



Basic Education and Literacy Month



Be a gift to the world

Bill's Bit



**District Governor
Bill Robson & Lorna**

Presidential Conferences Series: Five events to highlight Rotary's areas of focus

RI President K.R. Ravindran and Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair Ray Klinginsmith plan to host a series of five presidential conferences in 2015-16 highlighting Rotary's work in the areas of focus.

Learn about each program and register at the [conference websites](#). [See also Page 7]

September is Basic Education And Literacy Month: Did you know that sixty-seven million children worldwide have no access to education and more than 775 million people over the age of 15 are illiterate. Our goal is to strengthen the capacity of communities to support basic education and literacy, reduce gender disparity in education, and increase adult literacy.

How do we accomplish this? Well, we do it in many ways, by providing local scholarships, building schools in Guatemala, creating libraries (mobile and fixed) in Guatemala and First Nations communities in B.C. and even computer labs in Kenya. We have clubs that support the Dolly Parton Imagination Library and we have clubs that give out dictionaries to local schools. This, of course, is just in our District and there are many, many Districts worldwide that do the same kind of projects and programs.

Thank you all for whatever you do to alleviate illiteracy in your local community or around the world.

As you read this, at least I hope someone reads this, I am "on tour" doing my club visits. For the month of September I will be primarily in the USA, the first three weeks in Washington and the fourth in Rhode Island attending the Zone 24/32 Institute. Whilst I am in the USA I will not have my Canadian cell phone on.

I will be using my US cell phone. So, if you need to get in touch with me please email me at billrobson5050@gmail.com or phone me at 702-338-3431.

Obviously I will not be able to always answer right away so please leave a message with your name, phone number and the reason for your call. I really appreciate this.

You are all probably now aware of the news, on August 11, 2015, from Nigeria regarding zero cases of wild polio for one year, however, as you read this we can now recognize another milestone, no cases of wild polio virus ANYWHERE for over a month.

Get ready to celebrate, we are so close we can taste success.

Last confirmed cases of wild polio virus:

- ❖ Nigeria July 24, 2014
- ❖ Pakistan June 30, 2015
- ❖ Afghanistan July 17, 2015



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**OCTOBER IS DEDICATED
TO ECONOMIC AND
COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT**

**Articles, events, pictures on
this Area of Focus are
invited.**

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**THE
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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**.

**Please send news, articles and photographs to:
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by the 25th day of the month for possible inclusion in the next issue.**

Long articles may be truncated and all articles submitted may be edited before publication. Not all articles and photos submitted will be published.

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

SEPTEMBER 2015

There was once a strong young man who was offered a job as a woodcutter. He set about his task with energy: The first week, he turned 18 trees into firewood. The second week, he worked just as hard, but was surprised to find he had chopped only 11 trees. The third week, despite working nonstop from morning till night, the number was six, and he went despairingly to the foreman to offer his resignation. "I am losing my strength. I

can no longer cut as many trees as I once could."

The foreman looked at the young man, who seemed to him in fine health. "Have you thought of sharpening your ax?" he asked.

"Sharpen my ax? Who has time to sharpen an ax?" the young man asked indignantly. "I have been too busy chopping wood!"

When we aren't making the kind of progress we feel we should be making, the natural response is to redouble our efforts. Sometimes, though, the better response is not to work harder, but to work smarter. Look at your tools. Analyze your processes. Are you directing your resources in the most effective ways? Or are you pouring all your strength into chopping wood with a dull ax?

For the last 20 years, we have relentlessly beaten the drum of membership in Rotary. We set goals and launch campaigns, all focused on bringing in more and more members. And yet, our overall numbers remain the same.

It is time to sharpen our tools. Instead of focusing on the question, "How can we bring more members into Rotary?" we should be asking ourselves, "How can we add more value to Rotary membership, so that more will join and fewer will leave?"

One way we are doing that is with the new Rotary Global Rewards program, which launched in July. This innovative program allows Rotarians to connect with, and receive discounts and concessions from, businesses and service providers around the world. Individual Rotarians may submit their own business to be included alongside those with which Rotary has already negotiated relationships; the most appropriate offers will be added to the listings. We have also created the option of allowing businesses to return a percentage of their profit on each transaction to our Rotary Foundation, and several companies have already been locked into this part of the scheme. Each month we will update the list with additional offers that we may receive. I urge all of you to try it out by signing up on My Rotary at Rotary.org now. The more Rotarians participate, the stronger, and more beneficial, the program will be.

Much more than another loyalty program, Rotary Global Rewards is a new way to benefit from being a Rotarian, and being part of the Rotary network. It is another way to combine business and service. And it is yet another way to add value to Rotary membership. We cannot forget that our potential members will be asking themselves, "What's in it for me?" We need to demonstrate the value of Rotary by showing that becoming a Rotarian will enrich their lives, as it has ours.



Rotary

DISTRICT 5050 PEACE FELLOWSHIPS



Last year District 5050 submitted two Peace Fellowship candidates to the Peace Center; one was successful the other was selected as an alternative. A good result considering only 100 candidates are selected worldwide each year.

This year two more candidates from our District are in the process; final selections will be made by the Peace Center in November. So another suggestion for a peace project: propose a candidate for a Peace Scholarship.

The Peace Center will accept any number of qualified candidates.

**For more information contact
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Ian Riseley an Australian accountant and member of the Rotary Club of Sandringham, is selected as the Rotary International President 2017-18

Ian H.S. Riseley, of the Rotary Club of Sandringham, Victoria, Australia, is the selection of the Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International

in 2017-18. He will become the president-nominee on October 1 if no other candidates challenge him.

"We have the programs and personnel and others have available resources," says Riseley. "Doing good in the world is everyone's goal."

We must learn from the experience of the polio eradication program to maximize our public awareness exposure for future partnerships."

Riseley says that meaningful partnerships with corporations and other organizations are crucial to Rotary's future.

Riseley is a practicing accountant and principal of Ian Riseley and Co., which specializes in advising local and international businesses, and has a strong interest in international affairs. He received the AusAID Peacebuilder Award from the Australian government in 2002 in recognition of his work in Timor-Leste. He also received the Order of Australia medal in 2006 for service to the Australian community.

"Governments see Rotary as positive representatives of a civil society," he says. "We should work with them to

advocate for peace and conflict resolution, just as we are advocating for polio eradication."

A member since 1978, Riseley has served Rotary as treasurer, director, trustee, RI Board Executive Committee member, task force member, committee member and chair, and district governor.

He is also a former member of the Australian Polio Eradication Private Sector Campaign and a recipient of The Rotary Foundation's Service Award for a Polio-Free World. He and his wife, Juliet, are Multiple Paul Harris Fellows, Major Donors, and Bequest Society members.

By Ryan Hyland, *Rotary News*, 3-Aug-2015



October 2015 World Polio Day 2015

World Polio Day aims to increase awareness about polio virus and to encourage further actions to reduce it from spreading. The commemoration of the day also highlights the success of global strategies in reducing the spread of the disease.

Polio is a highly infectious disease which targets the nervous system and can cause paralysis.

For as little as US\$60 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.

World's Greatest Meal

As of 14th August 2015:

- 1382 events registered in 66 countries;
- More than 76,700 participants worldwide;
- US \$1,317,947.80 raised, a total of US \$3,953,843.30 with matching funds from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation;

THIS CLOSE
US \$46,156.70

- This Provides funds for 6,589,000 polio Vaccinations!!



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Be a gift to the world

“Be a Gift to the World” through the Avenues of Service

RI President K.R. (Ravi) Ravindran challenges us

to use our gifts — talents, knowledge, abilities, and efforts — to make an impact through our service, the backbone of club activity. Through our network, we have access to many resources that enable us to plan and carry out effective, sustainable projects. Here are a few examples of service activities with ongoing impact:

❖ **The Rotary Club of Udaipur Udai, Rajasthan, India,** partnered with a cooperating organization to provide computer literacy classes for older residents. Members of the Rotaract Club of Aishwarya volunteered as teachers for the training, which covered topics including scheduling appointments, making reservations, and paying bills online. The Rotary club members provide continuing consultation for participants after they complete the classes.

❖ **The Rotary Club of Santurce, Puerto Rico,** collaborated on a Rotary Friendship Exchange with the Rotary Club of Port of Spain West, Trinidad and Tobago, to build fellowship and friendship and to explore international service opportunities. The group from Puerto Rico visited several projects in Trinidad, engaged in fellowship, and met members of the Interact club and the Rotary Community Corps sponsored by the Port of Spain West Rotary club. The Puerto Rican Rotary members will host their new friends from Trinidad and Tobago later this year.

❖ **The Rotary Club of Irvine, California, USA,** teamed up with Irvine Valley College to host an interview workshop and mock interviews for local college students. The students were interviewed by a panel of three Rotarians and then received feedback to improve their interviewing skills.

❖ Through a global grant, **the Rotary Club of Santa Maria, Bulacan, Philippines,** works with the Rotary Community Corps of Pulong Buhangin 2 and other partners to provide safe water and sanitation for a community in Santa Maria Bulacan.

Do you have any such stories to share. Sent your stories to the PAJ Editor today!

Bringing Education to Rural Mexican Area ONE SCHOOL AT A TIME



One example of Rotary’s impact is Carolina Gonzales Rivas. She was able to attend high school thanks to Day’s scholarship program. Rivas is currently working on her master’s degree and has recently joined the Rotary Club of Jaltemba-La Peñita.

Carolina Gonzales Rivas (fourth from left), a scholarship recipient and member of the Rotary Club of Jaltemba-La Peñita, Mexico, talks about how Rotary has influenced her life.

“I think that what Rotary is doing by supporting education and supporting students is to have a vision for life, to have aspirations – that’s what is going to change the world,” Rivas says.

The Rotary Club of Berkeley, in California, USA, along with the Bahia de Jaltemba-La Peñita club and other North American clubs, recently tackled their largest project to date: a month-long renovation of La Preparatoria 20 de Noviembre, a high school in the village of Las

Varas. Funding came from a Rotary Foundation global grant and the financial contributions of six Rotary districts covering the 25 Rotary clubs that participated.

A total of 90 volunteers including the school’s teachers, students, and students’ parents, improved the old buildings and built three laboratory classrooms. All three feature new equipment and technology and can be used by local residents as well as students.

Eduardo Dominguez, a member of the Bahía de Jaltemba-La Peñita club, says one of the biggest rewards of these efforts is the fact that a college education is now a real possibility for local students.

“There are many young people in Mexico with huge potential and with much to give, as long as they are given an opportunity,” Dominguez says. “Rotarians are helping those opportunities to occur, for [these young people] to become contributors to their communities.”

By Daniela Garcia | *Rotary News* | 26-Aug-2015

When Mariana Day moved in 1989 to the small beach town of Chacala, in Nayarit, Mexico, she noticed that the surrounding rural areas struggled to maintain schools. And most children weren’t able to go beyond an eighth-grade education. Day, who is a member of the Rotary Club of Bahía de Jaltemba-La Peñita, in Nayarit, had started a local scholarship program before she joined Rotary. Called Changing Lives, the program provided students with high school tuition, uniforms, school supplies, and transportation.

In addition, Rotary clubs from the United States and Mexico have been investing in the education of children in Nayarit since 2003, providing scholarships and libraries and rehabbing school buildings.

The lasting impact in the region is apparent.

“I think the combination of the scholarship program and Rotary’s interaction with the schools has made things seem possible, has changed the climate of education here, and the way the people think about education,” Day says.

POLIO

The Rotarian conversation with Aseefa Bhutto Zardari

From the [September 2015 issue](#) of The Rotarian

Before her family was forced into exile, before her mother was assassinated, before her father became president, Aseefa Bhutto Zardari was known for something simpler, but in some ways equally powerful: In 1994, she became the first child in Pakistan to receive the oral polio vaccine, as part of the country's first National Immunization Day. Benazir Bhutto, then prime minister, gave the drops to her daughter herself, a compelling endorsement of the nascent campaign.

"I was a baby at the time, so I don't remember it," says Bhutto Zardari, now 22. "But the moment was an inspirational one for the nation, and encouraged women to believe that polio drops were and are safe."

In 1988, at age 35, Benazir Bhutto became the first woman elected to lead a Muslim country. She was assassinated in 2007, just months after she had returned to Pakistan after almost nine years in exile. But Aseefa Bhutto Zardari – whose father, Asif Ali Zardari, served as president of Pakistan from 2008 to 2013 – is carrying on her mother's work. As a Rotary polio ambassador, she meets with officials, visits schools, and talks with families of health workers who were killed while working to vaccinate children.

Bhutto Zardari has raised the profile of the polio eradication campaign in Pakistan and around the world. She writes about the topic for the *Huffington Post* and joined Rotary International General Secretary John Hewko onstage at the 2012 Global Citizen Festival in New York City's Central Park. On Twitter, with more than half a million followers, she encourages people in Pakistan to support ending polio and chastises those who stand in the way. In April, she invited two other prominent women in Pakistani politics to join her in the polio eradication effort, a move that garnered media coverage across the country.

In 1994, the year Bhutto Zardari received those first drops of vaccine, Pakistan had an estimated 35,000 cases of polio. As of 10 June, 24 cases had



been reported in the country in 2015. Bhutto Zardari, who is completing a master's degree in global health and development in London, talked to us about ending polio in Pakistan, her future in politics, and prospects for peace in her country.

THE ROTARIAN: Recently in Pakistan, some parents who refused the polio vaccine for their children have been arrested. Are those arrests justified?

BHUTTO ZARDARI: There is a great ethical debate about whether the arrests are justified. Is it the right of the citizen to refuse care? Is it the right of the child to have the best health care? Personally, I don't believe arresting people is the best solution. Parents want the best for their children, and they are trying to ensure their safety. Educating the parents and persuading them to let their children have the polio drops is more powerful and, although time consuming, will be more successful in the long term.

TR: You're active on Twitter. If you could use more than 140 characters on Twitter to send a message to parents who choose not to vaccinate, what would you say?

BHUTTO ZARDARI: In the media environment today, so much of our lives and what we seek to do is oversimplified, often stripped of meaning and context. Much of what I say on Twitter about this topic [of vaccination] is directed at people in positions of influence who are abusing their position by taking an anti-vaccination approach, rather than at individual parents. I know that the majority of parents, even those refusing vaccinations, have their

children's best interests at heart.

To parents who have held off on vaccinating: Do not take rumors as truth or let people use health as a political or religious weapon. Your children's lives are at risk, and by giving them two small drops, you can ensure they will avoid the suffering that polio can cause. Speak to families who have experienced polio personally. Talk to the polio workers and learn from them.

If we had to reduce it to a campaign slogan, I would say to those parents: Don't rob your children of a future they deserve. Give them a chance. Let them get the polio vaccine.

Read more in September issue of the Rotarian

MEMBER INTERVIEW:

Jay Cook helps young people through Rotary Youth Exchange.

A Rotarian for nearly three decades, Jay Cook has helped hundreds of young people broaden their horizons through Rotary Youth Exchange. Recently, while working for the nonprofit Water Missions International, he's turned his attention to bringing safe water and sanitation solutions to developing countries and disaster-stricken areas.



Illustration by Monica Garwood

Cook is a member of the Rotary Club of Charleston Breakfast and the Water and Sanitation Rotarian Action Group.

Read more in September issue of the Rotarian

Searching for a Co-chair

District 5050 is looking for a U.S. co-Chair for the new Rotary Global Rewards program. If you have a background in sales & marketing, this may be for you.



C. V. (Mohan) Mohanan from Rotary Club of Port Coquitlam Centennial has accepted the position of District Chair and would be happy to share the responsibilities with a co-chair on the U.S. side.

If you have an interest in this 2 year position please email Bill Robson at: billrobson5050@gmail.com

[CLICK HERE for a job description and more information.](#)

This Month in Rotary



ROTARY AREA OF FOCUS BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY

- **1.7 Million additional teachers** are needed worldwide to meet the goal of universal primary education.
- **67 million children** worldwide are not in school.
- **775 million** people over the age of 15 (64% of them women) are illiterate.

WHAT WE CAN DO ?

- **Provide teacher training** and needed classroom supplies.
- **Send a vocational training team** to offer curriculum development training in rural communities.
- **Volunteer** in a classroom or after-school program.
- **Promote student enrollment** and prevent health-related absences by sponsoring school meal programs and providing safe drinking water and sanitation facilities.
- **Support concentrated language encounter (CLE)** literacy programs. These low-cost text- or activity-based immersion programs can be effective with adults as well as children.
- Develop an **adult literacy program**.
- **Serve as a mentor** to students in your community.

The month of September is dedicated for Basis Education and Literacy by Rotary International.

How did you translate the theme into action plan at your club?

We would like to hear more from you.

While you will let us know of your activities, it also provides a learning platform for those clubs who are still wondering, "What to do"!

Moreover, those clubs that have not thought about any specific project, may even like to partner with you in your project.

So give it a try! You stand to WIN!



Their visits included State College, Pittsburgh, Sandusky, Toledo, Detroit, Evanston, Madison, Dubuque and Cedar Rapids.

With a mission, they rolled to each town to rally to get families and friends :

- Excited about giving;
- Excited about sharing their talents.

On August 1st, 4 young professionals travelled across the country to celebrate rotary to celebrate giving, and celebrate communities across the US. Introducing Rollin' With Rotary.

Between August 1st and August 9th, Adam, Jason, Kathy, Marie and Rotary International hit up 9 cities from State College PA to Cedar Rapids Iowa.

Hopping into an RV, packed with the desire to inspire others, the Rolling with Rotary crew brought attention to local and international needs by doing massive Random Acts of Kindness, by highlighting Interact, Rotaract, and Rotarian activity, and creating Large scale community service projects.



Celebrating Rotary youth with RYLA and Interact students in Dubuque, IA



And the Rollin' with Rotary dog's name is... Harris!
The dog is named after the founder of Rotary Paul Harris.



Sharing Random Acts of Kindness all over Cedar Rapids...



Rotarians having fun with Rotary!



Helping kids make cards for sick children in hospitals

For more about this incredible journey, visit <https://www.facebook.com/RollinWithRotary?fref=ts>



K.R. Ravindran
PRESIDENT

Rotary International
2015-16

2015-16 Presidential Conferences: A joint program of RI and TRF to highlight Rotary's Areas of Focus

Rotary's areas of focus encompass some of the world's most critical and widespread humanitarian needs. Our members and partners around the world have rolled up their sleeves to promote peace, fight disease, provide clean water and sanitation, save mothers and children, support basic education and literacy, and grow local economies.

We are proud to say that Rotary has become a global leader in advancing these vital goals. It is our privilege to convene a series of presidential conferences in 2015-16 highlighting our areas of focus. Between January and March 2016, five conferences will be held around the world, each focusing on one of these areas:

- 15-16 January | Ontario, California, USA | Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution
- 19-20 February | Cannes, France | Disease Prevention & Treatment
- 27 February | Cape Town, South Africa | Economic Development
- 12-13 March | Kolkata, India | Literacy and Water, Sanitation, Hygiene (WASH) in Schools
- 18-19 March | Pasay City, Manila, Philippines | WASH in Schools

All of the conferences are being led by local Rotary districts and are open to Rotary members and non-members. The conferences will feature engaging speakers, informative plenary sessions, and hands-on workshops. Attendees will have the opportunity to network with fellow leaders and take away new ideas and strategies to put into action. Visit the conference websites to learn more about each of the programs and register to attend. If you are working to improve your community through these areas, or would like to learn how to do so, you will not want to miss this unique opportunity to join fellow leaders, exchange ideas, and take action. We hope to see you there!

See more at: <http://portal.clubrunner.ca/50004/Stories/rotary-presidential-conferences-2015-16#sthash.bJPsrzHC.dpuf>

Now accepting nominations for
District Governor in 2018-19


Rotary
District 5050
Nominations due October 30
visit www.district5050.org for details

Rotary District 5050 is now accepting nominations for a the position of District Governor in 2018-2019.

A candidate must have been a Rotarian for at least 7 years and served as a club President and should have experience in a leadership position at the District level.

Candidates must have the willingness, commitment and ability to give 4 years of service.

For more details on the qualifications and expectations go to the Rotary District 5050 website at www.district5050.org to download the Nomination Form.

Additional information is also available on the District 5050 website under the menu item "About Us - District Leadership"

Applications must be submitted no later than October 30, 2015. Interviews are scheduled for November 7.

For more information, contact Chair Sean Hogan at shogan@buckleyhogan.com

Wanted



After five years, Kevin wood is stepping down from the District Trainer Role. We are seeking a replacement who will work with him in 2016-17 and then take on the position starting in 2017-18. If you are interested in this pivotal role contact District Governor Nominee Linda Coyle at lindacoye5050@gmail.com

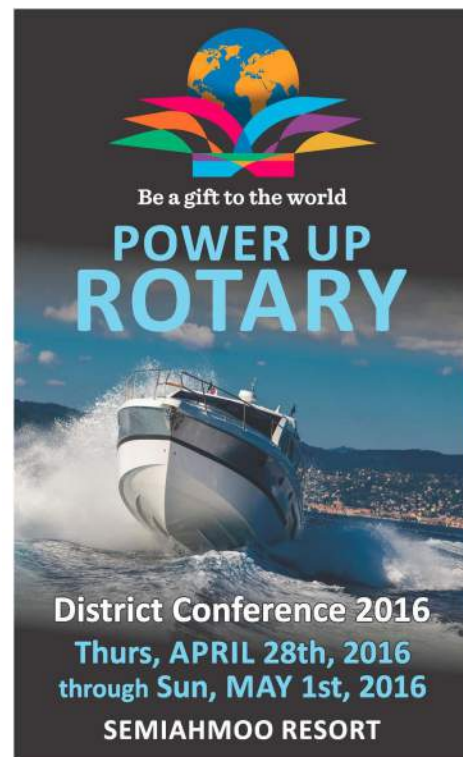
The Position

To assist and work with the District Governor Elect and support the District Governor to produce and implement the approved annual training plan for Presidents Elect, Assistant Governors and the District Leadership Team, as well as organizing the District Training Assembly. The District Trainer has the responsibility for ensuring that club and district leaders have the knowledge and skills necessary to carry out their responsibilities.



Ray Klinginsmith
CHAIR

The Rotary Foundation
Trustees, 2015-16



SEPTEMBER

Basic Education and Literacy Month

1 September — Deadline to submit nominations for the Rotary Service Above Self Award

OCTOBER

Economic and Community Development Month

NOVEMBER

Rotary Foundation Month

1 November — Deadline to submit nominations for The Rotary Foundation Service Award for a Polio-Free World

1 November — Deadline to submit nominations for the Rotary Vocational Service Leadership Award

2-8 November — World Interact Week

DECEMBER

Disease Prevention and Treatment Month

15 December — Early registration discount ends for RI Convention

JANUARY

Vocational Service Month

17-23 January — International Assembly, San Diego, California, USA

FEBRUARY

Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month

23 February — Rotary's anniversary

MARCH

Water and Sanitation Month

1 March — Deadline for district governors to submit nominations for the [Rotarian Spouse/Partner Service Award](#)

7-13 March — World Rotaract Week

15 March — Deadline for district governors to submit nominations for the Significant Achievement Award(for clubs)

31 March — Preregistration discount ends for RI Convention

APRIL

Maternal and Child Health Month

1 April — Deadline to report activities to earn a Presidential Citation for Rotary and Rotaract clubs

11-15 April — Council on Legislation

15 April — Deadline to report activities to earn a Presidential Citation for Interact clubs

30 April — Registration/ticket cancellation deadline for RI Convention

MAY

Youth Service Month

28 May-1 June — RI Convention, Seoul, Korea

JUNE

Rotary Fellowships Month

30 June — Deadline to submit nominations for The Rotary Foundation Distinguished Service Award

30 June — Deadline for zones to submit nominations for the Rotary Global Alumni Service to Humanity Award

PAKISTAN'S PROGRESS: Snapshot from the Polio Campaign

Nearly 90 percent of the world's polio cases last year occurred in Pakistan. But the country is making dramatic progress in its quest to eradicate the disease: Cases are down by almost 70 percent to date compared with 2014, owing partly to military interventions that year in Taliban-controlled North Waziristan, which have allowed vaccinators to reach hundreds of thousands of children who were previously inaccessible.

Improved government leadership, the introduction of inactivated polio vaccine in high-risk districts, and vaccinations at transit points such as railways, airports, and bus stops also have played a significant role. "While Pakistan continues to face obstacles in its journey to polio eradication, we are excited about the current progress being made," says Mike McGovern, chair of Rotary's International PolioPlus Committee, who met with Rotarians and government officials during a visit to the country in June.

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Diego Ibarra Sánchez*

From the [September 2015 issue](#)
of The Rotarian



Police check a family entering a polio vaccination center in Peshawar. Security measures have been improved after the Taliban declared the polio eradication campaign a target.



Saiful Islam refused polio vaccinations for his eight-month-old daughter, Sulaim, because of rumors that the vaccine could contain animal urine.



Sulaim contracted polio two months before this picture was taken. Both of her legs are now paralyzed.

Rotary brings the world to Seoul



Volunteer leaders from around the globe to convene **28 May - 1 June 2016**

SEOUL (12 August 2015) – Seoul will host Rotary International's 107th annual convention 28 May-1 June 2016 at KINTEX, which is expected to attract more than 50,000 Rotary club members from over 150 countries.

Often described as a "mini-United Nations" because of its global scope and cultural diversity, the Rotary International convention is expected to inject an estimated KRW 184.6 billion (US\$ 160 million) into the local economy. The area around KINTEX will be transformed into a kaleidoscope of energy, color and excitement as Rotary members participate in a broad agenda of plenary sessions, workshops and other activities.

"As a city with a long, rich history and the latest amenities, Seoul is the ideal location for a Rotary convention and a delightful travel destination to explore," said 2015-16 Rotary International President K.R. Ravindran. "At the Seoul convention, Rotary members will celebrate the joy of bringing the work of Rotary into our communities to be a gift to the world."

Organized by Rotary International in

conjunction with the Seoul Host Organizing Committee of local Rotary leaders, with significant support from the Central Government as well as local governments, the convention also will provide registrants with ample opportunities to savor Seoul's myriad attractions, including an expansive number of parks, museums, shopping centers, restaurants, and the now-famous Gangnam district, made popular by K-pop recording artist Psy.

Seoul is home to the first Rotary club established in Korea, chartered in 1927. Today, Korea is the fourth largest Rotary club country with 1,616 clubs boasting 62,351 members who support an array of local and international service projects, including:

Rotary clubs in Seoul partnered with Seoul National University Children's Hospital to implement a healthcare program to identify infants and toddlers with a critical illness or chronic conditions in low-income families in the Gangbuk area. Early intervention programs for preterm infants and their parents are also offered.

Rotary clubs around the country provide various programs to help immigrants and low-income families. During the Seoul convention, the Seoul Host Organization Committee will open a children's library near KINTEX where convention participants can donate illustrated children books in multiple

languages.

Rotary clubs in Seoul donate kimchi annually each winter to elderly people living alone, local community service centers for underprivileged and physically challenged people. The clubs also donate rice.

Korean Rotary clubs, in cooperation with environmental experts and the government of Mongolia, launched an ambitious US\$ 1.3 million long-term project and have planted 335,870 trees on 270 hectares to help reduce the Yellow Wind dust storms that blow off the Gobi desert into Korea, Japan, throughout the region and even as far as the west coast in United States.

Rotary clubs in Korea also continue to support the organization's top philanthropic goal of eradicating polio. Since 1985, Rotary has contributed more than US\$1.4 billion (KRW 1.4 trillion) and countless volunteer hours, with Korean Rotary clubs donating more than US\$14.6 million (KRW 146 million) to polio eradication. In addition to contributing funds, Korean Rotary members have traveled at their own expense to immunize children against polio in India.

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KBS Symphony Orchestra



Walk for Peace



World-famous K-pop stars



Ganggangsullae (a Korean Circle Dance) wishing for peace

Rotary International “Service Above Self Award” for PDG Larry Stinson



PDG Sean Hogan, Karola Stinson, PDG Larry Stinson, AG Brad Whittaker at the Presentation Ceremony held on March 27, 2015

Photo credit Victor Froese of Rotary Club of Chilliwack

Our own Past District Governor Larry Stinson was one of the 2014-2015 recipients of the Rotary International Service Above Self Award. This is the highest honor Rotary International bestowed upon an individual Rotarian. Only 145 awards were granted for the year 2014-15 at the Rotary Board meeting held in October 2014. The nomination was originated by the RC of Chilliwack, however was officially submitted to RI by the District. The recognition is a very worthy acknowledgement of Larry's contribution to mankind in so many different areas.

On March 27, 2015 PDG Sean Hogan presented the award on behalf of PDG Lyle Ryan.

Past DG Lawrence. R. Stinson



Larry lights up any gathering with his “signature smile”, gleaming with the pleasure of serving those who are less fortunate than himself. Whether it is a social event or at a meeting with serious discussions, he never forget to smile, for being in Rotary gives him utmost happiness. What else one need to Light up Rotary?

Larry grew up in Calgary, Alberta where he obtained his B.A. (with distinction) from the University of Alberta. He was the recipient of the Gold Medal in Arts for the 1965 graduating class. Subsequently he attended the University of British Columbia where he obtained his law degree in 1968. Following graduation he articles with a corporate/securities firm, and was admitted to the Bar in 1969. Larry has over 40 years of experience in the broad range of corporate and business law from assisting small businesspersons acquire establish business to acting as general counsel to larger corporate groups. He is particularly knowledgeable in various tax related reorganizations and estate planning transactions affecting the farming and business communities and works closely with tax accountants in giving effect to these plans. He is also uniquely experienced, and well recognised by his peers in the legal affairs of member-based organizations such as co-operatives, credit unions and societies.

The Family Guy

Larry has been married to his wife Karola for 44+ years and they have an adult adopted son (and a bunch of animals - many rescued).

The Rotarian

Larry joined the Chilliwack Rotary in 1993 and served as Director (1997-99), President-Elect (200-01) and President (2001-02). He also served the District as Assistant Governor (2003-06) and District Governor (2008-09)

Larry is a multiple Paul Harris Fellow, a member of the Paul Harris Society and a Benefactor of the Rotary Foundation. In 2004 Larry was part of a 21-person contingent from Chilliwack Rotary that went on a wheelchair delivery trip to Mexico (as part of the 4 containers that the Club filled).

Larry has served on five separate Rotoplast and Alliance for Smiles surgical missions to China at his own expense. He has served on a District Committees and often provides volunteer legal counsel when necessary for



THANKS WITH A SMILE

Larry thanking the Rotary Club of Chilliwack at the Presentation Ceremony

both Club and District matters. Larry was the recipient of the Avenues of Service Citation in 2011

Non-Rotary Service to Community

- Serves as a director and executive committee member for many years with the Chilliwack & District Agricultural Society (organizers of the annual Chilliwack Fair).
- At the request of the City Council, served on the Board of the Chilliwack 2003 BC Senior's Games as the Friends of the Games (a 4-year commitment).
- Provided many volunteer hands-on service hours with the Chilliwack Hospice Society.
- Since 1976 Larry has served as volunteer general counsel for Chilliwack Community Services.
- He periodically taught continuing education courses of the University College of Fraser Valley on a variety of legal topics (as a volunteer) and was actively involved in the fundraising to build the Theatre in the mid-90s and was instrumental in establishing the UCFV foundation serving as the Director (2002-07) , Board Chair (2006-07), as a member of the Board of Governor (2007-13) and as its chair from 2011-13

District Nomination

In consideration of his very active participation in mentoring of youth through community programs (which he continued since he joined Rotary) and his involvement in his Club's large scholarship program and the Youth Exchange program, the then District Governor Lyle Ryan nominated Larry for this coveted "Service Above Self Award". Larry has always said "Yes!" to service in any capacity, be it manual labor loading containers of equipment for delivery to third world countries or painting the local Hospice, volunteering his Club's Garden Tour fundraiser or cleaning up at the Club Blue Heron Interpretive Centre - Service with a Smile is his motto.

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Recipients of the Rotary International Service Above Self Award to date :

1999-00	Donald Funk	Abbotsford
1997-98	Rev. Col. Donald "Don" Rochester *	Chilliwack
2001-02	John Switzer	Everett
2004-05	Jack Frisk	Fidalgo Island
2005-06	Michael "Mike" Crawford	Sedro-Woolley
2008-09	James Sinclair	Mt. Baker
2011-12	Robert Harris	White Rock
2012-13	Scott Dudley	North Whidbey Island Sunrise
2014-15	Larry Stinson	Chilliwack

Rotary Around the World



ROTARY DOWN UNDER Rotary Memorial receives Top Ranking

Geraldton's memorial to HMAS *Sydney II* has been named Western Australia's most popular museum attraction. It is the only WA entry in the list of top 10 Australian museums compiled by Trip Advisor, the world's biggest online travel site.

Completed in 2008, the memorial commemorates the 645 crew who died when the Australian warship was sunk in 1941.

It is the largest and proudest project of the Rotary Club of Geraldton, WA, attracting thousands of visitors each year.

Pakistan Rotary members distribute free books



Students at St. Mary's Academy in Rawalpindi, Punjab, Pakistan, display the books they received from the Rotary Books for the World program and the Hashoo Foundation.

By Noshawan Khalil Khan, a member of the Rotary Club of Rawalpindi, Punjab, Pakistan

Back in June, my Rotary club partnered with the Hashoo Foundation to distribute books to schoolchildren in Rawalpindi during a ceremony held at St. Mary's Academy.

Through the Rotary Books for the World program, Rotary members in Pakistan are working with the Hashoo Foundation to actively promote education throughout Pakistan, and to help our country meet the Millennium Development Goals for literacy set by the United Nations. The books and educational material help teachers and students increase their knowledge, enhance classroom learning, and promote community development.

Perhaps a Fifth Test: IS IT FUN?



David Postic, left, and other members of the Rotaract and Interact Committee had fun posing for this photo in December at Rotary's headquarters in Evanston, Illinois, USA.

Rotary International/Alyce Henson

We all know and love The Four-Way Test. In many ways, it's an improvement on the age-old golden rule that you should treat others the way you wish to be treated. It's a guide for living, a tool for decision making, a moral code. While Rotary has been served well by these four questions, they may not be enough in an era in which Rotary is trying to appeal to more people and have a broader impact.

There is another crucial question that we as Rotary members must always ask ourselves, and it is this: Is it fun? This is the question I ask myself with everything I do. If it isn't fun, I don't do it. Some people may scoff at that mentality, but in my mind, life is too short to waste on things I don't enjoy. There are a hundred other organizations I could be a part of. If Rotary isn't fun, why should I join? And if I am already a member, but I'm not having fun, why should I stay?

By David Postic, a member of the Rotaract and Interact Committee and a past president of the Rotaract Club of Norman, Oklahoma, USA



A LIFE TRANSFORMED

The intervention of Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for children has changed the lives of a young Vanuatuan boy and his family

Robert was born on February 7, 2007 with two club feet. In developed countries this would have been dealt with shortly after birth. The problem for Robert was he was born in a small remote village on Tanna Island, Vanuatu in the South Pacific. An Australian Project Team visiting Robert's village, identified his condition as one that could not be effectively treated by local medical facilities, referred him to Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children (ROMAC)

Thanks to ROMAC Robert can now look forward to the normal activities of a young boy and will grow up to become an active member of his village. Robert's exposure to English and formal education for the first time opens up other possibilities for him and his family.

WE'RE ALMOST "THERE"!

August 5, 2015

Reflections on Nigeria's Milestone

Ann Lee Hussey, polio survivor and Rotary member

"Before you leave, there is someone here you should meet," spoke the health worker. "Look behind you, she is coming."

I turned to see a beautiful girl with her mother making their way up the dirt path and I immediately started toward them. The girl was bent over, "walking" on her hands and feet, legs crossing with each step. Uma, I soon learned was her name, was shy with a captivating smile. She was a polio survivor.

It was February 2008 and my first National Immunization Day (NID) trip to Nigeria. I worked all day with a local health team, walking from one grass and mud hut village to the next. In each village, happy children, smiling mothers and serious looking fathers, greeted us. Uma was the first of many polio survivors I encountered on this journey. Each meeting strengthened my resolve to immunize every child we could find.

Following the boycott of polio immunizations in 2003 and 2004, Nigeria reported the highest number of polio cases in the world. The country struggled to make gains, but finally witnessed a significant drop in 2007, to 285 cases. The progress made in 2007 did not hold. Nigeria saw 798 cases in 2008. These numbers guided my decision to return in November the same year, which would be the second of many NID team trips to northern Nigeria.

On July 24, as Nigeria passed one year without a case of polio, I thought of Uma and the other survivors. I still see the hope in the eyes of mothers and fathers, the determination on the faces of the women health workers and the resolve of Nigerian Rotary members.

Stay the course Rotarians. There is still work to be done; Nigeria faces many challenges as they embark on the next two years to maintain zero cases of polio. The time we waited for is here, for us to create a brighter future for the coming generations.

Uma's and my relationship deepened over the years, motivating me to do more. Her village now has safe, year-round access to commerce and health facilities, a school with a toilet block and clean water wells. With the Rotary Foundation, I and my fellow volunteers did much more than immunize children. I see all of our hours spent in Nigeria pay off when I see beautiful, healthy children running to meet me, their voices lifted in song of welcome and thanks.



Rotary members in India administer vaccinations during routine polio immunization campaigns



Rotary member Noelle Galperin has participated in five polio immunization trips and has led over 100 volunteers to immunize more than 2,500 children.



Ezra Teshome has led Rotary members on trips to Ethiopia, his birthplace, to immunize children against polio for more than a decade.

Rotary members and volunteers around the world have committed themselves to ending polio and have engaged their communities in unique ways to raise awareness for eradicating this devastating disease.



Rotary World Help - Medical Equipment, Supplies and Books to Ghana



Thanks to Rotarians and volunteers, another container is loaded for Ministry of Health, Accra, Ghana | Thanks to PDG Chris Offer for the photographs.

Retire from Rotary? Forget it! There is “Free Lunch” in Rotary.



Norm Williams with wife and daughter as the announcement being made.

ROTARY CLUB OF CHILLIWACK Norm Williams turns 60 in Rotary

Greetings from the beautiful Pacific Northwest!

We have a member who just passed being a member of our Club for 60 years.

The member in question is Norm Williams – RI member #341340.

We did obtain a wonderful letter from RI President Ravi, and suitably recognized Norm at a Club meeting on July 3, 2015 - which was also our Installation meeting.

RIDE Dean Rohrs was present at the meeting making it even more special, as was our new Governor Bill Robson.



President Debora Soutar, RIDE Dean Rohrs, DG Bill Robson, Norm Williams



PP Sharon Blaker, PDG Dave Robinson, President Debora Soutar, Norm Williams, PDG Larry Stinson, AG Bob Plowright

After 50 years of Rotary Service we make our members “Special Honorary” – whereby the Club pays their annual dues for them. For Norm the Club decided that in recognition of 60 years of service --- they would also pay for his meetings/meals forever. This proves that there really is a “free lunch” if you wait and work long enough! Serious consideration was taken in this decision as Norm has near perfect attendance!

Carol Tichelman | Past President | RC of Chilliwack #141



Monroe Rotary club members and friends took part in a work party, lead by Ric Carlson, at the Wagner Auditorium. The task was demolition of the old rest rooms. The project is part of the restoration of the auditorium for the Monroe Art Council.

Why would anyone stay in Rotary?

Friendship and networking: That's why I stay in Rotary

By Chris Offer, Rotary Club of Ladner
18-Aug-2015

One of the difficult decisions I made recently was to change Rotary clubs. I had moved from the city of Vancouver to the suburb of Ladner. I had continued commuting for a few years, 45 minutes each way, to my Rotary meeting. When I finally decided to join a club only 10 minutes from my home, I left friends of many years behind and was introduced to new friends. The network of friends in my old club and the new friends in my current club are why I stay in Rotary.

My network of Rotary friends goes far beyond my Rotary club. I have made Rotary friends from many countries. Rotary has taken me to every corner of the world. Rotary conventions and opportunities for volunteer service have extended my network of friends from Sudan to Russia to India to Australia. Social media keeps me connected to this extended network of Rotary friends.

I experienced firsthand at a recent Rotary meeting the opportunities offered by the Rotary network of friends. My local member of Parliament (MP) is a member of my club. Not surprisingly, Rotarians often have questions and advice for her.

Even after the bell rang to end the meeting, a table of eight members continued their discussion with our MP for another 20 minutes. I know that not everyone at the table will vote for the MP's party. This was an open conversation on local and national issues. For our MP, it was an opportunity to hear from her constituents, and for members of my club, it was the chance to talk to their federal representative candidly as a Rotary member.

There is no better place than a Rotary club to meet people from diverse backgrounds who



Chris Offer, middle, in Kassala, Sudan, representing Rotary on a World Health Organization polio surveillance project.

offer friendship and networking opportunities. Every Rotary club in the world, no matter how big or small, has one common trait — friendship.

To me, Rotary friendship means standing outside a grocery store in December selling calendars to raise funds for community projects. Friendship means attending club

social events at a member's home. It means supporting a club member who is ill. It means giving polio drops to children in India.

Local and global networking and friendship are the reasons I stay in Rotary. They are the reasons that being a Rotarian is such an exciting and gratifying experience.

What keeps me in Rotary: Capturing good through the lens of my camera

By Hannington Sebuliba, Rotary Club of Kajjansi, Uganda

I joined Rotary in 2010 after spending five years covering Rotary events for our local newspaper. I used to see the way Rotary members were serving the disadvantaged in our community, and it left a mark on my heart.

One day, Rotarian Charles Baganja asked me to give a talk at the Rotary Club of Kajjansi, Uganda, on newspaper production, and I accepted the invite. After the talk, members of the club asked me to join. Ever since, I have not looked back. I have served as bulletin editor, director of public relations, and now membership director.



Rotary has shaped my way of life.



Rotary Leadership Institute

The Rotary Leadership Institute is a series of fast-paced, interactive, one-day courses offered to refine a Rotarians' leadership skills and increase their base of knowledge in Rotary.

Course are fun, topical, interactive and geared toward business, professional and community leaders who want to be more effective leaders in their vocation and Rotary club, and more knowledgeable Rotarians.

RLI is offered over 3 different sessions and at times a graduate course is also offered. Rotarians must take the sessions in order beginning with Session 1.

Register online at District Website

OR

Contact Carol Tichelman at
carol@tichelman.com

Rotary Leadership Institute
Mt. Vernon - September 26, 2015

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

Registration closes on September 20th

Rotary Leadership Institute
Surrey - November 21, 2015

Sunrise Conference Centre
5610 188th Street
Surrey, BC

Registration closes on November 13th



The Gift of Mobility Brings Meaningful Change



Gabby with Joan Apel, Past President, Rotary Club of White Rock

Gaby lives in a small town near Panama City with her single mom, Addy. She is 9 now and during her first year she contracted cerebral palsy. The illness left Gaby blind, unable to communicate or walk, and she eats and sleeps very little. Since that time Addy has carried her everywhere they need to go, 24 hours a day.

Ignacio Hernández, who lives in a village outside Antigua in Guatemala, lost his mobility to Parkinson's disease nearly 10 years ago. Despite many attempts his wife and daughter have been unable to obtain a wheelchair for him. Ignacio has no choice but to spend his days laying on a cot, because they are not strong enough to move him.

When Rotarians from RD 5050 met Gaby and Ignacio earlier this year, they were able to change their lives in a profound way. With the gift of Gaby's first wheelchair she no longer has to lay on the floor at the restaurant where Addy works and her cousins can wheel her out into the sun while they play. Ignacio can now attend church and visit with neighbors, allowing his family to work and care for their home.

Mobility is essential for each of us to lead the lives we strive for. Every day as humans we seek to make differences for ourselves and others around us, and this gives us dignity and hope. Without mobility we lack the independence and freedom that is so vital to reaching our full potential and shaping who we are.

It is for these reasons that Rotarians and clubs in our district have delivered over 6,500 wheelchairs in many countries around the globe, including Canada and the US. Their support has been significant to the Global Wheelchair Program's overall success, providing [more than 38,000 wheelchairs](#) since its inception. More importantly, for each wheelchair delivered we estimate that 10 lives are positively affected.

Many club members who participate in a wheelchair distribution say that it was the time when they "became a true Rotarian," so deep is the impact on both the sponsor and recipient. Sandy Wightman is a member of the Semiahmoo Rotary club in White Rock and he shares his experiences of changing lives with the gift of mobility [in this video](#).

With all we have accomplished to date, there is still great need. The Global Wheelchair Program continues to look for ways to improve and expand its impact on those not able to access the mobility resources they



Mike Adkins, President, Rotary Club of Abbotsford-Sumas in Guatemala City .

need. The WHO estimates that worldwide over 60 million people who need a wheelchair have no means to obtain one.

[Learn about the many mobility programs underway here](#) and how your club can take part in this decisive work. Or perhaps you have a project of your own that you want to launch!

Mike Adkins, 2015-16 President of the Abbotsford-Sumas club explains that after travelling to Guatemala recently on a wheelchair delivery, "it changed my life in ways I never imagined."

Together we are changing the world, transforming lives, one program, one wheelchair at a time. And in the end we transform ourselves...

By Linda Whitehead, RD 5050 Chair, Global Wheelchair Program

For more information please email: lwhitehead@cdnwheelchair.ca

Rotary



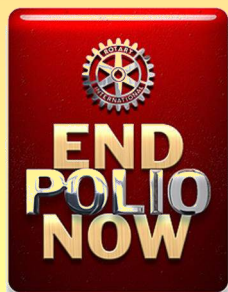
PolioPlus Math

\$100 (you)

+ \$200 Canada

+ \$200 BILL & MELINDA GATES foundation

= 5,000 children



On August 1st The Government of Canada announced that it will match donations from Canadians in support of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative's **ENDGAME STRATEGY**, 2:1 basis, to a maximum of 12 million dollars over the next four years.

With the Gates Foundation match available for both Canadians and Americans that means that your polio donation dollars go even further towards saving children.



Introducing Karan Grover, a recipient of one of four Community Scholarship awards for 2015.

Karan recently graduated from Panorama High school and is enrolled at UBC in the Bachelor of Science program. Karan was involved with Interact at Panorama and will be joining Rotaract at UBC.

President Richard and Alan presented Karan with a cheque for \$1500. Karan thanked the club and discussed his work in Interact, and how the funds we provided will help him in his future studies.

More Scholarships ...



Past President Joan presenting a cheque to Karen, a scholarship winner from Panorama Ridge School.



Scholarship recipient Karan, Scribe Alan, Rotarians Fran and Brad. Notice the glow at Fran's right shoulder.



Craig Longstaff, General Manager, Honour House, is thanked by Don Jones for his presentation, with a certificate and a donation to The Rotary Foundation.

Honour House Society opened its doors to its first guests in September 2011 with the purpose of providing temporary accommodation for Canadian Forces personnel, Veterans, members of the emergency services and their families, while they receive medical care in the Metro Vancouver area.



President Richard pins Linda Sinclair with her Paul Harris + 5. The members applaud this achievement, Linda.

DISTRICT 5050 YOUTH EXCHANGE



From Lenni Zonta
sponsored by the Chiliwack Club

"Hallo! Where do I begin? I will start by telling you about my host family. The family Jorde is amazing! I have two younger brothers, Vincent (13) and Leonard (11). Their daughter, Jana is in Finland for her exchange this year, but I was able to meet her as she did not leave till August 2. They love to quiz me on my German, and we also watch films and play Games in German. The family is very reliable, and were quick to help me in acquiring a bus pass, phone card, and business cards. When I first arrived, they had put post it notes on all the furniture with the German names. However, at the beginning of the house tour, I discovered strange square buttons on the wall. Upon asking what they were, the family adopted such terrified looks, as though I had never heard of electricity. They were light switches!

My YEO here is Andreas Mock. He came by the house the first day to meet me and give me flowers. I have not yet met my counsellor, who is on vacation, but I have received welcoming emails from him and his wife. Earlier in August, my host mother Anne accompanied me to a Jazz Concert in Dürren that we had been invited to by Herr Mock. There, I was able to meet some more exchange students, and one of the outbounds from this district. At our first Rotary Inbound Wochenende, there were over fifty inbounds. We were taken to many places including the beautiful Müngster Brückenpark, a hike through the Bergische Land, and a tour of the castle at Schloss burg. In the next month, I have also been invited to a car racing event, a sightseeing flight, and a Fish dinner with Rotarians."

My first impression of Germany is that it is very flat, (No mountains, but it is still breathtakingly beautiful) very organized, and things are very close together. I feel that being here, where everything is closer, I am learning so much about both European as well as local news. I like that there are many windmills here, but I am also saddened to hear that many villages are evacuated and destroyed, due to excessive mining in this area. I love discovering new different ways of doing things (I have been holding a pencil the wrong way my entire life), but I also like finding out that some things don't change. I have found that although the culture, language, and attitudes are different in Germany, the people themselves are just people, the same as in Canada.

Again, I am very thankful to be on this adventure, and I am thriving in Deutschland.

Grüß Lenni"



Anna Carey,
sponsored by South Whidbey Island

"Hola Everyone,

Wow what a trip! I arrived in Perú very late Monday, technically Tuesday. When I finally made it through badge and a second security, I was greeted by a hoard of people. Apparently a sports team was expected to arrive soon I got caught in the cross fire. Hahaha. After shaking my head at lot of hopeful taxi drivers I found my Lima host family. The Mendoza's were great! I stayed with them for just about 2 weeks. The first day there was quince-a-dentally their Independence Day. I got to meet the family, most live very close. On the second day my host family took me to the beach, and wow!! I thought I knew, I thought I had seen an ocean view but this stretched for miles. It just went on forever until you can't see any more. The waves were huge, with big white caps that rolled on and on. The beach itself was sand, soft and smooth. Following the whole length of the beach. Honestly, the scene looked like something out of a tropical postcard, palm trees and all. After that things got pretty busy with Rotary events. In case you don't know Rotary is a volunteer organization that also send kid around the globe on exchange trips. Going with Rotary is unlike anything else. Here in Peru there is 73 inbound student, a lot!! At least 20 from France, about 15 from Germany, Belgium, and the USA, a few from Switzerland and Taiwan, and bunch of individuals from Canada, Estonia, Netherlands, and Austria. We all attended a weekend camp an hour outside of Lima. We were able to get better introduced and learned more about Perú and what this adventure has in store for us. It was a really interesting. Lots of the students spoke English and French was really common too. I was in a cabin with a Belgium girl and two Denmark girls. It was lots of fun and kickstarted my reputation with a camera. Haha. When I got back from the camp my host family took me to a local spot to try some typical Peruvian dishes. According to my host family this is the best place to get the too. One was a donut like thing, made with a special flower and fried then drizzled with hot honey. The second was this gooey, sweet, lime drink, that's apparently really healthy for you. They drink it a lot in the winter kinda like hot chocolate, but a healthy version. The 3rd was cows heart, yes cows heart on a shish-kabob. The seasonings were great it was really good but the texture was a bit chewy for my liking. Unfortunately the next few days were spend not feeling so great. Lucky it pasted in time to attend a couple more Rotary events. One being the welcome dinner for the inbound students and the goodbye for the outbound students. It was a very nice dinner. All the countries sang their anthems, speeches were given (in Spanish) and there was dancing. Lots of dancing, hahaha. When my host parents came to pick up my host sister, Raquel, and me the party wasn't even slowing down.

There are moments I wish for home, the comfort and safety of knowing. It can be hard and lonely in a new place, but in these moments I think of my friends and family. The love they carry for me at home and the new friends I'm making here. I think of all the opportunities I have had and will have to be in inspired and astounded. I think of all the memories I will get to bring back to my loved ones. You'll never know how much you all mean to me.

Truly Yours, Ana Clark"

These are excerpts from 2 of District 5050's Outbound Rotary Youth Exchange representatives. As you can see, they are having wonderful experiences, meeting and living with Rotarians from other countries, thankful for the opportunity of Rotary Youth Exchange and having the time of their lives. District 5050 is well represented by these outstanding young people. They are our ambassadors of peace and friendship. If your club is not doing Rotary Youth Exchange you are missing out on a fantastic experience! We invite you to join us in the future by contacting your District 5050 RYE Committee who can guide you through the process of getting started.

*Submitted by Lori White, District 5050,
Rotary Youth Exchange Committee*

District Foundation Giving 2015-16

	<u>THIS YEAR</u>	vs.	<u>LAST YEAR</u>
	<u>27-AUG-2015</u>		<u>20-AUG-2014</u>
Annual Programs Fund (APF)	\$ 45,958.20		\$ 36,832.03
Polio Plus	\$ 22,479.33		\$ 18,571.14
Endowment	\$ 161.29		\$ 2,183.49
Other funds (approved grants, other Foundation programs)	\$ -		\$ -
TOTAL COMBINED GIVING	\$ 68,598.82		\$57,586.66

** This year's figures do not include all of the GOLFUN contributions.
Final GOLFUN contribution values may be available in the next issue.*

**Honor Roll for clubs above \$100.00
per capita for Annual Programs Fund:
Langley, BC \$140.03**

No other clubs are over \$100 per capita currently, although when the GOLFUN contributions are recorded by the Rotary Foundation, that may change.

We are still running PDG Mel's match of one Paul Harris for every \$1,000 contributed by an individual Rotarian or a club. If you already are a Major Donor (\$10,000 + in personal contributions or a PH+8) you could name someone to receive your Paul Harris from PDG Mel's match. I will take care of the paperwork, I just need the Rotarian's name and club.

Email me at Stephen.morach@ampf.com with any questions or if you wish to name any recipients of the 1,000 recognition points.

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.

I have been helping clubs with setting goals on Rotary Club Central by phone. There were about a dozen clubs that hadn't set Foundation goals. I tried not to change any existing club goal, but it appears that I accidentally changed a few. This is something that I did on my own. This was not something set or expected by RI, the Rotary Foundation or any D5050 officer. If you had set a goal already, nobody was unhappy with your club's goals. I wish to apologize, if my actions upset any of your club's members. The Rotary Foundation is extremely important to me and Rotary International. I would never want to turn off or upset any Rotarian.

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 (each year), 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.

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

DISTRICT GOLFUN A HUGE SUCCESS!

According to DGE and GOLFUN chair, Scott Dudley, we had 116 golfers, attend the District 5050's GOLFUN event, on Aug. 7th. We were very pleased with the turn out, as well as the Club Sponsorships.

Final numbers are still being crunched and some pledges may still coming in. We had at least 39 clubs help sponsor the event and we raised at least \$66,210 for the Rotary

Foundation. We don't have a final breakdown for PolioPlus and the Annual Programs Fund contributions. I estimate that we raised over \$38,000 for Polio and with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation's match of \$2.00 for every \$1.00, contributed by Rotarians, that would result in \$114,000 going toward Polio eradication.

Thank you again for your generous support of GOLFUN and the Rotary Foundation.

Steve Morach | D5050 Annual Giving Chair

MEMBERSHIP - JULY 2015

Member Count Last Year	2,574
Member Count July 2015	2,612
This month+/-	5
YTD +/-	+38
YTD +/- Percentage	1.85%
Last Year Attendance	64.3%
Attendance July 2015	59.44%
YTD Attendance	59.44%

TOP 10 CLUBS FOR ATTENDANCE

1. Whidbey Westside	91.55%
2. Langley Sunrise	87.00%
3. White Rock Peninsula	85.71%
4. San Juan Islands	83.61%
5. Coquitlam Sunrise	81.72%
6. North Whidbey Island Sunrise	81.33%
7. Chilliwack	81.00%
8. Chilliwack Fraser	80.87%
9. South Surrey	79.41%
10. Mission Morning	78.89%




**SPEAKERS
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POLIO PLUS UPDATE
 Latest Information on Polio
 Eradication
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Canada & USA
SAYING "YES"
CHANGES LIVES
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Canada & USA
BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY
DICTIONARIES4LIFE
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ROTARY GLOBAL REWARDS
PROGRAM
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Canada & USA
How and why we give to the Rotary
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Canada & USA
How to leverage your Foundation Donations
by utilizing the TRF Grant Process
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 District Grants Chair
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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
 bbb1771@shawbiz.ca
 (604) 504-7526 ext. one

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
 dboh461@ecy.wa.gov

Canada & USA
ECOCAR PROGRAM
BRENDAN BOYER
 Janicki Industries
 Interested clubs should call
 Janicki Industries at 888-856-5143

Canada & USA
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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DISTRICT 5050
50% American | 50% Canadian | 100% Rotarian

EVENTS

26 SEP



Stanwood / Camano Island Foundation Dinner

CAMANO COMMUNITY CENTER
606 Arrowhead Rd, Camano Island, WA

**LIVE BAND | SILENT AUCTION
CRAFT BREWS | LOCAL WINE**

7 NOV

Langley Central 26th Wine Festival
Langley's #1 Social Event

LAST YEAR WAS A SELL OUT!

For further information, contact John Morgan

11 SEPT

Aldergrove Annual Golf Tournament

Fraser Glen Golf Course Abbotsford,
\$110 per golfer Includes: golf, dinner and a prize
For tickets contact Gus Hartl at 604-857-6461 or ghartl@aldergrovecu.ca

All proceeds go towards International Project "Water Wells in Nepal"

26 SEP

District 5050 Rotary Leadership Institute, Mt. Vernon

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

Registration closes on Sept. 20th

14 NOV

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)

17 SEP

Coquitlam Sunrise Rotary Fall Classic Golf Tournament

Westwood Plateau Golf & Country Club
Texas Scramble
9:00 AM - Registration desk opens
10:30 AM - Pre-tournament instructions
11:00 AM - Shotgun start

Register | Sponsor | Donate | Volunteer

26 SEP

North Delta Riverfest

Say Hi to friends and meet new friends. Amazing buffet presented by 5 Star Catering, Music to dance to, tons of silent auction items. Great time to shop for Christmas gifts. Look in at a photo booth and much more.

As a good Rotarian project, we are putting the funds right back into our community

Tickets: \$75.00 which includes Dinner, Music and a beverage of your choice.

20 NOV

Bellingham 2015 Benefit Gala & Auction



Heritage Flight Museum
Port of Skagit
15053 Crosswind Dr.,
Burlington, WA


25 SEP

South Everett/Mukilteo Charity Golf Tournament

Everett Golf and Country Club
1500 52nd St SE, Everett, WA 98203

1 OCT

Surrey Innovative Labor Solutions Award



EagleQuest Golf Club
7778-152nd Street,
Surrey, BC

21 NOV

District 5050 Rotary Leadership Institute - Mt. Vernon

Best Western Cotton Tree Inn
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Mount Vernon, WA

Registration closes on Nov. 13th

21 SEP



International Day of Peace

Each year, an International Day of Peace is observed on 21 September. Rotary's Peace Center is encouraging all Rotary clubs and Rotarians to observe this day by hosting a peace event, posting information on social media, or holding one minute of silence. For other suggestions and ideas see rotarypeacecenters@rotary.org

3 OCT

Coquitlam Sunrise & Tri-Cities Rotaract Rotary's Amazing Race




COST \$200 per team of 4

Contact Jim Fitzpatrick for sponsor opportunities
604 942 4362

5 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.

26 SEP

Bellingham 2015 Wacky Wickets Croquet Tournament

Hovander Homestead Park
Ferndale, WA 98248 USA

Join the Bellingham Rotarians in some food, fun and frivolity

7 NOV

Coquitlam Lobsterfest 2015



For further information, contact Harry Tubbs

Bus: 604-944-7088
Cell: 604-454-8966

30 JAN

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Save the Date. Registration will be open in Fall 2015