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Bill's Bit



THE BOSS IS IN TOWN

Whichever Club you belong to, you can expect him in one of your meetings!

Let him induct new members, present recognition awards to members etc.

Use him. You can have him only for one year.

DG Bill Robson is on the move and on a mission!

Nearly 1.4 billion employed people live on less than \$1.25 a day.

Rotarians promote economic and community development and reduce poverty in under-served communities through training, well-paying jobs, and access to financial management institutions. Projects range from providing people with equipment to vocational training. Rotarians work to strengthen local entrepreneurs and community leaders, particularly women, in impoverished communities.

October is Economic and Community Development Month and I am reminded of my visit to Uganda in 2011 where I met a young single mother who borrowed 100,000 shillings (US\$40) through a Rotary micro-credit program, bought a pregnant sow, and then over the subsequent two years turned that investment into a small piggery with a young boar, a sow, and five piglets. She had paid back her loan and in addition to that, by selling her piglets, she had opened a small village store with a wide variety of items for sale. Her "empire" was valued at more than 1 million shillings (US\$400). By western standards this may not seem like a fortune, but by Ugandan standards she was rich beyond belief. Her son would most likely have a much better chance at advancement in Uganda than he would have had previously.

This is a prime example of Economic and Community Development, but in itself is only one example of what we accomplish every day through Rotary.

I have now completed 21 club visits and will continue them starting October 1st in Abbotsford. I wish to thank the clubs I have visited so far for your hospitality and generosity. My wife joined me for a couple of weeks and we jointly visited 16

clubs and I have to tell you she was impressed with each and every club. My thanks again for making her welcome at your meetings.

Be a gift to the world!



District Leadership Team at the Zone Conference 2015

Sometimes your District leadership

ugh we do have to use a high speed camera to get

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Bill Robson District Governor

This monthly publication is a service to district club officers and members. It is intended as a source of news and opinion from throughout the district.

The mission of the **Peace Arch Journal** is to promote communication, understanding, fellowship and fun beyond club meetings, in a manner complementary to shared efforts at placing **Service Above Self**.

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Message from Rotary International President K. R. "Ravi" Ravindran



OCTOBER 2015

Be a gift to the world

Last month, after confirming a full year without a single case of wild poliovirus, Nigeria was removed from the list of the world's polio-endemic countries. It was the last polio-endemic country in Africa. Today, only two countries – Afghanistan and Pakistan –

harbor the world's final reservoir of endemic poliovirus. As this issue of The Rotarian goes to press, global cases of polio in 2015 number only a few dozen.

The scale of this achievement can hardly be overstated. Polio has existed for millennia; it has plagued humanity since our earliest civilizations. Today, because of Rotary's work and that of our partners, the end is in sight. We are counting down not in years, but in months.

And yet, our success is as fragile as it is monumental. We are moving forward, slowly, steadily, inexorably – thanks to colossal efforts that never cease. We continue to vaccinate hundreds of millions of children in vast synchronized campaigns; we constantly monitor environments to prevent new outbreaks. The sheer scale of the effort – the coordination, the cost, and the commitment – boggles the mind.

Some ask why such high levels of immunization and surveillance are still needed to combat a disease that is almost gone. The answer is simple: It is the only way forward. If we did anything less – if we allowed the virus any quarter – years of work would be undone. We know too well how easily polio could spread again. We know how quickly our decades of progress could be lost. And this is why the months ahead are so tremendously important. We need your voice – to raise awareness, to raise funds, and to keep the momentum going. We need your strength to help fight this war until we have won.

On 24 October, we mark World Polio Day. I hope that on that day, all of you will take part in some way in our work to eradicate polio. I know that many of you intend to publicize this event on the club or district level; for those who have not yet made plans, there are still many ways to participate. Visit endpolionow.org for ideas, tools, sample press releases, and ways to donate. You'll also find the link to our livestream event; be sure to join in, and share it on social media.

This war of ours – which started as a war against polio but is also a war against hatred, against ignorance, against fear – this war will be won. It will be won soon. And when it is won, all of Rotary will have a story to tell – to the children, and the grandchildren, who will never see a leg brace or an iron lung, or know a world with polio in it.

Whether you are a Rotarian in Kano or Peshawar or Swat, in Seoul or Madrid or Chicago – you are a part of this story. Your part in it is one that only you can write. I ask you all to write it well – so that the story you will one day tell is one of which you will be proud.





PEACE ARCH JOURNAL

Economic and Community Development WHAT WE CAN DO

Income Generation and Savings 190 million people are funding activities through microfinance.

- Rotary Clubs Partner with a local microfinance institution (MFI) to create access to financial services and provide financial infrastructure in the community.
- Rotary Clubs Promote the development of mobile banking resources in partnership with an MFI. Cell phones, which can be used to make deposits and transfer funds, can increase access to banking systems in developing communities.

Job Creation and Entrepreneurship 1.4 billion people — nearly half of them employed — live on less than US\$1.25 a day.

- Partner with a cooperative that provides training, joint economic ventures, and ownership of assets to its members through a democratic structure.
- Provide equipment or supplies to a cooperative to increase production and sales in the local market.
- Send a vocational training team to teach business leaders in developing communities how to create a business plan and maintain accurate financial accounting.
- Expand vocational training opportunities, including job placement programming, at local nonprofit organizations.

Rotary Foundation's Global Grant

Targets one of these goals

- Develop opportunities for productive work.
- □ Reduce poverty in underserved communities.
- Support studies related to economic and community development.
- Build the capacity of entrepreneurs, leaders, organizations, and networks in the community.

Editorial

Building a community is not limited to building parks, recreational facilities and community gardens. Undoubtedly these projects enrich the lives of people living in any community.

Beyond that Rotarians touch many lives through making contribution for basic needs of people - water, food, home and education to elevate their standard of living!

Whether it is <u>"Collecting nickels, dimes, and quarters</u>" at weekly meetings, <u>"Helping the homeless</u>", or <u>"Biking against</u> <u>Hunger</u>", Rotary makes a positive difference in people's lives, through empowering families to end poverty. No matter how small our contribution is, every dollar we contribute goes towards doing a world of good!

We as Rotarians also provide on-site expertise through our vocational training teams in enabling the local expertise to ensure these projects are sustainable in the long run to benefit also the future generations.

If we Rotarians won't do it, no one else will!

AN APOLIGY

In the past 3 issues of the PAJ, we have been spelling the name of Lona wrongly as Lorna.

I should remember to buy them a drink when we meet the next time.



District Governor Bill Robson & Lona I got it right this time!

Announcements CALL FOR 2016 CONVENTION BREAKOUT PROPOSALS

Do you have an idea or project that you want to share with the Rotary world? Consider leading a breakout session at the 2016 Rotary International Convention in Seoul.

<u>Submit your proposal</u> by 15 October to share your successes with projects, efforts to strengthen membership, partnerships, leadership development, and more. The proposal form is available in English, Japanese, Korean, and Mandarin.



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HOW TO OBSERVE WORLD POLIO DAY 24 OCTOBER 2015

To mark World Polio Day, Rotary International will again be hosting a livestreamed global status update from New York on 23 October. The event will recognize recent milestones achieved in the fight to end polio, as well as focus on the work that remains to be done. Help Rotary observe World Polio Day and raise awareness of our polio eradication efforts.

TAKE PART IN THE LIVE EVENT

- Go to the Livestream page and add the event to your calendar.
- Watch the live update on endpolio.org on 23 October.
- Follow the live event on social media and share it with your networks.
- Join the conversation during the event on the Facebook and Twitter End Polio Now pages.

HOST A VIEWING PARTY:

- Organize your friends or Rotary club members to watch the live event together.
- Invite your elected officials and community leaders to attend your viewing

party.

GET THE WORD OUT:

- Download the <u>World Polio Day toolkit</u> for sample tweets and Facebook posts to share.
- Use the End Polio Now logos on your website, blogs, newsletters, and social media pages.
- Change your Facebook cover photo and Twitter avatar to World Polio Day graphics.
- Embed the Livestream video player on your club or district website.
- Follow the <u>End Polio Now Twitter</u> account and <u>Facebook page</u> and share your posts.

CREATE YOUR OWN WORLD POLIO DAY EVENT:

- Host a community event like an End Polio Now lighting. Organize a fundraising event to support polio eradication.
- Every dollar Rotary commits to the cause will be matched with two dollars from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.
- Send a letter to the editor; suggest a polio eradication story to a local reporter.
- Be sure to share your photos on social media with the #endpolio hashtag.

Nigeria taken off endemic list ENDED POLIONOW

The World Health Organization (WHO) today announced that it has officially removed Nigeria from the list of countries where polio is endemic. It's been 14 months since a case of polio caused by the wild virus was reported there. That leaves only two countries, Afghanistan and Pakistan, where transmission of the virus has never been stopped.

Read more about the "UHO's announcement.



We recently got word from Rotary International that polio is only about five years away from being fully eradicated from the planet, and your help has gone a long way toward making that a reality!

In the Yogscast Jingle Jam, the Humble Bundle Community raised \$210,000 for Rotary International. This money went directly to Rotary's PolioPlus Program, dedicated to eradicating Polio. Even better, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation matched the donation at 2:1, meaning your efforts contributed a total of \$630,000.

Where does the money go? An amount that big pays for six months of operating expenses for one national and four provincial polio eradication coordination offices in Pakistan. It also includes office expenses, maintenance, vehicle rental and fuel, printed materials, and administrative support.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT PEAK PERFORMER SCALES KILIMANJARO



When Carole Kimutai was growing up in Nairobi, family members were always coming for long stays - a grandparent one month, a cousin the next.

"Anyone who needed school fees would come to Nairobi, and my parents would assist," she says. "Or if my grandmother was sick, she would come to live with us until she was better. It was natural to help others."

Years later, Kimutai was invited to a meeting of the Rotary Club of Nairobi-East, where she instantly felt at home. "I grew up seeing my parents help relatives, and now I am seeing people help quote-unquote strangers," says Kimutai, the managing editor of a Kenyan news website and 2014-15 club president.

That realization led her all the way to the top of Mount Kilimanjaro, which she and 38 other Rotarians and friends from District 9212 (Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, and South Sudan) spent five days climbing in January. The team raised \$40,000 for polio eradication and local projects. Another benefit was the deep relationships they developed with one another during their six months of training and subsequent journey.

"Here we were, these professional people with fancy titles, living in basic accommodations, having dinner on plastic plates, using toilets in the bush," she says. Months after coming back down the mountain, the climbers and their Rotary clubs still enjoy those relationships.

And Kimutai continues to cherish the memories of their time on Kilimanjaro. "It reminded me of my childhood," she says happily. "So much sharing."

By Anne Ford | Rotarian | 20-AUG-2015

Miles to End Polio



By John Hewko, Rotary International General Secretary

On 21 November, Rotary staff members and I will join Arizona Rotary members to bike up to 104 miles in El Tour de Tucson to raise funds for polio eradication.

The event is one of the top cycling events in the U.S., attracting more than 9,000 cyclists each year. We are aiming to raise \$3.4 million, which will be tripled by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation for a total of more than \$10 million for the fight to end polio.

We recently marked one year

without polio in Africa. While this progress is momentous, we haven't finished the job of eradicating polio yet. Now, more than ever, we need to redouble our efforts to help Pakistan and Afghanistan, and retain strong immunization coverage globally.

<u>Meet the team.</u> Learn more about each team member, follow them as they train, and add your support by donating to their ride. Team members will be sharing their training experiences here on our blog as the event draws near.

Would you like to join the team? Take part in the Indoor Ride to End Polio! Ride a stationary bike at your local gym or at home any time from 14-21 November. <u>Register today</u> or make a contribution to help Rotary create a polio-free world.

Team members

Naish is a Member Benefits program manager in Rotary's Polio Development Partnerships. "First and foremost, my two first cousins in India contracted polio and passed away before adulthood. Along with my brother and sister, I was fortunate to be born here in Chicago so that we got the polio vaccine that my cousins never did. Thus, I am passionate about doing whatever I can to help eradicate this disease."

Norah is a Global Events learning specialist, focusing on the Rotary Convention. She has been with Rotary for nearly 11 years. "As long as I've been riding, I've been raising funds too. From pedaling around my hometown of Galena, Illinois, for children's cancer research when I was nine, to raising \$2,500 and riding from Minneapolis to Chicago in the Heartland AIDS Ride. I look forward to cycling for a new cause this year."

Jean is the supervisor of Rotary's Global Events. As a kid, she knew she wanted to make a difference. Whether she was collecting pledges for the American Heart Association or carrying a fish food jar to collect nickels for the American Cancer Society, her desire to give to others came naturally. Today, Miles to End Polio is her way to support the fight to end polio and show the world that nothing can stop a movement like ours.

Scott is a Procurement Services manager and has worked for Rotary four years. "As a child, I vividly remember when people were really scared of polio. Pools closed and kids stayed home — one of my classmates had the disease. Today, the path is clear. We have to carry on with the fight, or it could return. It is to the men and women of Rotary, their fight, and particularly my club (Rotary Club of Glenview-Sunrise) that I will dedicate my ride."

Debra is a senior regional Major Gifts officer based in Orlando, Florida, USA, and has worked at Rotary for over six years. Participating in Miles to End Polio is her way to honor all the Rotary members who have generously



MILES TO END POLIO Goal: 3,500,000.00 USD Ways to Donate 30.00 USD: 200 doses of polio vaccine 50.00 USD: 100 vests for vaccination volunteers 104.00 USD: One dollar per mile All contributions will be matched 2:1 by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

supported PolioPlus. And riding alongside her colleagues will allow her to combine her two greatest passions, fitness and Rotary, to raise funds in support of a polio-free world.

Lindsay is a Youth Exchange senior specialist. Her love of biking flourished when she moved to Chicago and bought a bike from a shop that supports atrisk youth through its earn-a-bike summer program.

Kristin is the manager of Rotary Service Connections. A member of the Rotary Club of Evanston Lighthouse and an avid cyclist, Kristin was the Miles to End Polio team captain last year and raised \$4,000 to support the campaign.



Last year's team mugs for the camera.

Rotary Around the World



Rotary members, students, and teachers in front of the water purification system in San Miguel.

PROVIDING CLEAN WATER | BUILDING PEACE | EDUCATING YOUTH A simple idea benefits many in Mexico

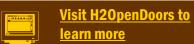
Rotary Voices | By Jon Kaufman

From 2 to 8 July, I led my club's second <u>H2OpenDoors</u> expedition to central Mexico. The three-year-old Rotary project provides SunSpring water purification systems for poor villages and schools and allows the villages to sell the surplus water from the systems.

The project touches on several of Rotary's areas of focus: providing clean water, building peace (by combating poverty), and educating youth.

We bring along a dozen or so students, as well as a few teachers, so they can see how a simple idea can become a project and benefit thousands of people. We hope the students return to their schools empowered to make a difference.





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

SUPPORTING EDUCATION IN NEPAL Technology that improves teaching and student learning

Rotary Voices | By Quentin Wodon

Rotary members come in many different styles. Most have a day job and engage in service work in their free time. Some go a step further: They make service work their day job!

Rabi Karmacharya belongs to the second group. In 2007, he founded Open Learning Exchange (OLE) Nepal. His organization is respected internationally as a pioneer in the integration of technology in the classroom. OLE Nepal has worked with Nepal's Department of Education to make laptops available in schools. But much more importantly, it has also developed great digital learning materials for students, and trained teachers to use technology and digital libraries to enhance learning.

CLICK on the heading to read more.



Students in Nepal use laptops provided by OLE Nepal. *Photo by OLE Nepal*



About the author: Quentin Wodon is a lead economist at the World Bank. Previously, he held roles at Procter & Gamble and the International Movement ATD Fourth World. He holds PhDs in Economics and in Theology and Religious

Studies, has more than 400 publications, and has taught at universities in Europe and the U.S. He is a member of the Rotary Club of Capitol Hill (Washington, D.C.), is active in his club and Rotary district, and is implementing several innovative global grants. He is also author of the blog Rotarian Economist.

From the same author: Rotary Membership Analysis: This course consists of a series of 10 posts on membership analysis: 1) <u>Introduction</u>, 2) <u>The Challenge</u>; 3) <u>Why Do members Join?</u>; 4) <u>Volunteer Time</u>; 5) <u>Giving and the Cost of Membership</u>; 6) <u>What Works Well and What Could Be Improved</u>; 7) <u>Targeting Geographic Areas for Growth</u>; 8) <u>Initiatives to Recruit Members</u>; 9) Fundraising Events; and 10) Telling Our Story.





Mike Curtis, a member of the Rotary Club of Poipu Beach, reads to students at Koloa Elementary School.

SUPPORTING EDUCATION Enriching education for our keiki (children)

Rotary Voices | By Michael Carlsson

We have been supporting Koloa Elementary School over the years with our Rotary Readers program and dictionary distribution to third graders. We have also provided funds and volunteers for the Growing Our Own Teachers Program on our island in order to fill a teacher gap. But I still felt we should be doing more.

We learned of a way to partner financially with Aloha Angels, part of the Hawaii Community Foundation, to make a greater impact. Working through them, we have donated \$19,500 to Koloa Elementary School teachers for the year. We are adopting all 20 classes and five after-school clubs. That means that each teacher receives \$700 for classroom supplies and a field trip. It also means paying teachers to mentor five afterschool clubs each quarter.

CLICK on the heading to read more.

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Rotary Around the World

RUNNING FOR HEALTH | GIVING BACK

Little Rotary moments that transformed my life

By Heidi Resetarits

Little moments of connectivity in life — who you talk to, who you share with — can completely change your trajectory. A few years ago at a holiday work party, I met my friend and future mentor, Ann Tull. The party was dull, but our conversation sparked a little light in me that transformed my life.

Ann introduced me to Rotary, and eventually encouraged me to apply for an Ambassadorial Scholarship. I realized that working toward higher education and a future that revolved around Service Above Self was what I was looking for. A year later and I was on my way to the United Nations University for Peace in Ciudad Colon, Costa Rica, as an Ambassadorial Scholar from Rotary District 5450.

CLICK on the heading to read more.



About the Author: Heidi Resetarits is president of the District 5450 Alumni Association and a member of the Rotary Club of Denver Mile High since April. She is a former Rotary Scholar from District 5450 to Costa Rica.



Polio Eradication Campaign Sours from New Heights

By Heather Maher | The Rotarian | 17-Sep-w2015



Ken Hutt is running toward the edge of a cliff, pounding across the snow in thin freezing air, a full pack of gear strapped to his back. As if attached to an invisible string, he rises a few feet off the ground and drops back down. A few more strides and he is aloft again. Then he flies off the face of the world's sixth-highest mountain.

Hutt, a member of the Rotary Club of Berry, Australia, has just paraglided off Cho Oyu, 12 miles west of Mount Everest.

The flight was both the fulfillment of his long time dream to climb an "eight-thousander" - what mountaineers call the 14 peaks in the world that rise 8,000 meters or more above sea level - and a boost for Rotary's global campaign to eradicate polio.

"We're so close to eradicating polio - we can't stop, we have to keep going," Hutt says. "The last tenth of one percent is probably the hardest. But we want governments to know that this little Rotary club on the south coast of New South Wales is doing its bit."

CLICK on the heading to read more.

WHY ATTEND?

It's your chance to connect with Rotary members from around the world. You'll build new relationships and exchange ideas across cultures. You'll also be able to:

- Enhance your • professional skills
- Network to find a project partner

MAKE CONNECTIONS

Participate in a meaningful service project

EXPLORE KOREA

Experience the hospitality of this world-class city at one of the most beautiful times of the year. Plan now to:

- Visit UNESCO World Heritage sites
- Sample traditional Korean fare
- **Experience Seoul's** vibrant nightlife

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PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

The Seoul convention will be a unique experience highlighted by once-in-alifetime activities arranged by the Host Organization Committee:

- Tour Korea with local **Rotary members**
- Enjoy stirring music and dance performances by local artists

PLAN NOW

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Making a difference through Rotary Youth Exchange



Rotary Youth Exchange students visit RI World Headquarters in Evanston, Illinois, USA, during a Discover America Bus Trip in July.

Rotary News | 1-Sep-2015 | By Arnold. R. Grahl

When Gabriela Vessani was 12 years old, her mother took her to stay with friends in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, USA, for the summer.

"I loved it, so when I heard about Rotary Youth Exchange, I knew that was something I wanted to do," says Vessani, who is an Interactor from São Paulo.

This year, Vessani participated in the program. Hosted by the Rotary Club of Waterdown, Ontario, Canada, she stayed with four families, one of which included adopted children from different parts of the world.

"They had seven children, and it was crazy for me. But I loved it," she says. "It was such a unique experience getting to know all of my host brothers and sisters, and learning about so many cultures."

CHANGING LIVES

Vessani and 104 other Rotary Youth Exchange students visited Rotary World Headquarters in Evanston, Illinois, in July as part of a 31day Discover America crosscountry bus trip that was a finale to the exchange experience.

"This is the best program Rotary can be involved with, because Rotary is all about changing lives," says Vessani.

Rotary Youth Exchange has been providing intercultural exchange opportunities for secondary school students ages 15-19 since the 1920s. Students become cultural ambassadors for up to a full academic year, and the host families can help build peace and international understanding, serving one of Rotary's six areas of focus.

CLUB BENEFITS

Mike Lubelfeld, an elementary school superintendent and member of the Rotary Club of

START AN EXCHANGE

Give a young person the opportunity of a lifetime by starting a Rotary Youth Exchange.

Exposure to new cultures and customs is a powerful way to promote global understanding and peace.

And it's not just students who benefit – your Rotary club and host families will too.

Deerfield, Illinois, spent weeks making arrangements for his club to host its first exchange student in more than two decades. In August, Leo, a 17-year-old from Indonesia, was greeted at the airport by an enthusiastic welcome committee from the club.

"We have just started the process and, already, there is so much excitement," says Lubelfeld. "Working with youth of the world is one of the best ways to ensure a better future. And for our club to be able to take part in this cultural exchange is a huge opportunity that will not only benefit Leo but our members as well."

BUILDING SELF-CONFIDENCE

Varda Shah's family was asked by a friend to host an exchange student two years ago in Mumbai. At first, family members were reluctant.

"We were like, he's a boy, he's German, I don't know how this is going to work," says Shah. "But we decided to take a chance, and I never would have thought I could grow so close to someone in three months. We still Skype and connect through social media constantly and are always in touch."

Shah decided she wanted her own exchange experience. She stayed with three host families in New York, learning about camping, tailgating at sports events, and ice hockey. But the biggest change was to her self-confidence.

"Before, I would never be able to make a conversation with a person I didn't know," she says. "Now, I can proudly say it isn't like that anymore. I can go up to people. I have become more open, more mature."

ACCEPTING OTHERS

Juliana Kinnl of Vienna decided to follow in her older sister's footsteps and take part in a Rotary Youth Exchange. She was hosted by two families from the Rotary Club of Newtown, Pennsylvania, and says she learned to be more accepting of other people and their differences.

"Meeting exchange students from all over the world, I have grown to accept people for who they are and not to judge them because they are different," says Kinnl. "I've also grown more confident in my own abilities and who I am."

GROWING BOLDER

Minerva Lopez Martinez of Marcia, Spain, spent her exchange in Canada, hosted by the Rotary Club of Simcoe, Ontario. She said some of her friends at home chose not to pursue an exchange because they felt they would be losing a year of schoolwork. But she has a different perspective on that.

"You have your whole life to go to school and learn. You only have one opportunity for a youth exchange," she says. "The reason I came on the exchange is that I can be shy, and I didn't want to be like that anymore. Now, I am trying new things, talking to people I don't know. It has changed me a lot."

Learn more about starting an exchange

Read more experiences of <u>Rotary Youth Exchange</u> <u>students</u>



Rotary Day at the United Nations



Each year, Rotary Day at the United Nations invites more than 1,300 Rotarians including many Rotary International Directors, Foundation Trustees, past Senior Leaders, and guests to come together at the United Nations Headquarters in New York. The program is designed to inspire and educate all participants as well as provide insight into the relationship between Rotary International and the United Nations.

This year, Rotary Day at the United Nations will take place on November 7, 2015.

This unique opportunity offers both a visit to the United Nations Headquarters in New York City as well as participation in panel discussions featuring leaders and officials from the Rotary International, the United Nations and its affiliated Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs).

Rotary Day at the United Nations also includes a special program for youth interested in humanitarian service. Youth have the opportunity to hear about some projects that Interact Clubs are working on, an overview of the UN and much more.

Spouses and friends are also invited. Register now to secure your participation in this collaborative showcase. Visit http://riunday.org/ for more details

Pictures shown in this page are from Rotary Day at the United Nations held on November 1, 2014



From left: Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair John Kenny, **Rotary International President Gary C.K. Huang, and RI** Representative to the United Nations Joseph Laureni.



Ed Futa, dean of the Rotary Representative Network and a past Rotary general secretary, urges attendees make a difference in their communities.



and peace, youth and peace, economic development, than 1,300 Rotary members and Rotaractors. women's health, and human trafficking.

Participants attended panel discussions about water Rotary Day at the United Nations was attended by more

As of September 1st 2015:

- There have been more than 1,406 events registered in 66 countries.
- More than 76,700 participants worldwide \checkmark
- USD **\$1,333,649.41 has been raised**, a total of $\mathbf{\nabla}$ USD \$4,000,948.23 with matching funds from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation

This translates to enough funds to buy more than $\mathbf{\nabla}$ 6,668,000 polio vaccinations!!

grow." **A ROTARY GRACE**

Every Child's health team, says, "When women and

children are healthy and strong, entire economies

In Four couplets. 2nd or 3rd [or both], can be dropped for brevity.

- 1. We thank thee, God, for food most precious And Rotary friends, with whom you bless
- us 2. Kindly gaze on these old faces, And keep each one in your good graces
- 3. May we always serve thee best By following Rotary's Four-way test
- Bless our fellowship, today 4. And bless our Rotary work, we pray.

Amen.

Author: Chilliwack Rotarian John Allen



MEMBER INTERVIEW Jim and Roberta Graham on Heroism in Afghanistan

Eleven years ago, Jim and Roberta Graham developed a personal connection to Afghanistan after their son Rick, who was stationed there with the Indiana National Guard, learned of an infant in a refugee camp who needed heart surgery. In a story that tugged at the heartstrings of Hoosiers and was recounted in The Rotarian (January 2011), the Grahams worked with Rotary clubs in District 6560 (Indiana) and others to bring the infant, Qudrat, to Indianapolis for surgery. Tragically, Qudrat died shortly after returning to Afghanistan, but in his memory, the Grahams have led an effort to help his father build and operate two schools. Last fall, Jim and Roberta, both 81 years old and members of the Rotary Club of Brownsburg, traveled to Kabul to assist with polio immunizations.

Read more of the interview in <u>October</u> issue of the Rotarian



"Rotary Wedding" raised \$50,000 for Charity

Kristine Howell admits there was wine involved the night she decided to hold her wedding at the annual Spring Zing fundraiser for the Rotary Club of Mt. Clemens. theme and said, "You guys could always throw me a wedding!"

Read more of the interview in <u>October</u> <u>issue of the Rotarian</u>



MEMBER INTERVIEW A Conversation with Isabeli Fontana

From the runways of Paris to the catwalks of Milan, from the pages of *Sports Illustrated* to the cover of *Vogue*, Brazil's Isabeli Fontana is one of the most recognizable figures in the world of high fashion. Two years ago, the supermodel became a super role model for the eradication of polio when she accepted Rotary's invitation to become a polio ambassador. Since then, two other Brazilian celebrities – soccer player Alexandre Pato and singer Ivete Sangalo – have joined Rotary's roster of ambassadors.

Fontana, a mother of two, began to take a special interest in polio eradication in 2011, when she brought her younger son to receive oral polio vaccine drops from the Brazilian Minister of Health as part of the country's national immunization campaign. Since then, she has helped to raise awareness by participating in Rotary's "This Close" campaign, and by posing for photos in an End Polio Now T-shirt custom designed by Brazil fashion brand Tufi Duek. She was part of the World's Biggest Commercial and appeared in the thank-you video that concluded that campaign. Fontana has also used her personal social media channels to promote polio eradication efforts and immunization events.

In March, Fontana traveled to India on a three-day goodwill mission in which she assisted health workers and other volunteers with vaccinations, talked to schoolchildren about the importance of hygiene, visited the polio rehabilitation ward at St. Stephen's Hospital in Delhi, and met with officials from UNICEF and the World Health Organization.

Through trips like Fontana's, Rotary polio ambassadors provide moral support to health workers and volunteers, raise awareness of the eradication effort, and bring visibility to Rotary and its partners. Fontana's visit was covered by media outlets throughout India and internationally, and garnered widespread attention through social media. It also brought polio eradication work to the attention of readers of glamour publications and followers of the fashion industry – an audience that otherwise might not be aware of Rotary's work..

Read more of the interview in <u>October issue of the Rotarian</u>



(*Photo Left*) Fontana gives the oral polio vaccine to a child at a health center in south Delhi. (*Photo Right*) Fontana visited patients in the polio ward of St. Stephen's Hospital, along with Mathew Varghese. Varghese, an orthopedic surgeon, has spent his career helping polio victims regain mobility.

Photo Credit: Jean-Marc Giboux

Rotary First Harvest A PROGRAM OF ROTARY DISTRICT 5030, SEATTLE, WASHINGTON, USA



By turning extra produce into meals for the hungry, these Rotarians are helping others while having fun.

Harvesting for Hunger

You won't find fancy cocktails or colorful streamers at these parties. But Rotary members in the Seattle area still have a good time at Rotary First Harvest work parties, where they repackage surplus produce for distribution to the hungry. "The work is rewarding and great fun," says David Schooler, Rotary member and president of Rotary First Harvest. The organization collaborates with farmers, truckers, volunteers, and food banks to move food that might otherwise go to waste to food banks and meal programs for those in need.

Schooler and around 100 Rotary members and friends gather at a warehouse twice a month to break down 1,000pound bins of food into smaller boxes or serving bags. They also volunteer on farms to gather fresh fruits and vegetables that aren't economically viable for farmers to harvest. In one season, Rotary First Harvest coordinated 1,500 volunteers and provided 3 million family meals.

"Every Rotary project anywhere in the world always started with one person who had an idea," says executive director David Bobanick. "They were able to grow and develop that idea by getting other Rotarians engaged and using that powerful network of Rotary to really change the world."

Success stories from a program to develop great teachers

By Meg Spencer | Rotary Voices | 8-SEP-2015

Many young professionals in Florence, Oregon, end up leaving when their children reach school age, seeking greener educational pastures for their kids. Our club began to think about how we could help our schools keep those bright young families around.

We came up with the idea of a Continuing Professional Education Fellowship program, modeled after a national teacher grant program we had seen, to help teachers pursue professional development.

Each year, our club offers two \$2,000 fellowships to teachers and other professionals serving the community

Vicki Rankin used funding from the Rotary Club of Florence, Oregon, USA, to introduce small-group workstations in her classroom at **Siuslaw Elementary School.**

who are interested in improving their skills. Seven years after its launch, the

As Rotarians, we have many opportunities to help our communities overcome challenges. Our club uses this simple grant program to help the teachers who educate our children and the professionals working with vulnerable populations to do their jobs better.



program is thriving.

Contact me to find out more about our program; meg@siuslawlibrarv.org. How are you using your vocation to improve your community?

About the Author: Meg Spencer is director of the Siuslaw Public Library District and a member of the Rotary Club of Florence, Oregon, USA. Meg has a Masters of Library and Information Science from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, a Bachelor of Fine Arts from the Actors Training Program, and a commitment to bringing people and information together.

Reach Out to Africa

Reach Out To Africa (ROTA) is a Rotary International committee that is

created to enhance Rotary in Africa with an emphasis on service projects development and in partnerships with Rotary clubs and districts in other countries. We invite you to browse this website to learn more about ROTA efforts in Africa

In November 2015, North American Rotarians will travel to Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire, for a life changing experience. Have you ever heard a Rotarian speak about their personal experience participating in a polio eradication exercise, a cleft lip/cleft palate mission, or work on a humanitarian grant? These trips have a profound effect upon the individual. For those of you who have gone on one of these trips you know, and for those of you who have yet to enjoy this experience, you should.

NOVEMBER 10 - 19, 2014 Cost per person \$1,1779 Double Occupancy

Includes: Hotel accommodations, transfers, most meals, polio immunization exercise, hands-on community service field work, West Africa Project Fair registration, special Rotary and fellowship events, sightseeing, etc. The West Africa Project Fair is endorsed by Rotary's Reach Out to Africa Committee (ROTA), who is trying to generate greater connectivity between the African and North American Rotarians to generate greater support of the projects of Africa. Your involvement, or your club's involvement, in this Fair would not only provide an opportunity for project support, it would also help your members to grow and to understand the benefits of being a Rotarian. Involvement in Rotary gives the ordinary Rotarian extraordinary opportunities to do things that they could never do anywhere else. This trip is just such an experience.

For more information contact Bradford R. Howard, Rotary International Director (2015-17), Zones 25-26 516 Grand Avenue, Oakland, CA 94610 Phone: (510) 834-2260 RID@zone2526.org

Do you want to support a Rotary Project?

If you are looking for projects to support globally visit ideas.rotary.org. You can also list your projects there seeking international support. Here are some projects listed on ideas.rotary.org

Rotary Centre of Training and Literacy Training with emphasis on Microenterprise– Lorica Columbia



The project was developed in the municipality of Lorica, Cordoba, Colombia Rulal area, village New Lorica, Carrera 25 via Covenas Colombia.

Project objective is

lacks basic services

developing the

necessary for

decent human life. Focus shall be

on the south Red

Sea region close to

border with Sudan.

close to borders remote areas that

Development of Three Fishermen Villages, South Red Sea – Egypt



Protected Production Workshop - Recycling Grand Bourg Argentina



Collection, cleaning and processing of municipal solid waste Sheltered Workshop addressing the problem of labor and social integration of disabled people, aimed at achieving

long-term stable jobs and caring for the environment by eliminating plastic from landfills and recycling, and promoting reduction and change habits and consumption patterns and disposal of plastic waste.

Rotary International Global Grant GG1528449 is for Project peanut Butter in Kamasi, Ghana



A grant from Hershey Chocolate and our Global Grant buys equipment for the factory.



Rotary Club of Kalisizo Supporting Effective Basic Education through Practical Curriculum Instruction Kalisizo, Lwankoni and Kirumba Sub-counties in Rakai District (Uganda)

The problem at stake lies in the persistent Primary Leaving examinationoriented approach to teaching that characterizes our education system despite the fact that



very few of the children who enroll in Primary schools actually complete the cycle.

Women Empowerment Through Entrepreneurship Development Ankleshwar, Gujarat India

The community in and around Ankleshwar are from the lower income group and the women do not have any source of income and are totally dependent. The project will provide training to



the women on sewing machines and then provide them work so that they can earn by themselves.

Economic and Community Development Program for Dalits (victims of racism), Satkhira and Jessore District Bangladesh

In the Indian Subcontinent since time immemorial a particular group of people has used religion as a weapon to utilize various social facilities for themselves. By using religion they set up a



social classification of people which has become well known under the name of "Caste System". The social system was and continues to be deadly for a lot of people living in the Indian subcontinent. Most of dalit and social excluded community defined as their hereditary profession. That's why they always ruled and governed by higher caste. Social exclusion has made vulnerability and extreme poverty.

SJI Rotary Club Completes Haiti Project



Rosedanie Cadet with volunteers

With a District Grant of \$14,000 from Rotary International, Rotary Club of San Juan Islands recently completed the solar-power installation at a learning center in Limbe, Haiti. Rotary member, Rosedanie Cadet of Orcas Island and Limbe Haiti, was born in Limbe and wanted to return to her hometown "to give back". Shortly before the devastating earthquake in 2009, she founded Helping Hands Noramise, a non-profit organization with the mission of empowering the Haitian people with self-sufficiency through computer courses, sewing, and gardening skills. Rugby skills, too.

The power system, designed by Eric Youngren of Rainshadow Solar on Orcas Island, will give the Center dependable electric power to continue developing a training center computer lab, access to the Internet, opening a wide range of previously unobtainable educational opportunities. Micro-business sewing operation for producing and selling such items as feminine hygiene products and diapers.

The dependable electric system will be a significant step to the further establishment of the Learning Center as a valuable educational asset for this rural community. We applaud the patience and perseverance of Rosedanie Cadet and her continuing efforts to educate and connect her Haitian community to better and selfsufficient lives.

For further information about Helping Hands Noramise, visit <u>www.helpinghandnoramise.org</u> And the continuing humanitarian work of Rotary Club San Juan Islands <u>www.rotarysanjuanislands.com</u>

NEWS FROM Rotary International



On September 25th 2015, world leaders will commit to 17 Global Goals to end extreme poverty, fight inequality & fix climate change. Join us in Chicago as we <u>#LightTheSky</u> to support the Global Goals <u>http://</u> on.rotary.org/UnderOneSkyChi

If you're not in Chicago, join one of hundreds of <u>#LightTheWay</u> events around the world - <u>http://</u> action2015.org/light-the-way/

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL EMPLOYEES EXTEND EVANSTON DAY OF CARING TO A WEEK

Evanston-based Rotary International helprd support the Evanston Day of Caring with a full week dedicated to doing good in the community. This advance initiative – beginning Monday, Sept. 14 – was dubbed, Rotary Week of Caring in recognition of the city-wide event on 19 September.

More than 100 Rotary employees contributed over 200 collective hours of community service, performing a myriad of activities from packaging medical supplies to be sent to developing countries, to beautifying local playgrounds in Evanston and the Chicagoland area. Rotary staff volunteered at the following locations:

- Edible Evanston Eggleston Park, Evanston, IL
- Evanston ReBuilding Warehouse 2101 Dempster Street, Evanston, IL
- Family Focus 2010 Dewey Avenue, Evanston, IL
- Foster Reading Center 2010 Dewey Avenue, Evanston, IL
- Greater Chicago Food Depository 4100 West Ann Lurie Place, Chicago, IL
- Marjorie Kovler Center 1331 Albion Avenue, Chicago, IL
- PEER Services 906 Davis Street, Evanston, IL
- Project C.U.R. E. 1200 North 25th Avenue, Melrose Park, IL
- The Talking Farm 3701 West Howard Street, Skokie, IL
- YWCA 1215 church Street, Evanston, IL



Alcohol brings out the real "Man Inside You". The guy next to Sean is also drinking. Can you see the difference? Poor Carol *!*



Past DG's are always there to "lift" you, when you are "high" in spirits (or Tequila?)

OUR GIFT TO THE WORLD!

Carol receives Internal Service Award for a Polio-Free World

Congratulations to Carol Tichelman who received Rotary's International Award for a Polio-Free World - one of only 10 recipients worldwide.



Carol Tichelman - Truly a Gift to the World

Be a gift he wor!

DG Bill Robson presenting the award to Carol



Chilliwack Rotary also celebrated a Major Donor recognition for Kevin & Marissa Wood, as well as awards earlier this year for members and Past District Governors Dave Robinson (Certificate for Meritorious Service) and Larry Stinson (Service Above Self Award).

Also pictured are Governor Bill Robson, Rotary International Director-Elect Dean Rohrs and Past District Governors Wayne Wiebe, Sean Hogan and Denis Boyd.

PAST DISTRICT GOVERNOR JACK FRISK



Your contributions to Rotary and the World will never be forgotten

On September 10, 2015 we lost one of our best. Past District Governor Jack Frisk left us to rejoin his wife, Viola, after saying his farewells and celebrating with a glass of champagne with his family, following a lengthy period of health issues.

Jack served as Governor in 1992-1993. In Rotary's centennial year of 2005, he received Rotary International's Service Above Self Award. District 5050 similarly recognized Jack in 2012 with an award presented by Rotary International Past President Ray Klinginsmith. Jack participated in several wheelchair deliveries. CLICK HERE to read Jack's own words about a wheelchair delivery in Nepal. Jack's Celebration of Life will be held on Sunday, September 27 at 11:00 a.m. in Maple Hall, La Conner, Washington.

JACK FRISK - "DANISH CUSTODIAN"

FIDALGO ISLAND SUNRISE CLUB

AUGUST 21, 2007: John Bosch was there making his District Governor visit when suddenly this old "Danish custodian" looks down on the room. Our dear friend Jack was making his incognito appearance. The visit was reported in the September, 2007, PAJ.









The best memories come from craziest ideas. In our hearts is a memory, and there you will always be.

A Walk along the Rotary Memory Lane One of the Best in Districts 5040 & 5050 - Anup Singh Jubbal



Rotarian Anup Singh Jubbal is the first Rotarian in R.I. Dist. 5040 and 5050 to receive a Rotary International highest "Service Above Self Award " in 1992. Anup Singh Jubbal was invited in 1986, to the Rotary Club of Burnaby-Hastings, R.I. Dist. 5040. He raised large sums of money in 1988 for the Rotary International PolioPlus campaign. He is the President and Founder of Canadian Eyesight Global, a non-profit society registered in Canada, formerly Project Eyesight-India since 1989, which has successfully sponsored and completed thousands of free cataract surgeries and unlimited poor and less fortunate people have been treated for avoidable blindness in rural parts of India since 1989. Over 250 Rotary Clubs in India joined hands in this noble eye project.

In February 1989. The first 1,000 free cataract surgeries were sponsored by Rotary Club of Burnaby-Hastings, supported by Rotary Foundation and CRCID/CIDA, jointly with Rotary Club of Lucknow Khhaas, R.I. Dist. 3070, India. Six (6) Rotarians along with Anup Jubbal from Rotary Club of Burnaby-Hastings visited these 10 free eye camps near Lucknow, India, the Deputy High Commissioner of Canada to India Mr. Garry Smith and First Secretary Paul Durrant, CIDA, Canadian High Commission in Delhi, India, attended these eye camps in rural parts of Lucknow in February 1989. Canadian Eyesight Global formerly Project Eyesight-India has successfully completed



February 1989—Six Rotarians of Rotary Club of Burnaby-Hastings exchanging flags with Rotary Club of Lucknow Khaas, India

Anup Singh Jubbal holding a 1992 plaque "Service Above Self Award", along with members of Rotary Club of Surrey-Guildford. 26 years journey and going very strong. Anup Jubbal is the past President 2 terms of Rotary Club of Burnaby-H a s t i n g s (1997-1998, and 2000-2001).

Wilfrid Wilkinson, President, Rotary International 2007/2008) and Chair The Rotary

Foundation (2012/2013) visited the eye camp in 1996, village Neeral, outside Mumbai, India. A team of Dr. Irwin Stewart, MD, and Louise Stewart, Governor R.I. Dist.5040 (1993-1994) and Dr. Lionel Fishaman, PP. Rotary Club of Burnaby-Hastings visited the eye camps in 1995, India. A "Meritorious Service Medal" was presented to Anup Singh Jubbal, by H.E. Remeo Leblanc, Governor General of Canada 1997 with a citation " His leadership and initiative have brought credit to the Rotary Club and honour to Canada".

Anup Jubbal is a member of Rotary Club of Surrey-Guildford since 2004. President and Founder of Canadian Eyesight Global, "Paul Harris Fellow" 2 times, his wife Saroop is also a "Paul Harris Fellow". The Surrey-Guildford Rotary Club and Rotary Club Burnaby are the sponsors of Canadian Eyesight Global, organizing successfully Free Eye Camps in rural India jointly with Rotary Clubs on a regular basis since 1989. We organize Free Eye Health Clinics on a quartely basis in British Columbia, since 2004, with support from a team of Rtn. Dr. David R.S. Neima, MD, FRCS(C), Ophth., and associated, along with dedicated Rotarians and volunteers. This noble eye project is supported by Canadian Corporations eg: Cenovus Energy, Cenovus Employee Foundation, Calgary, Jewish Foundation, UJA Federation of Greater Toronto, Indo-Canadian Community, Rotary Clubs and dedicated volunteers. Canadian National Institute (CNIB) is our partner in this noble eye project.

Canadian Eyesight Global, sponsored by Rotary Club of Surrey Guildford, is proposing to establish a primary care "Eye Hospital" in rural parts of Punjab, India. Anup invites Rotarians from R.I. Dist. 5050 join hands in this noble project.





Baby Anup in 1936

YES!

There is a woman behind and side by side to support him!



November 1991, India Saroop and Anup Jubbal at Eye Camp

In the September issue of the Peace Arch Journal we listed the recipients of this prestige award from District 5050. Anup Singh Jubbal's name was not included. This was not intentional!

When Anup received the Award in 1992, he was a member of the Rotary Club of Burnaby-Hastings of RI District 5040. He is the first recipient of the award in 5040 and 5050 combined.

We are all proud of Anup for receiving this prestigious award.

5040's loss is our gain!

DG Bill on the move ... All in a day's Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner! Recognizing Rotarians with special District pins with slogan borrowed from the RI President



Bryce Duskin- working on the splash Park

Joan Tilton- Working on the work in **Bungoma**

Dave Duskin- Bulletin and Web master



Erik Granroth- Duck Dash Chair



to the world lig s 9a

President Vicci signs DG **Bill's** banner at the Everett Port Gardner club.



Promoting 2016 District Conference ...

These pictures were taken at Arlington Rotary during DG Bill's visit to the Club on September 3rd.

The same day Bill was seen at the Marysville Sunrise Club for breakfast.

Hmmmm... that explains it! Everyone now knows where he gets all the energy to keep on going on like an energized bunny!

It is the District Governor's official visit. Bill makes it very official by getting the Club Presidents to sign his attendance. And he does it in a pleasing way! He never calls it "doing it his way ...

IT IS HIS FUN WAY !!!

Since no club is meeting on Sundays Bill is usually seen catching up some sleep.



Photograph censored by Editor for privacy concerns.

DISCLAIMER The blisters on the toes are NOT from using the DG's step stool.

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News from "the SeaBreeze"

ROTARY CLUB OF WHITE ROCK



Scholarship Award

Community Service Director Bonnie Goodwin presented \$1,500 Scholarship to Tanis Orsetti. She is starting at UBC next week studying science - ultimate goal is to be a doctor.



Anne Reynolds, spouse of AlanReynolds, and Tanis Orsetti, Scholarship Awardee. A Great Tribute to Terry Fox



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Alison Inse on Terry Fox

Alison is a nurse from London England, moved to Barbados and then to BC in the 1970s and worked at Royal Columbian Hospital in New Westminster

She was Terry's nurse who cared for him when leg amputated, and his cancer

treatments and caring for him when he became palliative.

She had the job of announcing Terry's death in June of 1981, but she said to remember the many other hero's who have and now are fighting cancer with bravery like Terry.

Humans start as 2 cells multiply to 2 trillion cells as an adult, sometimes mutations happen and the cells to not behave according to normal DNA programming

There are over 200 different types of cancer so treatments and ability to treat cancers varies widely.

- Terry believed everyone could do something about problems they are concerned about - his doing something was the Marathon of Hope.
- One of Terry's sponsors, Isadore Sharp, who also lost a son to cancer, promised Terry that an annual run would be held to continue his fundraising for cancer research.
- Although Terry was palliative, he lived each day to make the most of it.



A Nail-biting Moment!

Ross Sinclair, prospective member, talking with Past President Joan Apel as part of checking the ethos of the club.

Many of our prospective members are intrigued about Rotary. One cannot fathom the depth of involvement of Rotarians. Finding time to talk to them will encourage prospective members to be involved and be one of us!

Every prospective member visiting a club is the missing piece that makes Rotary complete. Editor PAJ



- There are Terry Fox runs in over 1400 BC schools
- She thanked Douglas Brown who organized the Terry Fox run before Rotary took it on.
- The Terry Fox Run has raised over \$700 million for cancer research in the last 35 years.

District 5050 News



PORT COQUITLAM CENTENNIAL Paul Harris Fellow Award for John Becker

At the weekly meeting, John Becker was presented the Paul Harris Fellow Award in recognition of his services to the club, in particular his initiative to register the Club as a Charitable Society. In addition, John was also presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for educating the members on various legal aspects of the Club.



John is seen receiving the award from ADG Clive Evans, while Past President Renee Little is commenting on the good work he has done ever since he joined the Club in January 2014.



Rotary Adventure (?)

Recently Carol and Sean took "Rotary Adventure" literally as a good thing to do. As much as Carol trusts Sean to be with in times of need, jumping from the sky without a parachute was the last thing she wants to do with Sean (*literally!*).

DON'T PANIC! All is well. The picture has been cropped to fit. Actual picture shown on right





Service clubs, businesses, funding corporations, funding parners, the BC Gaming Commission, local governments and people of BC REACHING KIDS ... TOGETHER /

CHILLIWACK MT. CHEAM \$500 to Support D.A.R.E. KiR Program

The Rotary Club of Chilliwack Mt.Cheam donated \$500 to support the RCMP to teach the new D.A.R.E. Keepin' it REAL (KiR) Program to over 900 local Grade 5 students.

Over 100 police officers teach D.A.R.E. to thousands of school children throughout British Columbia. The new D.A.R.E. KiR Program encourages youth to be exemplary citizens and to help others in need. The Program also covers topics such as peer pressure, stress, communications, bullying, and the Decision Making Model.

Service clubs and not-for-profit organizations throughout British Columbia provide financial support to the D.A.R.E keepin' it REAL program in their communities.

D.A.R.E. BC Society President, Colin Grant emphasized that "Community donations ensure our children will be equipped with the critical thinking and life skills necessary to choose a drug-free life and fund the \$12 cost of learning materials per student". Colin Grant thanks the Rotary Club of Chilliwack Mt. Cheam for their support

D.A.R.E. BC Society Partner Relations Manager, Chantal Broughton, said next year's D.A.R.E. program starts this September and we will need to raise over \$10 000 in Chilliwack to cover the cost of learning materials for over 900 students who are expected to take the D.A.R.E. KiR program.

To make a donation contact Partner Relations Manager, Chantal Broughton by phone 778-290-2029 or email at dare@darebc.com. To learn more about the D.A.R.E. KiR Program visit darebc.com

FOUNDATION CENTENNIAL THE ROTARY FOUNDATION IS TURNING 100!

Rotary is marking the Foundation's centennial with a year of festivities. The celebration kicks off at the 2016 Rotary Convention in Seoul and will culminate at the 2017 convention in Atlanta.

- Join in and show your support for The Rotary Foundation. Here are some ways to get involved:
- Plan an event in your community to raise awareness of Rotary and its Foundation.
- Promote projects your club or district is involved in that are funded by the Foundation.
- Empower The Rotary Foundation to support the good work of Rotary clubs around the world by making a special contribution.
- Apply for a grant from the Foundation to fund a project.

More ideas and resources for celebrating the centennial over the coming months.

District 5050 News

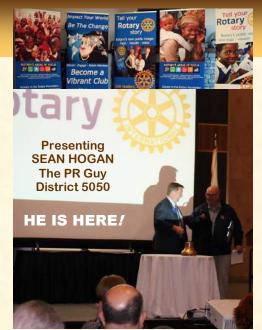
OUR "PR GUY" OFF TO PROVIDENCE, RI

Past DG Sean is heading off to Providence, Rhode Island tomorrow for a conference gathering Rotarians from Canada, the US, Russia, France & Bermuda in his role as PR Guy (not the official title) for Western Canada, Eastern Russia, Alaska and parts of Yukon and Washington State.

He thanks to Rod Thomson and South Surrey Minuteman for printing banners at a very charitable cost - here' are a few that Sean has shipped and will pick up in Providence. Poor Carol's staying behind - someone's got to make money!

LACONNER Moonlight and Martinis 2015

Moonlight and Martinis 2015 was a great success. The Club raised over \$55,000.00 for their projects and the kids in La Conner and Copan, Honduras!



LAKE STEVENS

The Mexican

Connection

September 5th, as part

opening Rotarians and

of a week long soft

members enjoyed dinner at Lake Stevens'

newest restaurant.

Qdoba had invited

various groups from

the region to sample

the menu and get to

Qdoba Mexican Grill.

On Saturday,

family



LAKE STEVENS: Terri Spencer, James Monroe, Rhonda Campbell-Qdoba Manager, John Spencer, Kirsten Haugen, Jim Haugen at the **Qdoba. Not pictured Bill Demeroutis and Scott Smith.**

know what the restaurant is all about.

The groups included Lake Stevens City Employees, First Responders, Lake Stevens School District, various sport organizations, Chamber members, other businesses and civic organizations. Qdoba has hired a broad range of people--many from Lake Stevens including a handful of high school students. A good time was enjoyed by all!

The formal opening of Qdoba Mexican Grill was on 8th September.



WHITE ROCK **Making Graduation Very Special**

Dani Brown of The Princess Project Society. We are working together with the schools, businesses and people of the community to gather and distribute all of the items these girls need to make their Graduation as special as it should be.

We are looking for donations of new and/or previously loved formal dresses, shoes, purses, jewelry, and hair accessories. We a r e also looking for hair, nail, and make up services and/or gift certificates/discounts, and of course, cash donations.

If you can help, please email us or check out our Contact page for a drop off location for your generous donations.

http://www.surreyprincessproject.ca/ home.html



October is Rotary Youth Outbound Recruitment Month!

The Rotary Youth Exchange committee wants to invite all clubs to seriously consider sponsoring both Outbound and Inbound students for the year 2016-2017. October is the month we ask you to recruit applicants for this program from your local secondary school or home schooling community.

Rotary Youth Exchange is an exciting opportunity for international travel and experience for youth ages 16 through 18.

Applicants can be as young as 15 and must be considered a secondary student when they start their exchange in 2016.

It is an opportunity for clubs to share the life of Rotary through host families and club activities that enrich the lives of all involved.

As Rotarians, we have a responsibility for the future of Rotary and the Rotary Youth Exchange program is an important part of growing that future through youth involvement. These youth exchange participants become the ambassadors of Rotary that we send out into the world with the experience of friendship, meaning and power of living the life of Rotary with your club for a year of their lives.

Both their lives and yours will be changed forever for the experience.

Your commitment to the Rotary Youth Exchange program is a service to youth, your club and Rotary's future.

This is the "Gift to the World" we offer our youth in the exchange experience that furthers peace and understanding.



Make a World of Difference



News from the Zone Institute 2015

"Nigeria No Longer Endemic The World Health Organization announced on September 25 that Nigeria is now polio free and has been officially removed from the list of countries where polio is endemic. It's been 14 months since any cases of polio caused by the wild virus have been detected there. With Nigeria's historic achievement, polio remains endemic in only two countries: Afghanistan and Pakistan. That means transmission of the virus has never been stopped there."

"Goodbye Type 2 Virus An independent global health commission officially verified on September 21 that wild poliovirus Type 2, one of three strains of the wild virus, has been eradicated worldwide. Although the last Type 2 case was detected back in 1999, the confirmation is an important milestone, as Rotary and its partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative prepare to switch from a form of the vaccine that targets all polio types to one that does not protect against Type 2."

Submitted by: District Governor Bill Robson

Ways to give to the Rotary Foundation

RECURRING GIVING (ROTARY DIRECT)

Support our efforts year round by making a recurring gift. You choose how much and how often you want to give— it's a simple and secure way to make a big impact.

<u>Online contributions</u> can be made monthly, quarterly, or annually. If you prefer, you may return the completed <u>Rotary Direct enrollment form</u> or enroll by phone at +1-866-976-8279.

To update your existing recurring giving, contact us at <u>rotarydirect@rotary.org</u> or call +1-866-976-8279. For security reasons, changes to your credit card information should be made by phone.

CHECK, DRAFT, OR WIRE PAYMENTS

Learn how to donate by different payment methods. SECURITIES

Your gift of marketable securities to The Rotary Foundation provides tax benefits and helps make an impact in lives both at home and around the world.

Learn more PLANNED GIVING

The Foundation offers several ways to structure your charitable gift that may provide tax and other financial benefits, including estate gifts, charitable gift annuities, and trusts.

Learn more NAMED GIFT

With an endowed or term gift, you can designate a specific name for your contribution. Endowed gifts are invested in perpetuity, while a portion of their earnings is spent on a designated program. Term gifts are spent in their entirety on a specific program over an agreed period of time.

See named gift opportunities **DONOR ADVISED FUNDS**

The Rotary Foundation donor advised fund is a convenient way to simplify charitable giving and take advantage of U.S. tax savings. A Donor Advised Fund account is similar to a charitable checking account. You make contributions and recommend grants to the Foundation and other preferred charities at your convenience. An account may be established by individuals or Rotary-affiliated groups.

Log in to your Donor Advised Fund PERSONAL PROPERTY

The Rotary Foundation accepts gifts of tangible property, such as jewelry or artwork, with the approval of the Gift Acceptance Committee. At this time, gifts of automobiles, boats, airplanes, and motorcycles are not accepted by the Foundation.

See <u>The Rotary Foundation's Gift Acceptance Pol-</u> icy for a complete list of criteria along with the required documents and information, or <u>contact us</u> to learn more.

REAL ESTATE

The Rotary Foundation accepts gifts of real estate with a minimum appraised value of \$25,000 (undeveloped property) and \$100,000. When a donor makes an outright gift of real estate that is approved by the Gift Acceptance Committee, the Foundation takes immediate possession of and title to the property. The donor is entitled to a U.S. charitable tax deduction based upon the fair market value of the property when donated as determined by a qualified appraisal and may receive tax benefits in other countries as determined on a case by case basis. The net proceeds from the sale of the real estate support the Foundation.

For more detail about the process, please <u>contact us</u> to learn more. See <u>The Rotary Foundation's Gift Acceptance</u> <u>Policy</u> for a complete list of criteria along with the required documents and information.

EMPLOYEE MATCHING GIFT

Double the impact of your gift by asking your employer to match your contribution to The Rotary Foundation. More than 15,000 companies match gifts to the Foundation, including many international corporations. Find out if your employer does

at <u>www.rotary.org/matchinggifts</u>.

Contact your human resources department to learn if your company is eligible for the program.



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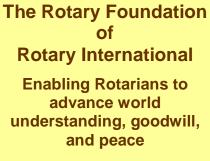
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Changing Faces of the District Leadership



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The Rotary Foundation continues to be one of the highest rated foundations by the independent charity rating organization Charity Navigator. The new ratings are out and The Rotary Foundation again received the highest four-star rating...and is solidly #5 on Charity Navigator's list of 10 of the Best Charities Everyone's Heard Of. This proves why we should be proud of OUR amazing Foundation...and why we should be happy to donate our hard earned money to the works of OUR Foundation!

The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International is rated 4 of 4 stars by Charity Navigator.

Details

	Score	Rating
Overall	96.31	****
Financial	96.66	****
Accountability & Transparency	96.00	****

Financial Performance Metrics

Program Expenses

(Percent of the charity's total expenses spent on the programs		
and services it delivers)	90.8%	
Administrative Expenses	3.3%	
Fundraising Expenses	5.8%	
Fundraising Efficiency	\$0.05	
Primary Revenue Growth	7.6%	
Program Expenses Growth	11.8%	
Working Capital Ratio (years)	2.66	

Highly Rated Charities

The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International (IL) 96.31 ★★★★

Institute of International Education (NY) 96.04 ****

> Eisenhower Fellowships (PA) 94.85 * * *

Amigos de las Américas (TX) 87.36 ***

American Academy in Berlin (NY) 85.42 ***

All scores shown are out of 100

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DISTRICT 5050 - MEMBERSHIP SURVEY 2015

- 1534 members of the District Membership participated in the Survey.
- 43.5% of the members surveyed has been in Rotary for more than 10 years.
- 94.7% of the members feel welcome in his/her Club.
- 95% of the members feel that Rotary allows him/her to make a difference the community.
- 85.7% of the members receive a good return on the invest of time to Rotary.
- 81.8% members agree that through rotary they make a difference internationally.
- 68.5% of the members have invited a guest to the Club's weekly meeting or social event.
- 78.9% members agree that they receive good value for the amount of money spent in Rotary.
- 73.4% members feel that the club is doing a good job of educating members about the ever -changing Rotary world.
- Majority of the members would like to learn more about the Rotary Club. The top 5 topic areas chosen were:
 - 1. 77.5% Local Community issue
 - 2. 76.1% Rotary Projects
 - 3. 62.3% Inspirational Speakers
 - 4. 40% International Issues
 - 5. 37% Local Community Local Community Organizations
- 33.2% members rated personal commitment to the Club as the Highest, with 42# rating it as High.
- 81.2% agree that the Clubs do a good job of communicating about the club to the members
- 85.7% of the members agree that the Clubs seek input and ideas from Members
- 75.5% of the members agree that the clubs regularly act upon members' input and ideas.
- 76.8% members agree that decisions are made in a timely manner in the Club.
- 70.4% members agree that their club work to ensure its processes and rules are updated to meet the needs of today's members.
- 83.7% members agree that their club brings major clubs decisions, issues and policies to the membership for approval.
- 87% members agree that Club service projects are well organized and managed.
- 75.6% members believe that surveys of this type are valuable to Clubs.
- Members rated the following as the Clubs HIGHEST involvement:
 - 1. 47% Club's major annual fundraiser
 - 2. 28% Community /Local Service Projects
 - 3. 27% Fundraising
 - 4. 22% Fellowship activities
 - 21% International Service Projects / Youth Programs
- 95% members agreed that their Club is welcoming to all non-members (guests, family members, visiting Rotarians, Rotaractors, etc.)
- 77.7% members agreed that the current level of emphasis on fundraising in their Club is appropriate.
- 77.4% members agreed that the Clubs actively seek to involve each member in projects and activities according to the member's interests,

skills and availability.

- 73.2% members agreed that the committee that they are on this year is working very well and productive.
- Members rated the following as the TOP 3 ATTRIBUTES of their clubs
 - 64.7% Fellowship with other club members
 - 2. 62.1% Community Service Projects
 - 3. 42.8% Fundraising Projects
- Members rated the following as the TOP 3 CHALLENGERS facing their clubs
 - 1. 50.7% Lack of members aged 40 and under
 - 2. 37.6% Declining attendance
 - 3. 32.1% Lack of "hands-on" involvement by all members
- Members rated the following as MOST IMPORTANT THINGS that the Club should FOCUS on in the coming 2 years (TOP 3)
 - 1. 56.7% Membership Recruitment
 - 2. 32.0% Membership Retention
 - 3. 25.5% Community Service Projects
- 83.3% members agreed that their opinions count in their Rotary Clubs
- 90.7% members agreed that the mission/ purpose of Rotary makes them feel their contribution is important.
- 88.2% members feel that their fellow Rotarians in the Club care about them as a person.
- 90.9% members believe that their Club is fulfilling its mandate to serve the local and global community.
- 72.6% members agree that, in the past year, they have had the opportunity to grow as a person and as a Rotarian.
- 92.3% members agree that they have a friend in their Club.
- 87.4% members agree that they know what is expected of them in their Club.
- 61.4% members agree that they have received recognition for their contribution to their Club within the past 6 months.
- 65.4% members agree that they have learned something new and significant at their Club over the past 3 months.
- 87.7% members agree that they plan on staying as a member of their Club.
- 79.8% members agree that for their role in the club, their Club provides the resources and support they need.
- 88.6% members agreed that they are overall satisfied with their my membership in the Club.

MEMBERSHIP - AUGUST 2015

Member Count Last Year	2,582
Member Count August 2015	2,608
This month+/-	3
YTD +/-	+26
YTD +/- Percentage	1.71%
Last Year Attendance	64.08%
Attendance August 2015	58.85%
YTD Attendance	59.75%

The top ten for attendance

Whatcom County North	89.41%
North Whidbey Island Sunrise	87.50%
Everett-Port Gardner	85.71%
South Surrey	85.29%
Whidbey Westside	83.74%
Cloverdale	80.77%
Meadow Ridge Rotary	80.58%
Chilliwack	80.00%
Langley Sunrise	80.00%
Chilliwack Fraser	79.94%
Semiahmoo (White Rock)	77.27%
Abbotsford	72.34%

We had only 5 Clubs that didn't report, so that is a good improvement. Thanks AG's for your assistance. If you notice that you have a nonreporting Club, could you get their attendance information and send it my direction? I'll use that as the report so we have a more accurate report each month. I have had reports of Clubs having difficulty with ClubRunner version3 as for some reason their attendance is not automatically transferring when they close out each week. I'll look into that.

Robert Martin Secretary District 5050 2026 N. LaVenture Road Mount Vernon, WA 98273 <u>360-428-0140</u> <u>360-428-1616</u> (fax) rmartin@chinookenterprises.org

District 5050 will be organizing FOUR Regional Seminars on Membership

The half- day seminars will be held as follows:

- Jan16th: Area A, B and C;
- Mar 5th: Area D, E, and F;
- Jan 23rd: Area G, H and I, and
- Feb 13th: Area J, K and L.

Watch for more information about the seminars on the District Website and from your Assistant Governors.





Canada & USA BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY DICTIONARIES4LIFE

RUSS McMURCHIE District Literacy Chair

russ.mcmurchie@shaw.ca 604-461-6611

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

HISTORIC TALK ON TEDDY ROOSEVELT

DAVE RADER Public Services Lecturer on Global Issues daverader@me.com | 805-451-4679

Canada & USA

ECOCAR PROGRAM BRENDAN BOYER Janicki Industries

Interested clubs should call Janicki Industries at 888-856-5143

HAS YOUR CLUB GOT A GUIDELINE FOR SPEAKERS?

Many clubs have guidelines for guest speakers. While we all know that Rotarians will stick to the ideals of Rotary in making their presentations. If any speaker don't know that - Wrong choice! Canada & USA

POLIO PLUS UPDATE Latest Information on Polio Eradication

> DAVID TRUMAN District Polio Plus Chair

davidrotarian@gmail.com 604-250-5906

Canada & USA ROTARY GLOBAL REWARDS PROGRAM

C. V. "MOHAN" MOHANAN District Global Rewards Program Chair

cvmohanan@shaw.ca 604-941-3053 | 604-618-5226

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

SEX, DRUGS & ROCKING CHAIRS (about senior citizens and STD risks) PETER BROWNING

p.browning.solutions@gmail.com

USA

P.E.T. (PERSONAL ENERGY TRANSPORTATION HANDBIKE)

JOHN J. SHAFFER Jjsshaffer@aol.com <u>425-314-5916</u> (cell only) info at <u>www.giftofmobility.org</u>

These guidelines are a "MUST". While setting up the standard of speakers at our events, it also provides a checklist for choosing the speakers?

Speakers must be chosen for their subject matter expertise and entertainment value and the topic must be appropriate to the values that Rotary stands for.

Canada & USA SAYING "YES" CHANGES LIVES

CHANGES LIVES BEV HARRINGTON

District "YES" Chair

bev_harrington@msn.com 360-421-0601

Canada & USA How and why we give to the Rotary Foundation

STEVE MORACH District Paul Harris Society & Annual Giving Chair

stephen.morach@ampf.com srock312001@yahoo.com H. 360-336-5060 | Ph 360-630-0833

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

bbb1771@shawbiz.ca (604) 504-7526 ext. one

USA

HANFORD CLEAN-UP UPDATE

DIETER BOHRMAN, Washington State Department of Ecology dboh461@ecy.wa.gov

Canada & USA

WOODSTONE, Bellingham-based company that makes wood-fired ovens for pizzas

Visit <u>http://woodstone-corp.com/</u> for info and contact information

DO NOT ALLOW Guest Speakers to:

- Promote their companies and/or products;
- **Use it as a platform to campaign for votes**

Draft your guidelines and use it. No matter what the quality of the guidelines, it is guaranteed that the quality of speakers will improve over time.

Guidelines are not carved on stone.

You can update it whenever you find it is time for change.

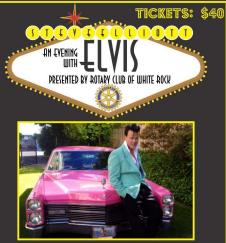


or raffle will be held)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

PEACE ARCH JOURNAL





FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH, 2015. ASSIGNED SEATIN DOORS OPEN AT 7:30PM. SHOW TIME 0:00PM Venue. Peace Portal Alliance (Hurch. 15120-27& Ave. South Surrey A Charity Fund Raiser For Community Services For More Info Visit www.whiterockrotary.org Mark: 604-671-7498 Dick: 604-536-1965 Raj: 604-560-4770



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District 5050 **Rotary Leadership** Institute - Mt. Vernon

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

Registration closes on Nov. 13th



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.

Port Coguitlam Centennial 12 **Breakfast with Santa** DEC

Wilson Centre 2150 Wilson Ave Port **Coquitlam BC**

> An event to celebrate your holidays

(via the West Entrance)

\$50

Foundation Dinner

Ioin 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 aucti\on