



ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH



There are times when the DG needs a "lift". PDGs Denis and Sean are seen giving DG Bill a "Boost" during the Zone Institute in Providence, RI, last month.

Another occasion where the PDGs remind Bill, "You need to stand tall!"

(Apparently Bill had forgotten to pack his "Official Step Stool" on his trip.)



Be a gift to the world

Bill's Bit

November is, of course, Foundation Month and I wish to take this opportunity to thank District Foundation Chair Larry and his whole team for a great year to date.

The mission of The Rotary Foundation is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty.

We have so much to celebrate as we approach the centennial celebration of The Rotary Foundation in 2017.

Polio eradication, of course, still dominates the horizon and we certainly do our part in this ongoing campaign.

However, we also have amazing projects that are closer to home. Ten clubs now participate in the International Project Alliance, which was started in Skagit County. In addition we have excellent participation with Rotary World Help which was founded by seven clubs, including our own Coquitlam club, and now involves 10 clubs in 5050 as well as another 28 clubs in 5040, 5020 and 5510 in Arizona. We have ongoing international projects in Honduras, Kenya, Uganda, Mexico, Nepal and the Philippines to name a few. We also use District Grant funds to make things happen here at home too. The Starfish backpack program in the Fraser Valley, library shelves for First Nations libraries, books for 2nd graders in Burlington and even a mobile fire safety house on Whidbey Island to teach children how to be safe.

The clubs in this District have an awesome record of Foundation giving.

We make things happen!

We will, of course, be celebrating at our annual Foundation Dinner, which is to be held on November 14th at the wonderful Bellingham Golf and Country Club, 3729 Meridian Street, Bellingham, 98225



For registration, visit: <http://www.crsadmin.com/EventPortal/Registrations/PublicFill/EventPublicFill.aspx?evtid=8ad07ea7-6217-483d-af86-93fe5edb9788>



\$40.4 Million In new funding from Rotary for polio eradication



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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.

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Be a gift to the world

DEAR FELLOW ROTARIANS,

One sunny morning at the end of June 1991, a van drove through the busy, rush-hour streets of Colombo, Sri Lanka. Winding through the traffic to a northern suburb the van arrived at the Forward Command Headquarters of the Defense Ministry. Security guards stopped it for inspection. When they did, the two suicide bombers driving the van detonated their cargo: thousands of kilograms of plastic explosives.

The roof of the building was blown off completely. Debris was strewn for blocks. In total, 21 people were killed and 175 people injured, among them many pupils of the girls' school next door. More than a kilometer away, the blast shattered every window in my home. My wife raced toward the sound of the explosion—toward our daughter's school.

Our daughter was then nine years old. That morning, she had forgotten her pencil case at home. At the moment of the blast, she was coming out of a stationer's shop, admiring her new pencils. Suddenly her ears were ringing, the air was filled with sand, and everywhere around her people were screaming, bleeding, and running. Someone pulled her into the garden of the badly damaged school, where she waited until my wife arrived to bring her back to our home—its floors still covered with broken glass.

Sri Lanka today is peaceful and thriving, visited by some two million tourists every year. Our war was now only a memory, and we as a nation look forward to a

promising future. Yet so many other nations cannot say the same. Today, more of the world's countries are involved in conflict than not; a record 59.5 million people worldwide live displaced by wars and violence.

In Rotary we believe, in spite of all that, in the possibility of peace—not out of idealism, but out of experience. We have seen that even the most intractable conflicts can be resolved when people have more to lose by fighting than by working together. We have seen what can happen when we approach peace-building in ways that are truly radical, such as the work of our Rotary Peace Fellows. Through our Rotary Foundation, peace fellows become experts in preventing and resolving conflict. Our goal is that they will find new ways not only to end war but to stop them before they begin.

Among the hundreds of peace fellows who have graduated from the program, two from Sri Lanka, one from each side of the conflict, studied together. In the first weeks of the course, both argue passionately for the rightness of their side. Yet week by week, they grew to understand each other's perspectives; today, they are good friends. When I met them and heard their story, they gave me hope. If 25 years of pain and bitterness could be overcome by Rotary, then what, indeed, is beyond us?

We cannot fight violence with violence. But when we fight it with education, with understanding, and with peace, we can truly *Be a Gift to the world*.

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President K. R. Ravindran
will be the keynote speaker
at
FOUNDATION DINNER
January 2, 2016 7pm
Hilton Doubletree
Ontario Airport

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(before November 30, 2015)
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1917 - 2017—A Century of Doing Good





One year celebration starts in Seoul at 2016 convention and ends in Atlanta in 2017.

The Foundation was created in 1917 by Rotary International's sixth President, Arch C. Klumph, as an endowment fund for Rotary "to do good in the world."



A Century of Doing Good

“We should not live for ourselves alone, but for the joy in 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 to approximately \$1 billion, and more than \$3 billion has been spent on programs and projects — transforming millions of lives across the globe.

The Rotary Foundation transforms your gifts into projects that change lives both close to home and around the world. As the

charitable arm of Rotary, we tap into a global network of Rotarians who invest their time, money, and expertise into our priorities, such as eradicating polio and promoting peace. Foundation grants empower Rotarians to approach challenges such as poverty, illiteracy, and malnutrition with sustainable solutions that leave a lasting impact.

Strong financial oversight, a stellar charity rating, and a unique funding model mean that we make the very most of your contribution. Give and become a part of Rotary's life-changing work!

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OUR PRIORITIES

The collective leadership and expertise of our 1.2 million members helps us tackle some of the world's biggest challenges, locally and globally. We are united by common values and vision for the future as we sharpen our focus with targeted specific causes that will reach communities most in need.

OUR GUIDING PRINCIPLES

For more than 100 years, our guiding principles have been the foundation upon which our values and tradition stand. The Four-Way Test, Object of Rotary, and the Avenues of Service express our commitment to service, fellowship, diversity, integrity, and leadership.

OUR STRATEGIC PLAN

Rotary's strategic plan ensures that our future is as strong as our past. The plan unifies the direction of Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation and identifies three strategic priorities supported by 16 goals.

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ROTARY FOUNDATION

MAKING A WORLD WITHOUT POLIO POSSIBLE!

A Century of Doing Good History of Rotary Foundation

At the 1917 convention, outgoing RI President Arch C. Klumph proposed to set up an endowment "for the purpose of doing good in the world." In 1928, it was renamed The Rotary Foundation, and it became a distinct entity within Rotary International.

Growth of the Foundation

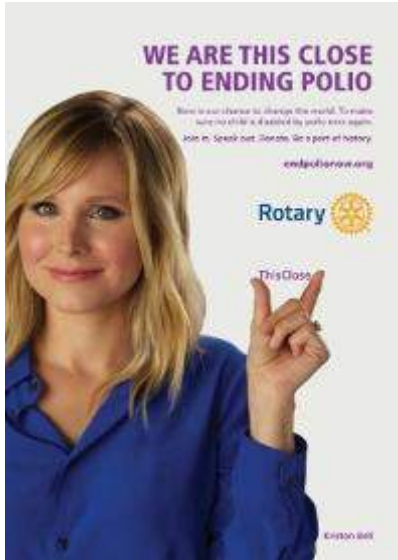
In 1929, the Foundation made its first gift of \$500 to the International Society for Crippled Children. The organization, created by Rotarian Edgar F. "Daddy" Allen, later grew into Easter Seals.

When Rotary founder Paul Harris died in 1947, contributions began pouring in to Rotary International, and the Paul Harris Memorial Fund was created to build the Foundation.

Evolution of Foundation Programs

- **1947:** The Foundation established its first program, Fellowships for Advance Study, later known as Ambassadorial Scholarships.
- **1965-66:** Three programs were launched: Group Study Exchange, Awards for Technical Training, and Grants for Activities in Keeping with the Objective of The Rotary Foundation, which was later called Matching Grants.
- **1978:** Rotary introduced the Health, Hunger and Humanity (3-H) Grants. The first 3-H Grant funded a project to immunize 6 million Philippine children against polio.
- **1985:** The PolioPlus program was launched to eradicate polio worldwide.
- **1987-88:** The first peace forums were held, leading to Rotary Peace Fellowships.
- **2013:** New district, global, and packaged grants enable Rotarians around the world to respond to the world's greatest needs.

Since the first donation of \$26.50 in 1917, the Foundation has received contributions totaling more than \$1 billion.



Kristen Bell signs on as Rotary celebrity ambassador for polio eradication

Actress and mother of two Kristen Bell is the newest face to join Rotary's 'This Close' public awareness campaign for polio eradication. A paralyzing and life altering disease, polio is on the verge of becoming the second human disease ever to be eliminated worldwide after smallpox.

Bell joins Rotary's fight against polio as the service organization and its partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative enter the final push to eliminate the vaccine-preventable disease. With the historic removal of Nigeria from the list of polio-endemic countries last month, just two continue to report polio cases— Pakistan and Afghanistan.

"I am overjoyed to work with Rotary at such an important moment in history," Bell said. "To help create awareness about this horrible disease is exhilarating."

"As the mother of two young girls, I can't emphasize enough how important it is to make sure every child is safe," she said. "Polio can be prevented with just 60 cents worth of vaccine - there's absolutely no reason any child should suffer from it. Hopefully by lending my voice to send this message, I can help rid the world of polio forever."

THE GLOBAL GOALS For Sustainable Development



Rotary clubs support the #GlobalGoals by providing clean water, creating access to education, developing local economies and educating the next generation of peace keepers.

Which Global Goal do you care about most?

How do you relate it to the Key Focus Areas of Rotary?

Let the PAJ editorial team hear about your projects.

Send us your story, or pictures that tell more than thousand words.

Help propel “Miles to End Polio” across finish line with District Funds



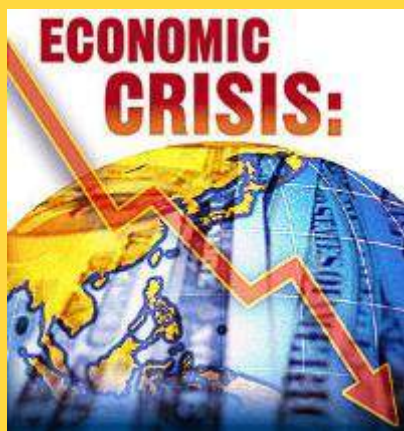
Our district could earn a visit from Rotary International President-elect John Germ by contributing district designated funds (DDFs) to support the Miles to End Polio fundraising goal.

On 21 November, Rotary General Secretary John Hewko and eight Rotary staff members will ride in El Tour de Tucson, an annual bicycle race in Arizona, USA, to raise funds for PolioPlus. The team's goal is \$3.4 million, which will be tripled by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, for a total of more than \$10 million.

Last year's team raised over \$7 million, and DDF contributions from districts were a big part of that success. Germ will visit the district that donates the most, and the top five contributing districts will be recognized onstage at the 2016 Rotary Convention in Seoul. Rotary President K.R. Ravindran will visit District 2650 in Japan to thank members for making the top DDF donation - \$500,000 - to last year's race.

El Tour de Tucson is one of the top cycling events in the U.S., attracting more than 9,000 cyclists every year. The Rotary team from Evanston, Ill., will be joined by Rotary members from Arizona and around the world.

Weakness in Global Economy lowers Rotary's investment returns Rotary's funds performs well over the long term regardless!



At the October meeting of the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation, the Investment Committee advised of weaker-than-expected returns on Rotary's investments, primarily due to negative returns in commodities and emerging-market assets.

During fiscal year 2015, which ended 30 June, the Annual Fund, excluding the operating reserve, recorded a loss of 0.2 percent; the RI General Fund was down 2.8 percent. Both the PolioPlus Fund and the Endowment Fund were up, but had minimal gains of 0.7 percent and 0.5 percent, respectively.

For the most recent quarter, Rotary anticipates negative returns for the Annual Fund, Endowment Fund, and RI General Fund owing to the impact on financial markets of global concerns about China's slowing economy. PolioPlus Fund returns are expected to be slightly positive for the quarter.

Despite the recent negative returns, Rotary's funds have performed well over the long term. Almost all current losses remain unrealized and The Rotary Foundation has more than enough cash to cover operating needs, though it may have to dip into funds from the RI General Fund to support Rotary's working capital needs.

ROTARY HONORS SIX WOMEN FOR LEADERSHIP AND HUMANITARIAN SERVICE

Rotary President K.R. Ravindran has named six Rotary Global Women of Action for 2015. The honorees were chosen for their dedication and service, which has improved the lives of thousands around the world.

“Every day at Rotary I see firsthand how our members work to change lives and make a significant impact,” said Ravindran. “Rotary’s Global Women of Action embody Rotary’s motto, Service Above Self.”

The women will be honored at Rotary Day at the United Nations in New York City on 7 November. They will also address attendees and lead discussions on various topics related to their work.

The six were selected by Rotary senior leaders and staff from more than 100 nominees from around the world. They are:

Dr. Hashrat A. Begum, of the Rotary Club of Dhaka North West, Bangladesh, who has implemented several large-scale projects to deliver health care to poor and underserved communities.



Stella S. Dongo, of the Rotary Club of Highlands, Zimbabwe, who leads the Community Empowerment Project in the city of Harare. The project provides basic business and computer training to more than 6,000 women and youths affected by HIV/AIDS.

Lucy C. Hobgood-Brown, of the Rotary E-Club of Greater Sydney, New South Wales, Australia, who cofounded HandUp Congo, a nonprofit that promotes and facilitates sustainable, community-driven business, educational, social, and health initiatives to underprivileged communities in the Democratic Republic of Congo.



Razia Jan, of the Rotary Club of Duxbury, Massachusetts, USA, who has spent decades fighting for girls’ educational rights in Afghanistan. An Afghan native, she is the founder and director of the Zabuli Education Center, a school that provides free education to more than 480 girls in Deh’Subz, Afghanistan. She was also recognized as a CNN Hero in 2012.

Kerstin Jeska-Thorwart, of the Rotary Club of Nürnberg-Sigena, Germany, who launched the Babyhospital Galle project after surviving the 2004 tsunami in Sri Lanka. With a budget of \$1.8 million and the support of 200 Rotary clubs, the project rebuilt and equipped the Mahamodara Teaching Hospital, in Galle, Sri Lanka. The hospital has served more than 150,000 children and more than 2.2 million women.



Dr. Deborah K. W. Walters, of the Rotary Club of Unity, Maine, USA, a neuroscientist who has served as director of Safe Passage (Camino Seguro), a nonprofit that provides educational and social services to families who live in the Guatemala City garbage dump.

Celebrities, Health Officials come together to air progress towards Polio’s End



Jeffrey Kluger, Time magazine editor at large (left), talks with **Dr. John Vertefeuille**, polio incident manager for the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, as part of Rotary’s World Polio Day event on 23 October in New York City.

After a historic year during which transmission of the wild poliovirus vanished from Nigeria and the continent of Africa, the crippling disease is closer than ever to being eradicated worldwide, said top health experts at Rotary’s third annual World Polio Day event on 23 October in New York City.

More than 150 people attended the special Livestream program co-sponsored by UNICEF, and thousands more around the world watched online. Jeffrey Kluger, Time

magazine’s editor at large, moderated the event.

Anthony Lake, executive director of UNICEF, lauded the Global Polio Eradication Initiative’s efforts. After nearly 30 years, the GPEI, which includes Rotary, the World Health Organization, UNICEF, and U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and is supported by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, is on the cusp of ending polio. It would be only the second human disease ever to be eradicated.

Lake urged the partners not to lose their momentum: “At a time when the world is torn by conflicts, when the bonds among people seem weaker and more frayed than ever before, ending polio will be not only one of humanity’s greatest achievements, but a singular and striking example of what can be achieved when diverse partners are driven by a common goal -- when we act as one,” he said.

The event highlighted recent milestones in polio eradication: In July, Nigeria marked one year without a case, and in August, the entire African continent celebrated one year without an outbreak. That leaves just two countries where the virus is regularly spreading: Afghanistan and Pakistan.

In a question-and-answer session with Kluger, Dr. John Vertefeuille, polio incident manager for the CDC, discussed the reasons for Nigeria’s success, including strong political commitment at all levels and the support and engagement of religious and community leaders.

“The foundation to Nigeria’s success has been the incredible dedication of tens of thousands of health workers who have worked, often in difficult circumstances, to ensure that all children are reached with the polio vaccine,” said Vertefeuille.

ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - ROTARY IN ACTION

With Rotary Foundation Matching Grant 73919, Rotarians from District 7260 and Haitian Rotarians staffed a weeklong medical clinic there, installed a laptop and satellite to be used for telemedicine, and converted the community center's power source to solar energy. After the 2010 earthquake, Port-au-Prince residents fled to the island, increasing its population by 30 percent.



Solar engineer Christopher Castro, of the Rotary Club of Brentwood, New York, USA, on the roof of Kominote clinic after the installation of its solar panels in Nan Sema on the island of La Gonave, Haiti. ▶

◀ Rotarians and members of the community of Nan Sema on the island of La Gonave, Haiti, celebrate the successful installation of solar panels on the roof of the Kominote clinic.



◀ Christopher Castro jumps rope with children in Nan Sema on the island of La Gonave, Haiti.



Christopher Castro trains a local technician to maintain a solar energy system in Nan Sema, on the island of La Gonave, Haiti. ▶



◀ Volunteer Tim Coyle and Christopher Castro (right), install solar panels on the roof of the Kominote clinic in Nan Sema



Christopher with the members of the community of Nan Sema to secure the solar panels ▶



Malherbe Colas, of the Rotary Club of Port-au-Prince, Haiti, registers a patient to see a doctor at the Kominote clinic.



At sunrise, nurse Florence Marc-Charles, of the Rotary Club of Freeport-Merrick, New York, USA, sweeps the front steps of the Kominote clinic.



Nurse Florence Marc-Charles, evaluates a mother and her child at the clinic.



Nurse Florence Marc-Charles performs a basic examination at the clinic .

Economic and Community Development is all about ENABLING THE COMMUNITY AND THE PEOPLE.

As much as they need funding for their projects, THEY ALSO NEED THE EXPERTISE WITHIN ROTARY for them to be able to manage their own development.

ROTARY ENABLES PEOPLE to work for the development of their communities BY BEING A GIFT TO THE WORLD!

New group of Rotary Peace Fellows welcomed by Peace Centers and host Rotarians

Nearly 100 Rotary Peace Fellows representing 35 countries started their fellowship in recent months at one of six Rotary Peace Centers.

Through academic training, study and practice of Rotary Peace Centres program develops leaders who become catalysts for peace and conflict prevention and resolution in their communities and around the globe. Graduates of the program are reintegrating refugees in Sudan, creating jobs for disadvantaged women in India, and supporting reconstruction in devastated regions of world.

Rotary Peace Centers are located in Thailand, USA, Japan, England, Australia and Sweden.

Rotary members are vital to recruiting qualified candidates. You can help advance peace in troubled areas around the world by promoting peace fellowships and supporting peace fellow candidates through the application process.

Some of the best candidates for Rotary Peace Fellowships are in your community.

Applications for 2016-17 is already closed. Applications for 2017-18 fellowships will be available on 1 December.

The estimated cost of this program is US\$150 million by 2017 to



Scholars of Master's Degree Program in fields related to Peace and Conflict Resolution and Prevention at the ICU Rotary Peace Center, Tokyo, Japan pose for a picture on commencement of their studies at ICU.



Class XIII (2015-16) at the Rotary Peace Centre of the University of Queensland, Australia.

build a permanent endowment fund for the program.

The best way Rotarians can support Rotary Peace Centers is by sponsoring students to any one of the Centres.

Professional development opportunity: Global Peace Index Ambassador Program

Current peace fellows and alumni may apply for an exciting professional development opportunity marking the 10th anniversary of the Global Peace Index. The Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP) is launching the 10 for the 10th Global Peace Index Ambassador Program, which will run from January through June 2016. It will include an empirical study of peace that will train and equip the selected participants to deliver Global Peace Index presentations in 10 cities around the world. At the end of the program, participants will receive a certificate, be profiled on IEP's website, and have access to professional development opportunities through IEP's worldwide network.

Application for the year 2016 closed in October. The next batch of applications will be processed in October 2016 for studies January through June of 2017.



Scholars in Master's Program in International Development Policy (MIDP) Duke University and University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, USA



2015-16 Rotary International scholarship recipients studying at Uppsala University, Sweden, with their faculty members.

Rotary and ShelterBox support Syrian refugees



A refugee family from Syria seeks shelter in cramped conditions on the Greek island of Lesbos.

Photo Credit: Rachel Harvey/ShelterBox

In Syria, where a civil war has been raging since 2011, more than 6,000 people flee the country every day. As of September, more than 4.1 million people have become refugees, and 7.6 million more have been internally displaced.

“The plight of Syria’s refugees is a litmus test for the world’s compassion,” says Rotary International General Secretary John Hewko. “Rotary members worldwide are profoundly disheartened by the refugee crisis now unfolding in Syria and other parts of the world,” which the United Nations has described as the worst in decades.

“Rotary is following the situation closely,” Hewko says. “We know our members have an inherent desire to act, to relieve the suffering and uncertainty that displaced individuals and families are facing. We call on you to respond as Rotarians have for more than 100 years: to use your professional skills and acumen, leverage your connections to other leaders, and mobilize your local communities to provide the necessary resources and funding to address the humanitarian crisis.”



Lindsay Griswold and her students at the Gede Special School in Kenya.

Delivering indestructible soccer balls to children in Vietnam

By Sallyann Price, Rotary staff

At the Rotary International Convention in São Paulo this summer, a group of American high school students kicked a funny-looking soccer ball around the House of Friendship. The Interact club members from high schools in the Bay Area of California, USA, were raising money to send a volunteer team to Vietnam to give away 2,400 of these balls...



Members of Interact Club of Mt. Eden High School in Hayward, California, deliver the durable soccer balls in Vietnam.

... In a country with no Rotary clubs (the last one was disbanded amid political strife in the 1970s), the team members also served as goodwill ambassadors, meeting with local officials and working with registered local charities to share Rotary’s message of international understanding and development through hands-on service...

“This was my last year of Interact and I wanted to end it with a bang,” says Vu Dinh, a recent graduate of Mt. Eden High School in Hayward, California, where he was an active member of the Interact club.

“In high school, it’s often repeated that grades stay on your transcript forever. In Interact, you learn that the impact you make through service can affect people’s lives forever,” Dinh says. “When you travel to another country, you can see that impact firsthand. We’re giving away these soccer balls, but we’re also giving these kids the opportunity to play and grow as a community through sports, and letting people know Rotary is important.” “In high school, it’s often repeated that grades stay on your transcript forever. In Interact, you learn that the impact you make through service can affect people’s lives forever,” Dinh says. “When you travel to another country, you can see that impact firsthand. We’re giving away these soccer balls, but we’re also giving these kids the opportunity to play and grow as a community through sports, and letting people know Rotary is important.”

Memories of Kenya fuel my ride to end polio

By Lindsay Griswold

Lindsay Griswold is a Youth Exchange senior specialist for Rotary International. She is one of several Rotary staff members who will join General Secretary John Hewko in biking El Tour de Tucson in Arizona to raise money for polio eradication.

My passion for working with youth at an international level first blossomed during my time with the Peace Corps in Kenya. I served as a Deaf education volunteer from 2006 to 2008 at Gede Special School in Coast Province.

While I was not aware then of the significance Rotary would later have in my life, the school was built by the Rotary Club of Malindi, Kenya, a few months before my arrival. Gede serves not only students who are Deaf but also those who have physical and cognitive disabilities such as cerebral palsy, Down syndrome, and even polio.

Living and teaching in Kenya was an incredibly meaningful journey that I continue to learn from and reflect on, even today. I miss the mamas at the village cafe, the beauty of the Indian Ocean, and most importantly, my former students.

My love of biking flourished when I moved to Chicago after the Peace Corps. I bought a road bike from Ciclo Urbano, a West Side bicycle shop that supports local at-risk youth through its earn-a-bike summer program. I used this as my sole mode of transportation and quickly learned the necessity of avoiding Chicago’s numerous potholes and car doors along the way. A few years later, I met my now husband, and our mutual love of bikes easily solidified our relationship. In fact, we even got engaged at the top of a mountain during a bike ride in Crested Butte, Colorado — an incredibly romantic event until I had my first-ever bike crash soon after. Now, I find myself riding long distances on the weekends, discovering new trails, and road-tripping with my bike always in tow.

A 16-year-old convinced her to change careers



Shiza Shahid, 26, is the cofounder and CEO of the Malala Fund.

SHIZA SHAHID was born in a country where the birth of a girl is lamented while that of a boy is celebrated. The majority of Pakistani girls are married before the age of 18; most never learn to read or write.

But Shiza was lucky. Her parents raised her and her sister with the same liberties with which they raised their son. Even when money was limited, they sent girls to the best schools. Shiza had a childhood filled with love and happiness.

Despite her many blessings, she grew up with a deep awareness that the women around me were less fortunate. Rather than becoming more progressive, her society was experiencing a wave of rising extremism and violence. Women were the first casualties. In the U.S., women were demanding equal wages and longer maternity leave. But in Pakistan, women were being traded as property to resolve disputes and suffering acid attacks at the hands of jealous husbands. There

was no women's movement in her country—just a handful of feminists whose voices were drowned out by the storm.

The only way she could help her fellow sisters was by truly understanding their reality. Pakistan was divided between the haves and the have-nots. As a teenager, Shiza began volunteering in oppressed segments of society.

She worked in women's prisons, earthquake-relief camps, and refugee communities. It was at these places that she learned what it was like to be a woman born into the harshest circumstances in the world.

She also came to understand how similar she was to them. What empowers women in Pakistan is the same as what empowers women everywhere: networks of support, education, job opportunities, and a seat at the table where decisions are made.

Yet, as she spend a lot of my time in the U.S., she has realized that so much of the women's movement is domestic in focus. Empowering women internationally is seen as an act of charity rather than the responsibility of every woman or man who identifies as a feminist. The new wave of feminist literature in the U.S. focuses primarily on American issues; international women's issues are relegated to NGOs. The challenge is big, but there is also an unprecedented opportunity at hand. Technology allows us to cross previously impenetrable borders. And no army can stop an idea whose time has come.

In October 2012, she was working as a consultant for McKinsey & Company in the Middle East when she got the call that changed her life. Malala Yousafzai, a 16-year-old activist for girls' rights in Pakistan, had been shot by the Taliban in an attempt to silence her campaign for girls' education. Shiza flew to Malala's hospital to see her and offer her help.

As Malala recovered, Shiza realized that she had a decision to make: *"Would I go back to my career, or would I stay and help to build a movement that could empower girls globally? I quit my job and never looked back," says Shiza.*

Shiza Shahid's Top 10 Inspirational Women



Sonia Shahid

My Mom and Orphanage Manager

"Taught me that no matter where you come from, you have within you the power and capability to create the life you want."



Malala Yousafzai

Taliban Survivor and Education Activist

"Showed me what it means to be brave, to look at death and not feel afraid because what you are fighting for is bigger than yourself."



Sharmeen Obaid-Chinoy

Pakistani Filmmaker and Oscar Winner

"Used her camera to amplify the voices of those whose stories otherwise would not be heard."



Susan McCaw

Businesswoman and Philanthropist

"Gave me my scholarship to Stanford. Changed my life."



Sheryl Sandberg

Chief Operating Officer of Facebook

"Never underestimated the power of 'leaning in' to potential."



Shabana Basij-Rasikh

President and Co-Founder of SOLA (School of Leadership Afghanistan)

"Dressed like a boy to accompany her sister to school during the Taliban regime in Afghanistan."



Aung San Suu Kyi

Burmese Politician and Nobel Peace Laureate

"Endured 15 years of house arrest under the military dictatorship but refused to compromise or yield."



Oprah Winfrey

Media Magnate

"Rose against all odds to become the first self-made billionaire."



Chelsea Clinton

Vice Chair of the Clinton Foundation

"Drives innovative and sustainable impact in development across the world."



Khalida Brohi

Youth Activist and Social Entrepreneur

"Helps to empower women in Pakistan's tribal areas through economic livelihood trainings and collectives."

DISTRICT AND ZONE NEWS



A Government of Canada and Rotary Foundation Canada Partnership

1. The Government of Canada will make available CAD \$1.2million per year for 5 years to support for matching funds for qualifying projects when Canadian Clubs and Districts apply for TRF Global Grants.
2. Rotary Club cash contributions and District Designated Funds will be matched 1:1 by the Government of Canada funds.
3. TRF will match the funds coming GOC at the same rate as “cash contributions”. TRF operates in \$USD.
4. The funds will be fully integrated into the Global Grant funding model.
5. Five of the 6 areas of focus of TRF will be covered, the exception being Peace and Conflict resolution.
6. Child and maternal health is the preferred area of focus of the GOC. The GOC Child & maternal Health encompasses five of our six areas of focus mentioned above.
7. The agreement has three major eligibility restrictions: Scholarships; Construction activities of any kind; purchase of vehicles and major medical equipment purchases.
8. All funded projects must take into account: Gender Equity; Environmental Sustainability; and Good Governance.
9. The Government of Canada has identified countries that are a priority for Canadian development programming. While projects targeted at those countries will not receive preferential treatment, there will be an expectation that most Global Grant projects do occur in these countries.
10. TRF Canada rather than Rotary Club(s) will be responsible for forwarding the appropriate amount to TRF with respect to the GOC funding contributions.
11. TRF Canada will initiate an annual call for projects that will be in effect until such time as the funds are expended.
12. All of the Global Grant requirements with respect to administration, reporting and stewardship are applicable to this program.

- Additional forms and information available on The Rotary Foundation Canada website. <http://portal.clubrunner.ca/100984/Stories/fact-sheet-goc-trfc-partnership>
- We will be including this in our Grants Training Seminar in February, although, the funds are available immediately for qualifying Global Grants.
- You will need to complete the pre application-grant form and calculator. When you send a copy to TRF Canada, also send a copy to DRFC Larry Jubie at lwjubie31@hotmail.com.
- If you have any questions, please forward them to me in writing also.

Since this is a new program, we will be learning along with you.

Thank you for all that you do for your communities, both local and international.

LAWRENCE W. JUBIE
District Rotary Foundation Chair

2015 Zone Institute ends in Style



↑ A couple of Rotary District 5050's best couples at the Rotary Zone Institute in Providence, Rhode Island

← along with one odd couple .

Odd indeed!

Bill swears that he did not have any Tequila before this picture was taken.

After that... he had a few ... as usual!

Yes! Rhode Island brings out the best in you!

There are 34 Zones in the world including ours, Zones 24 and 32. The Rotary International Board of Directors affirms the value of annual informational meetings of past, current and incoming RI officers.

The purpose of institutes is to provide: current, incoming, and past RI officers with updates on RI and Rotary Foundation policies and programs; a forum for Rotary leaders to make comments and recommendations to the Board of Directors; fellowship and a participative learning experience that will help inspire current, incoming, and past governors to continuing leadership and service.

The Next institute will be held in in Winnipeg, Manitoba September 29 – October 2, 2016, (September 26- 28, 2016 for those involved in pre-institute training)





It is customary that every District Governor visits all clubs in the District during his/her term of office. All District Governors know pretty much what happens during such visits.

Rotary Club of Port Coquitlam Centennial rose above the expectation of any District Governors. No matter how much time District Governor Bill Robson spend on preparing for his visit to the Club, he had no clue what the members of this club was up to.

The contacted Rotary Club of Tequila recommending Bill to be appointed as a Honorary Member of their Club. They gladly accepted.

Tequila or no Tequila - these Rotarians were building bridges and putting a new twist to recognizing the leadership of the District

During the visit Bill honored Angela Andersen, Gaye Simms and C. V. "Mohan" Mohanan as "World Class Rotarians" for their contribution to Rotary.



Message from Rotary Club of Tequila



Official Declaration



"I know my Presidents will appreciate this.

I have, due to the efforts of the Rotary Club of Port Coquitlam Centennial, been recognized as an honorary member of the Rotary Club of Tequila, Jalisco, Mexico.

What a wonderful thing to do! The club greeted me this evening (Thursday, October 15) with dancing girls and a wonderful Mexican greeting.



Official Greetings

After his initial shock... he is good old Bill again! Bill knows how to choose his women ...



... especially when Lona is not with him.



Bill showing off his certificate (or the ladies?)

Editor's Note: YES! There is a Rotary Club of Tequila in Jalisco, Mexico and the certificate is official!

Community Leader Recognized and inducted as Paul Harris Fellow



Pictured: John Edwards, Event Emcee and Past President of the Rotary Club of Surrey 2013-2014; Edwina Jeffrey and Ed Landry, President Rotary Club of Surrey, 2015-2016

Edwina Jeffrey, Community Leader and Chair of the joint planning committee for the Innovative Labour Solutions Awards (ILSA), was awarded and inducted as a Paul Harris Fellow by the Rotary Club of Surrey. The ILSA 2nd annual event took place on Thursday, October 1st at the Eaglequest Coyote Golf Course, Surrey, BC.

Partners involved in the planning of this annual event included The City of Surrey-Measuring Up Committee, The Rotary Club of Surrey, Rotary-At-Work, BC, Community Living British Columbia (CLBC), WorkBC Employment Services Centres and Milieu Family Services.

Edwina is an avid advocate for the integration of Canadians with disabilities into the workforce. In 1989, Edwina's daughter was born with Down syndrome. Edwina advocates, volunteers and keeps learning to help her daughter who is now an adult. She has broadened her volunteering experience towards advocating for all individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities.

Some of Edwina's volunteer roles have included:

- Director or Executive Board member of the Lower Mainland Down Syndrome Society
- Co-Chair, Local Organizing Committee, Canadian Down Syndrome Society- National Conferences (2003 and 2011)
- Organizing Committee Member – World Down Syndrome Congress conference (2006)
- Community Living BC (CLBC) (www.communitylivingbc.ca) : Surrey-Delta-White Rock Community Council member – (2009-present)
 - parent representative while on Council for a Surrey Association Community Living (SACL) pilot literacy project for individuals with intellectual disabilities (2009-2011)
 - Community Council Vice-Chair (2011-2012) and Chair (2012-present)
 - Chair, Subcommittee on Community Employment Action Plan (2013-2015)

Edwina currently resides in Surrey with her husband, daughter and the family cat Nala. She would be pleased to direct you to services for people with disabilities.

CAD Rotary \$ is worth 5:1 in Canada and 3:1 in the US Who said Canadian Dollar is weak?

ULTRA-NEW MATH

If 1 is to the ratio to 3 how can 1 be the ratio to 5?

Once in a life time opportunity with your club members (and friends and family) in support of the Rotary Foundation- due to current 5:1 match in Canada and 3:1 in the US this is an opportunity we don't want to miss!

The Masters Golf Auction is back!

The Rotary Club of Chilliwack is very happy to announce it is auctioning off a pair of 4 day passes to the 2016 Masters Golf Tournament. **All net proceeds will be donated to the Rotary Foundation.** The Masters will take place April 7-10 in Augusta, Georgia.

The auction will be open to all Rotarians, family and friends and we urge you to pass the word out to all the golfers in your life. The Auction opened on October 13 and closes on November 3, at 4:00pm.

Here is how it works:

Bids are sent to ianmeissner@gmail.com. As bids start coming in, an email will be sent to all participants to update them on the current highest bid. The auction will be open for bidding until 4:00 pm November 3.

After 4:00 pm on November 3, all participants will be informed of the highest bid amount. They will then have till 4:00 pm on November 4th to email their final bid.

After 4:00 p.m. November 4th, the bids will be reviewed to determine a winning bid. If the highest bids are within \$100 of each other, the bidders will be contacted and be given an opportunity to participate in a live auction by phone. The live phone auction will then determine a winner.

During the bidding process all participants names will only be known to Ian, the Chilliwack Club President and Foundation Chair.

The four-day passes are very difficult to obtain (many would say impossible) and are coveted around the golfing world. We've had great success in the past with the Masters Auction, so make sure to spread the word to your fellow Rotarians, friends and relatives.

For complete auction details please see attachments or email Ian Meissner, President Elect, Rotary Club of Chilliwack at ianmeissner@gmail.com or call 604-819-3000

Do want to know more about the 5:1 = 3:1 ratio? Contact the mastermind Ian Meissner.

The answer is simple. You will never know it unless you participate. Many of the good things about Rotary, you never know about unless you are **'IN IT'!**

SO ... Be "IN IT" to know more about "IT"!

Polio losing to good people taking action



Ezra Teshome, a Seattle Rotarian, delivers vaccine to an Ethiopian village this month.

By Columnist Jerry Large
22 OCTOBER 2014

A Seattle volunteer is one of the people who is making polio a thing of the past by trading despair for action.

If you sometimes despair about the myriad problems the world faces, you should talk with Ezra Teshome. I guarantee he'll help you see possibilities in place of problems.

"In a sea of problems you could walk away saying it is too much, or you could make a difference for one person," Teshome told me.

This week he's celebrating a victory over polio, a disease that once preyed on millions of people around the world. Teshome will be among the speakers at a celebration of World Polio Day at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation on Saturday. And there is good news this year.

Africa has not seen a new case caused by the naturally occurring polio virus for a year, and in only two countries in the world does the disease remain endemic, Afghanistan and Pakistan. (There have also been rare cases of the oral vaccine causing an outbreak.) There's still work to be done to make sure every child is vaccinated so that the disease doesn't flare up again. Teshome spent the past couple of weeks in his birth country, Ethiopia, vaccinating children along its border with Somalia.

Teshome is a Rotarian. Rotary International declared war on polio in 1985. In 1988, the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, a public-private partnership that includes Rotary, the Gates Foundation, UNICEF and other organizations, was formed. The disease at that time was present in 125 countries and paralyzed 1,000 children a



day.

Since 1996, Teshome has been leading groups of American and Canadian Rotarians to Ethiopia. He does it twice a year while running an insurance agency and a real-estate business in Seattle and raising four children with his wife, Yobi.

I've known Teshome for a while, but there were still things I wanted to know about him and his philanthropy. So Tuesday, I visited with him at his Central Area office.

He told me his family had a dairy in Addis Ababa and enjoyed a relatively good life. His father was always helping other people, so Teshome and his 11 siblings saw that as the normal way to be.

When he was in high school, young people were part of a movement demanding changes in the government of Haile Selassie who had been emperor since 1930. Schools were often closed for days, weeks, even months because of the protests.

A friend suggested Teshome go elsewhere to finish his education and pointed him here. So in 1971, at 18, he entered Highline Community College, then earned a pre-law degree from Seattle University intending to go to law school, then return to Ethiopia.

But Selassie was overthrown in 1974. There was turmoil and Teshome couldn't go back and didn't have money to continue school. Instead, he took a job as a State Farm claims adjuster. He was doing well and wanted to give back to his adopted country, so he joined Rotary because of its reputation for doing good. As a Rotary member he traveled to Ethiopia in 1996 for a peace conference and began thinking about all the problems that needed attention, from homelessness to the need for more literacy.

He chose polio as a cause because people in Ethiopia were having a hard enough time surviving if they were healthy. What future would a person robbed of mobility by polio have? And all it takes to protect a child is two drops of vaccine.

What happened, though, is that his many trips not only helped defeat polio, they brought help for all kinds of problems. Teshome said the people he takes with him on trips, "see a problem, then see a solution."

He's taken 35-85 Rotarians on each trip. They pay their own expenses, and there are always more volunteers than he can take.

He and the Rotarians who volunteer with him have built more than 107 homes for families who had been living on the streets. He's helped establish a library and build a school. He and other Rotarians have completed water projects in 85 villages, so children don't get waterborne illnesses.

Teshome is already thinking ahead to making access to clean water the focus of his philanthropy in the future.

"I am a father of four, and I have three grandkids. I have been blessed to raise them in this country, and they're all doing extremely well. And every time I go back, my heart goes out, as a father, as a parent, my heart goes out to everyone in terms of raising kids" in difficult conditions.

That's why he made the commitment to go back every year, and why he continues to make a difference for far more than one person.



Rotary Peace Scholar

Peace Scholar Raymond Hyma has been accepted by the Rotary Peace Center for admission to the three month Professional Development Certificate program at Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand.

In 2008, Mr Hyma completed the Rotary Peace Fellowship Master's Degree program at the Universidad del Salvador, Buenos Aires, Argentina, majoring in International Relations. Following graduation he has work for Immigration Services Society of British Columbia, in Vancouver; International Development Research Center in Ottawa; Cambodian Civil Society Partnership in Phnom Penh, Cambodia; and Center for Peace and Conflict Studies in Siem Reap, Cambodia. His current position takes him to Myanmar to monitor the elections. The Professional Development program will enable him to develop new skills in conflict analysis – a more hands-on approach.

Added to his impressive work history he has an equally impressive list of volunteer activities - sailing around the world from Tokyo, Japan on the Peace Boat; Japan Exchange Teaching Program; Netcorps Canada International/Canada World Youth, Patronato San Jose Public Hospital, Quito, Ecuador; Outreach Volunteer, Korea HIV/AIDS Prevention and Support Center, Seoul, Korea; and more.

Mr Hyma was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Chilliwack-Fraser for both programs.

Congratulations to Pat Bond!

She was thanked for her work as a member of the North Delta Rotary club and her 4 years service as an Assistant Governor with a Paul Harris +7. Paul Harris Award is one of our highest recognitions.

This is the 8th time Pat has received this highest recognition.

Rotary Peace Fellowships

Each year, Rotary selects up to 100 individuals from around the world to receive fully funded academic fellowships at one of our peace centers. These fellowships cover tuition and fees, room and board, round-trip transportation, and all internship and field-study expenses. Two types of peace fellowships are available.

MASTERS DEGREE: Programs last 15 to 24 months and require a practical internship of two to three months during the academic break. Each year, we award up to 50 master's degree fellowships

CERTIFICATE: a three-month program in peace and conflict prevention and resolution.

Legends never die! They live on in all of us.

On September 25, 2015 we lost a legend.

A man of many professions, passions, and great accomplishments – boxer, teacher, real estate developer, Rotarian, photographer, and gardener...but above all, he will be remembered as the greatest father, brother, grandfather, and friend any of us could have asked for.

Very few men have made an impact like the one Mel Hollinger has made on the world, his community, and his family.

He never told us how to live, he showed us. His life and actions inspired. His wisdom turned the tides. His love was deep and unconditional. His faith and guidance have been a beacon for generations. And his razor sharp wit will keep us all smiling for the next 100 years.

Melvin Hollinger was born, June 11th 1916, in Rupert, Idaho to Warren and Agnes Hollinger. He grew up knowing the value of hard work - tending the farm with his brothers and sisters. He told stories of ice skating to school in the winters, and showing his champion dairy cows in the summers.

As a young college student, Mel's summers were spent working for the cannery in Dayton Washington, where he met the love of his life, Wilma Lucille Winnett.

The two were married in 1938 and he graduated shortly after with a teacher's degree in Agriculture from the University of Idaho. While never the star athlete, there was one exception. Melvin was a decorated boxer and carried his appreciation for the sport throughout his life.

Mel and Wilma came to Blaine in 1939 to make their home and raise their family. There he began his first profession as a teacher for the Blaine school district.

Mel remained an educator for 17 years, while taking on additional jobs at Alaska Packers, and beginning his work as an inventor and carpenter.

A Tribute to Melvin W. Hollinger (1916 - 2015)



by DG BILL ROBSON

In the 1940s, the war meant a ban on new metal toys and machines and Mel the inventor was born. Always seeing an opportunity, Mel opened a woodworking, welding, and manufacturing shop where he built and repaired bicycles, toys, and machines from found and recycled scraps to support his growing family.

He was always a goal setter, and carried an innate desire to rise to the top. Mel embarked on his next profession in 1957, when he left his teaching tenure to pursue his real estate career as a broker and developer full time. Mel Hollinger Realty quickly became a recognized name throughout Whatcom County.

Mel and Wilma were builders of Blaine. Through their unselfish devotion and dedication they left Blaine and Whatcom County a better place for generations to come. Mel was a charter member of Whatcom North Rotary, District Governor, and Paul Harris Fellow. In addition to his local work, Mel's foundations provided medical relief, vaccinations, and micro-lending opportunities for communities in need across the globe.

As a historian, Rotarian, and world traveler, Mel's curiosity and philanthropy took him around the world.

In his final days, Mel remarked, "I always wanted to see the world. And I did."

A self-professed eternal student, Mel was always eager to learn more and cultivate his many interests. His passion for photography, gardening, and technology took him into his 99th year.

But without a doubt, Mel's proudest accomplishment yet, is the family he built and the love he shared. Mel and Wilma were devoted parents who raised six daughters: Ardene, Clarene, Fontene, Shirlene, Marlene, and Darlene.

Mel was the ultimate patriarch. He watched his family grow from 6 Daughters, to 14 grandchildren, to 19 great grandchildren, to 10 great-great grandchildren.

Legends never die. They live on in all of us

PeaceArch news COMMUNITY

Rotarians optimistic end to 'nasty' virus is in sight

BY TRACY HOLMES - PEACE ARCH NEWS
22 October 2015

Local efforts to eradicate polio worldwide were celebrated Wednesday by the Rotary Club of South Surrey, when members used their weekly breakfast meeting to mark World Polio Day (Oct. 24).

For speaker Ken Smith – who reviewed the history of the disease and Rotary's contribution to quashing it – the effort has a personal side to it. While Smith never contracted polio as a child, he lived through an outbreak of it in the '50s.

"It was very, very frightening," he recalled. "All of a sudden I had three or four (classmates) sitting beside me, iron braces on their legs."

Smith described polio as "a really nasty virus" – a contagion that primarily targets children, with no cure, that imbeds itself in a host's digestive system and, at its worst, prevents ability to breathe.

"It's like cutting the wires to a machine – it basically takes away your connection to the nerve," he said.

Tackling polio has been a Rotary Foundation priority since 1979, and over the years, the five Peninsula Rotary clubs have raised hundreds of thousands of dollars towards vaccination efforts.

The March of Dimes – which evolved from the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis created by Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1938 – marked the first time as a society that money was raised for a disease, Smith noted.

Describing Rotary's decision to get involved as "genius," Smith said polio's eradication will be an "even bigger" moment in history than the 1989 fall of the Berlin Wall and other global milestones.

Other Rotarians who shared their brushes with polio included Peter Herz, who recalled the fear parents had when a child – himself included – fell ill. Polio was always the first thought, he said.

Club president Renee Nicholson recalled how "everything" was shut down in Vancouver when polio was rampant.

Smith, sharing a September statement from the Polio Oversight Board, said the "last reservoir" of the virus exists in just two countries – Afghanistan and Pakistan – and the hope is that its transmission will end in the next year.

Noting it's estimated that \$1.5 billion is need to complete the mission, Smith said the figure is not as daunting as it may sound.

"That's probably one day of financing U.S. military," he said. "That's not a lot of money."



Rotary Club of South Surrey's Renee Nicholson, Patrick Hahn and Don Boyce hold dimes – the currency that launched fundraising efforts to eradicate polio.

IMAGE CREDIT: TRACY HOLMES PHOTO

ROTARY CLUB OF SURREY

Innovative Labour Solutions Award 2015

An enviable event

On October 1st we held our second Annual Innovative Labour Solutions Awards Banquet. It was a resounding success over 160 registrants attended a full evening recognizing Businesses that had inclusive labour practices or Organizations that furthered the opportunities of persons with disabilities in becoming part of the workforce and finding rewarding jobs.

We "SOLD OUT" the event and were hoping no more would come as we could not expand the room. An enviable position to be in on any event.

The committee comprising of 5 diverse Organizations Rotary Club of Surrey, Community Living BC, City of Surrey, Milieu Family Services and WorkBC worked like a well oiled machine and brought the Event to a successful conclusion "SOLD OUT".

Special thanks go to our GOLD LEVEL Sponsor VanCity Credit Union

ROTARY CLUB OF WHITE ROCK

1927 FIRETRUCK

Diamond Anniversary Project

A Clarification

There is some confusion about the Diamond Anniversary Project - the 1927 firetruck.

We are not buying the truck but we are raising money for construction of an enclosed shelter for the firetruck beside the White Rock Fire Station. The firetruck is owned by the fire department / city.

ROTARY CLUB OF PORT MOODY

Supporting ShelterBox

Supporting Refugees

The Rotary club of Port Moody has stepped forward to help the refugees in the middle east. We have purchased 4 shelter boxes to provide immediate shelter and support. If you are interested in supporting as well, please visit the shelter box Canada web site.

http://www.shelterboxcanada.org/news_global.php?id=1372

"Well done Port Moody. I am sure they are not alone. Let's hear your stories." - DG Bill Robson

ROTARY CLUB OF SURREY-NEWTON

Polio Walk - Be a Gift to the World

The way to go Surrey-Newton!

The Club organized a public walk at 1130AM on Sunday Oct 11th at Tamanawik Park 12601 64 Ave Surrey. The Rotarians, families and friends of Rotary turned up to support the event, in spite of a long weekend.

ROTARY CLUB OF ARLINGTON

Rotary International Youth Exchange Program

An opportunity for lifelong experience

Arlington Rotary accepting applications for sponsored international exchange

The Rotary Club of Arlington is sponsoring a year-long exchange for a high school student as part of the Rotary International Youth Exchange Program. Through its participation with Rotary International, the sponsored exchange student is provided schooling, housing, and food through hosts in their assigned country.

Students selected for a Rotary Youth Exchange experience day-to-day life in another culture, learn a second language, and return home with invaluable life experience. Exchange students act as goodwill ambassadors for Rotary International and the United States of America.

Sophomore or junior high school students interested in being considered for the year-long exchange, applications for 2016-17 are being accepted from students at Arlington, Lakewood, and Darrington High Schools.

Families interested in hosting an exchange student for a short-term of 2-3 months can please contact Rolf at (425) 508-9275 to answer questions.

ROTARY CLUB OF ARLINGTON

Outstanding

Students of the Month

recognised Recognizing Excellence

The Rotary Club of Arlington recognized its Outstanding Students for the month of September. Students honored were awarded

a voucher for a \$50.00 donation to a non-profit group or organization of their choice. Rotarian and Arlington Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Kris McDuffy presented certificates to Channing Hudson of Arlington High School and Ashley Bower a student at Post Middle School.

Since 10th grade, **Channing Hudson** has been involved in drama. She has been in Music Man, Cinderella, and most recently she was in the student-produced production "Medley." She is also involved in soccer, track, National Honor Society, and LINK. The daughter of Jane and Davey Hudson, she has two older sisters and two younger brothers. Her dad teaches business at Weston, and mom works for a funeral home in Marysville. Hudson likes to draw, play piano, and spend time with her friends from church. After high school, she would like to attend a four-year university, preferably BYU. Hudson is paying her \$50 voucher forward to Children's Hospital Cancer Research/Care.

Ashley Bower is in the 8th grade at Post Middle School. Since starting at PMS in 6th grade, Bower has always worked her hardest and doing her best even when school has not always come easy to her. If she doesn't understand something, she goes in and gets help to make sure that she understands. At this time, she wants to be a nurse when she grows up so she can work with her sister who wants to be a doctor. Her quiet leadership is recognized by PMS staff and students. She is constantly offering to help both staff and students and will go above and beyond for anyone. Bower is involved in school through photo club, leadership and other activities to positivity contribute to PMS. She has elected to pay her \$50 voucher forward to Youth Rally Committee, Inc.

The Rotary Club of Arlington recognizes excellent students that demonstrate a commitment to community.

ROTARY CLUB OF PORT MOODY

Helping refugees in the Middle East

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ROTARY CLUB OF PORT COQUITLAM

Thanksgiving Lunch at St. Catherine's

The Club organized a lunch on October 12 at St Catherine's Anglican Church where we served homeless and families in need a turkey lunch. The Picture shows some of our members and the Rotaracts that also turned out to help!



Ashley Bower and Channing Hudson



Canadian Eyesight Global does it again!



Canadian Eyesight Global (CEG) held yet another successful FREE EYE HEALTH CLINIC sponsored by Rotary Club of Surrey-Guildford and Rotary Club of Burnaby at Sri Guru Singh Sabha in Surrey, BC on October 11, 2015. The Canadian National Institute for the Blind (CNIB) also participated at the Clinic.

More than 126 patients were treated with scanning of their eyes. Free eye drops were given to the patients and those patients with major eye problem were referred to specialist eye surgeons and eye doctors. Swaran and Mona Grewal were the special guests at this event.

The eye check-up service is not covered by BC Medical Plan. However, this service is provided by CEG since 2004.

An Appeal

The Canadian Eyesight Global has proposed to establish a primary care eye hospital and Prevention of Blindness Centre, in Punjab, to help the needy, helpless and less fortunate people for restoration of eyesight in Rural Punjab.

The Chief Executive of the CEG, Rotarian Anup Singh Jubbal is appealing to the generous people of Punjab for a property land and/or building for the hospital.

He is also seeking help from local organizations in Punjab and/or any part of India for assistance in sponsoring an eye camp in any village area.

Rotary  **PORT COQUITLAM CENTENNIAL'S**
World's Greatest Meal **Greatest Meal**
to support Polio Eradication

When District Governor Bill Robson visited our club on Thursday, October 15th we hosted our World's Greatest Meal (WGM) to support the Polio Plus effort. Our members and guests contributed a total of \$333.70 that will be directed to that.

For as little as US60 cents, a child can be vaccinated against polio for life. Your donation now works even harder. From 2013 to 2018, every US dollar Rotary commits to polio eradication will become three dollars, thanks to a 2-to-1 match from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

The goal of WGM is to raise USD \$4.25 million.

By 16th October WGM has raised USD \$1,381,240.59, a total of USD \$4,143,721.77 with matching funds from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

16th **WGM GOAL - US \$4,250,000**
October **And we are "This Close!"**
2015 **WGM RAISED - US \$4,143,721.77**



Our members and guests pose here with the "This Close" trade mark gesture of the Polio Eradication Campaign





What is inside the Little Free Library

**One - Not Everyone
“Do what you can do for ONE
that you wish you could
do for Everyone.”
Andy Stanley**

The Rotary Club of Port Moody fulfils the vision of the Little Free Library (LFL) organization and “builds a literacy friendly neighbourhood.”

Q: What does the small summer vacation community of Summer Haven PEI have in common with the Vancouver suburb Port Moody?

A: They both can boast of being home to a Little Free Library (LFL). And, in Port Moody, that LFL is stewarded by the Rotary Club of Port Moody!

LFL's are neighbourhood based book exchanges. The purpose of an LFL (from their website – littlefreelibrary.org) is “to promote literacy and the love of reading by building free book exchanges worldwide and to build a sense of community as we share skills, creativity and wisdom across generations. There are over 32,000 LFL book

exchanges around the world, bringing curbside literacy home and sharing over 1 million books annually.”

When Rotary's global commitment met up with one President's love of reading, a LFL was born in Pt Moody. The Club had heard of the LFL organization when a local educator presented to them about her work in the community. That presentation planted a seed and when current President (me), Trudy Gallant was installed..there were books and book references everywhere that night. What I did not know, was that the Club had plans to take things beyond this reference of my enjoyment of reading..they were secretly planning to sponsor a LFL, in my honour! (This secretive mission was lead by Club members Linda Balzer, Gayle Carter and Cleone Todgham.)

Surprise me, they did. On a lovely day, in late September, just after a regular meeting, I went with Club member and friend Cleone for a walk along the scenic shoreline in Port Moody. As we entered the trail area...at the top of a lovely beach, I noticed a few other Club members milling about..so strange, what were they doing here? As we got closer... the situation was made clear. Club members, along with a local newspaper reporter and two friends of the Club, former member Terry Peachey and her husband Walter were all waiting to see the look on my face when I first saw it....our own Little Free Library!

Words can hardly express what I felt...surprise (more like shock..Club Presidents are not usually expecting any tributes this early in their year), and pure joy.

Walter, a master carpenter, spent countless hours designing and constructing the LFL “home”. He had saved some wood from an old decommissioned community centre and that became the LFL “house”. The City of Port Moody helped with the site and the physical mounting structure. Completed and installed..it was a thing of beauty!

With the presence of a news reporter, the LFL soon became front page news in our Community.

She wrote a lovely story and the paper featured a wonderful group shot of everyone on their front page. This proved to be excellent publicity for both the LFL concept and the Club. The story also paid special homage to Walter's role in building the house - like structure.

I don't live near our LFL, but in the few short weeks it has been in place, I have driven by it about 5 times ...each time, someone... mostly children have been looking inside..more joy! Club member Gayle Carter is keeping her eye on it, ensuring there are adequate books. When the Club leaves a book, we place a sticker in the front page with our Club contact info and the 4 Way Test.



The way to express your feeling!



Left to Right....Rotarians Cleone Todgham, Alan Schmelzel, Gayle Carter, Ian MacPhail, Linda Balzer, Trudy Gallant, Terry Miller, Dan Dunlop, Gary Wiggins, Peter Cuthbert. All members of RC of Port Moody, with Walter Peachey (kneeling) master carpenter who spent designed and constructed the LFL “Home.



Trudy Gallant, President of Rotary Club of Port Moody with Walter Peachy who contributed countless hours for the success of this project.

Rotary Club of Abbotsford – Sumas Little Free Library Program



The Rotary Club of Abbotsford-Sumas is excited to share with you the accomplishments we have made in expanding literacy in our city, as well as around the globe. To date we have installed thirteen libraries in locations which serve all demographics from east to west across Abbotsford. As with all Little Free Libraries, books are there to take home, replace or to keep. There is no requirement to return a new favorite read!

We began our program in March of 2014, by installing refurbished newspaper boxes in three Abbotsford parks; Mill Lake Park, Dave Kandal Park and Saddle Park. These locations were chosen as we had previously worked with the City of Abbotsford's Parks, Recreation and Culture division to install Rotary playgrounds at these sites. These three sites are maintained by members of the Rotary Club of Abbotsford-Sumas. As they are bright Rotary Blue, they can be seen from some distance and are well used.

News that there were free books to be had soon spread around the community and we found ourselves being asked to partner with other non-profit organizations to expand the program. Literacy Matters Abbotsford was our first partners. They now maintain five sites around the city, mainly in social services offices where a wide variety of lower income and "at risk" citizens visit. We are pleased to assist in providing reading materials for adults, youth and children at each site.

Soon we were asked to provide boxes and books for two Abbotsford Community Services sites; Apollo Centre and the Old Courthouse Centre. Both areas are largely attended by families with young children. The bright blue boxes are attracting a lot of attention and the books are literally flying

out! Again, these boxes are maintained (filled) by staff at each location, with our club providing the books when needed.

We were so pleased to be asked to partner with the Busy Bear Preschool/Head Start Program located on the Sumas First Nation near the Administration Building. We were welcomed to the site by Dr. Ray Silver, whose Great Grandson assisted in filling the library box with us. As with our other boxes, the logos of the partnering group as well as our corporate sponsors decorate the boxes. Busy Bears staff will be maintaining this box and we will provide books as needed.

Support for this project has come from many sources; CM Signs has kindly donated the signage (logos) for each box, Hemingway's Books gives us free books on a regular basis, the City of Abbotsford refurbishes the boxes and paints them our distinctive Rotary Blue, the Rotary Club of Chilliwack regularly provides us with books, and the Bookman



Book Stores have given us very generous discounts for children's and youth books.

I cannot fail to mention our other Literacy projects. We have donated funds to provide books for the library at our new children's hospice, Canuck Place Abbotsford. These books are mainly used by families and the counsellors to assist with explaining to all family members what is happening to their loved one.

In addition, we continue our support for the mobile library in Guatemala, which began as a District 5050 project. This past March members of our club traveled to Guatemala and presented cheques from our club and others in District 5050, to the Probigua Mobile Library Project. The six Rotary Abbotsford-Sumas club members enjoyed seeing how our funds enhance the education of children in remote parts of Guatemala and how excited they were when the bus arrived. Another overseas project we support is education in the slum areas of Bangladesh

through the Amarak Society. Last year we provided enough funds for three schools, and we hope to provide a similar amount this year.

Our club has definitely struck a chord within our local community and going forward, we hope to expand our reach to each area of our city where there is a need for assistance in literacy. The stories we hear back are heartwarming. Two of my favorites are; the sight of a young South Asian girl teaching her grandparents to read English through the use of our children's books. The second involves a youth who had an appointment with a counsellor in one of the group homes where we have a box of books. When the counsellor came to his room to see why he wasn't at the appointment, he said he was "too into this book he had found in the box".

To sum up – we are so pleased to announce that since the first box was loaded with books on March 23, 2014, the Rotary Club of Abbotsford-Sumas has given out in excess of 25,000 books in our community in eighteen months. These books are provided by our club with the assistance of our partners, but also, as the word spreads, we are finding that community members are collecting books in their workplaces, etc. and donating them to us. The Rotary Club of Abbotsford-Sumas prides itself on being the "little club that does" and we sincerely believe that we are fulfilling a huge need in our community with our Little Free Library program.

Submitted by: October 29, 2015
Mike Adkins (President 2015-2016)
Rotary Club of Abbotsford-Sumas
Dorothy van der Ree,
(Past President & Literacy Chair)
Rotary Club of Abbotsford-Sumas



Basic Literacy is one of the Focus Areas of Rotary International



Rotary Day of Dialogue

Saturday November 21, 2015

8:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Morris J Wosk Centre for Dialogue
580 Hastings Street, Vancouver

The Rotary Day of Dialogue is a unique opportunity for Rotarians to come together and share ideas on how to grow membership, increase service and expand knowledge of Rotary.

Simon Fraser University's Centre for Dialogue uses dialogue to generate constructive communication around challenging topics. The venue encourages dialogue, learning and engagement. The Wosk Centre is a dramatic and inspiring space designed for dialogue and interaction, featuring natural light from the 16-foot heritage windows and a magnificent 26-foot coffered heritage ceiling. Five concentric tiers provide generous seating in leather ergonomic chairs for 154 delegates, with a built-in microphone at every seat. Each Rotary delegate at the Day of Dialogue will have their own microphone and an opportunity to discuss, listen, learn and take action.



Dean Rohrs, Rotary International Director Elect (RIDE), will represent the RI Board of Directors and RI President K. R. "Ravi" Ravindran at the Rotary Day of Dialogue. RIDE Dean will take suggestions and ideas from the Day of Dialogue will be forwarded to the RI Board for consideration where appropriate.

Day of Dialogue Initiators

There will be no presentations or lectures. Each Initiator will speak for 5 minutes to engage and challenge the audience. There will then be 30 minutes of discussion and sharing of ideas under the coordination of the moderator after each focused stream.

Topics for discussion and respective initiators are:



ENGAGING YOUNG PROFESSIONS IN YOUR ROTARY CLUB

Emily Whitmer,
Rotary International Staff -
Regional Membership Officer -
Zone 24-32

WHAT IS A GOOD ROTARIAN?

Chris Offer,
Rotary Foundation -
Endowment Major Gift Advisor



GROWING THE 5TH AVENUE OF SERVICE

Jacob Helliwell,
Rotaract Club of Greater
Vancouver Young
Professionals



ENGAGING NEW GENERATIONS

Maryann Collishaw,
Rotary Club of
Whistler Millennium



WHAT IS ROTARY'S NEW VOICE?

Sean Hogan

Rotary Public Image Coordinator
Zone 24-West



ENERGIZING LOCAL SERVICE

Jackie Hobal
Rotary Coordinator
Zone 24-West



KEEPING ROTARY CLUBS HEALTHY

Denis Boyd
Assistant Rotary Coordinator
Zone 24-West



HOW DOES ROTARY'S BRAND MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

Penny Offer
Past District Governor



HOW DO WE MAKE THE ROTARY FOUNDATION GRANTS MORE FOCUSED?

Garry Shearer
District Rotary Foundation
Vice Chair



AN EFFECTIVE ROTARY CLUB IS....

Brianne Haxton
Rotary International Staff
Manager, Membership
Resources & Support



WHAT HAVE WE ACCOMPLISHED?

Don Evans
Governor Nominee
District 5040



Moderator



Kevin Evans

President Elect of the Rotary Club of North Vancouver.

Kevin's career has spanned broadcasting, industry association management and CEO of a provincial crown corporation. He was an open line radio host in Winnipeg and CBC TV News Anchor in Vancouver.

Since 1998 he has been a Principal in Evans Endeavours.

"I facilitate Conversations That Matter – community consultations, conference panels, and high stakes meetings. Communication has been the thread linking my careers as a CEO, news anchor and association executive."

Registration is \$95.00 per person.

This includes lunch, breaks and all resource material.

Accommodation available at Vancouver Delta Suites adjoining the Wosk Centre. The preferred Rotary room rate is \$129.00

To register click [HERE](#).

OR VISIT https://sway.com/s/_EbRz07EGLICfrFm/embed for registration

**WHITE ROCK
PRESENTS GUEST SPEAKER**



David Black

**President of Black Press
Also Past President of Rotary Club of
Williams Lake**

Black Press, which is the largest private newspaper organization in Canada. Black Press owns over 150 newspapers in BC and elsewhere, including the *Peace Arch News*, *TriCity News* and *Surrey Now*.

David will be speaking to the Club on

**“Why an Oil Refinery in Kitimat is
Good for BC and Canada
November 18, 2015**

**Rotary Field House,
2197 148th Street (14600 Rotary
Way) Surrey, BC.**

7 pm to about 9 or 9:30 pm.

**COST: \$10 gets you one drink ticket
and light snack**

**Seating is limited so tickets must be ob-
tained in advance.**

For tickets contact Mike at

**SURREY-GUILDFORD
PRESENTS GUEST SPEAKER**



Princess Jaya Shah

**A Member of Royal Family of Nepal
District Governor Elect (2015-2016)
R. I. District 3292 (Nepal and Bhutan)**

Among her impressive track record, since 1991 she has served several organizations in Nepal including the US-Canada-Nepal NGO which propagates “How we grow our food matters” from seeds of survival to beyond the farm.

In 2005 the Princess was appointed to the National PolioPlus Committee.

**The Rotarians interested in attending this
Rotary event, please contact:**

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Oh yes, it's back!

**Tickets for the
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Chilliwack Fraser Travel Lottery
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**Find a member of our club to purchase your tickets
or visit convenient locations like**

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Barristers & Solicitors, Valley Toyota, Waterstone Law
Group LLP or
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and you too could win a dream vacation or cash prize!

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**Proceeds from this fundraiser go to fantastic
Rotary projects in the community.**

FIDALGO ISLAND

Rotary Exchange Library



[Picture L-R: Carolyn Martin, Ed Sprauer, Lynette Setmire, Peter Martin, Barbara Baker-Hobbs, Madelyn Case, Sheri Miklaski, Tricia Sharp, Haley Treichel, Barbara Hoenselaar and Phil Case]

On October 8th, 2015, Fidalgo Island Rotary celebrated the completion of their Exchange Library Project inside Washington Park Campgrounds located on the west side of Anacortes with a ceremonial ribbon cutting conducted by Sheri Miklaski, Director of the Anacortes Public Library.

The project could not have been completed without the cooperation and volunteer hours of the Community Service Committee and dedicated members like Barbara Hoenselaar and Phil Case who built and painted the structure.

Shortly after installing the little library, graphics were placed by Haley Treichel, Anacortes High School Junior and landscaping was embellished around the perimeter.

"We're getting requests for children books.", stated Bob Vaux of Anacortes Parks and Recreation who passes by the library on a daily basis. With request like that, we know the library is in constant demand for books which isn't a problem with Pelican Books donating a large quantity of children's books, Mike Hendon, friend of FIR, volunteering at Friends of the Library and with Barbara Hoenselaar working at Watermark Books in downtown Anacortes.

**It's projects like this that make me
PROUD TO BE ROTARIAN.**

*News submitted by:
Tricia Sharp, Marketing & PR Chair, Fidalgo Island Rotary*

IF NUMBERS COULD TALK!

FOUNDATION GIVING 2015-16

As of **October 27, 2015** District 5050 has contributed:
 For Annual Giving: **\$88,477.38**
 (\$34.40 per capita)
 For PolioPlus: **\$43,783.26**
 For Endowment Fund: **\$2,161.29**
Combined Giving: \$144,421.93

D5050 Honor Roll for clubs over \$100 per capita for Annual Giving:

Langley, BC \$322.70

No other clubs are over \$100 per capita currently, although **a number of clubs are a few dollars short from \$100 for APF and PolioPlus.**

If you need help with Foundation paperwork, setting goals, speaker programs or if you are an AG and would like me to attend your president's meeting, please let me know.

My goals are for every club in D5050 to make a contribution to APF, to achieve \$100 per capita, and if possible to qualify for Every Rotarian, Every Year (EREY) or 100% Sustaining Member banner awards.

For the 2014-2015 term, we had 41 out of 57 clubs over \$100 per capita, 19 clubs achieved EREY including 8 100% Sustaining Member clubs.

I understand that we are one of the best Districts, in Rotary International, for giving to the Rotary Foundation. **We contributed \$826,877** last term and we couldn't achieve that level of giving, without all of you.

District 5050 Rotarians are making a huge difference in the world.

In May, I try to update every club on their APF giving and how close they are for qualifying for a banner award. I would love to have every club recognized for their giving and receiving a banner award. If I can help, let me know.

I am recovering from triple heart bypass surgery and am back in office and looking forward to helping clubs in our District 5050. I plan on attending the D5050 Rotary Foundation dinner and awards night and helping to recognize some of our best clubs. Feel free to visit me there or contact me regarding the your club's Rotary Foundation efforts.

Thanks again for everything that you do for Rotary and our Rotary Foundation,

Stephen Morach | D5050 Annual Giving Chair | D5050 Paul Harris Society Chair
Stephen.morach@ampf.com | iPhone 360-630-0833



A	B	C	D	E	F
CLUB	DDF	GOC	WF1	WF2	TOTAL
\$1	\$1	\$2	\$1.50	\$1	\$6.50
Cash	1:1 of A	1:1 A+B	50% A+C	1:1 for B	

CAD \$1 = \$6.50

US \$1 becomes only \$3.50

GOC matching is not available for US Clubs

CANADIAN GOVERNMENT PROVES CANADIAN ROTARY DOLLAR IS STRONGER THAN U.S. ROTARY DOLLAR

There is no better time to invest in doing good through the Rotary Foundation.

And the month of November is a good time to give to Rotary.

GIVING TUESDAY

In the spirit of the holidays, help Rotary reach those in need.

On 1 DECEMBER, join the community of people making a difference in the world by making a gift to The Rotary Foundation.

TAKE ACTION:
www.rotary.org/give

MEMBERSHIP & ATTENDANCE SEPTEMBER 2015

MEMBERSHIP - AUGUST 2015

Member Count Last Year	2,582
Member Count September 2015	2,597
This month+/-	+6
YTD +/-	+15
YTD +/- Percentage	.58%
Last Year Attendance	64.08%
Attendance September 2015	62.15%
YTD Attendance	61.7%

THE TOP TEN FOR ATTENDANCE

Chilliwack	89.00%
Arlington	88.63%
Langley Sunrise	88.00%
Whatcom County North	87.64%
Coquitlam Sunrise	86.40%
South Surrey	85.88%
Marysville Sunrise	85.00%
Surrey	84.23%
North Delta	83.56%
Port Moody	82.19%

This is a new record for reporting Clubs! Only 5 non-reporting Clubs for September! AG's, thanks for your assistance on this!

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 Secretary District 5050
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 Mount Vernon, WA 98273
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Rotary Membership Minute

New process for prospective, referred, and returning or relocating members

Your online connection to membership leads

We are excited to introduce a new process for collecting and communicating online membership leads that will make it easier for club officers and district leaders to follow up on leads, and for prospective members to join a club. Prospective members who visit Rotary.org and select the "Join" button will provide their information using an online form. That information will be sent to Rotary, where the candidate will be screened for basic membership qualifications before being forwarded to district governors and district membership chairs to assign to clubs for follow up. A similar process will be in place for members to make referrals to other clubs or seek out a new club for themselves. All of these leads will be readily available when you sign in to MyRotary.

Watch for this new process to be launched in mid-November.



**SPEAKERS
BUREAU**

Canada & USA
POLIO PLUS UPDATE
 Latest Information on Polio Eradication
DAVID TRUMAN
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Canada & USA
SAYING "YES" CHANGES LIVES
BEV HARRINGTON
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Canada & USA
BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY DICTIONARIES4LIFE
RUSS McMURCHIE
 District Literacy Chair
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Canada & USA
ROTARY GLOBAL REWARDS PROGRAM
C. V. "MOHAN" MOHANAN
 District Global Rewards Program Chair
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Canada & USA
How and why we give to the Rotary Foundation
STEVE MORACH
 District Paul Harris Society & Annual Giving Chair
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 srock312001@yahoo.com
 H. 360-336-5060 | Ph 360-630-0833

Canada & USA
How to leverage your Foundation Donations by utilizing the TRF Grant Process
MALCOLM KENNEDY
 District Grants Chair
 malcolm.rotary@outlook.com
 604-941-8606

Canada & USA
GLOBAL WHEELCHAIR PROGRAM
 Provide Gift of Mobility in partnership with Rotarians worldwide, bringing hope, dignity, freedom and independence.
LINDA WHITEHEAD
 District Global Wheelchair Program Chair
 lwhitehead@cdnwheelchair.ca
 604-536-2022 or 1-866-666-2411

Canada & USA
STARFISH PACKS
 A weekend backpack food program for elementary school students. Website www.starfishpack.com
BRUCE BECK
 Director, Community Service, Abbotsford Rotary Club
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Canada & USA
HISTORIC TALK ON TEDDY ROOSEVELT
DAVE RADER
 Public Services Lecturer on Global Issues
 daverader@me.com | 805-451-4679

Canada & USA
SEX, DRUGS & ROCKING CHAIRS (about senior citizens and STD risks)
PETER BROWNING
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USA
HANFORD CLEAN-UP UPDATE
DIETER BOHRMAN,
 Washington State Department of Ecology
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Canada & USA
ECOCAR PROGRAM
BRENDAN BOYER
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 Interested clubs should call Janicki Industries at 888-856-5143

USA
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WOODSTONE,
 Bellingham-based company that makes wood-fired ovens for pizzas
 Visit <http://woodstone-corp.com/> for info and contact information

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NOV

White Rock
Steve Elliot
An Evening with Elvis

7:00 PM TO 10:00 PM
Peace Portal Alliance Church
15128 - 27B Ave, Surrey, BC
Tickets \$40—only 500 tickets

DON'T MISS
THIS ENTERTAINMENT EVENING

22-24
JAN

District 5050
YAIL
Youth Adventure in Leadership 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.



Visit YAIL.org for more information and registration.

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NOV

Rotary International
2015 Rotary-UN Day

Tickets for the Adult Session will be for purchase on Monday, August 24, 2015 at 9:00am ET.

Tickets for the Youth Session will be available on Monday, September 21, 2015.

For details Visit <http://riunday.org/>

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NOV

District 5050
Rotary Leadership
Institute - Mt. Vernon

Best Western Cotton Tree Inn
2300 Market St.
Mount Vernon, WA

Registration closes on Nov. 13th

District 5050
Member Seminars
8:30 am to 1:00 pm FEE \$20⁰⁰

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JAN

Areas A, B, & C
Ricky's Restaurant
32080 Marshall Road
Abbotsford, BC

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JAN

Areas G, H & I
Burlington, WA

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FEB

Areas J, K & L
Shawn O'Donnells Restaurant
122 128th St SE,
Everett, WA

05
MAR

Areas D, E & F
Rotary Field House
Surrey, BC

7
NOV

Coquitlam
Lobsterfest 2015

For further information, contact Harry Tubbs

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DEC

District 5050
2016-17 Pre-PETS

This is a workshop for Presidents Elect and Assistant Governors. The focus will be on topics of value to presidents in training and will include - information on personal leadership style, suggestions on how to work with people who are different in their personality style, what to expect at PETS.

Expectations for your Rotary year will also be explored and there will be a chance to mingle with your class of other presidents-elect so as to exchange ideas.

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NOV

Langley Central
Fraser Valley Wine
Festival



Willowbrook Shopping Centre, 19705 Fraser Highway Langley (via the West Entrance)

26th Annual Celebration of Wine & Food

\$50

08
DEC

Surrey
Hon. Peter Fassbender



Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development, Minister Responsible for TransLink, Government of BC

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

EagleQuest Coyote Creek Golf Club
7778-152nd Street, Surrey

District 5050
Grants Management Seminars

06
FEB

Best Western Cottontree Inn,
2300 Market Street
Mount Vernon, WA

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FEB

5 Star Catering
(Sunrise Banquet Centre)
5640 188 Street, Surrey, BC

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District 5050
Foundation Dinner

Join District 5050 Rotarians at our Annual Foundation Dinner.

This event is a celebration of the Rotary Foundation and our Districts support of it!

With questions please contact Larry Jubie at lwjubie31@hotmail.com

(This is not a Fundraising event and no auction or raffle will be held)

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DEC

Port Coquitlam Centennial
Breakfast with Santa



Wilson Centre
2150 Wilson Ave Port Coquitlam BC

An event to celebrate your holidays

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JAN

Coquitlam
Caledonia (Whisky Tasting) Evening

SAVE THE DATE

Details to follow



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NOV

Mount Vernon
Annual Auction Gala
"WE CAN DO IT"



Heritage Flight Museum
15053 Crosswinds Drive
Burlington, WA

1940's-era Dress Encouraged!
Purchase tickets online
www.mountvernonrotary.com

05
JAN

District 5050
PRE-PETS
A workshop for Presidents Elect and Assistant Governors.

Focus on your areas of interest
Expectations for your Rotary Year
Mingle with your class of Presidents-Elect

Fox Hall at Hampton Inn
3985 Bennet Drive
Bellingham, WA

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JAN

District 5050
Rotary Leadership
Institute - Mt. Vernon

Best Western Cotton Tree Inn
2300 Market St.
Mount Vernon, WA

SAVE THE DATE

Registration will be open in Fall 2015