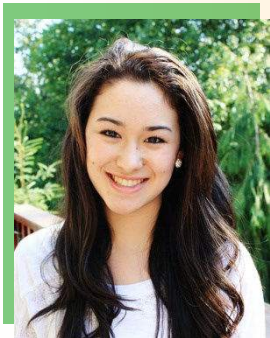
Meets every second Monday at 5:30PM at Boston Pizza 15125  
100 Ave, Surrey

*Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Delta*

## **Rotaract Club of Langley**

**President Nadine Mross**

**Picture and meeting details not available**



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It is important that Rotarian's support these dynamic clubs. Do a make up at one of their meetings. Invite them to your events. Have your youth chair engage directly with the Rotaract club to look for opportunities to foster partnerships, mentorships and growth.

District 5040 has 10 Rotaract clubs, we only have 4. If your club has an interest in finding out more information about Rotaract and how to sponsor a club please contact one of the Rotaract District 5050 committee members.