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**Rotary**



**DISTRICT 5050**

**50% AMERICAN | 50% CANADIAN | 100% ROTARIAN**



## The month of May is dedicated to Youth Services

**YOUTH  
REMAIN  
OUR  
FOCUS**

The 5th Avenue of Service in Rotary, Youth Services, has been officially recognized as the Fifth Avenue of Service by Rotary International. This formal action was taken in Chicago during the April 2010 meeting of the Council on Legislation, the legislative arm of Rotary International which meets every three years. Again 2016 Council of Legislation meeting in Chicago, April 11, the Council reaffirmed Rotary's commitment to Youth Services. As a result Youth Services stays as the 5th Avenue of Service, in equal status with Club, Community, Vocational and International Services.







**DG Bill Robson, with fellow Rotarians at the "I walked with Mikha event" in Surrey.**

The Y.E.S. (Youth Engaged in Service) program, Youth Exchange, Youth Adventures in Citizenship and YAIL (Youth Adventures in Leadership) round out our youth programs. For more information on all of our youth programs please go to :

<http://portal.clubrunner.ca/50004/SitePage/youth-service/rotary-district-5050-youth-service-programs>

District 5050 celebrated yet another successful District Training Assembly last month where we hope the facilitators and presenters were able to inspire and educate you.

We recognized Rotarian Carol Tichelman with a well deserved Service Above Self Award for her ongoing efforts to eradicate polio. Thank you once again Carol for everything you do for Rotary, and the children of the world.

By the time this comes out we will have wrapped up another District Conference and 26 of us are gearing up for what promises to be an exiting convention in Seoul, South Korea. The organizers have already had to cap the attendees at 50,000. Oh my word, 50,000.

DG Bill

## There is always a first time...and many times after!



**Grandpa Bill and his eldest grandson have their first beer together at The Well in Nanaimo.**

## Bill's Bit

**Message from  
District  
Governor  
Bill Robson**

## May: Youth Service Month

RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) is a four day leadership weekend running from May 12 to 15 at the Mt. Baker Bibleway Camp in Deming, Washington.

RYLA, is, of course, only one of the many youth programs that we have in District 5050.

We recently welcomed two new Interact clubs in Stanwood and Lake Stevens and we have several very successful Rotaract clubs.

*"I joined Rotary for the fellowship and stayed for the fun."*



**In fact, so much fun that he does not want his year to end!**

*\*Overheard at the District Training Assembly in April*



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**Our Gift  
to the World**



The  
**PEACE ARCH**  
Journal  
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**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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Long articles may be truncated and all articles submitted may be edited before publication. Not all articles and photos submitted will be published.

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**S**ome years ago, in the Kano plains of Kenya, a well-meaning development agency took on the task of improving water availability to a rural community. Committees were formed, meetings were held, and the local people were consulted. The main need the community identified was improved delivery of water for irrigation and livestock. A plan to meet this need was created, and the work was soon begun, exactly as the community representatives had requested.

Yet once construction began, it was met by immediate protest from groups of community women, who came to the site and physically blocked workers from building diversion channels. Upon further investigation, the agency realized that the water it was diverting for farming came from the only source, for dozens of families, of water for cooking, drinking, and washing. The entire project had to be scrapped.

Why? Because it had never occurred to a single member of the all-male team in charge to consult the local women. At every stage, it was assumed that the men knew the needs, spoke for the community, and were able to represent it. Clearly, this was far from the case. The women knew the needs of the community, and its resources, far better – but their opinion was never sought.

We have had women in Rotary for only the last quarter of our history, and it is no coincidence that those years have been by far our most productive. In 1995, only 1 in 20 Rotarians were women; today, that number has risen to 1 in 5. It is progress, but it is not enough. It is only common sense that if we want to represent our communities, we must reflect our communities, and if we want to serve our communities fully, we must be sure that our communities are fully represented in Rotary.

Rotary's policy on gender equality is absolutely clear. Yet nearly one-fifth of our clubs still refuse to admit women, usually by claiming that they simply cannot find women who are qualified for membership. I would say that any Rotarian who makes this argument, or believes it, himself lacks the two most basic qualifications for Rotary membership: honesty and good sense.

A club that shuts out women shuts out much more than half the talent, half the ability, and half the connections it should have. It closes out the perspectives that are essential to serving families and communities effectively. It damages not only its own service but our entire organization, by reinforcing the stereotypes that limit us the most. It leads our partners to take us less seriously, and it makes all of Rotary less attractive to potential members, especially the young people who are so crucial to our future.

To tolerate discrimination against women is to doom our organization to irrelevance. We cannot pretend that we still live in Paul Harris' time, nor would he ever want us to. For, as he said, "The story of Rotary will have to be written again and again." Let us see to it that the story we write in Rotary is one of which he would be proud.





## ROTARY INTERNATIONAL SERVICE ABOVE SELF AWARD FOR CAROL TICHELMAN

At the District Training Assembly held at the Kwantlen Polytechnic University on Saturday, 9th April, District Governor Bill Robson presented the Rotary International Service Above Self Award to Carol Tichelman.

Carol is passionate about her two decades of involvement in Rotary. She was President of the Chilliwack Rotary Club in 2005-2006 and is currently Assistant Governor for District 50/50, amongst many other commitments. She is currently the Dean of the Rotary Leadership Institute.

In October 2009, she travelled to Ethiopia and Uganda to take part in National Polio Immunization Day which is part of a Rotary initiative to eradicate polio worldwide. She went back in 2010 and says that Ethiopia stole her heart but Uganda reached her soul. So she continued to visit the two countries through to 2015 and will be back there again in the fall of 2016.

She is looking to return once again, recognizing that she was called by God to do this work. Again in 2015, Carol saw herself back in Ethiopia with an increased commitment when she was called to serve.

Rotary and its international partners have now reached their "end game plan" and Carol is positive that her job is done... yet Rotary can always count on her when her commitment is called for. In her own words "as long as I can and I am able to".

“My father was a victim of polio and the mission of Rotary International became very personal to me. I became very committed to the cause of Rotary and the amazing work that we can do.”

Carol is one among the 150 Rotarians to receive the Rotary International Service Above Self Award this year.

Previous recipients of this award from 1991 to date have been posted on the [DISTRICT WEBSITE](#)



The international Rotarian polio advocacy group along with the Ethiopia National PolioPlus Committee Chair and Vice Chair, when they visited the UNICEF offices.



Rotarian Carol Tichelman during international Rotarian polio advocacy group visit to UNICEF Ethiopia



Gillian Mellisop, UNICEF Representative to Ethiopia welcomes Rotarians and thanks them for their unwavering support and partnership for polio immunization efforts in Ethiopia.



Last Year Carol also received Rotary's International Award for a Polio-Free World - one of only 10 recipients worldwide.



## DG-Elect Scott Dudley and his wife Christine ROTARY'S MAJOR DONORS



DG-Elect Scott Dudley and his wife Christine were officially welcomed to RI's list of Major Donors at the April 13 breakfast meeting of the Rotary Club of North Whidbey Island Sunrise. Their pins and recognition crystal were presented by the club's Foundation Chair Penny Turvill.

In addition to a good turnout of Sunrise Rotary's regular membership, the meeting was attended by members and Presidents-Elect from all four of Whidbey Island's active Rotary clubs: Whidbey West Side, South Whidbey, Oak Harbor, and, of course, North Whidbey Sunrise.

Scott accepted the honor with a brief summary of his Rotary experiences and expression of his and Christine's strong support of the Rotary Foundation and its role in improving peoples' lives worldwide—with special emphasis on the success of the Polio Plus program.



### A CENTURY OF DOING GOOD

"We should not live for ourselves alone,  
but for the joy of doing good for others."

Arch C. Klumph, letter to Rotary club presidents, 5 February 1929

The seed for The Rotary Foundation was planted by Rotary President Arch Klumph at the Atlanta Convention in 1917. From the first gift of \$26.50, the Foundation's assets have grown significantly, and more than \$3 billion has been spent on programs and projects — transforming millions of lives around the globe.

[Learn more about the Foundation](#)

## Assistant Governor and DG2B (2017-18) LINDAGENE COYLE NOW A MAJOR DONOR



At the District Training Assembly held on 9th April, District Governor Bill Robson recognized Assistant Governor and DG Elect Lindagene Coyle as a Level 1 Major Donor.

*Rotary is all about giving ... and receiving such an honor is the real reward for being a Gift to the World.*

## ROTARY BEYOND THE CLUB

There are current and upcoming opportunities to serve at the district level.

We are currently seeking a **District Secretary**, an **Aide the Governor** and **District Membership Chair**. We will need **Assistant Governors** in some areas to start this fall as terms end July 2017.

In addition, the various **District Committees** seek members. Go to the district website, to see a list of all committees.

If you are interested in serving at the district level contact the DGN at [lindacoyle5050@gmail.com](mailto:lindacoyle5050@gmail.com).

## WHERE DO YOU FIND THE THE LONGEST LINE-UP?



**Answer: Vancouver airport at the TimHortons**

At the airport where the lineup for Timmy's is bigger than the security lineup.

For Sean and Carol it was really worth the wait.

Next Stop: Maui



**A standing ovation at the District Training Assembly on April 9 for Kevin Wood for his four years of service as District Trainer!**



**Bill Robson, Marissa Wood and Kevin Wood.**



## Introducing new District 5050 Trainer, Rob Martin

After serving as District Secretary for the past two years, Rob Martin has agreed to take on the District Trainer position. For the past several months Rob has been working with outgoing District Trainer Kevin Wood, and will take up the position effective July 1, 2016.

Rob joined the Rotary Club of Burlington in 1981 and served as president in 1995-96. Prior to serving as President, he held several committee positions. Rob served as District 5050 Governor in 2003-04; District 5050 Foundation Chair for 5 years; a Training Leader of incoming Governors for Zone 25 & 26; and Major Gifts Advisor for 4 years for Zone 24 and 32.

Rob has a Master's Degree in Adult Education and Administration from Western Washington University.

Rob serves as the executive director for Chinook Enterprises, a non profit organization he founded in 1980, that develops, or directly provides jobs for disadvantaged and disabled adults in Northwest Washington State. Chinook currently operates four businesses that provide employment and support their mission.

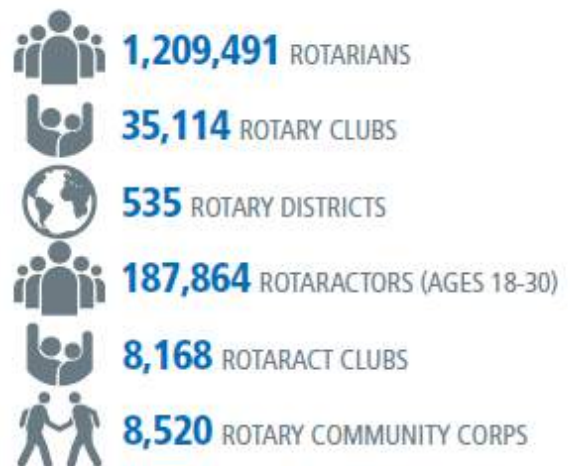
The grounds and landscaping crew manages over 350 commercial acres each week; the manufacturing and assembly division builds parts for nearly all models of Boeing Aircraft while maintaining an excellent quality rating; the Wire harness and component assembly division makes parts for a variety of diverse industries; and the community employment division finds community positions for persons with disabilities.

In 1969, Rob met Joan and they were married in 1973. Two months after they were married they moved to Samish Island, Washington, where Rob continues to reside today. Rob has two grown up sons and four grandchildren.

### WHERE WE ARE

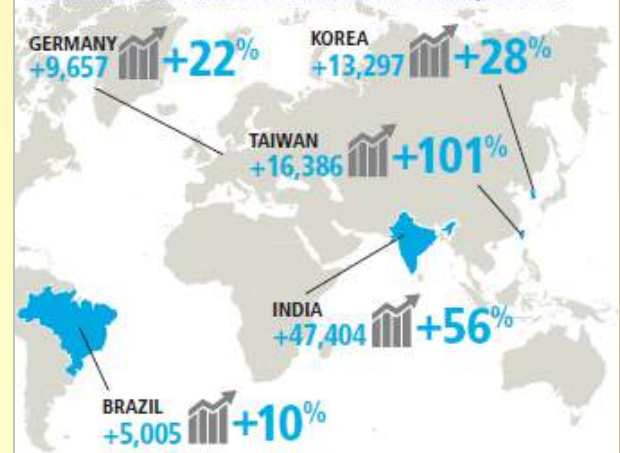


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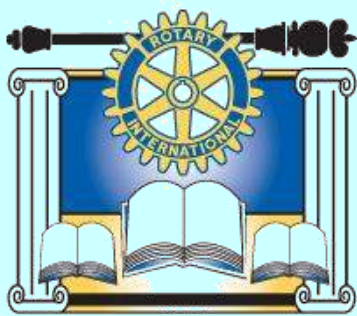


Figures as of 1 July 2015

### COUNTRIES WITH LARGEST MEMBERSHIP GAINS, 2005-15







## ROTARY INTERNATIONAL'S LEGISLATIVE BODY COUNCIL ON LEGISLATION

Every three years, Rotarians meet at the Council on Legislation to review and vote on proposed legislation. The Council gives us a voice in how our organization is governed.

Each Rotary district sends a representative to the Council. Representatives deliberate and act upon all proposed enactments and resolutions. Enactments seek to change Rotary's constitutional documents, and resolutions express an opinion or make a recommendation to the RI Board.

The RI Board reviews and acts on resolutions adopted by the Council and items referred to the Board.

### What is the Council on Legislation?

The Council is Rotary International's legislative body, which meets every three years, to consider proposals to change RI's constitutional documents and resolutions that express an opinion or make a recommendation to RI's Board of Directors.

### When and where was the recent Council meeting?

Recently the council met on 10-15 April 2016 in Chicago.

### What impact does the Council have on my club?

RI's bylaws, which govern the relationship between Rotary International and Rotary clubs, can be changed only by legislation by the Council. The bylaws include provisions covering the formation of new clubs, types of membership within a club, club voting in district elections, and per capita dues.

### When did the Board of Directors approve an increase to the additional dues for the Council?

At the October 2014 meeting, the Board of Directors approved an increase for the additional dues for the Council from \$1 to \$1.50, beginning in 2015-16.

### When was the last time the additional dues were changed?

In 2001, the Council adopted annual additional dues of \$1 per member, which went into effect in 2002-03. The increase that takes effect in July 2015 is the first.

### When will my club see the increase on its invoice?

The \$1.50 dues will be reflected on the invoice your club receives in July 2015.

### How will this be calculated?

The amount is billed at the club level and is based on membership: \$1.50 per member per year to finance the Council that is held every three years.

**Over the three-year period between Council meetings, how much will be collected in additional dues, and will that pay for?**

If the membership remains stable at 1.2 million over the three-year period, the additional \$4.50 paid by each member will generate \$5.4 million. That is expected to cover Council-related expenses, including airfare, travel, and hotel expenses for delegates; equipment, venue, and catering expenses; simultaneous interpretation; translation and publication of the Council materials into nine Rotary languages; and expenses for support staff.

### Who should I contact if I have questions about the additional dues?

You may email us at [RI.ClubFinance@rotary.org](mailto:RI.ClubFinance@rotary.org) or you may contact your financial representative.

### Where can I get additional information about the Council?

[Click here to find more information about the Council.](#)

You may also email the Council at [Council\\_Services@rotary.org](mailto:Council_Services@rotary.org)

## MEET DISTRICT 5050 COUNCIL ON LEGISLATION REPRESENTATIVE



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*Larry is also the district's  
Foundation Committee Chair*

*"It was my second time as a Representative to the Council on legislation. It was a lot of work, but also very interesting. We had Representatives from 523 out of 534 Districts. In addition to this, there were a lot of members at large. This includes RI Board members, past RI Presidents, etc. They are allowed to debate or propose legislation but are non-voting members. This covers a lot of countries in the world with different languages, customs and cultures. We all managed to respect each other's point of view. Everyone needs to be able to voice their opinions. In some instances, my point of view changed after listening to the debate from both sides.*

*It wasn't all work and no play. I was able to renew acquaintances with a lot of people and make new friends along the way."*

*- Larry Jubie*

## 2016 COUNCIL MEETING CHICAGO 10 - 15 APRIL 2016



Representatives from around the world discussed more than 180+ proposals, including some designed to increase membership by offering meeting flexibility and amendments to membership requirements.

### Admission fees

In its closest vote yet, the council narrowly approved removing references to admission fees from the bylaws. Proponents argued that the concept of an admission fee does not project a modern image of Rotary, which instead should be built upon dynamic membership and service. Doing away with admission fees, they argue, would expand the pool of prospective members.

### How many committees does a club need?

The council has approved a change to the Standard Rotary Club Constitution that clubs use as a model, to help smaller clubs by reducing the number of committees they need to form. Previously, the model suggested 15. But the proposal, narrowly approved, suggests clubs have five: club administration, membership, public relations, Rotary Foundation, and service projects. Presenters argued that since 90 percent of clubs have fewer than 60 members, finding 45 plus members to serve on 15 committees can prove a challenge. The five committees can be formed easily, and are the most critical. Larger clubs could still appoint other committees as needed.

### Board Meeting Minutes

And the proposal to require clubs to provide members with minutes of their board meetings passes, 318 to 136.

### Fifth Avenue of Service (Youth Services) stays

After more than a half hour of lively debate, the council kept youth service as the fifth avenue of service. The fifth avenue was first added to the original four -- club, vocational, community, and international -- by the 2010 Council.

### Membership Types

The council gave clubs a second big vote of confidence, approving a measure to allow clubs greater autonomy in deciding types of membership. Some previous experiments have included corporate membership, which allows several people from one company to share a membership.

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# 2016 COUNCIL MEETING

## CHICAGO 10 - 15 APRIL 2016

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### **Club meeting flexibility**

The council overwhelmingly approved a measure to give clubs more flexibility in deciding the times and days they meet, how often they meet, when to cancel a meeting, and what counts as a meeting. By a previous amendment, clubs will still be required to meet at least twice a month.

Proponents believe these changes are historic and necessary for Rotary to thrive and attract new members.

### **Meet me on-line**

Six years ago, the council approved e-clubs, allowing members in different parts of the world to meet together online. This year, the council has approved a measure recognizing that more and more clubs are meeting in a combination of ways, in-person and online. The proposal gives nod to in-person clubs meeting sometimes online, and e-clubs holding occasional in-person meetings.

### **Simplifying Membership Requirements**

The council approved simplifying qualifications of being a member. The proposal would replace a series of qualifications with a new definition that a club be composed of "adult persons who demonstrate good character, integrity, and leadership; possess good reputation within their business, professions, and /or community; and are willing to serve in their community and /or around the world." Presenters say the measure will grant clubs the responsibility and authority to choose their own members without a checklist.

### **Dues increase passes**

The council passed the \$4 dues increase. The increase sets the dues at \$60 in 2017-18, \$64 in 2018-19, and \$68 in 2019-20.

### **No more distinction for e-clubs**

Recognizing that clubs already meet in a variety of ways, the council just voted to remove the distinction between traditional and e-clubs. There are currently 275 clubs labeled e-clubs, with 5,900 members. Those clubs are now just clubs that meet more frequently online than others. Rotary has come a long way since the 2010 council that decided to allow e-clubs.

### **Starting a new club**

For it's first action of the morning, the council approved adding to the bylaws a provision that new clubs need 20 members for a charter. Proponents said that number was needed for a healthy club to get up and running. The Board had a policy for the minimum needed, but the bylaws had previously been silent on the subject.

### **Mergers and Splits**

There are 535 Rotary districts, and eight of those districts have fewer than 1,000 members. The council approved a measure giving the Board more flexibility in merging smaller districts, dividing larger districts, and reassigning clubs from small districts that border larger districts. While there is little financial impact to RI of smaller districts, proponents believe very small districts are at a disadvantage in leadership and resources for service projects.



**"The effects of your decisions will ripple to every corner of the world for years, decades, even centuries to come," RI President Ravi Ravindran.**

### **Vanity Names for Districts**

Each Rotary district may now add a geographic name, such as country, state, or region, as an identifier to their district number, with the RI Board's consent. Some districts already do this, but the council's vote confirms and legitimizes the practice.

### **Separate Council for Resolutions created**

The council has just voted to create a new Council on Resolutions that will meet once a year by electronic means to consider resolutions, i.e. recommendations, to the Board. Proponents estimate removing resolutions from the regular council could save a day of meeting, and up to \$340,000 in cost. A separate annual online council for resolutions could also improve the connection between clubs and the Board.

### **Rotaractors can be Rotary members too**

The council overwhelmingly approved allowing members of Rotaract to simultaneously be a member of a Rotary club. Proponents argue this will pave the way for more Rotaractors with proven leadership skills to make the transition into Rotary. Some Rotaractors are reluctant to leave their Rotaract club before they reach age 30, the maximum age, because they don't want to sever ties with friends. Similarly, some former Rotaractors find it difficult to get a Rotary club to invite them as a member. Only around 5 percent currently make the transition. Proponents say this will move that number closer to 50 percent.

### **Membership Priority #1**

In recognition that membership is the organization's highest (internal) priority, the council approved creating a Membership Committee that would be appointed by the board, with eight members serving a term of at least three years, with ability for reappointment. The RI Board argues the standing committee will demonstrate a commitment to long-term membership sustainability and growth.



### **Polio eradication still our highest goal**

**The council, tackling its first resolution, affirms that the eradication of polio is a goal of the highest order of Rotary International.**

**UNANIMOUS DECISION.**



**RI Director Jennifer Jones took a moment to assess this year's council, moments after the closing bell. "I think this has been a historic council, probably one of the most progressive, evolutionary councils that we ever have seen. I think there was a sense of collegiality and a sense of doing what is right for the future of the organization"**

**READ ABOUT THE COUNCIL AND DOWNLOAD VOTE TOTALS.**



## COUNCIL PROFILES



**Ramasamy Asokan**

A general surgeon from Virudhunagar, India, is taking part in his first council. "This is a new adventure. You get ideas from a lot of people. You come with your own ideas, but then you listen to other ideas and find your thoughts changing. This is good for the democracy of Rotary."



**Catherine Zimmerman**

A technical college administrator, from Oshkosh, Wisconsin, USA, is encouraged by today's council action giving clubs greater flexibility. "I think it's very exciting. Some clubs are already trying these things. Now clubs can do so with greater freedom. And those clubs who don't want to change don't need to. They still have flexibility to do what works within their area, district, culture, or country."



**Eric Kirmanhy**

A member of the Rotary Club of Nairobi Muthaiga North, Nairobi, Kenya, and a regional Rotary Foundation coordinator, is enjoying his first council. "I love that it allows everyone to express their points of view. Being here is one of the greatest things I've done in Rotary ... The flexibility we are adding will help make Rotary better. One of the reasons some people don't join is that we have been too strict with our rules. We are not getting rid of the rules, but giving people flexibility to do things in their own time, while still maintaining a high level of commitment."

### **Service with a Smile** *as long as you pay the fines*



**Jim Ives**

Jim, of Dearborn, Michigan, USA, has served at the council three times as the Sergeants-at-Arms. "The most important thing is to be nice. I like seeing the people. And you get to hear the diversity in issues around the world that you don't necessarily get in an open forum anywhere else."



**Gayle Knepper,**

a member of the Rotary Club of Anchorage East, Alaska, USA, representing District 5010 (Alaska, Yukon Territory, and parts of Siberia, Russia) feels yesterday's dues vote will move Rotary forward. "I think it's necessary. We are at a pivotal point in Rotary's future and with all the legislation that's passed, we have to be able to look forward and bring our organization into the future."



**Lawrence Tsai,**

a member of the Rotary Club of Kahsiung Elite, Taiwan, (right) is attending as an observer while his father is serving as a representative. Says Lawrence, "I think the new rules and benefits that have been approved allowing flexibility will be very attractive to young potential members. I was particularly happy to see the distinction between regular and e-clubs removed."



**Kaien Okabe**

from Nagoya Osu, Japan, representing District 2760, is excited to be part of this year's council. Okabe said the council is a terrific process.

### **The Council on Legislation ...**



**... moments before discussion on RI Dues began**





**Sarabjit Romana**  
President of Rotary  
Club of Surrey Newton  
at the event held to  
honor Milkha Singh

## Mikha Sing—the Flying Sikh

Milkha Singh (born between 1929 and 1935), also known as The Flying Sikh, is a former Indian track and field sprinter who was introduced to the sport while serving in the Indian Army. He was the only Indian male athlete to win an individual athletics gold medal at a Commonwealth Games until Vikas Gowda won the discus gold medal at the 2014 Commonwealth Games. He also won gold medals in the 1958 and 1962 Asian Games. He represented India in the 1956 Summer Olympics in Melbourne, the 1960 Summer Olympics in Rome and the 1964 Summer Olympics in Tokyo. He was awarded the Padma Shri, India's fourth-highest civilian honour, in recognition of his sporting achievements.

The race for which Singh is best remembered is his fourth-place finish in the 400 metres final at the 1960 Olympic Games, which he had entered as one of the favourites. He led the race till the 200m mark before easing off, allowing others to pass him. Various records were broken in the race, which required a photo-finish and saw American Otis Davis being declared the winner by one-hundredth of a second over German Carl Kaufmann. Singh's fourth-place time of 45.73 became the Indian national record and held for almost 41 years.

From beginnings that saw him orphaned and displaced during the Partition of India, Singh has become a sporting icon in his country. In 2008, journalist Rohit Brijnath described Singh as "the finest athlete India has ever produced". In July 2012, *The Independent* said that "India's most revered Olympian is a gallant loser" and noted the paucity of success — 20 medals — achieved by Indian competitors in the Olympic Games despite the country having a population in excess of one billion.



*"I was honoured today alongside, the Indian Consul general, Mr. Rajiv K. Chander, to welcome The Flying Sikh, Milkha Singh to an event at Bear Creek park in Surrey. The members of the Rotary Club of Surrey Newton had invited this Indian hero to help raise funds for a audiology clinic in Ludhiana, India. I was also honoured to be interviewed for Punjabi television enabling me to promote Rotary and to thank Milkha Singh and the Rotary Club of Surrey Newton."*

**Bill Robson**  
District Governor



This program is wonderful for young adults and your club is welcome to sponsor one or two candidates. Please consider becoming involved. The young person(s) you send will thank you for ever for allowing them to participate.  
PDG Denis Boyd

**RYLA starts on May 12 but only has 48 Youth registered so far. If you know someone between the ages of 18 and 30, ask your Rotary club to sponsor them. It could change their life!**

**Visit <http://ryla5050.org/> for more information or contact RYLA Chair Jackie Smith**



**A "Kodak Moment"  
Or an iPhone moment?**  
It is quite rare that you get to pose with an "old friend" and let your spouse take the picture for you.



**Rotary**  

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## District 5050

### Vocational Training Team in Peru

Our very first Vocational Training Team (medical) is on the ground in Peru and working with people living in small villages in the Andes.



**VOCATIONAL TRAINING TEAMS GO  
WHERE SERVICE IS NEEDED**

## CHILLIWACK FRASER

### Learning at the District Assembly

Desmond Devnich, Linda Rook, Fieny van den Boom and Robert W Beischer at Kwantlen Polytechnic University.



*(Sorry Robert! No Jack Daniels, but you can always catch up at the District Conference. Stay at Semiahmoo Resort so that you don't even have to drive home.)*



## COQUITLAM

### Three New Members inducted



Congratulations to Noella, Bruce and Fran on becoming members of the Rotary Club of Coquitlam. District Governor Bill Robson and Assistant District Governor Clive Evans as also present to oversee the induction ceremony.

## WHATCOM COUNTRY NORTH

Career Fair 2016 - April 03

**Big Turnout - Huge Success!**

What else can one expect when we show that we do care about the youth and their future.







## Rotary Honors Pease, Hotchko and Campbell as Students of the Month

The Rotary Club of Everett on April 19 honored Everett-area students Scott Pease of Cascade High School, Alexander Hotchko of Sequoia High and Sydney Campbell of Everett High as students of the month.



Pease serves as Associated Student Union president and representative to the Everett School Board. He looks forward to a life of service, and said “a life in which you serve others is the only life truly worth living.”



Alexander Hotchko has attended several schools in Everett, including Everett Community College. In the process he qualified as an Eagle Scout—a point of pride. After graduation he plans to return to ECC, then study computer science at the University of Washington.



Sydney Campbell participates in the AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) program, which she credits for providing “absolutely endless” opportunities that include weekly talks about career experiences from Rotary volunteers.

**Each month the club recognizes outstanding area high school students for their accomplishments and their promise.**

**The Rotary Club of Everett is one of three Rotary clubs in Everett and will celebrate its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2016.**

**In 2015 the Rotary Club of Everett provided \$149,500 in scholarships to students from the Everett area.**

## Guest Speaker Helping women, children and families



During our March 30, 2016, club meeting at Tuscano's our guest speaker was Linda Paz, Executive Director of Matthew House. For over 30 years they have helped thousands of women, children and families of prisoners. It may be the only organization like them in the United States.

Find more information at:  
<http://mattherhousemonroe.org/>

## Rotary Young Leaders in Action



## Rotaract Outstanding Projects Awards recognize innovate and impactful service projects

Every year, Rotaract clubs are developing innovative solutions to community problems. They are changing lives. And this year nearly 250 Rotaract clubs worldwide submitted projects for our 2015-16 Rotaract Outstanding Project Awards. Rotary recognizes the best local or international service project that highlight innovation, sustainability, and collaboration aligned with Rotary's areas of focus.

See how these Rotaractors turned innovative ideas into action and worked together with Rotarians and community partners to make a lasting positive impact in their local communities and around the world.

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## ROTARY | STILLAGUAMISH | ARLINGTON CITY P A R T N E R S H I P

### Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians donates \$500,000 to build a splash pad at Haller Park

[Arlington, Wash.] On Wednesday, April 14, the board of directors for the Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians voted to donate half a million dollars to the Rotary Club of Arlington to help complete the planned splash pad at Haller Park in Arlington. The City of Arlington is partnering with Rotary to maximize the donations it has received by applying for a Washington State Recreation grant that would match funds raised dollar-for-dollar up to \$500,000.

The planning for the splash pad began in 2013 when Duck Dash – the annual fundraiser by the Rotary Club of Arlington held on the Fourth of July – was dedicated to building the adventure playground at Haller Park. Rotarians heard from several community members that they wanted a splash pad. After the Haller Park playground was completed, the Rotary Club of Arlington committed its 2015 Duck Dash to begin fundraising for the multi-year project at Haller Park.

“We knew when we took this project on a few years that it was going to be a big one, but our club was dedicated to seeing it through,” said Bryce Duskin, project lead for the Rotary Club. “Initially we thought it would be around \$350,000 to build just a splash pad with a few basic features. As the project has developed, and with collaboration from the City of Arlington, we’re getting close to being able to build an amazing splash pad with fun features for our kids and community to use.”



The full renovation of Haller Park is a multi-year project included as a priority in the City’s Comprehensive Plan, the recently adopted Parks Master Plan, and a key element of the North Stillaguamish Valley Economic Redevelopment plan. Each of these plans recognize the vital role this park plays as a central gathering and recreation spot in the greater Arlington community.

“This is just another example of how the community in Arlington and the Stilly Valley is so special,” stated Mayor Barb Tolbert. “Rotary initially brought the project forward, and before long many businesses and residents stepped up to invest their time, talents, and funds to make the renovation a reality. Now the Stillaguamish Tribe is partnering in a big way to help possibly leverage state grant funds, and something truly amazing is going to be built.”

In 2015 the Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians matched \$50,000 raised from Duck Dash ticket sales. This brings the Stillaguamish

Tribe’s total donation to the splash pad to \$550,000. Additional donations from Friends of the Park have brought in \$7,000 so far. Rotary Club of Arlington plans to raise additional funds this year through ticket sales, sponsorships and Friends of the Park campaign.

“We’re excited to expand on the playground project at Haller Park,” said Linda Byrnes, Rotarian and fundraising lead for the splash pad. “Rotary loves Haller Park; it has been our home for Duck Dash for almost 30 years. We want to provide a fun and safe experience for kids and community members to stay cool safely on hot summer days in this wonderful park nestled beside our beautiful Stillaguamish River.”

**The City of Arlington will receive a response on the Washington State Recreation Grant in October 2016. The goal is break ground in July 2017, after the Fourth of July celebration.**

## Rotary Partners in Service

Rotary forges partnerships with like-minded groups – from community nonprofits to the United Nations – that make us stronger and more successful at what we do.

Rotary’s relationship with the following partners opens the door for Rotarians to work with them directly:

- Dollywood Foundation’s Imagination Library for literacy
- Global FoodBanking Network for hunger
- Peace Corps for promoting peace
- ShelterBox for disaster relief
- YSA (Youth Service America) for youth involvement

DO YOU HAVE A WIDE SCREEN LOOK OF YOUR CLUB MEETING?

THIS PICTURE SHOWS



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Abbotsford club meeting in progress





Past President Gary Armstrong, President Linda Rook, incoming President Robert W Beischer and Fundraiser chair Gerry Enns Contracting Ltd cutting the ribbon — at Chilliwack General Hospital.

IT IS A BIG RIBBON  
MORE PEOPLE NEEDED TO CUT THE RIBBON



Children-friendly interior of the Pediatrics Unit at the Chilliwack Hospital

*So proud of my Rotary Club for raising the funds for this awesome project so the kids can wait and be treated in a colourful and happy place to forget why they are there in the first place.*

Fieny van den Boom on his Facebook page.







### ROTARY CLUB OF ABBOTSFORD

Rotarians Linda Whitehead and Ron Lewis share with us about the Canadian Wheelchair Foundation and their past and upcoming trips to Guatemala.

The Canadian Wheelchair Foundation/Fondation Chaise Roulante Canada (CWF) is an independent Canadian registered charity dedicated to:

Raising awareness of the needs and abilities of people with physical disabilities

Delivering mobility into the lives of children, teens and adults in the world who have no means to acquire a wheelchair

Transforming lives through mobility, and with it giving to all those deprived of it by war, disease, accident, natural disaster and advanced age, independence, dignity, hope and opportunity.



Langley Rotarians dedicated the Easingwood Clock in Downtown Langley to honour former Rotarians Reg & Kay Easingwood.

**Rotarians  
never die!  
They always  
live in our  
hearts!**



Rotary and Rotaract Club Members and Friends of Rotary turned out on a sunny spring Saturday to load a container of medical and educational equipment and supplies being sent to the Rotary Club of Manila Kalaw. The container contained 519 items. This shipment was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Richmond Sunrise.



**As of February 2016, the Rotary World Help has shipped 341 containers to 59 countries at an estimated value of \$119,350,000, directly benefiting 10,571,000 people.**



# Canadian Eyesight Global holds successful eye health clinic in Mississauga, Ontario



**MUNSA KAUR RANA**, Coordinator of Eastern Events for Canadian Eyesight Global, with a dedicated team of volunteers and committee members organized a free eye health clinic at the Ontario Khalsa Darbar (Dixie Gurdwara) in Mississauga, Ontario, on Sunday, April 3, which was attended by 200 people.

Canadian Eyesight Global, formerly known Project Eyesight-India, comprised of surgeons, doctors, business leaders and numerous volunteers has been recognized by the Government of Canada, Rotary International, Rotary clubs and NGOs in Canada and India. Canadian Eyesight Global has successfully sponsored and completed thousands of free cataract surgeries and treated thousands of people for avoidable blindness in rural parts of India since 1989. Canadian Eyesight Global has held many successful free eye health clinics across Canada since 2004. These free eye health clinics allow for the general population to recognize how important vision and regular health and eye checkups are. These eye camps provide people with blood pressure measurements, sugar testing, physician consultations, eye pre-screening, dietary recommendations from dieticians and nutritionists and, lastly, checkups by optometrists and ophthalmologists.

The Mississauga eye camp had numerous volunteers donating their valuable time. Canadian Eyesight

Global thanked Dr. Ampreet Singh, Dr. Surinder Mahil, Dr. Navidetha Danda, Dr. Sarabjeet Kohli, Dr. Amrit Sehdev, Dr. Harpreet Bajaj of STOP Diabetes Foundation, Dr. Parminder Singh Bahra, numerous volunteers, dignitaries and administrators of the Ontario Khalsa Darbar for their valuable hours put into this event, their cooperation and support.

Anup Singh Jubbal, President of Canadian Eyesight Global, specially thanked all the doctors, volunteers and administrators of the Ontario Khalsa Darbar for their cooperation and generous support.

Canadian Eyesight Global is making an appeal to the South Asian community to establish an eye hospital in Punjab to help the needy, helpless and less fortunate people for restoration of eyesight and avoidable blindness. Anybody interested in donating a piece of land of approximately one acre at a suitable location in Punjab for the proposed eye hospital can contact Anup Singh Jubbal at 604-582-0579, [Info@CanadianEyesight.org](mailto:Info@CanadianEyesight.org) or visit website [www.CanadianEyesight.org](http://www.CanadianEyesight.org).

## CANADIAN EYESIGHT GLOBAL FREE EYE HEALTH CLINIC AT KHALSA DIWAN SOCIETY, VANCOUVER.

April 17, 2016. Sponsored by Rotary Surrey-Guildford and Rotary Club of Burnaby. The Canadian Institute of Blind (CNIB) represented by Jennifer Yankanna, Manager Community Giving, participated. A dedicated team of an eminent eye surgeon, Dr. David Neima, MD, FRCS(C), Ophthl, V.P. Overseas Programs, Canadian Eyesight Global, Dr. Alica Ramirez and Warren Whitford participated.

Tanveer K. Sohal, MPH, Chairperson Community services, Western Canada, along with a team of dedicated volunteers Darshan Mann, Vicki S. Thind, Amarjit S. Sidhu, Rtn. Satwant K. Ginder, director, CEG and Rtn. Kulwant Sekhon, R.C. Burnaby, Garry Sass, R.C. Surrey-Guildford, Neena Sohal, Saroop K. Jubbal. Anup Singh Jubbal, MSM, President, Canadian Eyesight Global, extends special thanks to all the doctors, volunteers, CNIB staff and administration of Khalsa Diwan Society, Vancouver, for their full cooperation and support.

Over 100 people were screened, free eye drops were given to the patients and the patients with major eye problems were referred to the eye specialists for further investigation and treatment.



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# District 5050 Youth Programs



## Rotaract

A Rotaract club is an organization sponsored by a Rotary club.

Consisting of young people aged 18 to 30 years, it aims to provide its members in an atmosphere of friendship and mutual assistance, the opportunity to acquire the knowledge and methods to promote the development of their personality, taking into account the physical and social needs of the community and to work for good relations between peoples.

Rotaract helps young people:

- Increase their professional competence and leadership skills;
- Respect the rights of others and recognize the value of each;
- Recognize the dignity and importance of all useful occupations and consideration as a means of action within society;
- Accept, observe and promote high ethical standards as a basis for any professional activity;
- Appreciate and understand the needs, problems and potential of the community and other countries;
- Lead, in individual or collective action in the public interest favouring local or international agreement.

The club program: professional development, leadership and implementation of public action.

**Further information on Rotaract clubs in District 5050 can be found on**  
**at [www.rotaract5050.org](http://www.rotaract5050.org) or**  
**contact Rotary District 5050**  
**Chair Al Stjernegaard**  
**at [stjerne@shaw.ca](mailto:stjerne@shaw.ca).**



## Interact

Interact is Rotary International's service club for young people aged 12 to 18. Interact clubs are generally sponsored by a Rotary club or clubs, which provide support and guidance, but they are self-governing and self-supporting.

Each year, an Interact club completes at least two community service projects, one of which features

international understanding and goodwill. Interact helps students develop leadership skills and personal integrity, demonstrate helpfulness and respect for others, understand the value of individual responsibility and hard work and advances international understanding and world peace.

Interact is one of the most significant and fastest growing programs in Rotary, with more than 10,700 clubs in 109 countries and geographical areas, and with more than 200,000 members.

**For more information, contact the Rotary District 5050 Interact Chair, Patty Klassen at [pattyk71@gmail.com](mailto:pattyk71@gmail.com)**



## Rotary Youth Exchange

District 5050 is making a world of difference! Our Rotary Clubs sponsor students to many countries around the world and provide them a life changing experience. Rotary Youth Exchange students will spend up to a year living with a few host families and attending school in a different country.

Students will learn a new way of living, a great deal about themselves, and maybe even a new language. They will also be an ambassador, teaching people they meet about our country, culture, and ideas. They can help bring the world closer - and make some good friends in the process.

More than 8,000 young people each year have experiences like these through Rotary Youth Exchange. It's the opportunity of a lifetime!

If you are interested in becoming a Rotary Youth Exchange student, or are interested in hosting an exchange student in your home, contact a Rotary Club in your community. Students must be between the age of 15 and 17, six months prior to August departure.

Youth Exchange is administered by Rotary clubs and districts.

**For more information contact Rotary District 5050 Youth Exchange Chair Greg Starup at [gjstarup@tgi.net](mailto:gjstarup@tgi.net).**



## Purpose of RYLA

- Demonstrate Rotary's respect and concern for youth.
- Provide an effective training experience for selected youth and potential leaders.
- Encourage leadership of youth by youth.
- Recognize publicly young people who are rendering service to their communities.

## Value of RYLA

- Enables every Rotary Club to acknowledge service to the community of two or more young people annually.
- Enthuses young leaders and provides them with enhanced leadership techniques.
- Exposes a large number of young people, their families and their peer groups, to Rotary ideals of Service.
- Is a complimentary program to other Rotary youth activities and has been instrumental in the formation of Rotaract clubs.



Youth Adventures in Leadership is open to participants, in the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grades (ages 15 - 17) and is held once each year, in January or February.

YAIL gives participants insight into some of the basics of what it means, and takes, to be a leader: to help participants become well-rounded individuals with increased perspective and enthusiasm for growth, and who are able to make informed decisions.

YAIL teaches participants through a variety of exercises involving leadership and growth - to empower students to network, plan, and set goals. Participants are divided into groups with an experienced youth facilitator.

The program is led by youth, with guidance from adult Rotarians. Candidates are selected and sponsored by a local Rotary Club, with a mix of males & females, Canadians & Americans. We typically have a broad range of personalities and many different

types of leaders - coming from academics, sports, arts or other parts of the community. There are both verbal types and quiet ones who lead by their behavior and by example. There are also participants that don't believe they are leaders, but learn that they are and can be leaders.



## The Youth Engaged in Service program

Y.E.S. Program was established by the Rotary Club of Burlington in 2007 to provide unique leadership and service opportunities to 11th grade students.

Y.E.S. has been so successful that we now offer programs for students in Washington State and in British Columbia.

Y.E.S. provides students with an opportunity to participate in an international, hands-on service project, as well as engaging students with volunteer and humanitarian service in their home communities.

Participants are required to complete a minimum of 80 hours of local community service to be able to take part in the international project. Many participants are already very involved in school, church and community groups - which count towards their volunteer hours.

For Rotarians, sponsoring a student for Y.E.S. meets four of Rotary's Avenues of Service: Community, Youth, International and Vocational.

Rotary recognizes the positive change implemented by youth and young adults involved in leadership development activities, community and international service projects, and exchange programs that enrich and foster world peace and cultural understanding.







## Youth Changing the World

### WHAT IS YSA?

Founded in 1986, YSA (Youth Service America) is a resource center that activates, funds, trains, and recognizes young people, ages 5-25, and their adult allies around the world in solving the world's greatest challenges. With YSA's programs young people strengthen their communities through awareness, service, advocacy, and philanthropy projects. YSA promotes to teachers, community organizations, media, and public officials that when young people serve their communities, they develop skills necessary to succeed in school, the workplace, and in life.

### HOW CAN MY CLUB OR DISTRICT GET INVOLVED?

Together YSA and Rotary provide opportunities and free resources for young leaders, and promote the positive impact of youth service worldwide. Discover new ideas and resources for your next Interact, Rotaract or Rotary club service project. Apply for a YSA grant to start a new project or enhance your year-round youth service activities. Nominate your project for a service award to be recognized for your accomplishments. Get connected through YSA's network of other partner organizations around the world. Subscribe to YSA's e-newsletter to learn about upcoming training events, conferences, and webinars on youth service, service learning, and mentoring.

Participate in the largest service event in the world, Global Youth Service Day (GYSD)!

Every year young leaders in over 100 countries on 6 continents come together to share their commitment to creating positive change. Download the toolkit in different languages to plan and promote a project to celebrate GYSD in your community. Report your GYSD project and select Rotary International as your partner organization to show the world how YSA and Rotary create positive change together. Visit the YSA Facebook page or follow @YouthService and #GYSD on Twitter to share your project ideas, experiences, and inspiration.

### HOW CAN THIS PARTNERSHIP BE PROMOTED?

Promote YSA's opportunities at your club meeting, community outreach events, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) events, and local schools. Post your YSA service projects on Rotary Ideas and Rotary Showcase to find partners and inspire others to get involved. Share your stories on Facebook and Twitter, through club and district e-mails, e-newsletters, websites, and press releases to show how you empower youth through service.

Email [programs@rotary.org](mailto:programs@rotary.org) and your YSA service activity or GYSD project could be featured in our e-newsletter or Rotary Voices blog.

### YOUTH RESOURCES

- Interact
- Rotaract
- RYLA
- Rotary Youth Exchange
- Rotary Community Corps
- District Grants for Scholarships or Youth Service

### Why Youth Services?

- ♦ Between 20-50% of all young people volunteer (*depending on how you ask*)
- ♦ Young people are more likely to volunteer when engaged through schools, youth organizations, or religious groups.
- ♦ Having family and friends who volunteer makes it much more likely that a young person will volunteer themselves.
- ♦ Young people under age 25 make up 1/2 of the world's population.
- ♦ Young people are uniquely suited to solve problems through service.
- ♦ High quality service-learning leads to increased academic engagement & success.
- ♦ Volunteering improves career and workforce readiness.
- ♦ Service is a "Gateway Asset" that can lead to increased positive youth development outcomes.
- ♦ People who volunteer when they are young donate more to philanthropic causes when they are older. (*The are also more likely to volunteer and to vote as adults.*)
- ♦ Volunteering help improve health.



## Global Youth Service Day

YOUTH  
COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS  
EDUCATORS  
AND FAMILIES  
TAKING ACTION  
CAUSE BY CAUSE IN AREAS OF  
HEALTH  
ENVIRONMENT  
EDUCATION  
POVERTY & HUNGER  
HUMAN RIGHTS  
COMMUNITY BUILDING

The **LARGEST** service event in the world, and the only day of service dedicated to children and youth.

People served **3 million**

Grants awarded **\$746,00**

Number of Projects **6,321**

Return on Investment **\$1 = \$21**  
in service

No. of Youth Volunteers **403,494**

Being able to adapt to new technologies is not just a nice skill to have.

It is absolutely vital to sharing Rotary's story and reaching out to people who might make great members.

**CLICK TO READ MORE ON ROTARY VOICES**



## West Coast Story - A Benefit Concert

On **March 3, 2016** our club held our largest and most successful event to date! Our "West Coast Story" benefit concert, held at Inlet Theatre in Port Moody, was a fundraiser for **Jaaja Barb's Home of Angels Orphanage** in Mpumudde, Uganda.

The orphanage, started by Abbotsford native Barb Giraud, gives a home to orphans living with HIV/AIDS in acute poverty.



The night featured plenty of local talent including acoustic singers, Taiko drumming, and dance crews, and featured plenty of free food and prizes as well! In the end, we were able to **raise \$5188** for Barb and her Angels!

Thank you to all of the performers, sponsors, and guests, you all helped make the night truly extraordinary!

**View more photos from the event on [Facebook Page](#)**

## How Rotary creates lifelong friendships



**Kate Kimmer and Hilary Caldis**

*By Hillary J. Caldis, Rotary Peace Fellow*

I am constantly in awe of the power of connection. This is what Rotary is all about. We unite in friendship to realize truthful, fair, good-willed,

and beneficial outcomes in our communities and the world. For Rotary members and people like me, our lives are forever transformed by this powerful network.

I was 17 years old when Rotary became a guiding force in my life. I was a young woman hungry to see the world outside my own country. Thanks to Rotary, I was granted the opportunity to live in Brazil as a Rotary Youth Exchange Student for a year. The experience was transformative for many reasons, the foremost being the people I met along the way who continue to be central figures in my life.

### Chance meeting on a night bus in Brazil

One of these important figures is Kate Kimmer, who I first met 10 years ago in the middle of Mato Grosso do Sul, Brazil, on a night bus. Instantly, we become friends—spending hours on end discussing the world and all the things we wished to do to make it a better place.

**[Continue reading](#) →**



## Youth with a Mission

**MARCH 2016:** These Rotaractors just completed their second annual pub fundraiser in support of Mission Youth House and Rotaract!

**KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!**

## ROTARY PROGRAMS FOR YOUNG LEADERS







## ABBOTSFORD-SUMAS

### Showcasing your Rotaract and Interact Clubs

All clubs can learn a lesson from the Rotary Club of Abbotsford-Sumas. This club highlights their club with same weight as their Rotaract and Interact Clubs.

It is important that we give the same exposure to our young generations as we would our own club.

## CHILLIWACK

### Raising money for Run for Water

Interact club of Chilliwack organized a bottle drive on Saturday April 3, to raise money for Run for Water.

## LAKE STEVENS

### Helping the Food Bank



Interact Club of Lake Stevens helped the local Food Bank collect food items in April. They were also helped by local Rotary members.

## TRI-CITIES ROTARACT

### Membership Mixer

The Tri-Cities Rotaract club held a Membership Mixer on Wednesday, March 30 at the Coquitlam Town hall. Invitations were sent to individuals interested in volunteering the community, so that they can find out more about Rotaract and how they can get involved.

## CLOVERDALE

### Meeting with Sponsor Club

Members of the Cloverdale Interact Club attend weekly meetings with Rotary Club

## EVERETT

### Interact Club produced their own video

Watch this video produced by the Everett High School Interact club. [CLICK HERE TO WATCH](#)

## WHITE ROCK PENINSULA

### Our Newest Paul Harris Fellow



**DENISE DARRELL**, Director of

Women, Seniors & Community Services at Sources was the recipient of a Paul Harris Fellow for her continued work to better the lives of the less fortunate in our community.

Seated is District Governor Bill Robson who made the presentation and enjoyed Denise's surprise and words of thanks.



## ABBOTSFORD

### YAIL a Life-changing Experience

Hannah shares with club members her experience at YAIL [Youth Adventures In Leadership].

### Get connected and exchange ideas at the Korea Convention



Plan to participate in a variety of vocational service-related activities



# 2016 RYLA North America Conference

## July 19-24, 2016 in Washington, DC, USA



The RYLA Conference in North America is an intense leadership training program that is designed to recognize, encourage, and further develop the leadership skills of 18-30 year olds who have shown a potential for rendering important service to their local communities.

All Rotaractors, non-Rotaractors, RYLA alumni, former Youth Study Exchange, former Group Study Exchange alumni, former Ambassadorial Scholar alumni, former Interactors and former Peace

### 2016 RYLA NORTH AMERICA CONFERENCE Three Contests

- 2017 RYLA North America Logo Contest
  - Mr. and Miss 2016 RYLA North America
  - Social Media Bingo Contest
- All contests information will be made available in a few months.

Please check back on  
<http://rylanad7620.com/>  
in spring 2016.

Scholars between the ages of 18-30 can participate in this conference. The 2016 RYLA Conference in North America will be the 8th annual conference held in our region. The conference will be in Washington, DC, USA and will be from Tuesday, July 19, 2016 and will end on Sunday, July 24, 2016.

The RYLA Conference in North America is a combination of International RYLA, Rotaract Pre-Convention, USCC (United States-Canada-Caribbean Rotaract Conference) and District 7620 RYLA Program.

The Inaugural 2009 RYLA North America Conference was held in Washington, DC, USA from July 1, 2009 to July 5, 2009.

**RYLA North America Conference**  
**George Washington University**

### Countries and Territories registered

as of March 25, 2016

The following are the countries that have already registered for the 2016 RYLA North America Conference.

1. Algeria
2. Bulgaria
3. Canada
4. Colombia
5. Dominican Republic
6. Ecuador
7. Egypt
8. Ethiopia
9. Ghana
10. Guinea
11. Guyana
12. Haiti
13. Honduras
14. Mongolia
15. Nepal
16. Nigeria
17. Pakistan
18. Philippines
19. Qatar
20. St. Lucia
21. Switzerland
22. Tunisia
23. Uganda
24. United Arab Emirates
25. United States
26. Venezuela

### REGISTRATION PACKAGES

for more information <http://rylanad7620.com/registration/>

Package A for USD \$375.00	July 19	July 20	July 21	July 22	July 23	July 24
Accommodations	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Breakfast	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Lunch	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Dinner	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N

Package B for USD \$455.00	July 18	July 19	July 20	July 21	July 22	July 23	July 24	July 25
Accommodations	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Breakfast	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Lunch	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N
Dinner	Y/N*	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N

Delegates will be in a room with 3-4 other conference delegates (*same gender*) and all rooms are air-conditioned. The rooms come with pillows, linen, blankets, and towels. All rooms are equipped with free wifi, refrigerators and microwaves.

### Winner of 2016 RYLA NA Logo Contest



**KAWAL JUTLA**

**Rotaract Club of York University,  
Toronto, Ontario, Canada  
(District 7070)**





## FOUNDATION GIVING 2015-16

AS AT 25 APRIL 2016

Annual Giving	\$264,515.53
	<i>\$103.12 per capita</i>
Polio Plus	\$107,988.13
Endowment Fund	\$ 56,636.66
Other	\$ 16,500.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$445,639.32</b>

## Clubs over \$100 per capita for Annual Giving

1	Langley	BC	\$ 410.07
2	White Rock	BC	\$ 290.51
3	Stanwood/Camano Island	WA	\$ 268.31
4	North Delta	BC	\$ 230.16
5	Abbotsford-Sumas	BC	\$ 229.44
6	Langley Central	BC	\$ 206.47
7	Coquitlam Sunrise	BC	\$ 204.10
8	San Juan Island	WA	\$ 200.00
9	Lake Stevens	WA	\$ 185.55
10	Chilliwack	BC	\$ 154.00
11	Abbotsford	BC	\$ 145.88
12	Everett	WA	\$ 144.78
13	Whatcom County North	WA	\$ 144.58
14	Burlington	WA	\$ 134.35
15	Port Coquitlam	BC	\$ 128.57
16	Whidbey Westside	WA	\$ 127.04
17	North Whidbey Island Sunrise	WA	\$ 126.21
18	Monroe	WA	\$ 121.88
19	La Conner	WA	\$ 119.85
20	Surrey	BC	\$ 118.42
21	Semiahmoo	BC	\$ 118.14
22	Bellingham	WA	\$ 108.67
23	Arlington	WA	\$ 107.81
24	Aldergrove	BC	\$ 105.74
25	Mt Vernon	WA	\$ 105.33
26	South Whidbey	WA	\$ 105.20
27	Fidalgo Island	WA	\$ 102.46
28	Surrey-Guildford	BC	\$ 101.48

## Clubs over \$100 per capita for Polio plus

1	Abbotsford-Sumas	BC	\$ 337.78
2	Surrey-Newton	BC	\$ 171.10
3	North Whidbey Island Sunrise	WA	\$ 129.85
4	Stanwood/Camano Island	WA	\$ 122.23
5	Monroe	WA	\$ 113.44
6	Meadow Ridge	BC	\$ 111.41

### ROTARY GRANTS

487 DISTRICT GRANTS

**\$25.2M**

1,078 GLOBAL GRANTS

**\$68.7M**

**24%** more than last year

DISEASE PREVENTION & TREATMENT	329	\$19.7 M
WATER AND SANITATION	302	\$20.0 M
ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	168	\$11.2 M
BASIC EDUCATION & LITERACY	133	\$8.0 M
MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH	78	\$5.7 M
PEACE AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION/PREVENTION	68	\$4.0 M

(Excluding Rotary Peace Centres)

This month the statistics are based solely on the reports submitted by the clubs

## MEMBERSHIP & ATTENDANCE

MARCH 2016

### MEMBERSHIP

Member Count Last Year	2178
Member Count March 2016	2218
This month +/-	+23
YTD +/-	+20
YTD +/- Percentage	2.55%
Last Year Attendance	51.77%
Attendance March 2016	49.91%
YTD Attendance	51.09%

### TOP 10 FOR ATTENDANCE

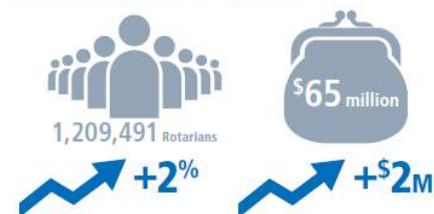
1.	Whidbey Westside	95.83%
2.	Mission Morning	91.14%
3.	LaConner	88.97%
4.	Abbotsford- Matsqui	86.70%
5.	South Whidbey Island	84.67%
6.	Chilliwack	81.00%
7.	Coquitlam	76.79%
8.	Everett	76.76%
9.	Chilliwack Fraser	76.70%
10.	Meadow Ridge Rotary	76.56%

12 clubs did not submit the reports

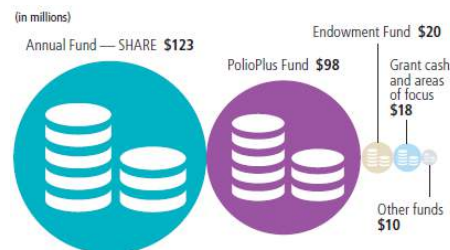
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## How funds flow into Rotary

MEMBERSHIP AND DUES REVENUE – RI



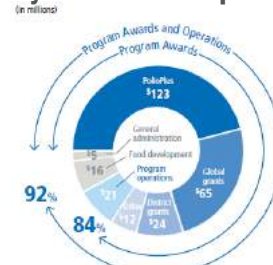
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## How does Rotary spend “my dues”?



## Rotary Foundation Expenditure





## WE'RE ZEROING IN ON THE POLIO VIRUS

It's been over three years since we've seen Type 3 wild polio in the world, which means that this particular strain has most likely disappeared forever.



Urge world leaders to provide critical funding needed to end polio forever.

- On 29 November 2015, world leaders met at the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) to show support for the global effort to eradicate polio. The disease, which remains endemic in just two countries, is poised to be the second human disease ever eradicated, after smallpox.
- On 28 October 2015 the European Parliament passed three amendments in favor of supporting increased EU funding for polio eradication, indicating the European Parliament's strong commitment to the polio eradication program.
- The success we saw in the fight to end polio this year -- with polio-free milestones reached in Nigeria and the African continent -- wouldn't be possible without the support of health workers, local governments, Rotary and Global Polio Eradication Initiative partners. But it also wouldn't be possible without word of mouth and social media.

### Government of Canada announces new support to fight polio in Pakistan

April 4, 2016 - Ottawa, Ontario - Global Affairs Canada

The Honourable Marie-Claude Bibeau, Minister of International Development and La Francophonie, today announced new programming to help stop the transmission of polio in Pakistan.

Minister Bibeau made the announcement following her first meeting with Tariq Azim Khan, High Commissioner of Pakistan in Canada.

Canada is contributing \$40 million over three years toward two initiatives by UNICEF and by the World Health Organization (WHO).

The Building Community Support for Polio Eradication project, implemented by UNICEF, will increase community acceptance of polio vaccination team workers through local language media campaigns, the delivery of health information packages, and the recruitment and training of community-based vaccinators.

The WHO's Improving Surveillance to End Polio Transmission project will improve the detection and tracking of polio, as well as improve the monitoring of all polio eradication efforts.

### End Polio Now: Make History Today campaign

From 2013 to 2018, every \$1 Rotary commits to direct support for polio eradication will be matched 2-to-1 (up to \$35 million per year) by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. When fully realized, the campaign will result in \$525 million for polio eradication.

#### 2015 SNAPSHOT



## Pakistan - Afghanistan Now Come Together to "Synchronise" Polio Drive

Pakistan and Afghanistan, the two remaining polio-endemic countries, have joined forces to eradicate poliomyelitis by vaccinating their children in synchronised campaigns.

The two neighbouring countries — sharing a 2,400 kms long and porous border — have been bracketed as the stumbling block in the way of the global polio eradication drive. These militancy-riddled countries have been tackling Taliban's opposition to the administration of oral polio vaccine (OPV) to children.

Peshawar, the capital of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP), one of Pakistan's four provinces along with the adjacent Federally Administered Tribal Areas (Fata) and the adjoining Nangarhar province of Afghanistan has been declared a polio-endemic geographical block by the World Health Organisation.

Noted religious scholar Maulana Samiul Haq administers oral polio vaccine to children. [READ MORE >>](#)







**What connects \$40 million, breakthroughs for global public health, and the future of Pakistan and Afghanistan's children?**

***"The answer is Canada, which holds a special place in my heart"***, says the past Chair of The Rotary Foundation as well as the International PolioPlus Chair Rotarian Dr. Bob Scott

Today, I'm delighted to share the news of Canada's latest contribution of C\$40 million to Pakistan's polio eradication program.

As a past Chair of The Rotary Foundation as well as the International PolioPlus Chair, I have traveled often to polio-endemic countries, and now that group is down to just two countries, Afghanistan and Pakistan.

Canada's funds will help the World Health Organization and UNICEF to interrupt the transmission of polio in Pakistan and its neighbour this year. If this is achieved, we will be one huge leap closer to polio's endgame.

With this uplifting news, it's worth reflecting on Canada's role as a pioneer in fighting polio, which began long before the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) —one of the most successful public-private partnerships for global health-- even existed.

I see three different phases of Canada's leading role: in research and innovation; in advocacy and political leadership; and in creating a legacy for the GPEI.

You may wonder why Canada has been so committed to the cause of polio eradication for so long, given that it's been almost three decades since Canada's last case of polio. Well, the story begins in the 1950s, Canada's initial innovation phase in the fight against polio, when the first polio vaccine was introduced.

[READ MORE](#)

**ERADICATION OF POLIO IS STILL  
A PRIORITY FOR ROTARY  
ROTARY WITH THE HELP OF ITS  
INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS WILL  
CONTINUE TO SUPPORT POLIO  
ERADICATION**



## Bill Gates Receives THE First "Dr. Bob Scott Award"

District 7070 in southern Ontario, home District to Bob Scott, created the Bob Scott Disease Prevention Award to be presented to an individual or organization that is making a difference in the fight against disease. The first recipient of the award is Bill Gates.

Rotary District 7070 named the award to honor Dr. Bob Scott, past PolioPlus Chair and past RI vice president, for his work as Rotary's global ambassador in support of Rotary's fight to end polio. During his eight years as RI PolioPlus Chair, Bob and his wife Ann traveled thousands of miles around the globe. He is credited with having raised millions of dollars from world leaders in the fight to end polio.

The award is to be presented in Dr. Scott's name to individuals or organizations who have made a difference in the health and wellbeing of others on a local, national or international level.

Bill Gates accepted the award in Ottawa on Feb. 25, 2015 [READ MORE](#)

## This could be the year that we eliminate one of the most tragic diseases in history

So far this year, only nine polio cases have been reported in the entire world.

By this time next year, the World Health Organization predicts that number will finally reach zero.

"We absolutely need to keep the pressure up, but we think we could reach the point where we have truly interrupted the transmission at the end of the year or the end of the low season [winter] next year," the WHO's polio eradication director Michel Zaffran told The Guardian.

Polio would become only the second human disease we've ever wiped from the planet. And it has taken an incredible global public health collaboration to get here.



### Rebecca Harrington

Rebecca is a reporter on **TECH INSIDER's** science section, covering all matters of science and health — the weirder the better.

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## The key to a successful multi-generational Rotary club

*By Emmanuel Rey, a member of the Rotary Club of Villa Devoto, Argentina*

In 20 years as a member of the Rotary family, I have learned much. I began my Rotary journey as a member of Interact when I was 12, and six years later moved on to Rotaract. After passing the

maximum age of 30 for that program, I proudly became a member of my Rotary club two years ago.

At first, I dreamed of building a big and youthful Rotary club, especially as I observed how hard it was for my fellow Interactors and Rotaractors to bridge the generation gap and become members of Rotary. But while I was still a Rotaractor, an old friend of mine gave

me a new perspective. He said, “when I’m 30, I’m going to join a Rotary club with older people, to be the link with young people.”

## Membership diversity strengthens Rotary clubs.

My friend kept his promise, and his words still ring in my mind. I have come to the conclusion that “youth is not a number, it is a state of mind,” as one of my Rotary mentors, Enrique Blainstein, taught me. A club is not young by the age of the people it comprises. It is young by the characteristics exhibited by its members, such as dynamism, resiliency, strength, and a desire to work. In other words, the youth of a club is not the average age of its members, it is the spirit with which they work.

Membership diversity strengthens Rotary clubs. I had the luck to join the Rotary Club of Villa Devoto and I have friends who are in their 70s. We’ve been able to break down generational barriers and work together, learn from each other, join forces, and pool our knowledge to serve Rotary and enhance our personal and professional lives.

I have come to the conclusion that effective clubs are clubs that find a way to blend the knowledge and experience of older members with the strength and drive of younger members. This is the greatest challenge facing Rotary as an organization, and the success of any club depends on how well they do this.

## Seaside sessions on leadership and peace in Sri Lanka

**By Lucas Wolf  
(and the team of Leadership  
Retreat Peace Fellows)**

On the southern coast of Sri Lanka, there is a special place just north of Galle where the waves crash over the rocks after their long journey across the Indian Ocean.

The rains arrive in the early evening to inundate the verdant, tropical lands. This was the setting for the second Rotary Peace Fellow Leadership Retreat from 7-9 March, attended by 10 former Rotary Peace Fellows and one gifted facilitator from Northern Ireland, Susan McEwen. We arrived from all corners of the globe, including Juba, Mindanao, Nicaragua, Somaliland, Kurdistan, London, Ottawa, Nigeria, and Sri Lanka itself.

McEwen is the Head of Programs at the prestigious Corrymeela Community, Northern Ireland’s oldest peace and reconciliation organization. Along with two of the peace fellows, she designed the retreat to highlight the importance of reflective practice, echoing the works and teachings of John Paul Lederach. It also incorporated the unique ethos and experience of Corrymeela and the dedication to service and peace inherent in Rotary’s philosophy.

Reflective practice is designed to allow practitioners to dig deeper into their own perspectives, observations, and experiences, while also taking time to listen carefully to fellow participants and enhance listening and communication skills. It proved invaluable for sharing lessons and struggles from the field and discovering how we can unite to form networks of resilience. Susan’s mastery of facilitation, dynamic energy, and skill in discussing sensitive areas surrounding peace and conflict resolution helped us grow together tremendously.

***There was a special group chemistry from the start and it was clear that these hours together marked critical building blocks for our professional development and personal well-being.***



**The team of Leadership Retreat Peace Fellows**

Sri Lanka is a unique and inspiring destination for such a Peace Fellows reflection: On the one hand it possesses all the magic and allure of any top tourist destination in the world, but on the other hand, it is a post-conflict country seeking to turn the page and change the dialogue after years of struggles. On the final day of the retreat, Peace fellows received an overview of the post-conflict realities and challenges facing Sri Lanka via a prominent field worker, Ananda Galappatti. This opened up a wider and deeper discussion on our collective experiences in conflict or field settings. Ananda is the founder of the Good Practices Group and the Mental Health and Psychosocial Support Services Network. We discussed psychosocial approaches to trauma, reconciliation, and recovery at length and emerged with a much greater understanding of the history and scope of the Sri Lankan struggles, and lessons we can use to inform our own work.

Three days is a relatively short time for a retreat, but this session was unique from the beginning. There was a special group chemistry from the start and it was clear that these hours together marked critical building blocks for our professional development and personal well-being.





Children at a remote clinic

## GUATEMALA Bringing digital X-ray technology to those in need

*By Carlos Frum, past  
governor of District  
6440 and a member  
of the Rotary Club of  
Northbrook, Illinois,  
USA*

The line went around the block and people were still coming! It was 2003 and my first trip to Guatemala as a translator for a medical team. Upon my return, I realized that we have no idea in the United States how difficult it is for people in poor countries to get basic health care. The World Health Organization (WHO) estimates that two thirds of the world's population doesn't even have access to simple X-rays.



A mother and her child in one of the remote clinics in Guatemala.

After several more trips, I resolved, with two other past governors from Rotary District 6440, to do something about this. Bruce Baumberger, Pam Kerr, and I started a project to install 29 digital X-ray systems in remote clinics in Guatemala. We called it HealthRays™.

### READ MORE ON ROTARY VOICES

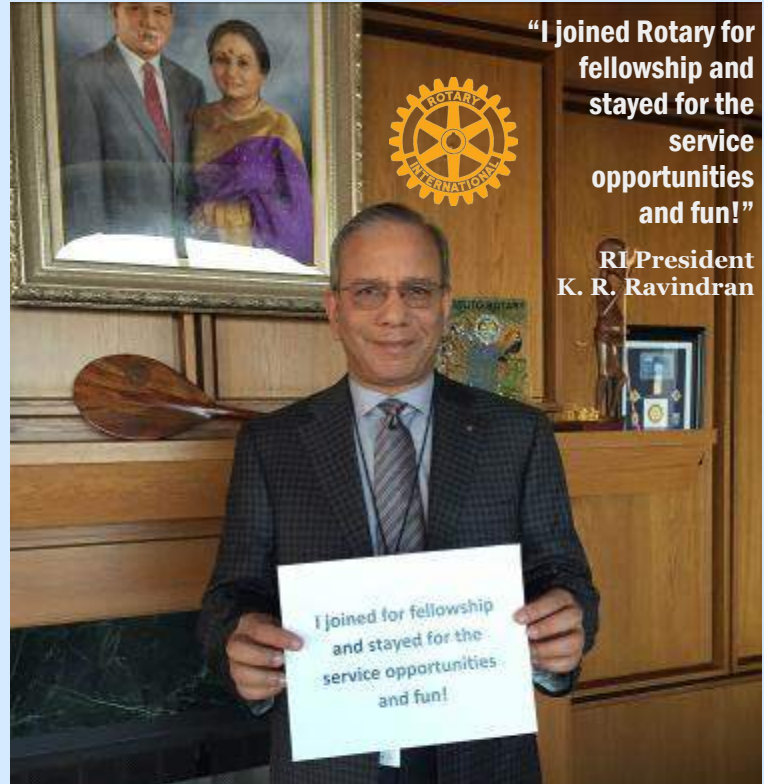


## The Rotary Moment

Chawkat Houalla's best Rotary moment was a life-saving heart surgery that he and his club were able to provide to a child in their community.

**Why did you join Rotary? Why are you staying in Rotary?**

## WHAT MAKES YOU PROUD TO BE A ROTARIAN?



**"I joined Rotary for fellowship and stayed for the service opportunities and fun!"**

**RI President  
K. R. Ravindran**



**"I joined Rotary to give back to the community and enhance people's lives."**

**RI President Elect  
John Germ**



**"I joined Rotary to make the world a better place".**

**RI General  
Secretary John  
Hewko**

**Tell us your  
story in the  
next issue of  
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Arch Journal.**





The 2013 polio outbreak in Syria led to 35 news cases of the disease. To stop the outbreak from spreading across the region and the world, 27 million children, across eight countries and many areas of conflict, had to be vaccinated.

Rotary International President K.R. Ravindran shares how Jordan remained polio-free.

**READ THE PRESS RELEASE IN  
THE JORDAN TIMES ON 30  
MARCH 2016**

<http://on.rotary.org/1ZNHKHI>

## CRISIS AT THE DOORSTEP

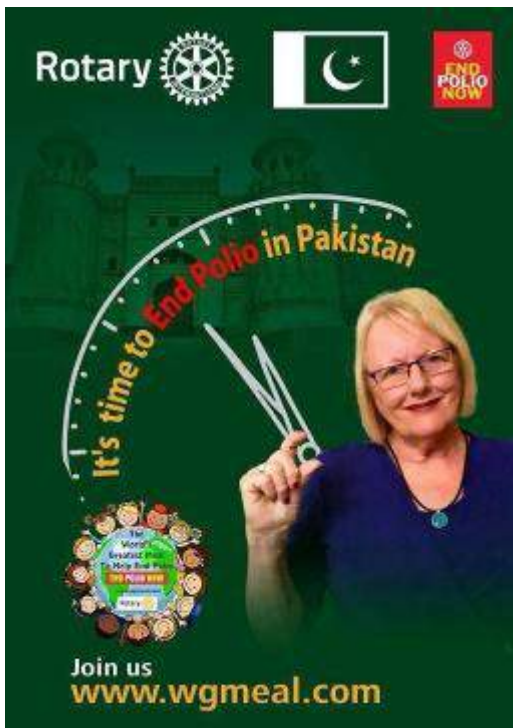
Photo Credit: Mark Baker

More than a million refugees from Syria, Iraq, and Afghanistan streamed into the European Union last year. Most entered via Greece after a harrowing raft trip across the Aegean Sea from Turkey. Once there, they made their way north, often on foot, traveling more than 1,000 miles through the rugged mountains of the Balkan countries toward Germany.

That was the uncertain odyssey facing Muhammad Mallah Hamza, a 26-year-old ethnic Kurd, in late 2014 when he decided to leave his native Syria. The trip would lead the recent college graduate to a picturesque Austrian village – and into the arms of a local Rotary club that would allow him to begin a new life while helping others in his situation.

Muhammad Mallah Hamza (left) with Rotarian Andreas von Bardeau outside Bardeau's castle, Schloss Kornberg.

From the May 2016 issue of The Rotarian



The small shop shows the spirit of these people struggling on the Edge



## PICTURES (Top to bottom)

1. Showing solidarity with the Polio Workers as they receive their all important training before the NID... Remember ending polio is Rotary's Primary Cause
2. Rotarians and staff join together in the war on polio
3. The realities of life at the IDP Camp

**Join the World's Greatest Meal in helping to End Polio as Funding is something that most of us can manage....minimum \$10 per event and sign up is via**

[www.wgmeal.com/before event...](http://www.wgmeal.com/before event...)

**All information is on the website or ask here or via a Team Member for more details The Reality of Life in the War on Polio is epitomised here, with the Training of the Polio Workers, close to a big reservoir of the Virus ....so many people contribute with so many skills.**

**All are integral to success...**

**These are the children for whom we work and our joint aim is a Polio Free World.**

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[www.wgmeal.com](http://www.wgmeal.com)**



## Building my \* *kizuna* with Rotary and Japan

By Mark Flanigan, Program Director, Japan ICU Foundation, and a 2010-12 Rotary Peace Fellow at ICU, Tokyo

When I arrived at International Christian University (ICU) in Tokyo as a new Rotary Peace Fellow in the summer of 2010, I had no idea it would be the beginning of an ongoing relationship with both the University and Rotary.

I had lived in Japan before through the Japan Exchange and Teaching (JET) Program and as a U.S. Army veteran, and was happy to return almost a decade later, thanks to Rotary.

### 2011 Tsunami

My initial peace fellow research focused on Japan's role in UN Peacekeeping, but changed after the terrible triple-disaster on 11 March, 2011. I volunteered in the disaster recovery efforts in northeast Japan and shifted the focus of my work on Japan's contributions to both domestic and international disaster response. My thesis analyzed how Japan's civilian and military agencies coordinated with international partners during earthquakes in Sumatra in 2005, Haiti in 2010, and Japan in 2011. I found that Japan improved its response times, search and rescue capabilities, and collaboration each time.

I was contacted by an official at the Japan ICU Foundation in New York who wanted to interview students who had volunteered in the disaster recovery effort in Japan. The interview was featured on the foundation's website, and as luck would have it, a position opened up at the foundation. Just two weeks after my ICU graduation, I was happy to begin a new job as program director.

Since then, I have been very honored to be working directly with colleagues in New York City supporting ICU's global programs. I help



**Mark Flanigan (back row third from right) with Ambassador Motohide Yoshikawa during a program for ICU students in New York City in July.**

***We were shocked and saddened (by the terror attack in Paris), but strengthened in our resolve to delve further into our peace studies and find ways to make it relevant in our conflict-ridden world.***



**From left: Professors Giorgio Shani of ICU and Alex Hinton of Rutgers, and Flanigan during the Rethinking Peace Studies seminar in Sri Lanka.**

raise funds for grants and scholarships, recruit international students (including two new Rotary peace fellows), and develop global programs in partnership with ICU.

As a peace fellow and ICU alumnus, I enjoy building my *kizuna* ("connections" in Japanese) with Rotary and ICU. I took part in our Rethinking Peace Studies (RPS) seminar in Sri Lanka. It's a partnership between the Japan ICU Foundation, ICU, and Rutgers University that grew out of the Aspen Cultural Diplomacy Forum on the ICU campus in 2012.

### Need for peace

There have been two previous seminars in Tokyo and New York City. For the final RPS seminar, a group of international scholars met at the University of Peradeniya in Sri Lanka to discuss peace and dialogue. It is a country that has suffered so much from its bloody civil conflict. Readings from Mahatma Gandhi, Hannah Arendt, and others were all the more relevant as we heard news of the terror attacks in Paris. We were shocked and saddened, but strengthened in our resolve to delve further into our peace studies and find ways to make it relevant in our conflict-ridden world.

A culminating conference will be held on the ICU campus in June, and it will be a special kind of homecoming for me. My experience has brought me full-circle: from prospective applicant, to peace fellow, to active ICU alumnus. It's been a pleasure for me to meet and work with successive generations of peace fellows at ICU. They are forging their own paths of peace and justice. It is

truly an honor and privilege to be living out Rotary's pledge of Service Above Self.

**Learn more about the Rotary Peace Centers**

**How do I apply for a peace fellowship? (Deadline is 31 May)**

## Helping earthquake victims in Ecuador and Japan

Rotary members are among the first to reach out and offer help in times of disaster, including in Ecuador and Japan, where earthquakes have killed hundreds of people, injured thousands, and caused billions of dollars in damage. Rotary districts in both countries have established relief funds, and members are collaborating with governments and other agencies to direct assistance where it is needed most.

► **Learn how you can help**





The Heads of State and Government of the Member States of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) recently held their Summit 14-15 April (13th Islamic Summit titled 'Unity and Solidarity for Justice and Peace') in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey.

"The Conference reaffirmed that preserving the wellbeing and physical health of children is a duty of every parent and society as prescribed by Islam. It, therefore, appealed to the religious scholars and leaders to support the polio eradication campaign and encourage people to respond positively to it."

## Rotary Peace in Action

Nine graduating Duke-UNC peace fellows this month presented their research on multidisciplinary approaches to achieving the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to an audience of Rotarians, faculty, staff, and students at Duke-UNC's annual seminar. Specifically, they focused on Goal 16: to promote just, peaceful, and inclusive societies.

Peace fellow Rebeccah Bartlett of Australia delivered the opening remarks, to which peace fellow Romi Brammer of South Africa had contributed.

"Sustainable development focuses on meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to do the

same," Bartlett said.

"We use the SDGs to address concerns ranging from building capacity and coordinating humanitarian response to improving public health and food security to reducing violence and corruption and increasing accountability of those who commit atrocities. We believe firmly that there can be no sustainable development without peace, and no peace without sustainable development."

**The 2017-18 Rotary Peace Fellowship application is now available, and the deadline for candidates to submit applications to their district is 31 May.**



**Districts must submit endorsed applications to The Rotary Foundation by 1 July.**

**For more information contact District TFR Scholarship Chair Jack Rae by e-mail to [bettyjackrae@shaw.ca](mailto:bettyjackrae@shaw.ca)**





## A Bridge over Peaceful Waters

*By Christina Welch,  
Rotary Scholar to  
UNESCO-IHE Institute for  
Water Education*

As I pedaled my newly acquired bicycle through the streets of Delft, in the Netherlands, I realized I was smiling to myself. Navigating through the cobblestone streets and over the canals felt nothing like home, yet I was so grateful to be here.

This bicycle is on loan from Paul Gampen, a fellow Rotary member. I didn't realize being a beneficiary of the global grant meant so much more than simply a scholarship. It became immediately clear upon my arrival that I am now a part of an international network of wonderful people that are willing to help in whatever way they can, at the drop of a hat. For example, when I arrived in the Netherlands after a long international flight, it was such a relief to find Henk Jaap Kloosterman, my host counselor, waiting in the airport to ease the transition into Dutch culture.

I am among the first class of graduate students in the newly created Water Cooperation and Peace master's program. This joint program takes place in three leading international institutions: University for Peace in Costa Rica, UNESCO-IHE in the Netherlands, and Oregon State University in Oregon, USA. The program is designed to create a new interdisciplinary field by merging hard water science with social science. The main goal is to create a broader perspective of topics related to water diplomacy, water security, and dispute mitigation.

I didn't realize being a beneficiary of the global grant meant so much more than simply a scholarship.

Coming from an environmental science background, I am highly motivated to apply my scientific knowledge of ecosystems and climate change to tackle these issues on an international scale. Specifically, trans-boundary water mediation is arguably one of the most critical issues today in managing our water resource.

In the past six months, between the University for Peace and UNESCO-IHE, I have met students from over 60 different countries. Discussing water accessibility, political issues, and primary water security concerns with such an international group of working professionals has been one of the most enlightening experiences, and has really put into perspective how fortunate I am to be coming from a country with access to relatively safe drinking water right from the tap.

This global grant has quite literally been the opportunity of a lifetime at a pivotal time in my career. At UNESCO-IHE, I am being trained by leading professionals in the fields of water: economics, law, governance, management, and conflict mediation. The concepts and lessons I am learning here are providing building blocks for my future career. I feel so fortunate to be receiving such a high-quality education. Yet none of this would be feasible without the help of Rotary as a whole. Additionally, I would like to individually thank Rotarians Stephen Brown and Pam Russell for their tireless work on my behalf to help make my dream a reality. I have a feeling I am going to continue to smile every day as I pedal through the streets of Delft.

## CULTURE OF GIVING WELL AND ALIVE IN AUSTRALIA

### Hay Runners concept is motivating Australia's fighting spirit



"Hope" is the word the president of the Sydney Rotary Club uses when he talks about the donations that help fund the efforts of the Burrumbuttock Hay Runners.

As a registered charity, the club manages the money given by the public that pays for the fuel costs of the drivers who volunteer their trucks and time, and its president Andrew Laurie says it's a very motivating experience.

"It's encouraging and exciting, to see there are Australians left that want to help fellow Aussies," he said.

"And we get to receive messages from the farmers that are helped too. Some of them have lost faith but when they see how many want to help, it gives them hope. We certainly don't want to stop doing this."

The club has put \$1.5m into fuel since the hay runs started in 2014.

Aramac grazier Andrew Cowper was one of many expressing thanks in person. He's still feeding 1500 sheep, 28 stud heifers and a couple of bulls, and says every little bit helps.

"To think there are so many people from across Australia who care enough to do this not just once but twice in our case, is just amazing," he said.

"You say to them, we hope we can do the same for you one day - but then you think, no I don't actually. We don't want to see anyone in the same situation we've been through."

Sydney truck driver Heath Willis said it wasn't an option not to come back when he heard a second hay run to Queensland was planned.

"I saw how it put a smile on everyone's face last time," he said. "We just want to let people know Australia hasn't forgotten them, even if the government has."

He organised six trailer loads of round bales and haylage from Sydney Water's Picton Reuse Farm.



### FAIR DINKUM

Although they are in one of the most drought-affected parts of Queensland, Blackall's rugby league team handed over a cheque for over \$8000 to Brendan Farrell for the truck drivers' fuel costs when he passed through on Friday. The Magpies, represented by Mark Wemyss, Adrian Baker and Ady Walker, staged a charity match with the Moranbah Miners in February. Picture: Lisa Alexander, Barcoo Independent.





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- by Mark Baker

In a small Austrian town, Rotarians see refugees as people, not problems.

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- by Kim Lisagor

Those born between 1982 and 2000 - about a quarter of the U. S. population - are coming of age in the workplace and in our clubs.

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by Julie Bain

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The first issue of Rotary News came out on July 15, 1952. The magazine covered areas comprising of India, Burma, Ceylon, Pakistan and Afghanistan. The magazine was printed in the Hosali printing press and in 1960, the circulation was about 7,000. This continued well into the 1960s.

In 1973, steps were taken to designate Rotary News as the Official Regional Magazine of Rotary International. A committee was set up to take over the magazine from its private owner, PDG Hosali. PDG Ramesh Pai, of the Manipal Group, brought out the magazine; PDG Hosali continued to be the editor while PDG Ramesh Pai was the publisher. The magazine was covering the areas India, Bangladesh, Burma, Nepal, Sikkim, Sri Lanka and Pakistan.

On November 30, 1982, the Rotary News Trust was formed and registered at Udupi by PDG T.

Ramesh U. Pai. The magazine was taken over by the Trust from the Manipal Group. The first secretary of the Trust was PDG M K Panduranga Setty.

The next exciting development is to launch E version of Rotary News. The Rotary News website [www.rotarynewsonline.org](http://www.rotarynewsonline.org) was launched.

The e-version will be updated with both Rotary and non-Rotary content on a regular basis. RI Director P T Prabhakar is committed to give this website a new look and quality content so that non-Rotarians will be attracted to visit our website and stay on to read its content. This is to take Rotary, its values and work to the larger universe out there.

Today, Rotary News and Rotary Samachar enjoy a subscription base of 113,000 a month.

To read May 2016 issue of the Rotary News digital edition visit <https://rotarynewsonline.org/rotary-news-may-2016/>




# GOLFUN 2016

## Friday, August 12

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 Rotary Club of Peninsula  
 Rotary Club of Semiahmoo  
 Rotary Club of South Surrey  
 Rotary Club of White Rock


## Come join us for Breakfast!

### Working together for our community






**Saturday, May 1, 2016 8:30 to 11.00 a.m.**  
**First United Church, 15385 Semiahmoo Avenue, White Rock**




## Save the Date

# Rotary Club Night

Whitecaps FC and Rotary Club Districts 5050 & 5040 are partnering for an exciting experience and invite you to save the date:




VS.



**Saturday, September 24 at BC Place**  
**Kickoff at 4 p.m.**

For more information please contact:  
 Emilio Ekuba at 604.484.7865 or [EEKUBA@whitecapsfc.com](mailto:EEKUBA@whitecapsfc.com)







**Rotary**  
DISTRICT 5050

50% American | 50% Canadian | 100% Rotarian

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## INSTALLATION DINNERS 2016

### 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 Ln, Oak Harbor, WA

### JUNE 30 PORT COQUITLAM CENTENNIAL

6:00 - 8:30 pm, Michael Wright Gallery Leigh Square (Behind City Hall) Port Coquitlam, BC,

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### LANGLEY Rotary Fiesta and Auction

Coast Hotel & Convention Centre  
20393 Fraser Hwy  
Langley, BC

**Mexican Fiesta**  
Cinco de Mayo  
\$110 per person

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### PORT MOODY Search for Perfect Pint

Port Moody Galleria  
City Hall, Port Moody  
6:00 - 9:00 pm

18 breweries,  
6 local restaurants  
and some live music

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

**TICKETS  
\$40**

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### Sedro-Woolley Rotary Foundation



presents  
**Our 44th Annual Auction**

### "Friday Night Fever"

Join us as we celebrate  
four decades of Disco

Friday, May 6, 5:00pm  
Christ the King  
1000 Fountain Street  
Burlington, WA 98233

[www.sedrowoolleyrotaryauction.com](http://www.sedrowoolleyrotaryauction.com)

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### EVERETT Rotary Walkathon benefitting EPS AVID Program

8:30 am to 11:00 am  
Cascade High School Track Area  
801 East Casino Road  
Everett

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TO  
15**

### DISTRICT 5050 RYLA Rotary Youth Leadership Award

For more information visit the District 5050 RYLA webpage at  
<http://ryla5050.org>

**JULY  
12  
TO  
17**

### DISTRICT 7620 2016 RYLA North America Conference

Washington, DC, USA

REGISTRATION OPENING SOON!

Go RYLA! Go Rotaract! Go Rotary!

**JULY  
22  
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### PORT MOODY

Volunteers Wanted!  
yes, YOU!  
For online or contact:  
bestvolunteers@gmail.com  
Tel: 604.786.1770  
Trudy 604.306.3451



@pomoribfest for more info @pomoribfest  
[PortMoodyRibfest.ca](http://PortMoodyRibfest.ca)

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### COQUITLAM Relay for Life

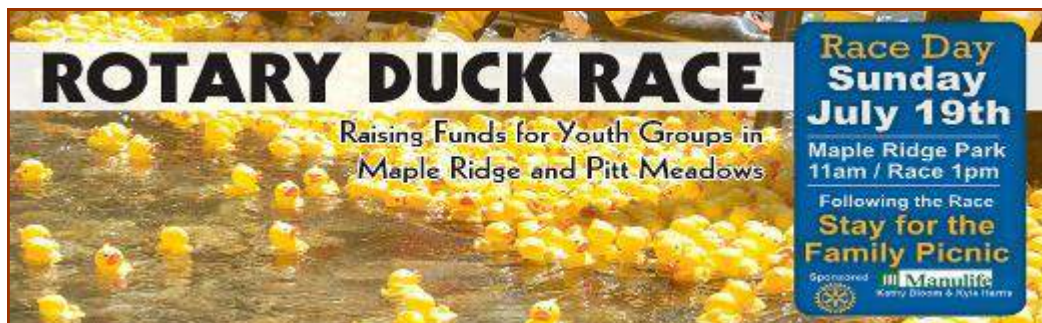
10:00 am to 10:00 pm  
Percy Perry Stadium  
Coquitlam, BC  
[http://convio.cancer.ca/site/TR/RelayForLife/RFL\\_BC\\_even?fr\\_id=21183&pg=entry](http://convio.cancer.ca/site/TR/RelayForLife/RFL_BC_even?fr_id=21183&pg=entry)



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### DISTRICT 5050 GoFUN 2016

Hazelmere Golf and Country Club  
18150 8 Ave  
Surrey, BC



**ROTARY DUCK RACE**  
Raising Funds for Youth Groups in  
Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows

**Race Day Sunday July 19th**  
Maple Ridge Park 11am / Race 1pm  
Following the Race Stay for the Family Picnic  
Sponsored by Mennell's  
Kerry Dobson & Nita Harris