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ROTARY FELLOWSHIP MONTH
ACHIEVING TOGETHER

Bill's Bit

Message from District Governor Bill Robson



My Rotary friends,

As I write this, my final monthly message, from the Rotary International Convention in Seoul, South Korea, I am reminded of the Rotary journey I have been on since joining the provisional Rotary Club of Cloverdale some 22 years ago.

We are, of course, all on our own life's journey and I only hope that yours is as fulfilling as mine has been particularly this past four years.

My friends I really must say that being your District Governor has been one of the highlights of my life to date. Lona and I want to thank everyone who has helped make this past eleven months so very enjoyable.

Despite some initial problems with room bookings at Semiahmoo we ended up with a wonderful District Conference.

My thanks go out to my co-chairs Dorothy McKim and Linda Mross as well as Registrar Val Tibbetts and her very capable assistants Brian Tibbetts, Pat Bond and Kim Kendall. Huge thanks also, of course to everyone on the organizing committee and all of the Assistant Governors who made the weekend so enjoyable and worthwhile.

Speaking of Assistant Governors, I also want to take this opportunity to thank all twelve of them once again for their unwavering support throughout the year and of course the committee chairs who help make this District as great as it is. Finally I want to extend my thanks to Mohan Mohanan who has taken over the job of PAJ Editor and had to step into the very large shoes of Bob Knight. Thank you Mohan, you are doing a wonderful job.

The recent Council on Legislation has passed some extremely important changes to how your clubs can be run with regard to meetings, attendance and membership and I would encourage you to read up on them here

<http://echo4.bluehornet.com/ct/86780952:T1LG0AYNd:m:1:2694205254:FFB66231E8C0FD6170039BD224C057FC:r>

Well my friends I believe we have been "a Gift to the World" this past year and now we look forward to R.I.P.E. John Germ and D.G.E. Scott Dudley's year where we will be "Rotary Serving Humanity".

Bill



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Our Gift to the World

Bill Robson
District 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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Message from
Rotary International
President
K. R. Ravindran

JUNE 2016

British writer and Royal Air Force pilot Roald Dahl was also an avid photographer who carried his beloved Zeiss camera on his many adventures. At a time when each photograph had to be laboriously developed by hand, on film or glass plate negatives, he amassed a collection of hundreds of images. In later years, these photographs served as a visual record of his travels, a way to document his experiences and share them with others. Yet he always spoke of his memories as being far more vivid than the photographs could ever reflect. So many events and experiences, he said, were simply impossible to capture; they could not be adequately conveyed in images or words.

Language may fail, and photographs fade; minds are fallible, and details are lost. But some experiences, as Dahl said, never dim; they stand out in our memories, even after decades, as a wall of flame. They rear up forever over the landscape of our past, dividing our lives into what came before and what came after.

That metaphor has stayed with me throughout the past year as I have traveled the world for Rotary. For indeed, this entire year has stood, and will always stand, as a wall of flame in my mind, dividing my life into before and after.

When I think back over these 12 months, I see a bright kaleidoscope of images cascading before my eyes, day after day, week after week. The anxious parents in Chandigarh, India, hovering at the bedside of the child recovering from lifesaving heart surgery. The bright flags of Nepal fluttering over an entire village that had been rebuilt after the devastating earthquake. The feeling of awe in St. Peter's Square at the Jubilee of Rotarians celebrated by Pope Francis. Joyful gatherings around the world, in so many countries, in so many languages – with friends I had never before met, my brothers and sisters in Rotary.

To serve as president of Rotary International is a colossal undertaking, one that cannot be truly conveyed in images or words. It is a wall of flame that will burn forever in my memory, dancing with light, shifting in shadow. A thousand images jostle together in my mind, a thousand recollections, a thousand emotions. Together, they form a great mosaic; together, they show the bright and glorious work of your hands.

As this Rotary year draws to a close, I am prouder than ever to be part of this great organization: one that makes the world not poorer, but richer; replaces despair with hope; raises up those whom fate has brought low; and is a gift to so many, while allowing each of us to *Be a Gift to the World*.



... through the eyes of those we help ...

The child who was given no hope – until Rotary came to save her.

The family left homeless – until Rotary built their home anew.

The countless generations who feared polio – until Rotary came, and stopped it.

The work that we do in Rotary is practical, it is considered, it is the work of our hands and our minds here on earth.

And yet the gifts that we give, the fruits of that work – those gifts are indeed miracles.

- RI President K. R. Ravindran





Pope greets Rotary members at special Jubilee Audience

(Vatican Radio | 30APR2016) Nearly 9,000 Rotary members attended the Jubilee Audience in St. Peter's Square on Saturday at the invitation of Pope Francis. A delegation greeted the Pope at the end of the Audience.

Rotary, which brings together a global network of volunteer leaders dedicated to tackling the world's most pressing humanitarian issues, kicked off the Rotarian Jubilee on Friday afternoon, with a conference on the challenges refugees are facing worldwide.

The conference organized by the Jesuit Refugee Service - in partnership with Rotary, UNHCR and WFP - and entitled "Helping Refugees to Start Over", focused on the work that can be done to give millions of refugees dignity and quality education - the best possible tool for them to be able to shape their lives, not lose hope, dream of a future.

Linda Bordonni spoke to Ravi Ravindran, President of Rotary International about the Jubilee Audience with the Pope and about Rotary's commitment to improving the lives of refugees.

Mr. Ravindran called Pope Francis a model for Rotarians, saying "he is doing exactly what every Rotarian should be doing. So we see a great synergy of thought with this Pope, and being here, receiving his blessing, I think is something quite wonderful for us."

"We are all very excited; we are passionate about this. We have Rotarians who have come from 80 countries to be present, so you can imagine the excitement."

Mr. Ravindran compared the conference on giving refugees a new start to lighting a candle in the darkness. "I realize that

trying to take on this whole problem is beyond us. I have to be honest and say that Rotary cannot solve this problem, but rather than cursing the darkness, we can light a candle. I definitely know of many, many Rotary Clubs who in their own small way are doing what they can to give refuge, to educate, to take care, to nurse refugees. So if many of us do what we are doing, then to a large extent the problem gets alleviated."



His Holiness Pope Francis greets Rotary International President K.R. Ravindran. Pope Francis thanked Rotarians for efforts to end polio during the exchange, noting the importance of continuing vaccination campaigns.



"Vaccinations against polio are important," the Pope said. "Tell the Rotarians to please continue."

Vaccines are good for your health, and they're also good for the economy. Every dollar spent on vaccines saves \$16 in associated costs of being sick. Vaccinations can save up to \$44 in medical indirect costs for every \$1 allocated for vaccinating the children.

See what you missed at the District Conference



Governor Bill Robson's classmate, Governor Gerry Tom of D7980 (Connecticut) about Bill's PETS experience and his "theme song" of Tequila Makes Your Governor Fall Off, so she sent her greetings and PDG Sean Hogan for some pictures with her.



Scotch and Cheezies Plenary 2



District 5050 Beach Party . Great party with perfect weather!



Serious committee work....
planning the Scotch and Cheezies Event....



Frank Fagan of
San Juan Island
digging into the
lunch at the
Conference.



Rotary DG Bill Robson presents golf
trophy to Port Moody Rotarian Al Al
Stjernegaard at Semiahmoo
District Conference.



ROTARY STUDENT EXCHANGE

- ♦ A powerful way to promote global understanding and peace.
- ♦ An opportunity of a lifetime
- ♦ Exposure to new cultures and customs
- ♦ And it's not just students who benefit – your Rotary club and host families will too.

(Left) 2015-16 Exchange Students Vincent Bükér (left) from Wasserburgam Inn and Marcus Form (right) from Malung Sweeden at the conference.

**Highest average attendance
(84.9%)**



Chilliwack
Pres. Deborah Soutar receiving
the award.

**Keenleyside award for
highest percentage growth**



(35.7%)
Port Coquitlam Centennial
ADG Clive Evans receiving the
award on behalf.

**Keenleyside award for high-
est number of new members**



Arlington (Net 7)
PP Leroy Jacques receiving the
award

**White Rock award for
Highest Conference
Attendance %**



South Whidbey Island (20%)
AG Ray Green receiving the
award on behalf

**White Rock award for most
members attending District
Conference (13)**



LaConner
Lee Carlson, Pres of LaConner
receiving the award



**McLean Community Service
award (small clubs)**



Langley Sunrise
President Tom Louie receiving
the award

**McLean Community Service
award (medium clubs)**



Port Moody
President Trudy Gallant
receiving the award

**McLean Community Service
award (large clubs)**



Sedro Woolley
President Elect David Brica,
receiving the award

**McLean Community Service
Multi-Club award**



Abbotsford
Community Service Director
Bruce Beck receiving the award

Public Image award



(large clubs)
Everett
President Deborah Wright
receiving the award

**International Service award
(small clubs)**



South Surrey
DGN & AG Linda Coyle receiving
the award

**International Service
(medium clubs)**



Mission Middyay
AG Brad Whittaker receiving the
award on behalf of the Club

International Service



**(large clubs)
Everett**
President Deborah Wright
receiving the award.

**Island International Service
Multi club award (large clubs)**



Fidalgo
Past President Val Tibbetts
receiving the award

**International Service Multi
club award (small clubs)
Coquitlam**



Ron Warneboldt receiving the
award



**Rookie of the Year
Andria McAulay,
Langley Sunrise**



President Tom Louie received the
award on behalf of Andria

**Rookie of the Year
Rheanna Sidhu
White Rock**



President Dick Stott received
the award on behalf of
Rheanna

**Rookie of the Year
Steven Esau**



Chilliwack
Pres. Deborah Soutar received
the award on behalf of Steven

**Ron Goldfinch Award for
Most Valuable Rotarian
was presented to**



Stephen A. Morach

Editor's disclaimer

In all the pictures in this page and the
last DG Bill Robson is seen presenting the
District Awards.

Pictures have been trimmed to fit. Bill did
not use the official step stool and was
seen standing tall among all award
recipients.



ROOKIES OF THE YEAR 2015-16

Rookie Of The Year is awarded to a first year Rotarian in District 5050 who embraces the ideals of Rotary by making a significant service contribution to their Club or the District and who joined Rotary on or after April 1, of the Rotary Year. Awards are given to small, medium and large clubs.

ANDREA MCAULAY
Langley Sunrise



Raised in Chilliwack, Andria completed her schooling there then escaped to Vancouver in search of the bright lights of the city. While in school she competed in track and field, race walking and both studied and taught Scottish Highland dancing.

Andria had worked for an independent insurance broker in Chilliwack and ended up working, almost by accident, with the Inverters Group in Vancouver. She took advantage of the opportunity to ask lots of questions as to the what's, why's and how's of the financial business and learned enough to work with a partner now in Langley as a financial advisor.

One of the crucial pieces of information in preparing a financial plan for people is what they were taught, or not taught, by their parents about saving and finances. Each plan is tailored to the individual based on their goals, needs and particular situation.

Andria is a fan of body art, having upwards of 25 tattoos with plans for more to come. Each one tells a story. She spends her free time working out, being a fitness fanatic, online gaming or watching Netflix.

Andria sought out Rotary as an opportunity to be give to the community and enjoy Fellowship.

Her next tattoo well could be "Rotary Rookie of the year 2015-16". Who knows!

RHEANNA SIDHU
White Rock



Rheanna is the Director of Strata Management at Metropolitan Property Management. She brings over nine years of related industry experience, combined with unique skills garnered from her prior career in the service and hospitality sector, where she helped expand a golf resort and a predominant Vancouver hotel.

Rheanna values the weight of education, and enrolled at BCIT in 2005 to pursue her dreams. Shortly after obtaining her much deserved Marketing Management Diploma of Technology, she took a Property Management role with a thriving real estate investment company.

Rheanna began as a Property Manager and was quickly promoted to the Senior Project Management position. She was responsible for overseeing major structural and aesthetical renovations, as well as managing budgets and staff, and dealing directly with tenants and home owners. This experience, in particular, has given Rheanna a strong working knowledge of building maintenance requirements and the ability to take the appropriate actions to ensure property values are increased for the owners. During this time, Rheanna purchased her first strata unit, and was elected President of the board. Soon after, she became the Manager of the self-managed strata corporation for the next 5 years. Rheanna successfully managed the staffing, operations, and performance of the 6 building complex and executed all of the necessary duties of a licensed strata manager.

As a property investor, Rheanna has been involved with 15 different strata management companies. She has learned first-hand what is important from an owner's point of view and the qualities that an effective Strata Manager should have to grow the corporation. Through these experiences, Rheanna has successfully developed these traits.

STEVEN ESAU
Chilliwack



Steve is a manager and counselor at Pacific Community Resources. They provide housing for the homeless as well as services for mental health, addictions, and disease prevention. He has worked in Haiti as a therapist, and recently developed a counseling program and refuge center for traumatized women in Mexico. He teaches addiction counseling at Trinity Western and is currently working on his PhD.

Steve has worked in California and Canada as a Crisis Counsellor with both children and adults. He specializes in addictions counselling, substance affected counselling, trauma counselling, relational therapy, and helping people deal with all levels of anxiety.

Steve works from the understanding that most of pathology originates with brokenness within three main relationships: Hurt or pain from a relationship with another person or persons, a disconnection from the natural environment, and/or spiritual disconnect or confusion with God.

He works alongside the individual to begin the process of repairing relationships and healing by using such therapies as Existential Therapy, Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, Expressive Play Therapy, and Christian Counselling Within the counselling relationship, Steve provides a safe, and non-judgmental space for the individual to explore whatever difficulty they may be experiencing.

Steve is on the Health Awareness Committee and International Services Committee of the Rotary Club of Chilliwack.



PDG Sean Hogan represents RI President Ravi to District 7980 Conference.

Carol and I have the honor of serving as the official Representatives for RI President Ravi to District 7980 at their District Conference in Providence, Rhode Island. Governor Gerry Tom welcomed us with a reception, our friend and aide, Ernie Luise is looking after us, caught up with our Governor classmate, Brian Amey, and we had some group shots afterwards, with the exception of our friend Rupi Rupwani who got stuck in the revolving door.




PDS Sean and Carol with Brian Amey



HELP! HELP! HELP!

No one came to help poor Ripu, except one who ventured to catch this moment on his cell.


Rotary
 District 5050
 has openings for leadership
 opportunities at the District level.
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Reunion in Boston with some of our Rotary Governor classmates - Joe, Tony & Rich. Lots of laughs and a great evening! Joe's Geraldine and Tony's Liz were also with us. Seems both a long time and a short time since we all finished our Governor terms in 2013.



Rotarians ready to serve the good cause



Warming up before the walk starts

When you participate in Hike for Hospice you will be joining thousands of others across Canada, hiking in support of hospice palliative care or in memory of a loved one. Hospice palliative care provides physical, psychological, social, spiritual and practical support to people living with life-threatening illness, their loved ones and the bereaved. Your fundraising dollars will go towards providing physical and emotional care to the terminally ill and ongoing bereavement support after the death of a loved one.

Each year this pledge-based, national, annual family event takes place on the first Sunday of May and raises funds to support people living with a terminal illness and their loved ones. The purpose of the 5km hike is not only to raise much needed funds, but to raise awareness of the many challenges faced by hospice palliative care and to promote the wonderful work that all volunteers and professionals in the field perform daily.

Rotary Clubs of Port Moody and Port Coquitlam Centennial have been co-hosts of this even, organizing the walk in Port Moody and Port Coquitlam in alternate years.



CHILLIWACK CLUBS

Rotarians @ Work Day

Rotarians from all three Chilliwack clubs are gathering at the Vedder Rotary Trail on April 30 for their annual Rotarians-at-Work Day trail clean-up!

Photo courtesy
Desmond Devnich



Lake Stevens, WA – The Rotary Club of Lake Stevens is proud to announce that their sponsored Interact Club at Lake Stevens High School has received its Certificate of Organization from Rotary International.

The certificate was presented to the Club's President, Hayden Ploeger, by Rotary District 50/50 Governor Bill Robson at a meeting attended by Assistant District Governor Marc Baker, Lake Stevens High School Principal Eric Cahan; Lake Stevens Rotarians, Interact Club Advisor Ms. Odegaard, ASB officers, and the Interact Club members.

The LSHS Interact Club was formed by Hayden Ploeger, with the help of Lake

Stevens Rotarians, after he was inspired at the Youth Adventures In Leadership (YAIL) conference sponsored by Rotary District 50/50 in 2015.

Interact has enjoyed a successful first year of service including running games and serving popcorn at the town Halloween Carnival, collecting toiletries and pet food for the food bank, serving at Community Suppers, packing bags for distribution at the Food Bank, participating in numerous school service club events, helping to clean up Lake Stevens parks and road sides, cleaning up the high school campus for Earth Day, and much more. They are looking forward to working with other local Interact Clubs in the future

on joint projects locally and internationally.

For more information on the Lake Stevens Interact Club please visit their Facebook page – Lake Stevens Interact. If you are between the ages of 14-18 in Lake Stevens School District and would like to join Interact or just want to check it out, you are invited to attend a meeting. The Club meets 2:20-3:30 every other Wednesday in Ms. Odegaard's Room 104 at LSHS. The Lake Stevens Rotary Club sponsors several Lake Stevens High School students to YAIL in Canada each year. If you are interested in attending the 2016-2017 YAIL conference please contact Rotary Club President, Bill Demeroutis at BillD@allstate.com.

The World's Greatest Rotarian



The world's newest Rotarian will already be familiar to many in District 5050. Janice Khunkhun is past President of the Cloverdale Rotaract club and has graduated from RLI, attended District Training Assemblies, District Conferences and even the Rotary International Convention in Bangkok. Janice joined North Delta Rotary, sponsored by Pat Bond and welcomed by all!



PORT COQUITLAM CENTENNIAL Rotary May Day Parade



The May Day Celebrations is an annual event in the City of Port Coquitlam. Every year, since its inception in 2005 the Club has been organizing the Rotary May Day Parade. This year more than 100 floats parading on the streets of downtown Port Coquitlam was watched by over ~12,000 spectators, a record crowd ever.



The Rotary May Day Parade featured an impressive performance by the Vancouver Police Motorcycle Drill Team, and hundreds of participants from Tri-City businesses and non-profit organizations.

The Rotary May Day Parade is the greatest public image event of the Rotary Club of Port Coquitlam Centennial.



**The Parade is
done!**

**Last pose for
this year.**

**See you all
next year!**

PORT MOOD Search for the Perfect Pint



Another amazing event put on by the Port Moody Rotary Club ! Search for the Perfect Pint at Port Moody City Hall.

It was a great event, according many who commented on the FaceBook:



Jeff McLellan Wish I could have made it but work once again got in the way. ☺



Scott Masse Looks great - wish I was there! ☺



Roger Weetman If you had to search more than 6 times than you might have an issue wink emoticon I am surprised if Raman was searching with you. ☺



Catherine Harris Guerin I forgo about it this year ☺



Linda Balzer A fun night for sure !!! Thank you to everyone who came out to the Search for the Perfect Pint. We will see you at Port Moody Port Moody RibFest - July 22-24 ☺

Rotaract @ Work



Six members from the Interact Club of Chilliwack volunteered their time to assist the Chilliwack Search and Rescue Maintenance night in May.



NEW MEMBERS INDUCTED

ABBOTSFORD-SUMAS



Recently we inducted new member, Kelly Nix (above), along with Jason Epp (below) as a transferring in member. Looking forward to their fellowship and contributions to our club!



PORT COQUITLAM CENTENNIAL

The Club recently added two more members to its recording breaking spree.

On May 5, Assistant Governor Clive Evans inducted Leah Barker and her mother Kathleen Williams, both very keen and passionate individuals, who we are all pleased to have with us.

AG Clive also presented the Club with the District Award for the Highest % increase in membership as of 1 April 2016



What does a Rotary club designed by younger members look like?



The leadership team of the Rotary Club of Metro Savannah with the author (seventh from left in white shirt).

By Gordon Matthews, past governor of District 6920 (Georgia, USA), Rotary Club of Savannah East

A panel of three young members spelled out for us the issues that block young people from joining Rotary during our spring assembly a few years ago — scheduling, cost of dues, and rules.

I've been active in developing leaders in our community and have worked with our Group Study Exchange teams in the past, so I know the energy and potential in this "under 40" generation that we need to tap for Rotary. But I've

also seen several Rotary clubs try to do this with limited results, because they stayed too close to the traditional model and dues structure.

Breaking the mold

With the recent action by Rotary's Council on Legislation, it's easier than ever to step out and try new things. For more information how we got this idea off the ground, contact Gordon.matthews@earthlink.net

READ THE STORY ON ROTARY VOICES BLOG



Rotary CORNER

www.chilliwackrotaryclub.ca

Rotary at work to Enable the Disabled

The object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis for worthy enterprise. The Rotary Club of Chilliwack continues towards that goal by conducting on-going campaigns to support special projects, including Rotary at Work. Julie Unger is the Executive Director, Chilliwack Society for Community Living and has been a member of the Rotary Club of Chilliwack since 2012. Julie explains that Rotary at Work is a business-to-business informational initiative to encourage hiring people with disabilities – that means a real job with real pay, commensurate for the position. Hiring people who have a disability is much more than 'doing the right thing' - it's good for business. Employers reap the advantages that people with disabilities bring to their workforce. Documented benefits include a decrease in turnover, higher productivity, cost savings and increased profits. Our Rotary Club educates members about these benefits of hiring people with disabilities and the importance of this issue to our community. Some of the forty-seven participating employers in the Chilliwack area include: Mertins, Decades, Hoefstede's, the City of Chwk, Fortin's, Safeway, McDonalds, the Coast Hotel, the Chwk Golf Club, and more.



Julie Unger
Vocational Service
Career Committee

Julie and the Rotary Club of Chilliwack would like our readers to know that: "If you think that Rotary sounds good to you...if you feel that you might like to engage with us in "Service Above Self" projects, please consider that we're always looking for like-minded, enthusiastic new members".

**Great Rotary Corner in
our local paper about
"Rotary at Work".**

- Carol Tichelman



Monday, May 16, 2016 5:00 pm

North Delta Rotary Club members were seen riding the Big Bike for the Heart & Stroke Association. Peter and his team set out to raise \$2500 for the Association. At the rate the sponsorship was pouring in, they well set to exceed their goal to raise \$3,000.

The riders are waiting for Carol and Sean. Where are they? Apparently they chose to be at the back - *less pedalling!*

**WATCH
THIS
VIDEO**



Cross-country reunion

Monica and Robert Menconi from Florida were back in Vancouver. Bob was the Rotary President's Representative to our District Conference in 2013 - remember the Flash Mob? Bob took the picture and even digitally inserted himself in the crowd (Picture left—check out the top right corner).

Bob is his Rotary club's Treasurer and was traveling with club President Darrell and wife Linda. Wonder if the club was worried that both the President and Treasurer had left the country?



MUNROE

All Hands on Deck

On Saturday, May 14, 2016, members of the Monroe Rotary club went to Snohomish and planted red geraniums around the location of a Rotary Centennial drinking fountain next to the Snohomish River.



Lisa Caldwell, Tryggve Trivett (*"a rascal with the hose"), grandfather Greg Starup, Pat & Bob Knight, and Jamie Silva (not pictures are Mark Caldwell and Cheryl Silva).



Cheryl, Pat, Mark, and Lisa.



A Miracle in the Making Canada's International Immunization Program



At the PolioPlus fundraising dinner, the honourable John A. Fraser, the then speaker of Canada's House of Commons, presents a Distinguished Service Award to Anup Singh Jubbil of the Rotary Club of Burnaby-Hastings. Left to right: John A. Fraser, Anup, President Dr. Lionel Fishman, Walter Maddocks.

Historical Rotary Moment....

Greatest PolioPlus Campaign Dinner in British Columbia

March 26, 1988. Sponsored by Rotary Club of Burnaby-Hastings. R.I. Dist. 5040. Chairman and Coordinator Rotarian Anup Singh Jubbil

Over 800 VIP's and Guests attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Maddocks, Executive Director, PolioPlus Campaign, Rotary International, Evanston, IL, was the keynote speaker. Walter specially came from Evanston, IL, USA, to attend the Gala Dinner.

Hon. John A. Fraser, M.P., Speaker of House of Commons, Canada was the Master of Ceremonies.

Mayor Gordon Campbell and other government personnel also attended the Dinner.



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DISTRICT 5040 & 5050
ROTARY FOUNDATION
**MILLION
DOLLAR DINNER**

KEEP THIS DATE
JANUARY 9, 2017
KEYNOTE SPEAKER
ROTARY PRESIDENT JOHN GERM
WATCH DISTRICT WEBSITE
FOR DETAILS



DISTRICT 5040 & 5050 ROTARY FOUNDATION ROTARY MILLION DOLLAR DINNER

District 5040 and 5050 will host a Million Dollar Dinner to celebrate 100 Years of The Rotary Foundation "Doing Good in the World". Rotary International President John Germ will be the keynote speaker. The event will be held on Monday, January 9, 2017. Watch the district website over the next few months for details and how you can participate in the Million Dollar Dinner with John Germ.

Rotary World Help filling hospitals a world away

Sarah Payne | Tri City News | May 17, 2016

The registered non-profit has been shipping used and donated medical equipment and supplies, as well as educational material and school supplies, to developing nations around the world for nearly 20 years.

Dan Gallant never knows what he's going to get when he picks up the phone.

Whether it's a hospital with 100 beds to offload, an optometrist with a brand new printer that doesn't work in her office or a linen company with a stack of sheets and gowns to give away, Gallant takes it all with a smile.

That's because he knows each and every item he and other Rotary World Help volunteers collect from hospitals, seniors' homes, doctors' and dentists' offices, clinics and individuals will eventually find its way to a community in dire need of medical supplies and equipment.

"We like to think of ourselves as a big recycling project," said Dan Gallant, a member of Port Moody Rotary and a director on the World Help board, noting the organizations saves the healthcare system from paying cartage or tipping fees, keeps equipment out of landfills and helps those in less fortunate areas around the world.

Shipments are triggered when Rotary World Help receives a humanitarian request from a club in a developing country.

Volunteers arrive at the Riverview warehouse,

where stacks of hospital beds and mattresses, wheelchairs, crutches, X-ray machines and baby incubators are surrounded by boxes of medical supplies waiting to be inspected, sorted and repackaged. About once a month the supplies are loaded on to a 40-foot shipping container, destined for communities in developing countries in need of medical and dental equipment.

"When we fill a container there's no empty space," said Gallant. "We're paying good money to ship it and we want to fill it up."

Containers are sponsored by the 38 B.C. Rotary clubs that are members of the World Help network, either by larger, individual clubs or from contributions from the smaller groups. Others contribute by collecting items throughout the year and sending them down to Coquitlam when they have a trailer full.

Depending on the destination the shipments can range from about \$5,000 (Philippines) to more than \$12,000 (South Africa), and the receiving club assumes responsibility for clearing the shipment through customs, distributing the supplies and submitting an accountability report.

The operation has come a long way since its inception nearly 25 years ago.



Dan Gallant and Ann Hulbert of Rotary World Help with just some of the donated medical equipment waiting in their Riverview warehouse to be shipped around the world.

In 1992 a group of Rotarians established a club in Kiev, Ukraine, and during their visit noticed the sparse medical facilities. Upon their return they "scavenged enough supplies" to fill a container for Kiev and "the seed was planted," Gallant said.

Rotary World Help was officially formed in 1997, and the supplies have arrived steadily ever since.

In fact, the organization is so well known that scavenging for donations is a thing of the past.

"They call us," said Rotary World Help president Ann Hulbert. And it's not just for medical supplies — books, school supplies and, recently, several pallets loaded with Canadian dictionaries were received for the group's humanitarian efforts.

So Gallant's phone keeps ringing, and he's happy to keep picking it up to find out what Rotary World Help will get next.

For more information and details on donating, visit
www.rotaryworldhelp.com

BY THE NUMBERS

as of February 2016

Containers shipped: 341

Receiving countries: 59

Estimated value of goods shipped: \$119.4 million

People who have benefitted from shipments (30,000 for each shipment):
10.2 million



A partial view of the participants at the Rotary International Convention in Seoul, Korea.

Chilliwack Fraser Rotary enhances Central Elementary School playground



Desmond Devnich, Neil Simpson, Leslie Waddington, Linda Rook, Robert Beischer, Russ Ideson

CHILLIWACK, BC – Members of the Rotary Club of Chilliwack Fraser gathered at Central Elementary Community School on Tuesday, May 31, to present a contribution of \$21,000 to Principal Leslie Waddington and the Parent Advisory Council for the completion of the school's playground enhancement project.

A community service project selected by the club earlier in the Rotary year, fundraising committee members coordinated their efforts to raise the dollars necessary to fulfill the club's pledge through their annual Rotary Travel Sweepstakes ticket sales.

"Local Rotary clubs have made a great commitment to developing the downtown area for families," said Chilliwack Fraser Rotary Club president Linda Rook. "Building Central Community Park, enhancing the Gateway for Families computer lab, and now installing new playground equipment at Central Elementary, have all been service projects Rotarians have been

proud to support," Rook explained.

A number of community partners, in addition to the Chilliwack Fraser Rotary Club stepped forward in the last year to contribute the funds required to install the new playground equipment at Central including the Rotary Club of Chilliwack-Mt. Cheam, Main Street Church, and the City of Chilliwack.

"New playground equipment will benefit Central Elementary students in a meaningful way and provide an opportunity for them, and children in the community, to build friendships and enjoy playing outside in a safe, fun environment," said school principal Leslie Waddington. "Our current students would have graduated by the time we would have raised enough money to fund the project had we been on our own."



Russ Ideson, Linda Rook, Neil Simpson, Robert Beischer, Leslie Waddington, Desmond Devnich

Rotary Celebrates Area Students with \$180,300 in Scholarships

Some 49 Snohomish County students gained a head start last night as the Rotary Club of Everett handed out \$180,300 in scholarships funded by Rotary members and donors. The grants ranged from \$500 to \$19,000 per student.

In ceremonies May 31 at the Everett School District's Community Resource Center, proud parents applauded as young people stepped to the front to receive their awards.

"We want to invest in the future of our students, to support their goals for a higher education," club President Deborah Wright told the audience. Over the years, the Rotary Club of Everett has handed out more than \$3.1 million in scholarships.

Rotarians work closely with school counselors to identify scholarship prospects. Those nominees are then interviewed by Rotary members, who make the final selection.

Supporting youth is a major focus for the Rotary Club of Everett. Club members frequently share their business experiences with students participating in the school district's AVID (Achievement Via Individual Determination) program, and in May helped organize the AVID HighFive Walkathon that raised more than \$8,000 for AVID projects. The club also participates in student exchange programs by sending local students overseas and hosting students from other countries.





FOUNDATION GIVING 2015-16 AS AT 30 MAY 2016

Annual Giving	\$290,618.31
	\$113.30 per capita
Polio Plus	\$ 109,210.09
Endowment Fund	\$ 56,635.66
Other	\$ 17,630.80
Total	\$ 474,094.86

Clubs over \$100 per capita for Polio plus

1	Abbotsford-Sumas	BC	24	\$ 8,106.63	\$ 337.78
2	Surrey-Newton	BC	29	\$ 4,961.83	\$ 171.10
3	North Whidbey Island Sunrise	WA	30	\$ 3,895.45	\$ 129.85
4	Stanwood/Camano Island	WA	29	\$ 3,569.66	\$ 122.23
5	Monroe	WA	32	\$ 3,630.00	\$ 113.44
6	Meadow Ridge	BC	22	\$ 3,676.43	\$ 111.41

*Society members,
please feel free to
contact me.*

*Thanks again for
everything that you
do for Rotary and our
Rotary Foundation.*

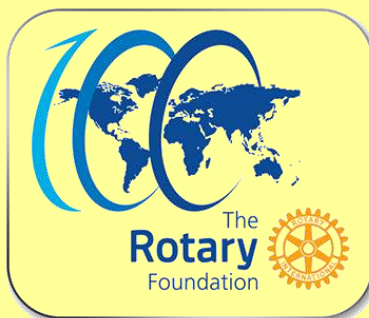
Clubs over \$100 per capita for Annual Giving

1	Langley	BC	\$412.08
2	White Rock	BC	\$ 310.99
3	Stanwood/Camano Island	WA	\$ 308.14
4	La Conner	WA	\$ 279.49
5	Abbotsford-Sumas	BC	\$ 238.53
6	Langley Central	BC	\$ 235.91
7	North Delta	BC	\$ 234.55
8	San Juan Island	WA	\$ 213.97
9	Coquitlam Sunrise	BC	\$ 205.25
10	Lake Stevens	WA	\$ 189.69
11	Abbotsford	BC	\$ 159.17
12	Chilliwack	BC	\$ 156.94
13	Whatcom County North	WA	\$ 152.71
14	Everett	WA	\$ 145.00
15	Bellingham Sunrise	WA	\$ 143.65
16	Semiahmoo	BC	\$ 142.35
17	Burlington	WA	\$ 138.70
18	North Whidbey Island Sunrise	WA	\$ 129.05
19	Whidbey Westside	WA	\$ 129.04
20	Port Coquitlam	BC	\$ 128.57
21	Monroe	WA	\$ 122.19
22	Mt Vernon	WA	\$ 121.82
23	Surrey	BC	\$ 118.42
24	Bellingham	WA	\$ 110.47
25	Aldergrove	BC	\$ 109.92
26	Arlington	WA	\$ 109.38
27	South Whidbey	WA	\$ 105.20
28	Fidalgo Island	WA	\$ 102.98
29	Bellingham Bay	WA	\$ 102.62
30	Surrey-Guildford	BC	\$ 101.48

*If your club needs help
with encouraging
members to contribute to
the Rotary Foundation,
Foundation paperwork,
speaking programs or if*

*you have members that
contribute \$1,000 or more
to the Rotary Foundation
and would like to be
recognized as Paul Harris*

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D5050 Paul Harris Society
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The Centennial Celebrations of the Rotary Foundation has started in Korea.
50,000 attendees at the Rotary International Convention in Seoul, Korea will return home after 1st June with renewed vision in celebrating this landmark in Rotary's history.
Observers say that the Centennial Celebration of Rotary was a Rotary-family-affair.
The Centennial Celebrations of the Rotary Foundation?
It will truly be a celebration of Our Gift to the World
Renewed commitment to Serving Humanity,
in addition to celebrating our successes of the past.
Rotary has a track record of building on successes and that is a promise that every Rotarian can make and keep!

THIS STATISTICS ARE BASED SOLELY ON THE REPORTS SUBMITTED BY THE CLUBS MEMBERSHIP & ATTENDANCE

APRIL 2016 MEMBERSHIP

Member Count Last Year	2450
Member Count March 2016	2511
This month+/-	+19
YTD +/-	+61
YTD +/- Percentage	2.50%
Last Year Attendance	60.02%
Attendance March 2016	58.20%
YTD Attendance	58.62%

TOP 10 FOR ATTENDANCE

1.	Semiahmoo (White Rock)	116.08%
2.	Mission Morning	93.75%
3.	White Rock	91.54%
4.	Whidbey Westside	89.00%
5.	Abbotsford-Matsqui	84.50%
6.	Coquitlam Sunrise	82.76%
7.	Chilliwack Fraser	82.35%
8.	Lake Stevens	81.94%
9.	Abbotsford	81.15%
10.	Chilliwack	81.00%

5 clubs did not submit the reports

Updating your membership is critical, especially in June since your RI and District Dues are based on membership statistics as at 30 June 2016



RI President K.R. Ravindran shares a personal story of triumph over polio at the closing session of the 107th Rotary convention.

RI President K.R. Ravindran closed the convention in Korea on Wednesday, 1 June, with a poignant story about his mother's fight to survive polio at age 30.

When Ravindran was 11 years old in his native Sri Lanka, his mother awoke one day feeling weak and short of breath. Sitting down to rest, she found herself unable to move. The polio virus had quickly invaded her nervous system, resulting in paralysis.

She was placed in an iron lung at the hospital to enable her to breathe, and was told that her chances of walking, or even surviving without a ventilator, were slim. But most Sri Lankan hospitals were not equipped with ventilators in 1963.

Ravindran's grandfather, a Rotary member, hosted a club committee meeting in his living room the evening after his daughter was rushed to the hospital. Rather than simply offer consolation, his fellow members went to work, using their business acumen and professional connections to find a ventilator.

One of the members was a bank manager who called a government minister to facilitate a quick international transfer of funds. Another member, a manager at SwissAir, arranged to have a ventilator flown in. The next day, it arrived at the hospital.

"There was so much red tape at the time in Sri Lanka, but somehow, those Rotarians made it all fall away," Ravindran told the packed audience at the KINTEX Convention Center in Goyang city.

Ravindran's mother spent a year-and-a-half in a hospital bed, but her

condition gradually improved. She eventually left the hospital walking -- with a walker, but upright, on her own two feet.

"Fifty-three years ago, my mother's life was perhaps one of the very first to be saved from polio by Rotarians," Ravindran said. "We have saved millions of lives since then.

"Tonight, I stand before you as her son, and your president, to say that soon -- perhaps not in years but in months -- Rotary will give a gift that will endure forever: a world without polio."

At the convention's general session the day before, Rebecca Martin, director of the Center for Global Health at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, had described how close we are to polio eradication. Earlier that day, Rotary released an additional \$35 million in grants to support global efforts to end the crippling disease.

This year's convention, one of the largest in Rotary history, attracted more than 43,000 attendees from over 150 countries. Ravindran, in his final speech to members as their president, emphasized what it really means to be a Rotarian.

"There are people on this planet whose lives are better now because you traversed this earth," he said. "And it doesn't matter if they know that or not. It doesn't matter if they even know your name or not. What really matters is that your work touched lives; that it left people healthier, happier, better than they were before."

LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT YEAR

Following Ravindran's remarks, members of Ravindran's Rotary Club of Colombo, Sri Lanka, and RI President-elect John Germ's Rotary Club of Chattanooga, Tennessee, USA, took the stage to exchange club banners, a tradition that unofficially marks the changing of the guard.

Germ told the audience that Rotary is about to begin the most progressive year in its history.

"You told us that we need to change and become more flexible so that Rotary service will be attractive to younger members, recent retirees, and working people," Germ said. "You spoke with clarity, and groundbreaking legislation was passed this year at the Council on Legislation.

"Clubs now have the opportunity to be who they want to be, but at the same time remain true to our core. I'm pleased to share with you that Rotarians all over the world are responding with great excitement."

16 ideas for breathing life into your club

By Anabella Q. Bonfa, District 5320 membership chair

How do you breathe new life into your Rotary club? We held a young professional summit recently in southern California, USA, attended by 52 members of Rotary and Rotaract — some new and some with many years of experience — who came together for half a day to share their thoughts. Everyone had fun, and many creative ideas surfaced. Here are just a few:

Plan events that are family-friendly to engage members with young children.

- ◆ Plan your events in locations where kids are welcome. A few examples would be a cleanup day at the beach or park. Or hold a picnic followed by dessert at a nearby restaurant
- ◆ Give children of members duties to do at club events like collecting money or arrang-

ing cans at a food drive

- ◆ Reward children for taking part in your community service work. A little recognition now may plant the seed for a life-long love of service

Share the value of Rotary. "What's in it for me?"

- ◆ Explain how Rotary offers a chance to make new friends
- ◆ Prompt club meetings as an opportunity to spend time with nice people who share a similar mindset and a desire to serve
- ◆ Show how your members can make a difference and have a direct impact on your community
- ◆ Explain how members build business connections that grow their careers.
- ◆ Advertise the opportunities to develop leadership skills

Come up with ways to decrease the cost for emerging young leaders

Offer sliding scale meals.

Consider options of meetings without food, coffee, or dessert

Offer corporate memberships

Subsidize young leaders by pairing them with more established members who can pay part of their costs for a period of time

Allow, don't discourage, members to promote their professional life

- ◆ Schedule minute-long vocational talks for members to share about their business during a meeting
- ◆ Invite speakers to talk about innovations in business and technology
- ◆ Hold club networking events
- ◆ Encourage newer members to share trends in their line of work

All these came out of one half-day seminar. Hold your own young professionals workshop, and see what great ideas you come up with!



Grand March through House of Friendship



Mitty Chang talks about how to be a dragon slayer



Rotary Leadership at the opening of House of Friendship



Performers get a photo opportunity



President Ravi and Vinitha at the House of Friendship



Opening entertainment at the House of Friendship



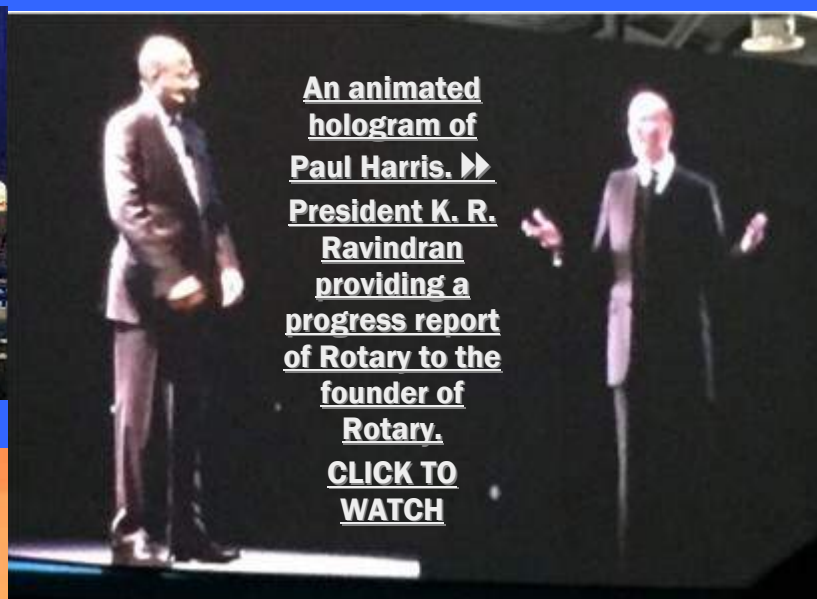
Ready, set, going to the opening ceremony



United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon indicates that we are "This Close" to ending polio because of Rotary's great work.



Special Interfaith Service on Sunday



An animated hologram of Paul Harris. ►►
President K. R. Ravindran providing a progress report of Rotary to the founder of Rotary.
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Gary Knell, president and CEO of the National Geographic Society, speaking at the General Session.



Partly view of the participants at the RI Convention



Sarah Parcak, 2016 TED Prize winner, speaking at the General Session



RI President K.R. Ravindran and other Rotary leaders cut the ribbon to celebrate the opening of a new children's library in Goyang city, Korea.



A traditional Korean fan dance entertains convention attendees during the Welcome Festival on Saturday, 28 May.



A dancer performs to K-pop music during the opening session of the Rotary Convention in Korea on Sunday, 29 May.



A Korean drum solo is part of the entertainment during the Welcome Festival on Saturday, 28 May.



The 3K Walk for Peace makes its way from Seoul Plaza to Gwanghwamun Square on Saturday, 28 May. Thousands of Rotary members filled five lanes, showcasing Rotary's work in building peace.



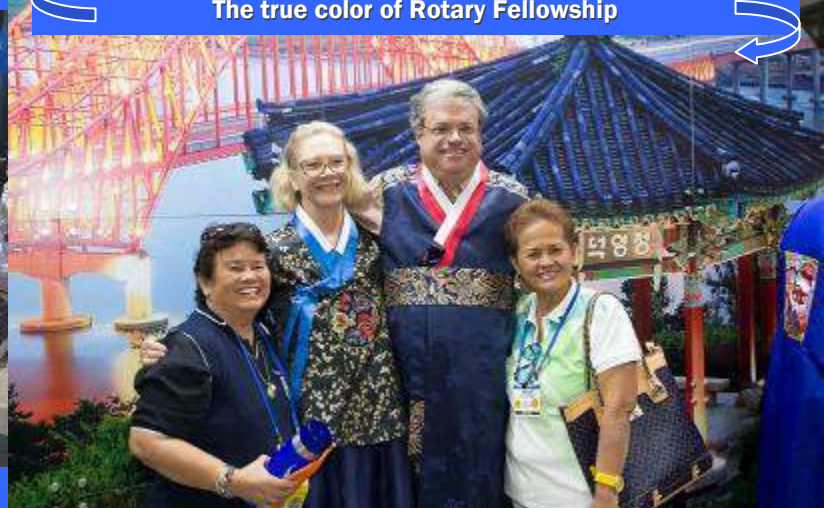
Martial Arts display



The true color of Rotary Fellowship



Sidewalk Entertainment



ROTARY CONVENTION 2016 3-K WALK FOR PEACE



Global Movement needed to reverse Water Crisis



Gary White, chief executive and co-founder of Water.org, explains his organization's microfinance program to attendees at the World Water Summit in Seoul on Friday, 27 May.

This year's World Water Summit on 27 May in Seoul highlighted the progress being made:

Over the last 25 years, more than 2.5 billion people gained access to improved drinking water, and 2 billion who didn't have adequate sanitation now do.

Child deaths from water-related diseases dropped from 1.5 million to just over 600,000.

The UN Millennium Development Goals' target for clean drinking water was met five years ahead of schedule.

But for the 1.8 billion people whose drinking water remains contaminated and the 2.4 billion without access to proper sanitation, progress is still too slow, said Vanessa Tobin, director of water and sanitation for Catholic Relief Services and one of the event's main speakers.

MIRRORING THE POLIO ERADICATION MOVEMENT

"We need a movement," Tobin declared, saying it should follow Rotary's polio eradication model. "Polio was universal and everyone had one aim: eliminate every case in the world. We need to set a goal that by 2030 every child has safe water and sanitation for life.

"Water and sanitation must be at the top of each country's development agenda," she said.

Gary White, chief executive and co-founder of Water.org, agreed and told attendees that charity alone won't solve the global water crisis. White said that it would take five years and \$1 trillion to provide and maintain safe water access for all, but international aid totals only \$8 billion each year. His organization is making it possible for people in need to help pay for their own clean water and sanitation.

"People who live in poverty or are coming out of it in developing countries want to pay for water security, not just for practical purposes, but for social and financial purposes," White said.

His organization established WaterCredit, a microfinance program that offers loans to families in need of water connections or toilets. The program's repayment rates exceed 99 per-

cent.

"Giving people the capital to ensure water security gives them the dignity they want and need," he added.

MATCHING EXPERTISE WITH ACTION

The water summit, the eighth convened by the Water and Sanitation Rotarian Action Group, seeks to match industry expertise with Rotary service projects.

Francis Barram, a member of the Rotary Club of Centurion in South Africa, came to the water summit to find partners for a project to clean up sewage-filled rivers in Johannesburg.

"People here [at the water summit] are passionate about finding solutions for clean water. And more importantly, they know what they're doing," said Barram, who joined the Rotarian Action Group last year. "Our club found the need, and we can pull together the support, but we need the technical know-how. This event can help me find that."

Breakout sessions focused on sustainable strategies for getting clean water and sanitation in schools, partnerships, financing, climate change, and safe drinking water systems. Other speakers included Deuk-Mo Chung, director general of the Seoul Water Institute, and Sanjay Wijesekera, chief of Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene for UNICEF.



RI General Secretary John Hewko speaking at the 8th World of Water Summit regarding the importance of doing sustainable water projects

Rotary Meeting Flexibility

2016 Council grants clubs greater flexibility

Representatives from Rotary districts around the world met in Chicago in April to revise Rotary policies. They approved changes that give clubs greater flexibility in when, where, and how they meet and the types of membership they offer.

Why are these changes needed?

In some parts of the world, Rotary continues to grow at a rapid rate. In others, membership has been declining and the average age of members is increasing.

Over the past 15 years, Rotary has carried out pilot programs that have explored innovations in membership, classification, and the club experience. Consistently, in research and in the experiences of members, we have found that when clubs have more freedom to determine how they hold their meetings, who they invite to membership, and what defines engagement, the club is more vibrant and more able to grow.

All Rotary clubs will now be able to adopt the new options the Council approved by amending their bylaws. Clubs that wish to continue to follow their traditional requirements for meetings, attendance, structure, and categories of membership may do so.

Flexibility in meeting frequency, format, and attendance

Council on Legislation representatives voted overwhelmingly to eliminate limitations on how Rotary clubs conduct their meetings. They also recognize that club health is not determined by attendance alone. The RI Board and Council representatives agree that individual clubs should be able to:

- ◆ Determine the best day and time for their meetings
- ◆ Change or cancel a meeting, if the need arises
- ◆ Count service projects or social events as meetings
- ◆ Choose whether to gather in person, meet

online, alternate between online and in-person meetings, or even use both formats at the same time (for example, a member could participate in an in-person meeting online through video chat)

- ◆ Amend their bylaws to either relax or tighten attendance requirements and policies of terminating members for poor attendance

Rotary clubs now have the option of reducing their meeting frequency as long as they meet in some way at least twice per month. They are still expected to forward attendance reports to the district governor within 15 days of the last meeting of each month.

The recent Council on Legislation decisions do not modify the current rules of the Standard Rotary Club Constitution. Clubs that want to adopt these changes will need to amend their bylaws. Clubs that wish to continue to adhere to the traditional requirements regarding meetings, attendance, structure, or categories of membership may do so.

E-clubs and Rotary clubs

Having decided to give all Rotary clubs greater flexibility as to how they meet, the 2016 Council concluded that it was no longer necessary to label them as either e-clubs or traditional clubs. For that reason, references to e-clubs have been removed from Rotary's Bylaws and the Standard Rotary Club Constitution, but e-clubs may continue to name and brand themselves as e-clubs to emphasize that they meet exclusively or primarily online.

Flexibility in Membership Types

The RI Bylaws and Standard Rotary Club Constitution provide for two types of membership: active and honorary. By amending their bylaws, clubs may offer additional membership types that are desired in the community, such as associate, corporate, family membership or others.

- ◆ Rotary International will continue to record, and grant all of the benefits of membership to, active members only who pay RI dues
- ◆ Clubs that offer additional membership categories should report these members to Rotary International as active and are responsible for paying said members' RI dues
- ◆ Clubs and districts set their own policies about these members' other financial obligations (club and district dues, meal costs, etc.), attendance requirements, and service expectations and reflect these policies in their bylaws
- ◆ Clubs determine how they accept former or transferring members, including whether they allow current Rotaractors to join

Dual Membership for Rotaractors

The Council amended the Rotary International Bylaws to permit Rotaractors who meet the qualifications of membership to join a Rotary club while remaining Rotaract members.

We hope that giving qualified young leaders a way to maintain their involvement in Rotaract, along with giving Rotary clubs greater flexibility in the format and frequency of meetings, will facilitate Rotaractors' transition to Rotary clubs. As members of the family of Rotary, Rotaractors are committed to the world community and share Rotary's goals of furthering service, world understanding, and peace.

With all of this change, is Rotary putting its reputation and brand at risk?

While the enactments adopted by the 2016 Council increase clubs' flexibility in meetings and membership categories, they don't permit clubs to deviate from Rotary's essential elements:

- ◆ We are still business, professional, and community leaders. Our qualifications for membership have not changed.
- ◆ The Object of Rotary, our basic tenets, have not changed.
- ◆ Our essence statement — join leaders, exchange ideas, and take action — have not changed.
- ◆ Our values of fellowship, integrity, diversity, service, and leadership have not changed.
- ◆ The Four-Way Test, one of our most important distinguishing features, has not changed.

The changes the Council did make are not a threat to the quality of Rotary's membership. Instead, they empower clubs to adapt to a changing environment to remain relevant in our second century of service.

When do these changes take effect?

Changes take effect 1 July 2016.

Now is the time to begin discussing what changes, if any, your club might pursue to make them more relevant to current members and the business, professional, and community leaders you seek to attract.

Calling Young Leaders to Winnipeg!

A very special Young Rotary Leaders Forum will be part of the 2016 Zone 24-32 Institute in Winnipeg

Who should attend:

Youth leaders aged 17 or older who have a "heart for service" and would like to learn alongside Rotary Leaders. Discussions will focus on human rights learning and discovery, but also will be a forum for designing a new era of Rotary global human rights leadership in our Zones. The event will include inspiring encounters with human rights issues through speakers, workshops and tours of the newly opened, world class, Canadian Museum for Human Rights. Delegates will be immersed in interactive experiences that offer both the inspiration and tools to make a difference in the lives of others.

What you will do:

- ◆ **Meet Mitty Chang**, web designer, former Rotaractor and Rotarian from Silicon Valley. Mitty has a passion for growing Rotary and service; prepare to have fun and be inspired.
- ◆ **Visit the new Canadian Museum for Human Rights** and explore complex human rights issues from multiple perspectives. Attendees will be immersed in a multisensory experience: The visit will conclude with a reception and dinner at the Museum and an opportunity to meet with the leaders who made the museum a reality. Prepare to be amazed.
- ◆ **Hear RI President John Germ and Dr. Cindy Blackstock** at the Rotary Club of Winnipeg. Cindy pursued a successful human rights complaint, alleging that the government of Canada consistently underfunds child welfare on First Nation reserves.
- ◆ **Meet Rotary Leaders from your District and Mpho Tutu** Founder and Executive Director of the Tutu Institute for Prayer and Pilgrimage. Rev. Tutu recently coauthored the book, *Made for Goodness*, with her father, Archbishop Desmond Tutu. Rev. Tutu's life work has focused on her commitment as a global citizen.
- ◆ **Join leaders to collaborate, connect and form a network** of passionate "heart for service" young professional leaders; learn how together we can strengthen Rotary and "do good in the world!"



Mitty Chang



John Germ



Cindy Blackstock



Mpho Tutu

Register now!

Who: Youth leaders aged 17 and older

Dates: September 30-October 1, 2016

Register at this link: \$300

Accommodations: \$250 (shared room)

[Humphrey Hotel](#)

You may be eligible for a scholarship through The Rotary Foundation's District Grant funding. Check with your District's Scholarship Chair or District Grant Coordinator to see if these scholarships are available in your District.

FMI: Jackie Hobal, Zone 24W Rotary Coordinator, jackiehobal@gmail.com

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GLOBAL GRANT PROJECT

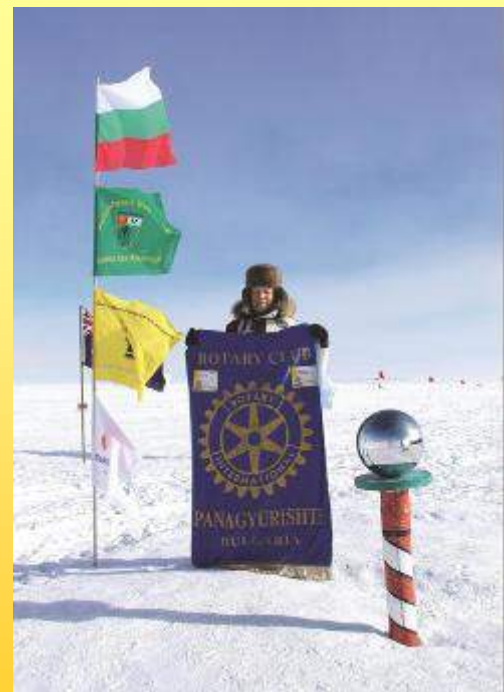


Rotary members in Korea are teaching farming and business skills to students with learning disabilities. Learn their story: <http://on.rotary.org/1NqSrP6>



Rotary unites more than a million great minds around a shared purpose. We embrace our responsibility to transform the communities in which we live — in every corner of the globe. Together, there's no limit to the good we can do.

Join us: <http://on.rotary.org/RotaryJoin>



Lachezar Tsotsorkov of Bulgaria has visited the North and South Pole. Both times he raised the flag of his Rotary club. Where have you taken your Rotary flag?



Photo Credit: Rotary Club of Thomasville

ROTARY FELLOWSHIP ACES FIRST TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP HELD IN THE U.S.

Eugene McNease had competed in world championship tournaments of the International Tennis Fellowship of Rotarians in such illustrious cities as Vienna; Barcelona, Spain; and Salerno, Italy. So he felt a bit brash when he proposed that the first one in the United States be held in Thomasville, Ga.,

population 18,700. But the retired Social Security Administration executive and self-appointed ambassador for Rotary loves the charm of his historic hometown, and he was convinced the friends he had made in the fellowship would appreciate the city as he does and enjoy its Southern hospitality.

As it turned out, he knew his friends well.

"I love the place. I want to live here," says Daniela Macias, a member of the Rotary Club of Quitilipi, Argentina, who attended the weeklong tournament last August with her 13-year-old son, Mariano.

The 44 competitors had traveled from nine countries, including Italy, Romania, and Paraguay, and from U.S. states as far away as Connecticut. They arrived to play tennis, but they came as much for the fellowship and camaraderie.

"Where else in Rotary can you spend an entire week with other Rotarians from around the world and make friends whom you see year after year?" says McNease, the tennis fellowship's vice chairman. "Even the international conventions are only five days." When the day's matches were finished, the players and their family members remained courtside late into the evenings, playing tennis pickup games with gusto and laughing and enjoying one another's company.

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Young Leaders "Renew and Discover" Rotary

By Drew Kessler
Zone 32 Assistant Rotary Coordinator

A "5 & 5 Young Professionals Summit" for Districts 7210, 7230, and 7255 will take place this August at Bear Mountain, NY. The summit is the result of a grant that was offered to District and club-level leadership in our Zones to receive up to \$15,000 from Rotary International to host a young professionals summit this calendar year.

These funds resulted from a generous gift by an American donor to either **Renew Rotary** for young leaders who already know Rotary or **Discover Rotary** for young leaders who aren't familiar with Rotary. A total of 150 grant applications were submitted for programs featuring young professionals and Rotary, of which 19 grants were approved for funding. Only one was approved in our two Zones, and this is it!

The goal of the 5 & 5 Young Professionals Summit is to understand how Rotary International can become more relevant to young professionals, and how Rotary needs to evolve to continue to attract members of all ages and demographic groups. We are looking for eager, motivated people with a true sense of "Service Above Self" who are ready to "throw away the book" and



work together to improve their community and the world through Rotary.

The weekend promises an action-packed agenda. Participants will network with one another and with leadership of the sponsoring Districts, participate in a service project, enjoy the surrounding countryside of Bear Mountain with outdoor activities, and participate in a program to hone their leadership skills. This training is designed to help attendees work more effectively with others. The overall goal of the weekend, however, is to help provide the insights Rotary needs to continue and thrive.

Each of the three participating Districts will be represented by ten young

professionals (aged 25-40): five will be Rotarians, and five will be non-Rotarians/Rotaractors. Rotary clubs will endorse the Rotarians who apply for the event, and each sponsored Rotarian will, in turn, recommend a non-Rotarian friend or colleague to participate in the event. Final selection of participants and the planning of the summit are being handled by a committee made up of two representatives from each District involved in the program. The budget is \$550 per attendee, but each participant is personally responsible for only \$50. The remaining \$500 will be paid out of the grant.

Leadership in the three Districts involved are extremely excited about the program and look forward to presenting the results at our upcoming Zone Institute in Winnipeg. Look for a breakout session covering this program as well as other successful Young Professional Summits that have occurred throughout North America.

If you are interested in learning more, or how your club or District could put on a similar event, please contact me at dkessler@mtb.com.

FORM A ROTARY FELLOWSHIP

Rotary Fellowships are independent groups of Rotarians, family members, program participants and alumni who share a common passion. Being part of a fellowship is a fun way to make friends from around the world.

WHAT FELLOWSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE?

Fellowship activities vary widely. Members come together around hobbies or interests such as cricket or jazz, or vocations such as writing or medicine. Some groups are purely social while others use their fellowship for service projects.

[View a list of Rotary Fellowships.](#)

HOW DO I JOIN A FELLOWSHIP?

You can also contact a fellowship directly by using the information listed in the [Rotary Fellowships directory](#). Or search our [discussion groups](#) to find Rotary and Rotaract members with similar interests.

HOW DO I START A FELLOWSHIP?

Chances are if you have a strong interest in something, there are others in the Rotary family who share it. Forming a fellowship starts with finding members for your group. Here's how you can start:

[Join a discussion group](#) or start a new one. It's a great way to share your interest with other members.

Use Rotary's presence on Facebook, Twitter and [LinkedIn](#) to promote your idea.

Ask your district Rotary Fellowships chair for assistance. Reach out to district Rotary Fellowships chairs in other countries to build membership. Ask for contact information at rotaryfellowships@rotary.org.

Be sure you meet the criteria for a fellowship and apply for official recognition. See the [Rotary Fellowships Handbook](#) for details.

RESOURCES & REFERENCE

[Rotary Fellowships Handbook](#)

[Rotary Fellowships flier](#)

[Rotary Fellowships directory](#)

[Rotary Fellowships Annual Report](#)

[Rotary Fellowships PowerPoint](#)

TOOLS

Check our [discussion groups](#)

The official Rotary Fellowships:

- ♦ 4X4 Vehicles
- ♦ Amateur Radio Antique,
- ♦ Classic and Historic Automobiles
- ♦ Authors and Writers Beer
- ♦ Bird Watching
- ♦ Canoeing
- ♦ Caravanning
- ♦ Chess
- ♦ Computer Users
- ♦ Convention Goers
- ♦ Cooking
- ♦ Corporate Social Responsibility
- ♦ Cricket
- ♦ Cruising
- ♦ Curling
- ♦ Cycling
- ♦ Doctors
- ♦ Latin Culture
- ♦ Lawyers
- ♦ Magicians
- ♦ Magna Graecia
- ♦ Marathon Running
- ♦ Motorcycling
- ♦ Music
- ♦ Old and Rare Books
- ♦ Past District Governors
- ♦ Photography
- ♦ Police and Law Enforcement Professionals
- ♦ Pre-Columbian Civilizations
- ♦ Quilters and Fiber Artists
- ♦ Railroads
- ♦ Recreational Vehicles
- ♦ Rotary Global History (Internet Project)
- ♦ Rotary Heritage and History
- ♦ Rotary Means Business
- ♦ Rotary on Stamps
- ♦ Rowing
- ♦ Scouting
- ♦ Scuba Diving
- ♦ Singles
- ♦ Skiing
- ♦ Social Networks
- ♦ Tennis
- ♦ Total Quality Management
- ♦ Travel and Hosting
- ♦ Wellness and Fitness
- ♦ Wine

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Rotary Fellowships are groups of Rotary members who

- *Share a common interest in recreational activities, sports, hobbies, or professions*
- *Further their vocational development with others in the same profession or field*
- *Enhance their Rotary experience by exploring new opportunities and making connections around the world*

Each fellowship functions independently of Rotary International, establishing its own rules, dues requirements, and administrative structure .

- *Membership is open to Rotarians, their family members as well as participants and alumni of all Rotary and Foundation programs.*
- *Fellowships must have an international scope, with active members in at least three countries*

Fellowships:

- *Enable Rotarians to make lasting friendships outside their own club, district, or country*
- *Contribute to the advancement of Rotary's public image and identity .*

Flying high with Rotary Fellowships

By Michael Graves, member of the Rotary Club of Plainview, Texas, USA, past district governor, and world president of the International Fellowship of Flying Rotarians



The author on a cross-country flight to Texas.

In the summer of 1990, while I was in Washington and Oregon with my young family, I made some new friends, members of the International Fellowship of Flying Rotarians, who became an extended family to me.

These Rotary members who shared a passion for flying inspired me to realize some of my own personal dreams and make family flights to Barrow, Alaska, and Guayaquil, Ecuador. Ocean-crossings followed, first to France, later to New Zealand, and then Australia.

Adventures with fellow Rotary members in Europe and Africa and Asia came to be recorded in my logbooks.

Weeks before Christmas in 1990, I lent aviation support to my district's service projects within the Sierra Madre Occidental mountain range in western Mexico. We landed on a dirt strip 7,500 feet above sea level with a plane loaded with Christmas presents. Father Luis VerPlanchen accepted the gifts for the Native American Tarahumara children in Creel, Chihuahua, and proudly showed us the clinic, hospital, and church he had built.

The hospital had a broken X-ray generator which my mentor Ted Holder figured we could replace. Two months later, we again landed on that mountaintop runway, delivering the equipment that restored diagnostic radiology to Creel. En route to that stop, we landed on a grass runway in Madera to greet dedicated Rotarians and offer them some used defibrillators we had been given when we purchased the radiology equipment.

I received a letter from the president of the Madera Rotary Club six weeks later explaining that thanks to our gift, two of seven patients carried into the local hospitals



From left: Karen Hicks of Texas, Tilo Holighaus of Germany, Michael Graves of Texas, and Bob Mercier of Alaska, members of the International Fellowship of Flying Rotarians.

with no pulse had been able to walk out. The letter affirmed the rewards of service that we who share Rotary and aviation can offer.

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR, ROTARY VOICES:

This post first appeared on the Rotary Service Connections blog in honor of Rotary Fellowships Month. Learn more about Rotary Fellowships and the International Fellowship of Flying Rotarians.

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Building a better tomorrow for youth of Kenya



The author with Kenyan students and their teacher in front of the new bathrooms provided by Rotary.

By Sarah Rolfing

No matter how many times I visit the slum in Nairobi or the poverty-stricken schools in the outskirts of the city, I'm not prepared for the feeling of despair that follows. Basic human rights, such as educational opportunity and access to healthcare, are constantly upended by poverty in many regions of Kenya. Children are often the most vulnerable, and the impact on education and the advancement of society is significant.

Lack of resources should not compromise the right to education, particularly in a society that has considerable disparities in wealth. Since 2013, the Rotary Club of Sumner, Washington, USA, has partnered with low-income schools in Southern

Kenya to provide bathroom facilities for students with special needs. Lack of basic sanitation at schools across the region is common, negatively impacting health, hygiene, and attendance. Poor health makes education an afterthought, and Rotary's investment in creating healthy environments for students in Kenya is impacting thousands on a daily basis.

In April, my husband and I visited two primary schools that received Rotary funding for new latrines. In one school, 1,800 children shared 32 dilapidated pit latrines. The other school is home to 1,251 children who shared eight pit latrines. The smell of the facilities is overpowering and doors hang off hinges with sewage overflowing. Outhouses at a campground are luxurious by comparison, and the poor sanitation exposes the children to an array of ailments. Two bathroom breaks per day makes the rush to use the facilities a competition.

While we observed the students waiting for latrines, we noticed 56 children at the end of the line. These are students with special needs, who struggle to physically approach the latrine or do not have the ability to use it without adult assistance. Their disabilities range from physical handicaps to dyslexia to downs-syndrome. Such children are considered the margin of the marginalized in Kenya, as physical handicaps and developmental learning issues are difficult to accommodate in poverty-stricken schools.

After finally making it to the latrines, Maria, who suffers from an illness that has left her without the use of her legs, crawls into the stall through the feces covering the floor. There are no teachers to help her with her ordeal.

Thanks to Rotary's support, simple to build bathroom facilities have given special needs students like Maria, and hundreds more to follow, a healthier learning environment and an opportunity to succeed.

"Seemingly simple ideas like providing clean water, sanitation, and education can transform community health in developing nations."

By

COURTNEY LAWRENCE,
Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar
2009-10;

KATHERINE GRENNIER,
Rotary Peace Fellow 2016; and

HERMES HUANG,
Rotary Scholar, 2014-15

MAY 2016

From the coastline of Costa Rica, to the sidewalks of Bangkok, to the jungles of Indonesia, we have been supported as individuals by The Rotary Foundation to make this world a better place; one where service comes before self. As a team of Rotary alumni, we have been able to pull together in pursuit of empowering grassroots social innovators around the world.

The three Rotary programs that have supported us: Courtney's Ambassadorial Scholarship at the University for Peace in Costa Rica; Hermes' global grant supported scholarship at Chulalongkorn University in Thailand; and Katy's Rotary Peace Fellowship at the Rotary Peace Center at Chulalongkorn University in Thailand; have been critical experiences in defining our work and the experiences that we create for our participants at Designing for Social Innovation & Leadership (DSIL) Global.

At DSIL Global, we train social entrepreneurs from around the world using a combination of design tools, leadership development, and business frameworks. Above all of this, we weave in themes found when peace and conflict studies, sustainable management, and international development intersect; all skill that we developed as Rotary scholars and fellows.

Our lives would not be the same without the support of our clubs back home, our host communities, and the support of The Rotary Foundation.

In all three of our Rotary programs, we were

Alumni of three Rotary programs unite to advance 'Service Above Self'



The three Rotary alumni and DSIL Global participants at the Zero Baht Shop, a domestic migrant community that has developed a recycling program that funds insurance and social support programs for the community.

encouraged to develop a network with local Rotary members who supported and mentored us through our times as Rotary scholars. They were there when we got sick or needed advice on the local bureaucracy. They provided a community for us to engage in service to better the places we lived and help the people we worked with. All three of our programs involve exchanging ideas and experience across diverse perspectives. We shared with and learned from scholars, fellows, and practitioners from over 80 countries. This would not have been possible without the support of Rotary and the global community of Rotarians, alumni, and support personnel.

Today, as friends and colleagues, we are using our experiences to continue finding innovation in daily dialogue and shared experiences. In partnership with the University for Peace, we select people who are ready to make a positive impact in their communities and bring them together to accelerate that impact. In the process, we are developing a global network of innovators who can lean on each other. Five times this year we will be facilitating our DSIL programs to bring grassroots innovators together in

conversation and fellowship in a creative environment to seek solutions to challenges facing Southeast Asia.

Our lives would not be the same without the support of our clubs back home, our host communities, and the support of Rotary. We're looking forward to working with more Rotary alumni in the future to create an even greater impact. Rotary is empowering people to change the world, and we're excited to be a part of it. We're looking forward to providing new ways for Rotary members to apply Service Above Self, and we can't wait to bring DSIL Global to a community near you.

- Learn more about **Rotary Peace fellowships** and **global grant scholarships**

- Read more about the work of these Rotary Alumni at **Designing for Leadership & Innovation Global**



Katherine Grennier leads a session for global social impact entrepreneurs in Manila.



Superwoman (True Picture)
The Secret of PDG Sean Hogan's Strength



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(True Picture) **Superwomen**
The Secret of their Strength

Rotary International Convention

How much do you know about Rotary Conventions?

Q1. The first Rotary Convention was held in Chicago in what year?

- ☐ 1905
- ☐ 1910
- ☐ 1911

Q2. 2016 is the second time the Rotary Convention is in Korea. When was the first time?

- ☐ 1959
- ☐ 1989
- ☐ 1999

Q3. The first convention outside the United States was held where?

- ☐ Winnipeg, Canada
- ☐ Edinburgh, Scotland
- ☐ Mexico City, Mexico

Q4. More than 45,000 people attended this convention in 2004 -- the highest attendance ever. Where was this convention?

- ☐ Taipei, Taiwan
- ☐ Osaka Japan
- ☐ Chicago, IN, USA

Q5. How many times has the convention been held in Brazil?

- ☐ 1
- ☐ 2
- ☐ 3

Q6. Olympic track and field star Jesse Owens spoke at which convention?

- ☐ 1975 Montreal, QC, Canada
- ☐ 1987 Munich, Germany
- ☐ 1962 Los Angeles, CA, USA

Q7. At which convention did Arch Klumph share his vision for an endowment fund, which resulted in the creation of The Rotary Foundation?

- ☐ 1916 in Cincinnati, Ohio, USA
- ☐ 1915 in San Francisco, Ca, USA
- ☐ 1971 in Atlanta, Georgia, USA

Q8. At which convention was soccer star Pele presented with a Paul Harris Fellow recognition?

- ☐ 1979 Rome Italy
- ☐ 1981 Sao Paulo, Brazil
- ☐ 1984 Birmingham, England

Q9. Rotary members and friends set a Guinness World Record at which convention?

- ☐ 1994 Taipei, Taiwan
- ☐ 2004 Osaka, Japan
- ☐ 2014 Sydney, Australia

Q10. Albert Sabin, developer of the oral polio vaccine, spoke at which two Rotary conventions?

- ☐ 1979 and 1980
- ☐ 1980 and 1985
- ☐ 1985 and 1988

Q11. The first commemorative postage stamp honoring Rotary was made for which convention?

- ☐ 1931 Vienna, Austria
- ☐ 1924 Toronto, Canada
- ☐ 1917 Atlanta, Georgia, USA

Answers for this quiz are published in this issue of the Peace Arch Journal. Before you look for the answers, try this quiz yourself and test your knowledge of Rotary Conventions.

The maximum score is 11 out of 11.

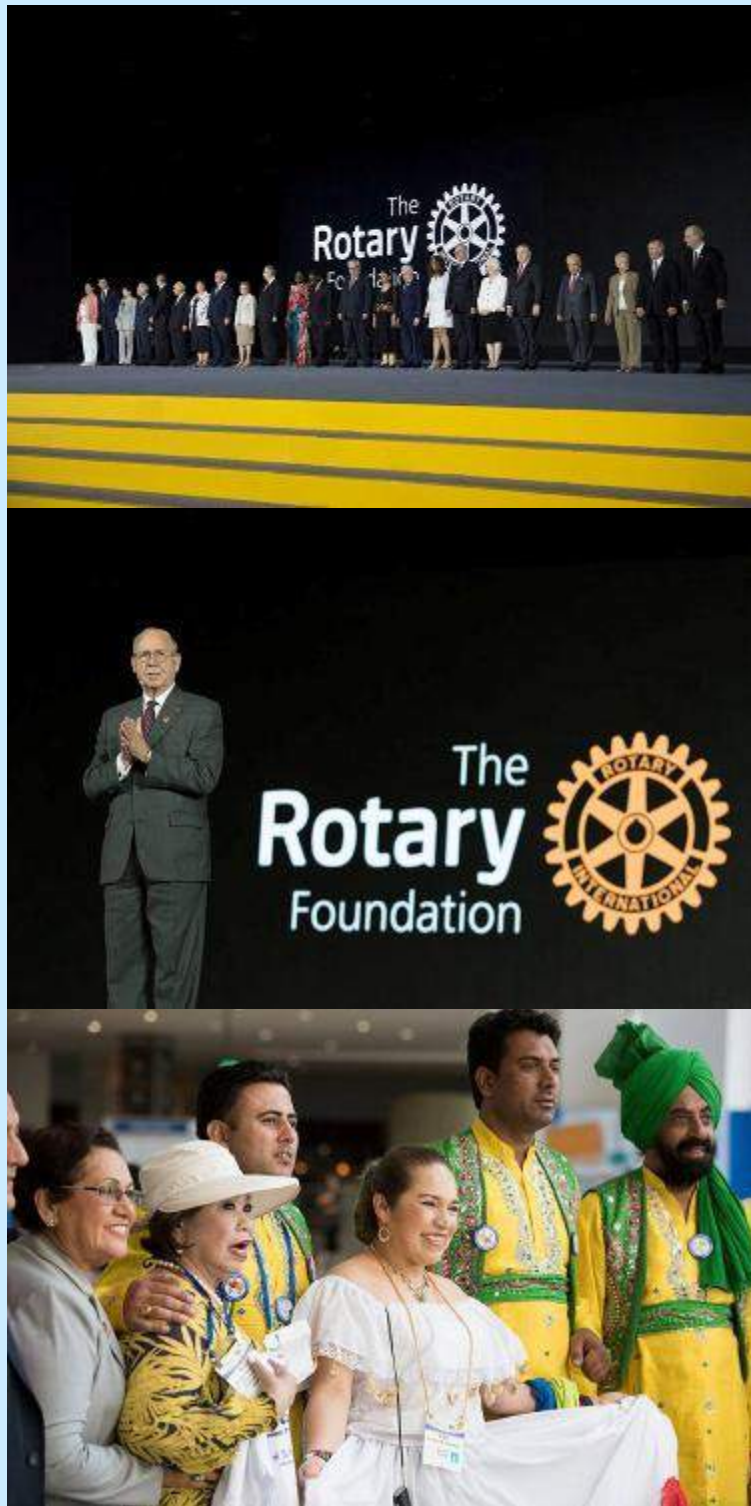
If you do this test on line, you will also get further explanations regarding the answer.

Whether your answer is right or not, it will be a learning experience.

After all, Rotary is a giant learning machine.

[CLICK HERE TO TAKE THE QUIZ ONLINE](#)

GOOD LUCK



ANSWERS TO THE QUIZ

- Q.1 1910
- Q.2 1989
- Q.3. Edinburgh, Scotland (1921)
- Q.4. Osaka, Japan (45,381)
- Q.5. 3 (1948, 1981, 2015)
- Q.6. Montreal, Canada (1975)
- Q.7. 1917 Atlanta, Georgia, USA
- Q.8. 1981 Sao Paulo, Brazil
- Q.9. Sydney, Australia (219 flags of countries in the world was displayed on the Sydney Harbour Bridge)
- Q.10. 1980 and 1985
- Q.11 1931 Vienna Austria



Rotarian George Bessler traveled to India to assist with polio immunizations.

Rotarian visits India to assist with polio immunizations

By TIFFANY RAZZANO | Article published on Tuesday, April 26, 2016

SEMINOLE, FL, USA – For years, Rotarian George Bessler financially supported Rotary International's program to eradicate polio around the world.

This year the Rotary Club of Seminole Lake member and retired Seminole fire chief decided to take his support a step further. In February, he traveled to India for a week to assist the program in any way he could, including by administering immunizations.

"Like most Rotarians, I did not just want to be involved putting money toward projects; I also wanted to be physically involved," Bessler said. "It's one thing to get involved with donations.

But this kind of trip put the whole thing in perspective. Not only do

you want to donate your money, but you also want to understand where your money is going."

"There is a challenge in those countries," Bessler said. "Some places are very isolated. Sometimes there are certain areas where healthcare providers are put in harm's way."

Bessler has been on international health missions before, traveling to Peru to work with children with cleft palates. This was his first immunization mission, though.

He left Feb. 19 and flew into New Delhi, India, staying just outside the city. While there, he worked with a local health clinic, as well as two settlement-run hospitals – one for kids, one for adults.

"I've never been to India, but I found it very hospitable. I worked with what they call nurse sisters. Nurses at the hospitals are just as nice as could be," he said.

He was touched by the families – many of them walking several hours to get to the facilities – who showed up for immunizations.

"They understand how important it is," he said.

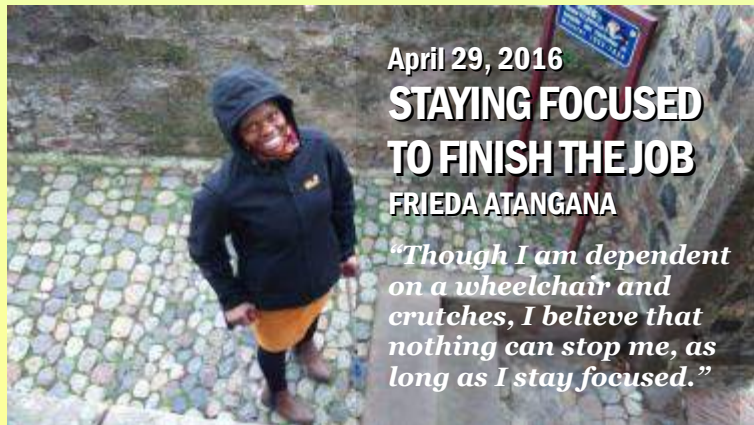
Now that polio is eradicated in India, the next step there is to focus on individuals who already have it, Bessler said. One of the doctors he worked with during his trip plans to provide surgeries and prosthetics for those living with polio to help make their lives more manageable.

"What you hear about is the process to eradicate polio," Bessler said. "What you don't hear about are those who have it. It's so devastating for children and their families."

While in India, he also met with Habitat for Humanity there. The organization plans to educate 1 million people and build 1,000 toilet blocks – primitive toilets – to help reduce the spread of polio. Many young children in the country don't have diapers or access to bathroom facilities, Bessler said, and they run the risk of spreading polio and other diseases. He hopes to bring a group from the Rotary Club of Seminole Lake to India within the next year to help build some of these toilet blocks.

Those interested in donating to the project can contact Bessler at atgbessler@elfr.org.

For more information about the organization, visit seminolelakerotary.org.



I was born in Cameroon, West Africa. When I was less than a year old, I got polio.

To give my sister and I a better life, my mother decided to leave Cameroon. She traveled to Germany to attend nursing school and returned six years later to bring my sister and I with her. She wanted me to receive medical treatment in Germany.

To this day, I remember the day when my mother picked me at the Frankfurt airport. My mother put all her love, energy and money into giving me a better life. She took me to a hospital to see several doctors. I was able to receive the care that I needed.

A friend of my mother's told her about a school in our city where children with and without handicaps went to school together. I was so excited to attend school. I am proud to say that I graduated high school and university. I am currently studying to receive a PhD.

While I attended university, I was elected as the lead advisor for students with disabilities and worked with the student council on fundraising events for local charities. During my years in school, I have tried to help other students understand their rights. The experiences I had taught me to never give up on your dreams and I want others to realize that as well. Though I am dependent on a wheelchair and crutches, I believe that nothing can stop me, as long as I stay focused.

I am happy to take part in the fight against polio. One of my dreams is to see polio eradicated completely. I believe Rotary will help us get there as long as we stay focused on finishing the job.

Life-giving water in Ghana



BY THERESA OSEI TUTU
a member of the Rotary Club of
Accra-Airport, Ghana

Theresa Osei Tutu is chair of the Ghana National PolioPlus committee and a past district governor. She is a member of the RI/USAID Water and Sanitation Host Committee in charge of training.

"We are excited about this project and the opportunity to be a gift to the world!"

Global Communities covered Behavior Change Communication (BCC) Strategy which includes the need to maximize the benefits of wash interventions by making them sustainable.

This includes encouraging proper hygiene habits at home and improving the supply of clean water and sanitation in communities, schools, and health facilities. They talked about educating community members to wash their hands with soap before eating and after using the toilet, and giving instructions on safe collection and storage of drinking water.

The Community Water and Sanitation Agency plays the role of providing basic WASH services to rural communities, small towns, and institutions. The agency integrates hygiene education with water and sanitation improvements including: hand-dug wells fitted with hand pumps, boreholes fitted with hand pumps, spring development, rain harvesting, and mechanized water systems.

In this project, Rotarians are the legs, hands, eyes, and noses, monitoring the work of the implementing partners to ensure that every single dollar is well-spent. Rotary members will be involved in confirming the needs of the communities selected for improvements, and selecting local contractors to do the work. Rotary members will make at least six trips to each of the 150 communities over the next four years, and report on the progress on a timely basis to the local host committee.

There are many challenges to WASH in Ghana such as:

- Insufficient funding for WASH in the national budget
- Inequitable resources for teaching people about good hygiene compared to other areas such as proper disposal of garbage
- Weak accountability
- Institutional fragmentation

The advocacy team set up by the Rotary host committee at the seminar will work to:

Increase funding for WASH services in the 13 Municipal and District Assemblies (MDAs) by 2020

Serve as liaisons between WASH partners and stakeholders in the 13 MDAs to coordinate five yearly national planning meetings

Bring together donors, service providers, and community members to promote participation, transparency, and accountability

Rotary members have so much to gain from the project and so much to learn in interacting with women, children, and leaders in the communities. Knowing that we are contributing to eliminating open defecation, providing safe drinking water, and raising the dignity of Ghanaians brings us much meaning and fulfillment.

Sustainability Matters

From the May 2016 issue of The Rotarian

In 2014-15, The Rotary Foundation provided \$20 million in global grants supporting water and sanitation, more than any other area of focus. If your club or district was involved, or if you would like to become involved, check out the Water and Sanitation Rotarian Action Group's World Water Summit, which will be held 27 May before the Rotary International Convention in Korea from 28 May to 1 June.

This year's theme is "Sustainable Strategies – Sustainable Solutions: Bringing Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene to a Changing World." Six major speakers will address attendees about topics such as the history of sustainability (Vanessa Tobin, director of WASH, Catholic Relief Services); what Rotary should do to ensure sustainability (Harold Lockwood, director of Aguaconsult); and the sustainability of WASH financing (Gary White, co-



founder of Water.org). Between keynotes, attendees can attend smaller breakout sessions with panels discussing different facets of sustainability.

RI President K.R. Ravindran also will speak, and staff from The Rotary

Foundation will provide an update.

This is the eighth summit held by the group. Previous themes have included WASH (Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene) in Schools and effective collaboration.

Rotaract Outstanding Project Award Recognizes Innovative Programs



Members of the Rotaract Club of Bugolobi, Uganda, participate in their annual 1000 Smiles project, which has been recognized as the 2016 Rotaract Outstanding Project Award winner.

Photo Credit: Photo courtesy of The Rotaract Club of Bugolobi

Though they were a long way from home, members of the Rotaract Club of Bugolobi, Uganda, felt confident they could tackle problems in rural Kanabulemu during their annual 1000 Smiles project.

Their original plan focused on curtailing the spread of HIV/AIDS. It's in the Rakai District, where the first case of AIDS in Uganda was uncovered in 1982 and about 12 percent of the population has been infected with HIV in recent years. But the Rotaractors discovered that problems in the village extended far beyond the disease.

"The community lacked water, the school was in a sorry state, and the medical center was in an even sorrier state, especially the maternity ward," says Anita Munkudane, president of the Bugolobi club. "The condition was worse than we had imagined."

The Rotaractors still weren't prepared for what they found when they launched the project with the Uganda Health Marketing Group. They expected to treat 700 at the medical camp in Kanabulemu. More than 1,000 patients came.

Volunteers, including Rotaractors from other clubs and members of the club's sponsor, the Rotary Club of Bugolobi, provided comprehensive medical exams, dental screenings, medication, birth control, and more. And the troubled maternity ward? It got new mattresses to make childbirth more comfortable.

They presented benches and desks to the Keyebe Primary School and school supplies and uniforms to its pupils, many of whom are orphans. The team also helped install a borehole to bring much-needed water to the village.

For all of its exemplary work on the 1000 Smiles Kanabulemu Edition project, the Rotaract Club of Bugolobi was named the International Winner of the Rotaract Outstanding Project Award. Members will be honored at the Korea convention in June and will receive \$500 to apply to a future project. The club will use it to help women suffering from fistula, says Munkudane.

By David Sweet | *Rotary News* | 13-May-2016

REGIONAL WINNERS

Rotaract Outstanding Project Awards recognized other clubs for projects -- one in each of six regions and an international multidistrict project -- for their excellent humanitarian work.

International multidistrict project: Twelve Rotaract clubs from five districts in Turkey and Russia for the Just Like You With an (+1) Extra! project. Members collaborated with the Down Syndrome Association to organize training for children and adults with Down syndrome. Participants learned how to apply effective communication and cooperation strategies to improve their daily lives and hone job skills.

Asia Pacific:

The Rotaract Club of Metro Cebu-CIT Chapter in the Philippines for Project WASHed-UP, which transformed the lives of kids at Tagatay Elementary School in a remote area in the Philippines. Club members constructed a tank to safely store rainwater, taught the importance of hygiene and sanitation, and treated students who had skin infections and intestinal parasites.

South Asia:

The Rotaract Club of The Caduceus in Maharashtra, India, for the Jana Swasthya Project. Members established a digital disease surveillance system to study epidemiological trends. Harnessing the power of mobile technology, they replaced a paper data-tracking system, allowing government officials and experts to access live data with a few clicks.

Europe, Middle East, Central Asia:

The Rotaract Club of Istanbul-Dolmabahçe in Turkey for Still Child! Rotaractors organized conferences in rural areas, where local experts, psychologists, and doctors educated residents about how underage girls who are married are, statistically, undereducated and prone to medical and psychological problems.

Sub-Saharan Africa:

The Rotaract Club of Lagune de Cotonou in Benin for Notre Bibliotheque. Rotaractors and Rotary members converted an abandoned building into a library for the nearly 400 children who attend Zogbadjè Primary Public School. Not only did Rotaractors design, fundraise, and implement construction plans, they stocked the new library with more than 500 books.

Latin America:

The Rotaract Club of Nova Geração Itabaiana in Brazil for Projeto Sergipe. Rotaractors enrolled 100 students in literacy and professional development courses. The club developed a network of community partners and volunteers that donated meeting space for classes and lectures, developed training based on volunteers' professional expertise, and distributed educational materials and resources to students.

United States, Canada, and Caribbean:

The Rotaract Club of Birmingham, Alabama, USA, for Ready 2 Succeed. The project matches high school juniors and seniors with Rotaract mentors to better prepare students for college. Over 75 percent of the program's participants, many first-generation college students, have enrolled in college programs.



Minda laughs as she administers the oral polio vaccine to an infant in India. (Picture by Amit Samanta)

Part 5 of our "World Immunization Week"

Meet The Woman Fighting To Eradicate The Disease That Injured Her As A Baby

MEET MINDA DENTLER: an international advocate for polio eradication through the use of vaccines. Her work is personal. She was injured by the disease during infancy in India before she was adopted by her American parents. She survived, but polio took away her ability to walk. Her disability has brought her plenty of adversity in life, but she always finds the strength to overcome each challenge.

Minda wasn't an athlete as a child, instead preferring to play games with her siblings and play piano. That changed 10 years ago when she got involved with Achilles International, an organization that makes athletic competitions accessible to people with disabilities.

She first began racing using a hand-cycle. She then set her sights on competing in a triathlon, but there was one problem: she didn't know how to swim. It was a considerable challenge, but she learned. Overcoming that obstacle allowed her to take on the challenge of competing against others, and she has now competed in several events in the US and even in Europe.

The perseverance that serves her so well in training for triathlons is the same passion and commitment she brings to raising awareness about polio eradication.

Though she had long been familiar with Rotary International's efforts to eradicate polio, she officially

became a survivor ambassador in 2014, leading her to do numerous speaking engagements in the US and then travel to India to administer the vaccine. There's a certain level of poetry in that, as she was able to personally give children the drops, ensuring that they would never contract the disease that paralyzed her when she was their age.

During this trip, she also visited patients in the polio ward at St. Stephen's Hospital in Delhi. It was there that she met a survivor named Parveen who made Minda understand some key truths about her own life.

"Here she was, the same age as me, but we are living very different lives," Minda told A Plus. "I was adopted and catapulted into a life of privilege. At age 37, Parveen is illiterate, without resources and has been a burden on her family. I do not want to see other children become victims of polio and suffer the lifelong effects of a preventable disease."

Thanks to the dedication of advocates like Minda and volunteers at Rotary, the disease that was endemic to 125 countries 30 years ago is now in only 2 countries, with eradication on the horizon.

"I am very excited about the success of India being polio-free for almost 5 years. It just goes to show you that with well-executed strategies, political and community commitment and funding — what is truly possible," she said. "Who would have guessed that a country that once had the highest number of polio cases worldwide could become polio free?"

Minda has led such an incredible, inspirational life, but she sees her greatest achievement as raising her 15-month-old daughter. Though navigating New York City with a toddler on her lap in her wheelchair can be logistically difficult, motherhood has been nothing but a blessing.

"She fills me with so much pride and joy. I don't have any memories of life before I came to America or even pictures, so I relish experiencing and capturing my daughter's milestones," she explains. "As someone who doesn't have use of her legs, I am enjoying watching her learn how to walk and I will be excited to see her run."

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Check out our entire World Immunization Week series:

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End of polio “Greatest Achievement”, says Rotary

International philanthropic group Rotary, among major funders of polio immunisation around the world, says eradicating polio this year will be its greatest achievement.

In a message at the 7th conference of Rotary's district 9125 in Abuja, Rotary president Ravi Ravindran said, "We hope and believe that in this year, the world will see its last case of this terrible disease."

Nigeria recorded its last case on 24 July 2014 and must go three years without a new infection

before it is certified polio free.

Ravindran said the milestone that's brought the end of polio in sight doesn't "mean we have reached the end of our work", insisting eradicating the virus is tied to Rotary's future.

"Three years must pass before the world can be certified polio free. During that time we must continue to immunise children, continue to monitor the environment for signs of the virus, and keep awareness high.

In these most critical days, every one of us has a role to play in



Mother and son enjoy a game of chess as part of the Rotary Club of Point Fortin project.

Winning Big with Chess and Rotary

By Jo-Anne Nina Sewlal, a member of the Rotary Club of Point Fortin, Trinidad, West Indies

I have always had an interest in chess. So I was thrilled when Raymond Aaron, project coordinator of the “Chess in Schools” project and a past president of my Rotary club, invited me to be on the project committee. Our project is introducing primary and secondary school children to the game of chess.

When I joined Rotary in January, it was a life changing experience for me. I come from a background in academia, which can be quite isolating, no matter how hard you try for it not to be. So joining my Rotary club helped me get reconnected to my community.

My family has lived in Point Fortin for three generations. It's an hour's drive from Trinidad's other large city, San Fernando. The journey is made even longer by the poor condition of the roads caused by a relatively constant stream of heavy trucks and machinery to and from the industries in the southwestern peninsula. As a child and teenager, I spent many hours in San Fernando, pursuing dance, art, and music.

So it's satisfying to know I am giving back to my community, and helping children enjoy an activity like chess much closer to home.

As an academic, I loved this project for many reasons. Chess helps students with fundamental subjects like Math and English. It also helps them recognize patterns, and develop critical social skills like respect for authority, rule following, and sportsmanship. But most importantly it develops a child's critical thinking ability, a skill that will serve them in all aspects of life.

The project made use of skills and experiences I learned by serving on various committees, conferences, and outreach programs. I am also a trained graphic artist and editor, which came in handy when we launched the Point Fortin Chess Club and

designed T-shirts, brochures, flyers, and newsletters. We have a presence on social media and are developing a website.

We were fortunate to work with David Martin the founder of the Grant Memorial Presbyterian School Chess Club, who is serving as a trainer along with Carlyle Singh and Edison Raphael of the Trinidad and Tobago Chess Foundation. We are also collaborating with the local Rotaract club where some members have served as trainers. We also hope to involve members of our recently formed Interact club, which meets at the same school as the chess club.

We hope to use the project as a pilot and extend it to other Rotary clubs throughout Trinidad and our Rotary district. Rotary has given me a place to showcase my skills and learn new ones. I look forward to reaching new heights with this project as I continue my journey in Rotary.



The author, right, presents Rotaract member Shedron Collins with a first-place award in the club's in-house tournament.

Scholarship program is Rotary alum's way of giving back



Keyla receives her diploma through the program.

By Richard Hartwig, Rotary Club of Kingsville, Texas, USA

One day in 1964, during my junior year at Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Illinois, USA, I was approached by Professor Frank Klingberg, who asked if I would like to be nominated for a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship (the predecessor of today's global grant scholarships.) Two years later, I was off to Argentina, arriving just after a military coup, which was excellent training for a budding political scientist.

I owe much of my career as a political science professor to Rotary. The last few years, I have had a chance to give back as international services director for our Rotary Club. One of our two international projects is a scholarship program for poor students in Mexico.

Before coming to Kingsville in 1993, I taught for three years in Monterrey, Mexico, and attended an English-language Episcopal Church called The Holy Family. Once a year, Susan Moreira, Tati Duke, and other church members would organize a dinner-dance, Pub Night, to support a zero-overhead scholarship program called “Dar y Servir” (Give and Serve). About 250 poor students now have high school and/or university diplomas thanks to their efforts. [CONTINUE READING »](#)



A student enrolls in the program with the support check she received from the Rotary club.



The Jam on Instagram: Why your club should use it

By Evan Burrell

The most engaging posts on social media are the ones that include images. That isn't a statement, it's a fact!

Out of all of the social media networks, I have to say Instagram is my favorite. Why? Because photos equal fun!

Although Facebook is currently the most popular social network, other platforms have been gaining ground, especially visual platforms like Instagram, which allows users to share photos after applying edits and digital filters. After uploading your photo, you can share it on your club's social networking sites like Twitter and Facebook. Instagram is awesome when it comes to showing your creativity and it has 300 million active users.

So why should your club be on Instagram? Because "a picture is worth a thousand words." There are so many things you can do with photos to showcase your vibrant club and promote Rotary.

Before your jump in:

1. Make sure you own a smartphone with a camera: An Apple iPhone or Samsung Galaxy will suffice.
2. Download the Instagram app: You can't get started unless you start using it. Download the app from Google Play for Android or Apple App Store for iPhone and iPad.
3. Use hashtags: They are how you reach new audiences and gain more followers. Mix them up. Use some that are general (#barbecue), some that are trending, and some that are Rotary specific (#Rotary, #RotaryStory, #ricon16). But make sure they are relevant to what you are posting about.

4. Engage with your audience: Respond to comments you get on your photos. Follow others who are passionate about Rotary or about helping the community. Like and comment on their photos.
5. Use captions: Keep text to a minimum, because it is a visual platform. But make sure you have some kind of caption for every post to give viewers context. Don't just leave the caption field blank.
6. Plan your photos. Just like the old days of film photography, capturing good photos for Instagram with your smartphone requires planning. Occasionally there are happy accidents, but it's about putting yourself in a position to get a good photo. Experiment with different angles and plan around your source of light. Keep your eye out for that key moment or winning facial expression.
7. Take a lot of photos: Professional photographers shoot hundreds of images to get that one good shot. The same is true for Instagram. And in the days of digital photography, this is easier than ever, and you don't have to blow a fortune on film. Take 10, 20, or more photos of the same subject and use the one that turns out best. Remember, Ansel Adams said, "There are no rules for good photographs, there are only good photographs."

So go forth and start capturing those beautiful Rotary moments. Once you're on Instagram, follow us @rotarydownunder, and follow Rotary @rotaryinternational.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:



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PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS: HOW TO FRAME A WINNING PHOTO



First Place PEOPLE PHOTOGRAPHER

RAMESH SHAH,
Rotary Club of Cleveland
Location: Dharampur, India

Jenkins: "Friendship can manifest itself in many ways, but this most direct and tender of portraits leaves no room for mistake. I love how the children have shut out everything but the camera and each other. The photographer has control of the 'layers' of this photograph; there are multiple things going on in the background, but they are photographed in an orderly way that does not take away from our subjects. In reality, the structure applied to the rest of the photo makes them stand out even more."



First Place PROJECTS PHOTOGRAPHER

GABOR GASZTONYI
Rotary Club of New Westminster, B.C.
Location: Dire Dawa, Ethiopia

Jenkins: "This chorus of eager faces is very hard to resist. Each one is different, yet they feel connected in purpose and anticipation. The black-and-white tones of this photograph help emphasize the faces, the poses, the youth of these children. We're isolated in this moment with them where the future, full of promise, seems right around the corner."

Read more.... ➡

Opening doors in Cuba

By Jon Kaufman, director of H2OpenDoors



Jeri Fujimoto, governor-elect of District 5150, displays some of the gifts delivered by the team of Rotary members.

Along with 40 friends and supporters of the H2OpenDoors project, I took part in an eight-day exploratory expedition to Cuba on 8 April.

Members of six Rotary clubs in District 5150 and their friends and family joined The Bay Area Cuba Community Alliance, starting on the far eastern side of the island for a visit and site survey at a small village in Granma province. Each person presented a suitcase of donations to the Town Delegate in an emotional ceremony.

Baseball equipment, animal husbandry tools, school supplies, and children's clothing were among the gifts for over 550 residents. The town had been home to one of the best community baseball teams in Cuba, but they have been unable to play for over two years for lack of equipment. After a great ball game, the town elders hosted us for a lunch feast.

H2OpenDoors will return in December to install a SunSpring water purification plant to provide safe drinking water for the entire community, and an additional system in a similar community near Havana.

Following the visit to the rural colonies, our group hosted a cocktail gala at Havana's iconic Hotel Nacional for Cuban entrepreneurs to start a dialogue about Rotary and the recent visit by U.S. President Barak Obama's administration, and to build new friendships. The 120 participants broke out into four focus groups for lively discussions about the arts, education, water and infrastructure, and businesses.

Another 40 people will be able to join H2OpenDoors between 8-17 December for a similar schedule, including a day at the Havana International Jazz Festival. For more information go to www.H2OpenDoors.org or contact me at jon@H2OpenDoors.org

ROTARY AREA OF FOCUS PROVIDING CLEAN WATER

**748 million people
don't have clean drinking water.**

**6 hours per day
is what women in some rural parts of Africa
spend collecting water from a remote source.**



Diana Henderson and Helena Marsh, members of the Rotary Club of San Rafael, hold up the Cuban flag.



About the author:

Jon Kaufman owns KL&P Marketing, a large agency in the Silicon Valley. He has been a member of the Peninsula Sunrise Rotary Club in Redwood City, California, since 2012. Jon started H2openDoors as a Rotary project to provide drinking water technology to the poorest villages and schools who spend up to a third of their daily income on bottled water.

Rotarians take action by:

- Building wells;
- Implementing rainwater harvesting systems;
- Promoting low-cost solutions; and
- Providing home-water treatment capability.

Meet Rotary International's Board of Directors



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What happens when Rotary's directors meet?

Pull up the chair and find out!

Rotary's Board of Directors spent three days addressing dozens of issues that boiled down to one:

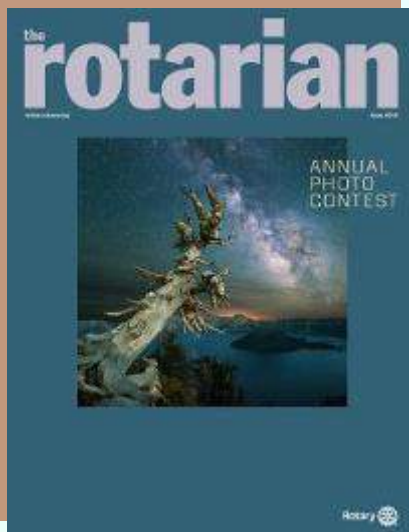
How will the organization Harris founded thrive in its second century?

They convened at 8:55 am, getting a five-minute jump on the workday ...

"Were starting to realize that the Kiwanis and Lions are not our competition, Life is. Work, family, time, Rotary's evolving, and I like being part of that process"

In the end, Ravindran's Board reviewed 17 committee reports and made 68 decisions in three days.





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PHOTO CONTEST: HOW TO FRAME A WINNING PHOTO

This year, we asked you to share your favorite images of the people, places, and projects that set Rotary apart. The winners in each category offer articulate lessons in style.

Q&A: Reframe the conversation

Our photo contest judge, photographer turned *National Geographic* digital strategist Keith Jenkins, talks about the power of photography to bring people together around a shared purpose.

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Sign in starting at 12:00 noon
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JUNE 4 COQUITLAM Relay for Life



10:00 am to 10:00 pm
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JUNE 15 COQUITLAM SUNRISE
6:00 - 9:00 pm, Best Western Hotel and
Conference Centre, 319 North Road
Coquitlam, BC

JUNE 22 ABBOTSFORD-SUMAS
5:30 - 9:00 pm, Best Western Plus Regency
Inn & Conference Centre,
32110 Marshall Rd, Abbotsford, BC

JUNE 22 OAK HARBOUR
5:30 - 8:30 pm, Whidbey Golf Club, 2430
SW Fairway Lane, Oak Harbor, WA

JUN 28 EVERETT
5:30 - 8:00 PM Comcast (Xfinity) Arena
2000 Hewitt, Everett, WA 98201

JUNE 29 CHILLIWACK-FRASER
6:00 pm—11:59 pm
Prestons Restaurant & Lounge
45920 First Avenue
Chilliwack, BC V2P 7K1

**JUNE 30 PORT COQUITLAM
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